

'Buddha's teachings can establish peace'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday said the teachings of Lord Buddha could help establish peace and harmony in the strife-torn world of today.

They said Gautam Buddha was an exponent of peace and never supported any war or violence.

The discussion was organised by Bangladesh Buddhist Federation to mark the month-long holy Kathin Chibar Dan, a religious festival of the Buddhist community, at the

International Buddhist Monastery in the city yesterday.

"We must follow the teachings of Lord Buddha when the world leaders are engaged in bloody wars and conflicts in different parts of the world," said Dharmarakhithi Mahathero, vice-president of the federation.

He said enmity and unlimited greed for wealth can never bring peace.

Prof AK Feroze Ahmed of Dhaka University said the principle of tolerance and non-violence must be followed to establish peace.



(Left) Prof Sirajul Islam speaks at a discussion in memory of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on the Liberation War Museum premises yesterday, attended by leaders of different political parties (right). Bangladesh Afro-Asia Ganosanghati Parishad organised the event.

Fire at Biswa Ijtema ground

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A short-circuit from a power house at Tongi Bazar in Gazipur sparked off a fire at the Biswa Ijtema ground yesterday.

The fire destroyed a generator, three sheds prepared for foreign devotees and a warehouse.

None was, however, hurt in the fire that lasted for about twenty minutes.

Meanwhile, more than five thousand young volunteers from different districts are engaged in preparing the 160-acre Ijtema ground for the three-day congregation scheduled to begin on December 3.

ATLAS BANGLADESH LIMITED

265-267, Tongi Industrial Area
Tongi, Gazipur

Notice of the 20th Annual General Meeting

It is notified for information of the valued Shareholders of ATLAS BANGLADESH LIMITED that the 20th (twentieth) Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on 22-12-2004 at 11:00am at its Registered Office at 265-267, Tongi Industrial Area, Tongi, Gazipur to transact the following business:

1. To adopt the minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting held on 23rd December, 2003.
2. To receive and adopt the Audited Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Accounts, Auditor's Report and the Annual Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended 30th June, 2004.
3. To declare Dividend and Bonus share as recommended by the Board of Directors for the financial year 2003-2004.
4. To elect/nominate Directors in place of those retiring by rotation.
5. To appoint Auditors for the year ending 30th June, 2005 and to fix their remuneration.
6. To consider any other business with the permission of the Chair.

By order of the Board
Md. Abdul Momim Bhuiyan
Company Secretary

Date: 20-10-2004

N.B:

- 1) The Share Transfer Register of the company will remain closed from 04-12-2004 to 22-12-2004 (Both days inclusive). During this period no Share Transfer will be effected.
- 2) A member unable to attend the meeting may appoint a Proxy. The Proxy form duly affixed with Tk. 8.00 (eight) Revenue Stamp should reach the Registered Office of the Company at least 72 hours before commencement of the meeting i.e. before 11:00am on 19-12-2004. The Corporation/Company may participate in the meeting through their nominated representatives.
- 3) Change of address, if any, should be communicated to the Registered Office of the Company in due time.
- 4) Those who are interested in contesting the election for the post of 1 (one) Director from 'Group-B' Shareholder for 1 (one) year are requested to submit their nomination in prescribed form at least seven days before commencement of the meeting i.e. by 11:00am on 15-12-2004.

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S Asian Gateway portal on science, tech launched

MUSTAK HOSSAIN, from New Delhi

An exclusive South Asian Gateway, www.scidev.net/southasia, would serve all the Saarc countries, including Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and the Maldives, and offer online news and dossiers on global developments in the area of science and technology.

The gateway was launched in New Delhi on the occasion of a day-long workshop on 'Science, Communication and Society in South Asia', organised by the Science and Development Network.

Until now there was one gateway for the entire South and East Asia on the organisation's website and this had been split into three from Friday, one each for South Asia, South East Asia and China, said Network Chairman Dr Geoff Oldham and Director David

Dickson.

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The Network, launched in 2001 with funding from aid agencies and support from science journals Nature, Science and Third World Academy of Science, has become a leading source of online news and articles on science and technology.

Besides, this organisation has been holding workshops and conducting programmes for capacity-building. As a part of this initiative, the workshop in Delhi brought

together science communicators, policy-makers and development experts to address various issues concerning effective science communication.

Dr RA Mashelkar, director general of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, India, inaugurated the workshop.

He underlined the need to keep politicians informed of the science and technology-related developments and their benefits to society in order to secure more investment for research and development programmes.

The participants discussed the challenges faced by science communicators, the role of science journalists in socio-economic development and the steps to reach research results to policymakers.

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The interviews will be conducted by Mr. Glenn Pope at CASCL Premises on 21 Nov. (10.00 am to 5.00 pm) & 22 Nov. (10.00 am to 2.00 pm) Please bring your original certificates, marksheets with one set of photocopy & photograph for instant decision

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Abducted Sylhet magnate yet to be rescued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Eid this year was no good to the family of Habibur Rahman, as police could not yet rescue the Sylhet magnate though a month has passed since he went missing.

Owner of Al-Rahman Trading Company of the city's Kalighat area, Md Habibur Rahman has been missing since October 17. His brother Rafique Uddin lodged a general diary with the Kotwali Police Station the next day. Later on 21 October, he filed a case that was transferred to the Detective Branch (DB) of police after two days.

A DB official, meanwhile, has ruled out the possibility of any criminal gang's involvement in the missing incident. He instead suspected some of the family members including the two wives of Rahman who might have a hand in the abduction. Especially, matters pertaining to property might be the cause, he said adding police would soon solve the mystery.

The DB police are now looking for a former upazila chairman, a close relative of the victim, on suspicion of having link to the 'abduction', said sources. Police officials on several occasions claimed to have

made significant headway with the investigation. Police arrested nephews of the victim, Emad and Ashok, and former driver Manzurul Islam in this connection on 22 October. They, however, failed to extract any significant information from the arrestees despite taking them on remand twice, said sources.

Both the wives of the victim have accused the police of torturing the nephews, who they (wives) claim to be innocent.

Two days after the incident, unknown callers told the victim's wife Sultana that Rahman had been in good condition. Sultana claimed she could hear the voice of her husband over phone.

The Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) and Superintendent of Police in Sylhet had visited the house several times and assured the family of taking steps to rescue Rahman.

Different trade bodies and organisations including the ruling BNP have condemned the abduction. Traders in Sylhet had enforced a half-day strike in the city's wholesale market and formed a human chain demanding immediate rescue of the businessman.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)
Road Division, Nilphamari

RHD Notice Inviting Tender

03/EE/NRD/2004-2005.

Repairing damaged portion of flexible pavement with carpeting & seal-coat work of different road & different location under Road Division, Nilphamari during the year 2004-2005. [In 13 (thirteen) groups].

As per group list.

- a) Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Nilphamari/Dinajpur/ Panchagarh/Thakurgaon /Rangpur/Planning Division-1, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.
- a) Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Nilphamari.

Group List

Tender Notice No. 03/EE/NRD/2004-2005. [In 13 (thirteen) groups]

Group No	Name of road	Name of work & location	Chargeable head	Tender security	Price of tender document	Time allowed for completion of work	Eligibility of contractor
3	2	4	5	6	7	8	9
01 (one)	Saidpur-Nilphamari road	Repairing of flood damaged portion of flexible pavement, carpeting & seal-coat work. Location of work-7 th (p) & 8 th (p) km	Financial code No 4936	Tk 24,000.00	Tk 520.00	25 (twenty-five) days	Described in Annexure 'A' with schedule
02 (two)	Saidpur-Nilphamari road	Repairing of flood damaged portion of flexible pavement, carpeting & seal-coat work location of work-4 th (p), 5 th (p), 6 th (p) & 10 th (p) km	-Do-	Tk 25,000.00	Tk 520.00	25 (twenty-five) days	-Do-
03 (three)	Gongachara-Pirerhat-Monthanahat-Garagram-Kishoreganj road	Repairing of flood damaged portion of flexible pavement, carpeting & seal-coat work. Location of work-3 rd & 4 th (p) km	-Do-	Tk 17,000.00	Tk 520.00	20 (twenty) days	-Do-
04 (four)	Birgon-Khanshima-Ranibandar (Darwani-Khanshima Portion) road	Repairing of flood damaged portion of flexible pavement, carpeting & seal-coat work. Location of work-3 rd & 4 th (p) km	-Do-	Tk 16,000.00	Tk 520.00	20 (twenty) days	-Do-
05 (five)	Nilphamari-Kishoreganj road	Repairing of damaged portion of flexible pavement with carpeting & seal-coat work. Location of work-4 th (p), 5 th (p) & 6 th (p) km	-Do-	Tk 16,000.00	Tk 520.00	20 (twenty) days	-Do-
06 (six)	Gonggathara-Pirerhat-Monthanahat-Garagram-Kishoreganj road	Repairing of damaged portion of flexible pavement with carpeting & seal-coat work. Location of work-1 st (p) & 3 rd (p) km	-Do-	Tk 14,000.00	Tk 520.00	20 (twenty) days	-Do-
07 (seven)	Saidpur-Nilphamari road	Repairing of damaged portion of flexible pavement with carpeting & seal-coat work. Location of work-3 rd (p) & 13 th km	-Do-	Tk 14,500.00	Tk 520.00	20 (twenty) days	-Do-
08 (eight)	Saidpur-Nilphamari road	Repairing of damaged portion of flexible pavement with carpeting & seal-coat work. Location of work-13 th (p) & 14 th (p) km	-Do-	Tk 14,500.00	Tk 520.00	20 (twenty) days	-Do-
09 (nine)	Domar-Chalahati Voulagonj road	Repairing of damaged portion of flexible pavement with carpeting & seal-coat work. Location of work 1 st (p), 2 nd (p), 3 rd (p) & 4 th (p) km	-Do-	Tk 16,000.00	Tk 520.00	20 (twenty) days	-Do-
10 (ten)	Saidpur-Parbatipur road	Repairing of damaged portion of flexible pavement with carpeting & seal-coat work. Location of work-2 nd (p) & 3 rd (p) km	-Do-	Tk 13,000.00	Tk 520.00	20 (twenty) days	-Do-
11 (eleven)	Saidpur-Parbatipur road	Repairing of damaged portion of flexible pavement with carpeting & seal-coat work. Location of work-1 st & 2 nd (p) km	-Do-	Tk 20,000.00	Tk 520.00	20 (twenty) days	-Do-
12 (twelve)	Nilphamari-Kishoreganj road	Repairing of damaged portion of flexible pavement with carpeting & seal-coat work. Location of work-1 st (p) km	-Do-	Tk 8,000.00	Tk 520.00	20 (twenty) days	-Do-
13 (thirteen)	Saidpur-Nilphamari road	Repairing of damaged portion of flexible pavement with carpeting & seal-coat work. Location of work-4 th (p), 5 th (p), 6 th (p) & 9 th (p) km	-Do-	Tk 14,000.00	Tk 520.00	15 (fifteen) days	-Do-

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INVITATION FOR NOMINATION
7th ICSQCC
"QUALITY EDUCATION FOR PEACE"

Nominations are invited to participate as observer delegate in the coming 7th ICSQCC organized for the first time in Bangladesh. The convention will focus on education process and management to develop Total Quality Persons.

1. Title : 7th International Convention on Students Quality Control Circles (7th ICSQCC).
2. Theme of the Convention: Quality Education for Peace
3. Period: 17 to 19 December 2004
4. Venue: Dhaka Residential Model College, Dhaka-1207
5. Events:
 - a. Presentation of special papers by world-renowned experts.
 - b. Technical Papers by the practitioners.
 - c. Case Study Presentation by Student Quality Circles
 - d. Debate competition: Only Quality Education can Establish Peace in the Society.
 - e. Collage competition.
 - f. Poster & Slogan competition.
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