



ATN Bangla, a private TV channel, took out a colourful procession in the city yesterday on winning the prestigious International Emmy Award for a television documentary.

# Literacy status far from millennium goals

Experts tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The present literacy status is far short of the target of education for all, one of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) of 2015, said the experts at a seminar yesterday.

They said the goal cannot be reached if the government does not bring massive change in its policy on primary education, they said quoting a Unesco Monitoring Report on the world literacy status based on the MDG published recently.

The national consultation seminar on 'MDG and Education For All' was organised by the Campaign for Popular Education (Campe) at the LGED auditorium in the city.

According to Unesco, the literacy rate of Bangladesh is 42 percent, whereas the Directorate of Primary and Mass Education has fixed the rate at 62.

"Even if we do not go for debate regarding the rate, the quality of primary education is very far from the MDG," said Dr Manzoor Ahmed, director of a Brac education project.

Only 35 percent students enrolled in the primary schools can read and write and know the basic mathematics on completion of their study at Class V, he added.

Mohammad Mohsin, advisor of

Plan Bangladesh's Learning told the Daily Star that lack of trained and skilled teachers is the main reason for this drawback.

Campe Director Rasheda K Chowdhury said corruption and bribery in recruiting the primary school teachers have seriously hampered the quality of primary education.

Basu Dev Neupane, member of Millennium Campaign Team, Asia has however expressed his satisfaction at the increase of budgetary allocations by the government for primary education.

## US Jubo League Council Nov 28

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The triennial council of the US unit of Awami Jubo League will be held in New York on November 28, with Opposition Leader and AL President Sheikh Hasina as chief guest.

Jubo League Chairman Jahangir Kabir Nanok and General Secretary Mirza Azam MP left for the USA on Tuesday night to attend the council.

Dr Mizanur Rahman and Mujibur Rahman Chowdhury have been made the acting chairman and acting general secretary respectively.

"But mere allocation will not work unless the government utilise it properly," he added.

The speakers unanimously agreed that there should be an integrated approach incorporating representatives of the civil society, non-government and government organisations to reach the millennium goals.

Chaired by Campe Advisor ANM Yousuf, the seminar was also addressed by Campe Deputy Director Tasneem Atahar and Prof Shafi Ahmed of Jahangirnagar University.

## Reunion

The second reunion of Jahangirnagar University Economics Alumni Association will be held on the university campus on December 31, says a press release.

Alumni of the economics department who are willing to join the programme have been requested to contact Prof Nurul Haque (phone-7708934), Md Imdadul Haque (7319746 and 0171527313) and Mostafa Saiful Anwar (0176043539).

A souvenir will also be published on the occasion. The last date for submitting write-ups is December 10.

# TK 2.45CR EMBEZZLEMENT CASE Two ex-bankers get 10 yrs, 9 others 5 yrs

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced two former bank officials to 10 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fined them Tk one crore each in an embezzlement case filed 21 years ago.

The court also sentenced nine other officials to five years' RI and fined them Tk 10 lakh each in the same case.

The convicts who got 10-year RI are former manager of Janata Bank at Mitford Branch AKM Wahiduzzaman Khan and an official of the same branch Bayel Hossain Khan. Both the convicts were tried in absentia.

The nine other convicts are Jalal Uddin, Zahangir Hossain, Kazi Mokarram Hossain, Abdus Sattar, Shamsul Gani, Jamil Akhter, Yar Omar Khan, Ruhul Amin Patwary and Mohammad Hanif. Of them, Mokarram, Omar, Patwary and Hanif were tried in absentia.

In the case filed with Lalbagh Police Station, it was alleged that the two officials in collusion with others misappropriated Tk 2,45,04,500 some customers of Small Industry Corporation deposited with the bank in the form of nine cheques on different dates. They withdrew the money through forged vouchers and cheques on May 3, 1983.

The court acquitted nine other accused as the charges brought against them were not proved.

The punishment of the fugitives will be effective from the date of their arrest or surrender,

the judge said. Judge Mohammad Rezaul Karim Khan of the Special Court for Dhaka Division gave the verdict at a jam-packed courtroom.

Earlier, the prosecution and the defence completed their arguments and the court recorded statements of 20 prosecution witnesses.

Md Rezaul Rahman, former manager of the bank, filed the case accusing Wahiduzzaman and Bayel on May 6, 1983 and the investigation officer pressed charges against Wahid and 19 others on January 23 the next year.

## Mob gouges out eyes of outlaw in Jessore

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Angry mob beat up a listed criminal and gouged out his eyes in Keshabpur upazila of Jessore district on Tuesday evening.

The mob caught Kartik Mondol, 30, at Kalagachi Bazar while he was extorting tolls from the traders.

He was later handed over to the police.

Kartik is an armed cadre of the outlawed New Biplobi Communist Party (NBCP) and an accused in 18 murder cases, police said. He was the bodyguard of NBCP chief Monoranjon Goshai alias Mrinal who was gunned down in Nadia district of West Bengal recently.

Kartik, son of Mukul Mondol, returned from India last Monday.



Muktijuddher Bijoy Mela Parishad took out a procession in Chittagong city yesterday protesting the occupation of the venue where the Parishad has been organising victory fair every year since 1989.

# Ctg Mayor vows to hold victory fair at outer stadium venue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury yesterday vowed to organise the traditional month-long Muktijuddher Bijoy Mela on the outer stadium premises in December at any cost.

Mohiuddin, also chairman of the Mela Parishad and general secretary of Chittagong city Awami League, declared this at a rally protesting the 'occupation' of the Outer Stadium venue where the Parishad has been organising the Bijoy Mela (victory fair) since 1989.

But since 2002, Chittagong city, north district and south district commands of Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad (BMS) under the banner of Muktijuddher Bijoy

Utsab Ujjapan Parishad have been organising "Muktijuddher Bijoy Utsab" at the same venue.

Announcing the Bijoy Mela programmes, the mayor said the Parishad would hold a rally on the central Shaheed Minar premises at 2.00pm on December 1 to mark the opening of the fair. The rally will be followed by a procession that will end at the foot of Bijoy Shikha (victory flame) on the Outer Stadium premises.

And with the lighting of the Bijoy Shikha, the 31-day victory fair will be formally inaugurated, Mohiuddin said. The title of this year's fair is 'Rajakarer Biruddhe Muktijuddher Bijoy Mela'.

He said after the occupation of the fair venue (outer stadium) by

the pro-BNP organisations, the Bijoy Mela now would not be limited to Outer Stadium or Laldighi Moidan area, but it would spread all over Chittagong.

The protest rally was held in front of the Chittagong Press Club after the police prevented the Parishad from holding the rally at the scheduled venue at the foot of Bijoy Shikha.

Former minister and Chittagong City Awami League President MA Mannan, former CU pro-Vice chancellor Dr Abu Yusuf Alam and Mela Parishad Secretary General Abul Hashem also addressed the rally.

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## Tender Inviting for Evaluation Proposal on Alternative Medical Care (AMC) Services

The Line Director Alternative Medical Care invites proposals on evaluation of Alternative Medical Care Services at District Hospitals & Upazilla Health Complexes under Health Nutrition & Population Sector Program (HNPS). We invite researchers to broadly think through how their research output can identify or provide policy relevant solutions for further development/improvement of Alternative Medical Care (AMC) services throughout the country in order to achieve Health For All (HFA). The total cost for the proposal will not exceed Tk. 3.00 (three) lac for a duration of 06 (six) months after selection of the proposal.

The proposal will be selected on their academic merit & policy significance. Interested candidates are requested to use the following format & send 03 (three) copies of the completed proforma to the undersigned within 02 (two) weeks from the date of the advertisement.

Format for proposals:

- Cover sheet:
  - Study title
  - Name of Principal investigator with address (a copy of CV be annexed)
  - Name of co-investigator (if any) with address
  - Place of the study
  - Date of proposal
  - Budget request and duration of project
- Description of the proposals: Please include the followings:
  - Research problem (provide a clear and simple description of your research problem).
  - Policy context: Describe how your research would inform specific management or policy reforms relevant to achieving Health For All (HFA).
  - Objectives: Identify overall study goals and specific research objectives.

Contents and goals:

- Literature review: Should be most pertinent to the study.
- Hypotheses/research questions to be tested/answered.
- Description of the study site.
- Methods for data collection and analysis.
- Detailed budget break up.
- Conclusions including expected results and potential policy implications.

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Local Government Engineering Department  
Office of the Executive Engineer  
District: Narail

Memo No: LGED/XEN/NAR/Pro-331/2004/2050

Dated: 06/11/2004

## Invitation for Tender (IFT)

Tender Notice No-08/2004-05

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the pre-qualified contractors/firms under Rural Development Project-25 (RIIP) for the following works as per terms and conditions stated below:

Sl. No.	Project name	Rural Development Project-25 (RIIP)
1.	Source of fund	ADB (Loan No. 1952-BAN(SF)) Grant from KfW (No. BMZ 2002 66817) and GOB.
2.	Date, time and place of pre-tender meeting	Date: 08.12.2004. Time: 11-00 AM. Place: Office of the undersigned.
3.	Last date, time and places of selling tender documents	Date : 19.12.2004. Time : Up to 4:00 PM. Places : (a) Office of the Project Director, RDP-25, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. (b) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Dist. Narail. (c) Office of the Superintendent of Police, Dist-Narail. (d) Office of the Deputy Project Director, RDP-25, LGED, Khulna Division. (e) Office of the undersigned. (f) Office of the Upazila Engineer, Upazila-Sadar and Lohagara, District: Narail.
4.	Last date, time and places of receiving tender	Date : 20.12.2004. Time : Up to 1:00 PM. Places : (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Dist-Narail. (b) Office of the Superintendent of Police, Dist-Narail. (c) Office of the undersigned. (d) Office of the Upazila Engineer, Upazila-Sadar and Lohagara, District: Narail.
5.	Date, time and places of opening of tender	Date : 20.12.2004. Time : 3.00 PM. Places : Office of the undersigned.

Sl. No.	Contract code	Name of the work	Amount of tender security (Tk)	Price of tender document (Tk) (non-refundable)	Completion time (days)
1.	05/NA-3/ UZR/21A	Improvement of Laxmipasha-Mohajan Road (Ch.00-6600m) including structure	3,90,000.00	3,000.00	540
2.	05/NA-3/ UZR/21B	Improvement of Laxmipasha-Mohajan Road (Ch.6600-13500m) including structure	3,90,000.00	3,000.00	540
3.	05/NA-3/ GC/21D	Improvement of Radhanagar GC	90,000.00	1,000.00	450
4.	05/NA-3/ UPC/21E	Construction of Itna Union Parishad Complex	90,000.00	1,000.00	450

- According to the project loan/grant agreement the standard tender documents is compiled from the standard bidding documents: procurement of civil works (small contracts) updated to April 1999 (Reprinted January 2003) issued by the Asian Development Bank, Bangladesh Resident Mission & the separate agreement with KfW.
- Tenders may deliver/submit tenders also by registered mail or by courier services, and tenders must reach to the office(s) mentioned in para-5 on or before deadline for submission of tenders.
- Tenders will be opened in presence of members TOC, consultant's representatives and the tenderers or their authorised representatives (who choose to attend).
- Tender shall be valid for a period of 120 days after tender opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified above.
- A general information regarding the tender notice will be available in the LGED and CPTU Web Site (<http://www.lged.org> and [www.cptu.org.bd](http://www.cptu.org.bd)).
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- Interested tenderers may obtain further information from the undersigned and purchase the tender documents in cash/treasury challan/Bank Draft from the places mentioned above.

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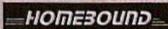
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## CORRIGENDUM

Due to the unavoidable circumstances the time of schedule for the abovementioned tender has been rearranged as follows:

Sl No	Existing date & time	Changed date & time
01.	Receiving and closing of the tender	03/11/2004 up to 2.00 PM
02.	Opening of the tender	04/11/2004 at 12.00 Noon

All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

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