

PM gives special grants to families of two slain railway guards

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday handed over special grants of Tk one lakh to each family of two railway guards killed while they were on duty.

Guard Humayun Kabir was burnt to death near Bhairab when a group of unruly people set fire to the Dhaka-bound Subarna Express on August 22, 2004.

The other, Bhasan Chandra Aich, was killed by miscreants in the Chittagong-bound Turna Nishitha train on October 1, 2003.

Khaleda handed over the cheques to Humayun's wife Begum Mahfuza Begum and Bhasan's wife Smriti Chowdhury at a simple ceremony at the Prime Minister's Office.

Health Minister Dr Khandaker Musharraf Hossain, Communications Minister Nazmul Huda, Fisheries Minister Abdullah Al Noman, Prime Minister's Political Secretary Harris Chowdhury and State Minister for Communications Salahuddin Ahmed were also present.



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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia handed over a cheque for Tk one lakh to Smriti Chowdhury, wife of slain railway guard Bhasan Chandra Aich, in the city yesterday.

ASIA PACIFIC CONVENTION BEGINS  
Call to protect food security

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day Asia Pacific Convention on People's Food Sovereignty began in the city yesterday with a call to protect food security and establish the rights of the poor to food.

Ubinig, an NGO, organised the convention at Osmani Memorial Auditorium as a member of the Asia Pacific Research Network.

At the first session, the speakers said agrarian system of many poor countries is losing their identity due to intervention of some industrialised countries.

Farhad Mazhar of Ubinig said indigenous agrarian system of many poor countries is now under threat as some developed countries are forcing the government of poor countries to use high-yield varieties. "Productivity of many local varieties is much higher than that of so-called modern varieties," he said.

Sarajeni Rengam of Pesticide Action Network Asia & the Pacific, Malaysia, emphasised the need for ensuring food security. She said conservation of biodiversity should be given priority while increasing food production.

About 180 delegates from different countries, including Argentina,

China, Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Philippines and the USA, joined the convention along with Bangladeshi participants.

The outcome of the convention would be placed at the ministerial level meeting of World Trade Organisation, which is scheduled to be held in Hong Kong next year and at World Food Summit conference in 2006.

Anwar gets one year's job extension

UNB, Dhaka

M Anwarul Haq, minister (press) at the Bangladesh High Commission in India, has been given another year's extension in his current diplomatic assignment in New Delhi, according to a notification of the Ministry of Establishment.

He was the president of Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) for two terms. He was also the city editor, chief reporter and diplomatic and defence correspondent of The Daily Star.

Ratify ICC Rome Statute to prosecute gravest crimes against humanity

Human rights activists tell workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government must ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) without further delay to prosecute some gravest crimes against humanity under the international law, said human rights activists at an advocacy workshop yesterday.

They said the ICC is a crucial instrument in fighting against impunity from horrific crimes upholding the human rights.

The workshop was organised jointly by Odhakar, a human rights group, and Bangladesh Coalition for International Criminal Court (BCICC) at the Brac Centre Inn in the city.

The ICC that came into being on July 1, 2002 is a permanent and independent judicial body created by the international community through adoption of the Rome Statute in 1998 to prosecute four particular crimes like genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and aggression.

Though Bangladesh happened to be the first country in South Asia to sign the Rome Statute in 1999, it has been ever since reluctant to ratify the statute in absence of strong political commitment, the speakers said.

One way of fighting against impunity is to implement the Rome Statute into domestic law to prosecute the crimes of terrible nature,

said David Sproule, Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh.

British High Commissioner Anwar Chowdhury, Australian High Commissioner Loraine Barker, German Ambassador Dietrich Andreas, UNDP Resident Representative and UN Country Coordinator Jorgen Lissner, former ambassador and secretary Muhammad Zamir and Anne Merchal of European Union were present at the inaugural session of the workshop.

Speaking at the workshop session, journalist Monjurul Hossain Bulbul of daily Sangbad called for a pro-active role of the people to press for the ratification of the statute.

Farida Akhter of Ubinig, a human rights group, said ratification of the statute by the smaller states would not be fruitful unless it applies to the world's powerful countries.

In a presentation, Sultana Razia, a law-desk assistant of The Daily Star, mentioned that Pakistani occupation forces allegedly raped around two lakh Bangladeshi women during the War of Liberation in 1971.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



The 33rd death anniversary of noted politician Yousuf Ali Choudhury (Mohan Miah) will be observed today, says a

press release. Different political and social organisations have drawn up various programmes, including milad mahfil and Qurankhwan.

The Yousuf Ali Choudhury Smriti Committee will also hold a discussion on November 28 at Moez Manzil in Faridpur.

Faridpur Islamic Foundation will sponsor a seminar on the life of the late politician.

Syeda Zakia Khatun



Today is the eighth death anniversary of Syeda Zakia Khatun, wife of late Khorshed Alam Khan of Begumganj.

Noakhali, says a press release. Mother of politician Sirajul Alam Khan, she died of a cardiac arrest in 1996.

A milad and doa mahfil will be held at Azimpur Colony Jame Mosque after Asr prayers on the occasion.

Qulqhwani

Qulqhwani of Md Ibrahim Kamal, a senior assistant secretary, will be held at Eastern Housing Apartment, 9 Kabi Jasimuddin Road, North Kamalapur, Dhaka after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

Kamal was the younger brother of Chief Election Commissioner MA Syed. Relatives, friends and colleagues have been requested to attend the qulqhwani.

**WEATHER TODAY**

No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country during the next 12 hours till 6.00pm today with light to moderate fog at places in the early morning.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 31.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and the lowest of 14.0 degrees at Srimangol.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:11pm today and rises at 6:22am tomorrow.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	27.6	19.2	77	67
Chittagong	30.8	18.0	73	71
Rajshahi	27.6	16.8	88	77
Khulna	29.0	19.6	84	75
Barisal	28.4	22.0	94	96
Sylhet	28.0	17.0	62	72
Cox's Bazar	31.8	17.5	72	76

15 get life for killing one in Nilphamari

UNB, Nilphamari

A Nilphamari court yesterday sentenced 15 people to life imprisonment for killing a person at Gabrol village in Jaladhaka in 1999.

Additional District and Sessions Judge M Zahidul Islam handed down the verdict.

The convicts are Jamaddi, Alimuddi, Montu, Laksmi Barman, Nantu, Rabi Barman, Khatish Chandra, Kalu Barman, Bachha Barman alias Bachha, Pancha alias Pancham, Jamini, Atul Chandra (absconding), Ria Barman, Maheswar and Sempu.

According to the prosecution, a group of people was forcibly harvesting the paddy on the land of Fazlur Rahman on April 23, 1999. When Rahman tried to resist the group, Jamaddi stabbed him in his chest with a sharp weapon. He died on way to hospital.

**Directorate General Defence Purchase**  
Ministry of Defence  
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

**Tender Notice**

1. Sealed tenders are invited in foreign currency from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/suppliers/indentors (enlisted firm) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh "Army".

Ser No	Nomenclature	Date of selling		Date of opening	Currency	Tender No
		From	To			
a.	Generator (20-30 KVA) complete with standard tools and accessories (Quantity-14 Nos)	27-11-2004	07-01-2005	08-01-2005	Foreign	1273/P-7
b.	Generator (51-75 KVA) complete with standard tools and accessories (Quantity-19 Nos)	27-11-2004	07-01-2005	08-01-2005	Foreign	1274/P-7
c.	Spare parts for Cessna Aircraft A-152 (Quantity-76 line items)	27-11-2004	07-01-2005	08-01-2005	Foreign	1277/P-7

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per IT selling rate (not refundable) during office hours between 0800 to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hrs and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in presence of all tenderers (if present).  
ISPR/Misc/04/1029  
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**Major**  
For Director General

**"Trademark, Patent and Design Warning Notice"**

On behalf of our client, "Braitrim Plastiform Bangladesh Limited", Dhaka, Bangladesh, we do hereby give notice to all concern that Spotless Plastics Pty. Limited, Victoria, Australia has been producing plastic hangers and other packaging item under the name and style of "Braitrim", "Plasti-form" and "Nine Dot" logo as specified below and as same registered under the Trade Marks Act, 1940 and Patent and Design Act, 1911. Our client is the only authorized licensee and owner of the user rights of the intellectual property of the above. However, it is noticed that some ill motive persons are illegally producing plastic hangers using the company's brand name and Logo to jeopardise company's reputation and to cause loss. As such it is hereby warned that if such hangers or other packaging item are continue to be produced then legal actions will be taken against them.

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On behalf of  
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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

A leading Ceramic Stone wares Manufacturing Company situated at Savar, Dhaka invites applications from qualified and deserving candidates for the following positions:

- EXPORT OFFICER: 1 (ONE) POST
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A) 5 (five) years experience in Export and Import Manufacturing products works in Manufacturing Company.  
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An attractive remuneration Package will be given to the right candidate. Complete Resume with the details of Job experience and 2 (two) copies of recent photographs should reach address below within 5 (five) days of this publication:  
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**Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre**  
Savar, Dhaka

**Notice of Book Purchase/Collection**

Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre has taken initiative to collect the books written/edited by Civil Servants who served the nation earlier and those who are still working for the country. Many of those scholar-bureaucrats have written many books on literature and important national issues which are highly appreciated at home and abroad. The objectives of the initiative are:

- To honour the old and new-fangled civil servants.
- To generate a sense of respect for the contributions of those seniors in order to establish a link between predecessors and present.
- To make available those valuable contributions for research.
- To ensure the proper utilization of those books through book review for the trainees of different courses.

To achieve the goal one room of the library has already been earmarked as "Public Servants' Book Corner" for permanent preservation in honour of those public servants. The public servants (relatives in case of deceased) and/or the publishers are requested to send two copies of passport-size photographs and a brief CV of the writers to Mr Prosanta Kumar Roy, Director (LTA), Tel: 7711610, Fax: 7710029, E-mail: prosanta@bpatc.org by December 18, 2004.

BPATC is interested to procure 8 copies (except those are already purchased) of each of the books. This trend of collection will continue.  
Your kind cooperation is solicited.  
DFP-28025-23/11/04 **Ahbab Ahmad**  
G-1145 **Rector**

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Department of Environment  
Paribesh Bhaban  
E-16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Banglanagar  
Dhaka-1207

Memo No DoE/Admin(TO&E)-348/2003/3004 Dated: 08/11/2004

**International Tender Notice**

Sealed tenders along with the original proforma invoice/catalogue/brochure are invited from the bonafide manufacturers/suppliers/agents for supply of the following equipment in Dhaka by air as per specifications, terms and conditions mentioned in the schedules for relevant tender documents:

Tender number	Description of equipment	Quantity of equipment	Cost of the schedule per set	Last date for purchasing of tender schedule	Dropping date of tender
DoE/PUR/IT-1/2004-2005	3 Exhaust Analyzer with smoke opacity meter	03 (three)	Tk 2,000/-	21 December 2004 during office hours	22 December 2004 at 12:00 hours

Tender document to be obtained from Accounts Officer, Department of Environment (DoE), Paribesh Bhaban (2nd Floor, Room No 307), E/16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, on cash payment (non-refundable) of the cost of tender schedule. Tender documents must be dropped in the tender box kept in the Department of Environment (DoE), Paribesh Bhaban (2nd Floor, Room No 303), E/16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 as per date and time mentioned in the tender document.

Department of Environment reserves the right of rejecting any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.  
DFP-27232-10/11/04  
G-1128 **Abu Md Nurul Alam Khan**  
Deputy Director

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**চূড়ান্ত নোটিশ**

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