

Dhaka Day by Day

In Touch with Nature or What's Left of it

by Samia Islam

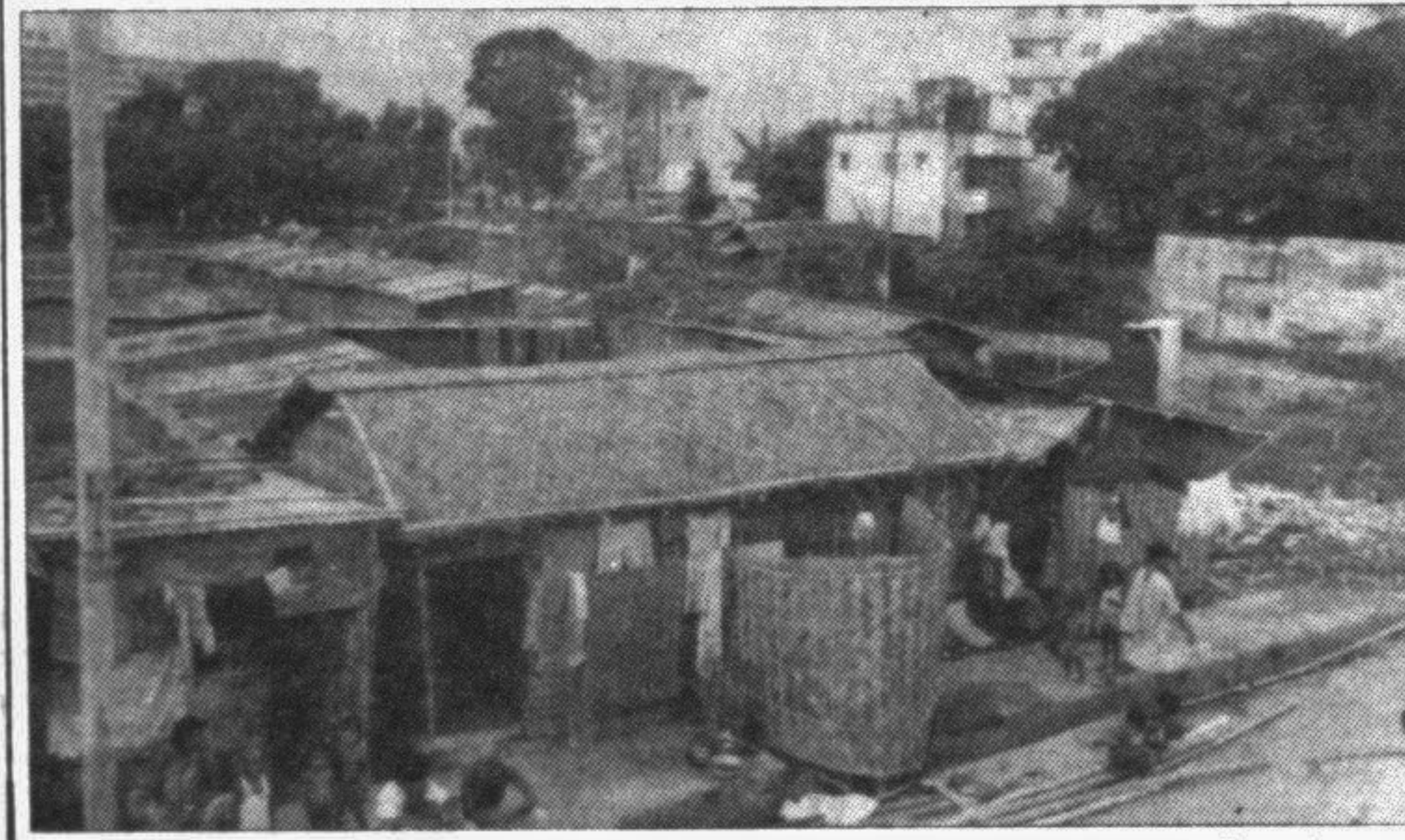
Sometime in the past, possibly towards the end of the 80s, a spurt of enthusiasm to beautify the city had swept over Dhaka like it does time and again. That is nothing new you cynics are muttering. But this write-up is about a specific achievement of those times. A small park just opposite the Pan Pacific hotel Sonargaon built in the Jaipuri influence (meaning predominant use of pink as the colour theme of the objects inside the park) became a sight for sore eyes. This created an oasis-effect on the surrounding environment albeit its lack of sufficient clusters of trees and plants. But the saplings planted promised a green future and pink park benches beckoned weary travellers to wait and rest their feet awhile or maybe take a short nap before going off again to their respective destinations.

There was one other significant piece of architecture under construction in one corner of the park-in-the-middle-of-the-road. A clock tower to mark some population phenomenon. Many a day has passed since then. We are now in the middle of the 90s. What was constructed to make Dhaka scenically appealing to the tourists albeit its awkward location, has turned into something far removed from the original. Have you tried walking past this area? If you have, then you know about the repulsive stench of ammonia. If you haven't, one unsolicited advice for you is keep off the grass. The genius of this city has won once again by transforming a beautiful park into a public toilet to meet the need of the times. How can you blame the squatter families on the west side of the park who use it? What choice do they have?

Besides the place was just sitting there being useless. As to the justification of slums as a panoramic view to the guests of the five star hotel, my logic eludes me. However, the park actually has multiple use-values these days. On boring days it's a lovely place for a bout of football, that surefire cause of national humiliation. On others it's a pasture for the cows belonging to the slum dwellers.

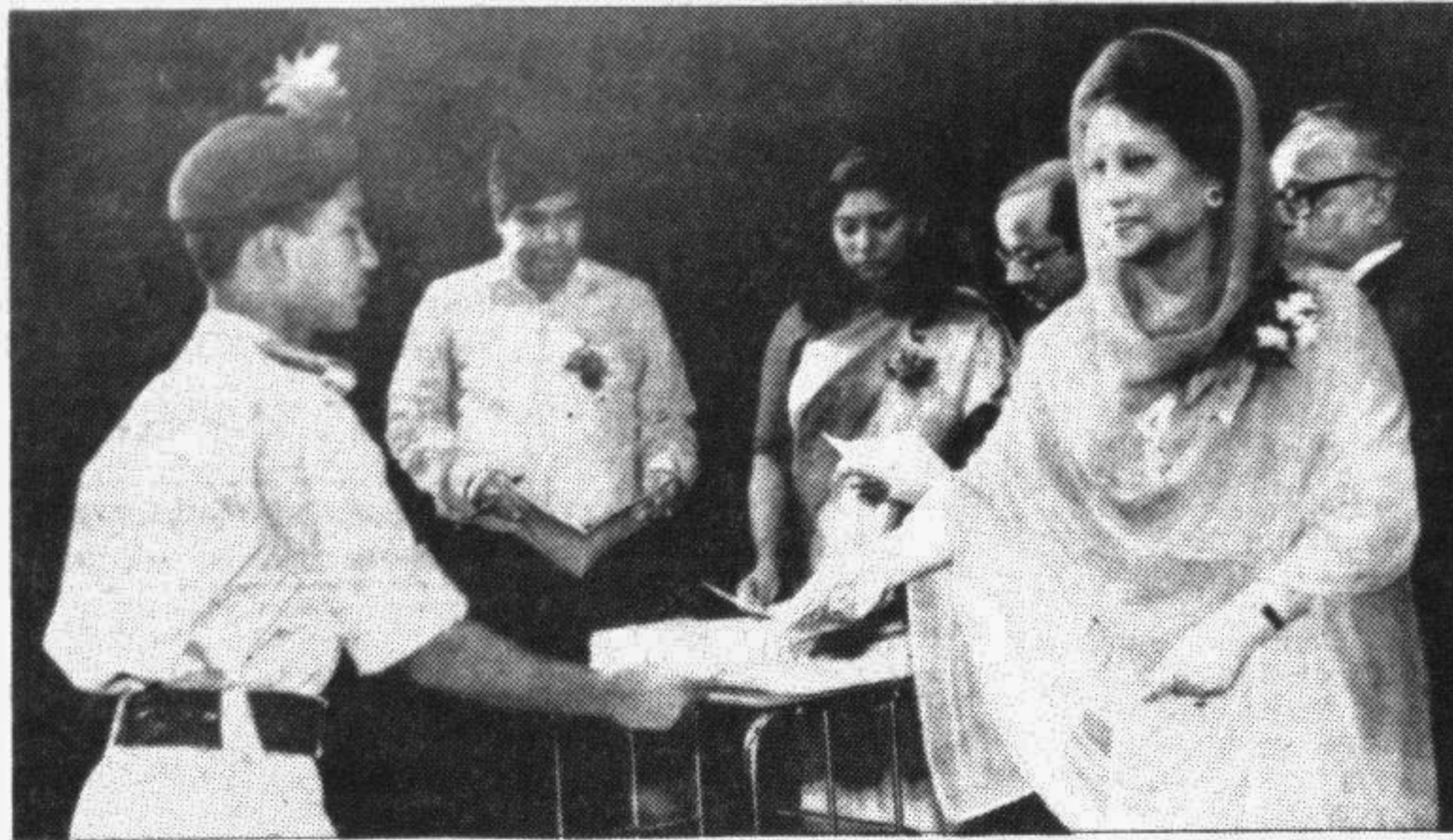
The park used to be surrounded by gridded walls on all sides but when it comes to insipid destruction of property we possess multifaceted talents. How it is humanly possible to extirpate the grills off the walls is beyond ordinary minds. But that has been achieved to make entry and exit convenient for the toilet user. It is of course not the first time that such an act has been performed. The walls of the Ramna Park are just as bare in places and non-existent in others. You will find gaps in the wall right next to the wide-open gates pointing towards the sheer senseless destructiveness of the acts of vandalism.

Apologies for the digression. One other baffling point about our pink park is that the clock tower never got completed. One wonders why. A tower does not have anything to do with who used to be in power, or does it? Any way it's a fine sight, the stark tower in the middle of the road as a symbol of the past that we find so hard to let go and move on. This is the general fate of beautification projects of the country. One regime constructs the other destroys and then somebody builds again and you are left wondering how in the world you are going to remove that \$ 14 billion debt burden off the shoulders of your children.



Our ingenuity to demolish beauty is unrivalled.

— Star photo



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia awarding certificates to the meritorious students of SSC and Dakhil examinations '95 at a reception organised by the Ministry of Education at Osmani Memorial Hall in the city yesterday. — PID photo



Ameer of the Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh Golam Azam addressing a rally at the Shapla Chattar in city's Motijheel area yesterday. — Star photo

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Moderate to moderately heavy rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Rajshahi division and at many places over Khulna division in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says moderate to moderately heavy rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind may also occur at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy falls at one or two places over Rajshahi division.

Meantime, Rangpur experienced the highest 123 mm rain yesterday. Rajshahi had 68 mm rain, Jessore 31, Faridpur 20 and Khulna 12 mm shower.

The country's highest temperature 32.3 degrees Celsius was recorded at Barisal and the lowest 22.6 degrees at Rangpur.

The sun sets today at 5:48 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:50 am.

FEMA hails EC

The Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) has hailed the Election Commission (EC) for convening a meeting of the political parties to discuss a code of conduct for the upcoming national polls, says a press release.

FEMA chairperson Fakhr-uddin Ahmed said, updating of the code of conduct, is an important step towards ensuring free and fair elections.

FEMA has planned to propose some recommendations to the EC concerning the code of conduct, added the press release.

Reporters Unity meet today

A special annual general meeting of the newly formed Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) will be held today at 9:30 am at the auditorium of Jatiya Press Club.

Car stolen

By Staff Correspondent

A car belonging to the Executive Editor of The Bangladesh Observer Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury which was stolen from near the Jiban Bima Bhaban last Sunday still remains untraced.

The silver metallic coloured car bears the number Dhaka Bha-8272.

A case has been lodged with the Motijheel police.

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মানহোলের ঢাকনা চুরি রোধ করুন

ঢাকা ওয়াসার তালিকাভুক্ত ১ম, ২য় ও ৩য় শ্রেণীর যান্ত্রিক ও বৈদ্যুতিক ঠিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে ১,৯৪,৩০০/- টাকা ব্যয় বরাদ্দে বাসাবো পয়ঃ উত্তোলন কেন্দ্রের পয়ঃ পাম্প মটরের রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ কাজের নিমিত্ত টেন্ডার আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ১৬/১০/৯৫ ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ টা পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং ঐদিনই বেলা ২-০০ টার সময় দরপত্রদাতা বা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিদের সম্মুখে (যদি উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে।

ঢাকা ওয়াসার প্রধান হিসাবরক্ষণ কর্মকর্তার অফিস, ওয়াসা ভবন, ৯৮, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, ঢাকা ও ঢাকা ওয়াসার সকল মডস জোন অফিসে টেন্ডারের সিডিউল পাওয়া যাইবে। অন্যান্য বিস্তারিত বিবরণ নিম্নাঙ্ককারীর অফিসে পাওয়া যাইবে।

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১৯৯৪-৯৫ শিক্ষাবর্ষে স্নাতক (সম্মান) শ্রেণীর ভর্তি পরীক্ষার প্রাথমিক ফলাফলের সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তি।

গত ২৩-৯-৯৫ তারিখে প্রকাশিত ব্যবসায় প্রশাসন বিভাগের ভর্তি পরীক্ষার ছাত্রীদের প্রাথমিক ফলাফলে কম্পিউটার জনিত ভুল পরিলক্ষিত হওয়ায় ঐ দিন প্রকাশিত উক্ত বিভাগের ছাত্রীদের ফলাফল বাতিল করে (আসন সংখ্যার ৫ গুণ) সংশোধিত ফলাফল নিম্নরূপ প্রকাশ করা হল। উক্ত বিভাগে ছাত্রীদের ইতিপূর্বে অনুষ্ঠিত এবং ১-১০-৯৫ তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিতব্য সকল মৌখিক পরীক্ষাও বাতিল করা হয়েছে। তবে ইতিপূর্বে প্রকাশিত মেধা তালিকা অনুযায়ী ১-১০-৯৫ তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিতব্য ছাত্রদের মৌখিক পরীক্ষা যথারীতি অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। সংশোধিত ফলাফল অনুযায়ী সকল ছাত্রীর মৌখিক পরীক্ষা নিয়ে ফলাফলের সঙ্গে প্রকাশিত তারিখ অনুযায়ী অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

ব্যবসায় প্রশাসনঃ ছাত্রীঃ ৫২৬১, ৬২৭৯, ১৪৮২, ১০৯২০, ৯৭৪০, ৯২০৯, ১২০১০, ২০৪০, ৭৪০৯, ৩৭৭১, ৯৯৯৮, ২১৪১, ১০০৩৯, ৪৫৯৮, ২০১৫, ১৭০২, ১০০৪০, ১৪৪৪৭, ৪৩৯৮, ৪১৭৪, ২৭১০, ৩২৩১, ৮০৩, ৪৭৭, ১০৩৭৮, ২১২৯, ৩৩৪৩, ৮১৪০, ৫১১৫, ২৫৫৭, ২১২১, ৫৯২৬, ৮৩৩, ১০৯৪৮, ৪৫২৮, ৬৪০, ২৫০১, ৪৯৪৮, ৬৯৭৯, ৯৭৬৮, ৬০০৭, ৪৪৪৩, ১২০৭৪, ২২৬৬, ৮০৩৫, ১১৭১, ৩২৬, ১২০৬৫, ৬৮২৮, ৮৪০১, ১৩০০, ৯০৮১, ১১৫৩৫, ৩৫৮৩, ১১৮৫৫, ১৯৯, ১১০০, ৮২৩৭, ২৪৯৪, ১৪৭, ৫২৪৭, ১৬৯৪, ২৮৪৩, ১২৩৩৫, ১৮০৫, ৯৭০১, ৫৮৫২, ৯৫১৪, ১৩২২৯, ৫৫২৬। মৌখিক পরীক্ষাঃ ছাত্রীঃ ৫-১০-৯৫ঃ ৫২৬১ থেকে ২৫৫৭ এবং ৭-১০-৯৫ঃ ২১২১ থেকে ৫৫২৬।

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Office of the Chief Engineer/West
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Local Tender Notice

TENDER NO. ENGB. G/SLEEPER/95-96 DATED: 07-9-1995

Sealed tenders for supply of 10,000 Nos. (31,250 Cft.) Broad Gauge Standard wooden sleeper made from Garjan or better species of wood from local or imported Timber from bonafide importers or bonafide Timber Merchant. Tender documents will be available for sale during office hours on all working days up to 10-10-1995, from the office of the Track Supply Officer/West, Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi, Track Supply Officer/East, Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong and Executive Engineer/ Project/Track, Bangladesh Railway, Dhaka on cash payment of non-refundable Taka 750/- (Tk. seven hundred fifty) only per set.

The tender documents must be dropped in the tender box set apart for this purpose in the aforesaid offices by 12-00 hours on 15-10-1995 and the same will be opened at 12-30 hours on the same date. Bid bond for Tk. 4,76,500/- (Four lakh seventy-six thousand five hundred) only in the form of an irrevocable unconditional Bank Guarantee on Non-Judicial Stamp in favour of Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer/West, Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi from a Scheduled Bank in Bangladesh. Sample of wood be submitted at the time of submitting tender. Other terms and conditions can be had from the Tender documents.

Authority reserves the right to accept or reject the tender as a whole or part without assigning any reason.

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Bangladesh Railway
Engineering Department

Tender Notice

Re-Tender Notice No CE/E/95/W(V) Dated: 23/09/1995

Sealed tenders are invited from the 'B' & 'C' Class Contractors of Bangladesh Railway East Zone & 'C' Class Contractors before partition of Zone of Bangladesh Railway and from the bonafide Timber Merchant/Supplier for supply of 563 cft wooden scantling (Garjan wood) of different sizes for Bholagong Ropeway unloading bunker and discharge gentry. The materials are to be supplied to SSAE/W/Colony/Chittagong. Cost of tender documents per set Tk. 400/- (Four hundred) (non-refundable). Timber Merchant/Supplier will have to obtain prior permission from Chief Engineer/East, Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong to purchase tender document and will have to deposit non-refundable sum of Tk. 3000/- (Three thousand) as an enlistment fee for this work only. Approximate cost of work Tk 4.22 lacs. Earnest money 2% of quoted amount. Tender document will be available for purchase from the offices of Chief Engineer/East, Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong, Executive Engineer/Chattak Bazar and Divisional Engineer/III/Dhaka up to 8-10-95. Tender may be dropped in the tender box as will be kept in the aforesaid offices up to 12.00 Hrs. on 9-10-95 and will be opened at 12.30 Hrs. on the same date in presence of tenderer or his authorised representative (if present). Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders in part or in full without assigning any reason. Other terms & conditions will be available in the tender documents.

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Government of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD
Bhola Road Division, Bhola

Notice for Inviting Tender, RHD

- Tender Notice No : 16 Bh. R. D. of 1995-96.
- Name of work : Construction of HBB pavement at different k.m. of different road under Bhola Road Division, during 1995-96 Ch to 266 C/A.
- Name of offices of availability of tender document : 1. Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Bhola/ Barisal/Patuakhali/Projpur.
2. Planning & Design Division, Barisal.
3. Planning Division (P&D), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.
4. Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Bhola/ Charfession.
- Name of offices to receive tender : 1. The Add. Chief Engineer, RHD, Barisal Zone, Barisal.
2. The Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Barisal.
3. The Superintending Engineer, RHD, (P&D) Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.
4. The Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Bhola/Barisal/ Patuakhali/Projpur.
- Last date of selling tender : On 15-10-95/30-6-1402B up to office hours.
- Last date of receipt of tender : Up to 12-30 PM on 16-10-95/1-7-1402B.
- Date & time of opening tender : At 12-00 Noon on 19-10-95/14-7-1402B.

Group List:

Sl No	Name of work with location	Gr. No.	Estimated Cost.	Earnest Money	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractor
1	Construction of HBB pavement of Illisha-Bhola-Charfession-Charmanika Road under Bhola Road Division, during 1995-96. Ch to-266 C/A.	1 (one)	Tk. 25,53,419/-	Tk. 51,100/-	100 (hundred) days.	A to C General category of RHD.
2	Construction of HBB pavement at 3rd (p), 4th (p), 5th(p) k.m. of Dulatkhon-Hakimuddin Road under Bhola Road Division, during 1995-96. Ch to 266 C/A.	2 (two)	Tk. 21,98,862/-	Tk. 44,000/-	-Do-	A to C General category of RHD & D General category of Barisal Circle.
3	Construction of HBB pavement at 1st k.m. up to sea-traghat of Tazumuddin-Kunjherhat Road under Bhola Road Division, during 1995-96 Ch to 266 C/A.	3 (three)	Tk. 9,93,672/-	Tk. 20,000/-	60 (sixty) days	-Do-

Md. Mujibur Rahaman
Executive Engineer, RHD
Bhola Road Division, Bhola.

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