

Dhaka Day by Day

Men Behind Footwear Repairs

by ASM Nurunnabi

The people who are engaged in making footwear serviceable are generally called cobblers. The term seems to have a derogatory ring in the context of our social ethos. A more edifying expression may be used to describe them as shoe repair men. In our society, a distinct class or caste hereditarily used to take to this profession. With the passage of time, the hereditary element in the profession has been lost. Now this work

is done by a variety of people at lower income level without any class distinction.

The shoe repairers are found all over the city, mainly at street corners. There is also a roving group of such men making their rounds from one neighbourhood to another. The tools of their trade are simple and as such do not require much investment.

A well-known axiom runs like this: there is a tide in the affairs of man. In the case of the shoe repairmen also, the axiom applies, particularly on the occasions of big festivals. On such occasions, those people who cannot afford to

buy new pairs of shoes, make do with their old pairs by effecting necessary repairs and giving them a new coat of shoe polish.

Some of these professionals may be seen playing a brisk trade at some conspicuous corners on footpaths at Motijheel and New Market areas, among other places. There are fixed rates for some items of their work. For example, for normal shoe polish, the charge is Tk 3 per pair. For better quality work with shoe cream and varnish, there is a higher charge of Tk 5 per pair. It is understood that the margin of profit is 50 per cent after meeting the cost of materials. At this rate, their daily earnings range from Tk

75 to Tk 150. According to some of these men, the low-priced footwears made with inferior quality materials which are abundantly available at many points in the city centre, offer them greater scope for earning income than the good quality shoes carrying higher price tags.

From Chandi Charan, a veteran in this line, who occupies a small space on footpath near Purana Paltan, we are enlightened with

some interesting glimpses of human nature, with particular bearing on shoes. According to him, it is difficult to know about a man's character from his shoes. Even a thief can wear a showy pair of shoes. However, he felt that in some measure, a man's personality might be gauged from the condition of his shoes. Just as shoes could play a part in enhancing a person's appearance, they could also become a factor in undermining the same. Hence, according to him, shoes are not a matter to be trifled with. Since clothes have as much importance as shoes in the making of a

man's outward appearance and since a man's active movements rest on the foundation of his shoes, it may not be an exaggeration to suggest that the men who work for their repairs, maintenance and proper shine deserve the credit for being some sort of artists in their line.

In this context, it may not be out of place to recall a parabolic story by Sheikh Sadi. It speaks of a person who grieved for his want of shoes. But when he came across a man without his legs, the feeling of sorrow for not having shoes was forgotten. This may serve as a parable in many adverse situations in our life.



Mend my shoes.



Riot police sprinkled coloured water to disperse the pickets in city's Farmgate area during hartal hours yesterday. — Star photo

FFEP in 250 more unions this year

The Food For Education Programme (FFEP) is poised for a leap covering an additional 250 unions this year following the initial successes of the literacy booster, reports UNB.

The planned FFEP hike targets to support 17 lakh poor families in rural areas with free wheat but on condition that they send their children to school.

According to official sources, a Tk 360-crore project, envisaging to bring 15,128 schools in 250 unions under the education-incentive programme in 1995-96, is awaiting government approval.

The extended programme has estimated distribution of 345,564 metric tons of wheat during the current fiscal. Poor families in project areas, sending children to

Modern coronary hospital at Tongi

A 150-bed private sector modern coronary hospital will be set up at Konia in Tongi, says a press release.

The four-storey hospital complex Taherunnesa Memorial Medical Centre, will have 20 VIP cabins, a 12-bed intensive care unit and a similar coronary care unit.

Cardio experts from Duka Cardio of London will run these units, added the release.

Financed by three nationalised commercial banks, the medical centre will have two operation theatres. 25 per cent of the services will go to the poor.

primary schools, will receive 15 to 20 kilograms of wheat every month under the programme.

The government launched a two-year FFEP in 1993-94 with a twin objective of increasing literacy and giving food assistance to vulnerable groups in rural areas.

In the maiden year (1993-94), five lakh families of seven lakh poor schoolchildren were benefited by the Food For Education Programme. A total of 4,914 primary schools in 460 unions were brought under the programme.

Tk 6300-8050 scale for all BCS cadres demanded

The BCS (Information) Association submitted a memorandum to the principal secretary of the Prime Minister on Sunday, says a press release.

The association in its memorandum protested the decision for depriving the members of 28 cadres of the scale of Taka 6300-8050. This scale was given to fifty per cent members of the administrative cadre on completion of their ten years' services.

The association demanded the scale of Taka 6300-8050 for all BCS cadres who will be completing ten years in their respective services, added the press release.

Syed Sujauddin Ahmed and Harrun-ur-Rashid, president and secretary-general respectively of the association handed over the memorandum.

Redress problems of journalists, urges SJF

The Seniormost Journalists' Forum (SJF) in a statement appealed to the government to look into the problems they had been thrown into during the autocratic rule, says a press release.

In a statement Sanaulah Noori and Joyanal Abedin, convener and joint convener of SJF respectively, said, many of the senior journalists fell victims in the past and lost their jobs, even without giving them legal entitlement.

The SJF, they said, had submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister for necessary action to ensure their basic rights.

Many of them serving 15 to 25 years or more, are not only deprived of their life-long entitlements, but also subjected to ignominy.

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Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)
Ferry Division, Tufkhana Sylhet

Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No : 83 (95-96) Dt. 29-10-95. Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Division, Sylhet.
2. Name of work : Thorough repair the damage portion & painting the paltun No. PO-041 at Baraigram Ferry ghat under Ferry Division, Sylhet.
3. Estimated cost : Tk. 2,54,446/- (Tk. Two lac fifty four thousand four hundred forty six) only.
4. Earnest Money : Tk. 5,089/- (Tk. Five thousand eighty nine) only.
5. Time allowed for : 30 (thirty) days from the date of work order.
6. Tender Form : Bangladesh Form No-2911.
7. Nature of : 1 A to C General Category of (RHD),
Contractor : 2 D General of Dhaka Ferry Circle,
3 E General of Ferry Division, Sylhet.
8. Name of Office where tender documents will be available:
1 Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Division, Sylhet.
2 Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Construction Division, Dhaka.
3 Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Division, Dhaka.
4 Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Ferry Sub-Division, Sylhet.
9. Name of offices to receive tender:
1 Superintending Engineer (RHD), Ferry Circle, Dhaka.
2 Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Division, Sylhet.
3 Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Construction Division, Dhaka.
4 Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Division, Dhaka.
10. Last date of selling the tender : 28-11-95 up to office hours.
11. Last date and time of receiving : 29-11-95 up to 12:00 Noon.
12. Last date and time of opening : 2-12-95 at 12:30 PM.

Latif Uddin Chowdhury
Executive Engineer (Mech)
(RHD), Ferry Division, Sylhet.

DFP-27687-9/11
G-1695

Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited
(A Subsidiary Company of Petrobangla)
P.O. Box No 8, Court Road, Brahmanbaria

TENDER NOTICE

No. CD/HO/3(49) Dated: 02-11-95

1. Sealed tender in the prescribed forms are hereby invited from the enlisted Contractors of Public Works Department/Roads and Highways Department/ Public Health Engineering Department/Housing and Settlement Directorate/ Bangladesh Railway and Petrobangla and its Subsidiary Companies for the following works:

Sl No	Name of the works	Estimated cost (Tk)	Completion time in days	Cost of tender documents (Non-refundable) (Tk)	Minimum Qualification of bidders
A)	Repairing work including bituminous seal coat of approach road from Pannerpol to Bakhrabad Gas Field, Muradnagar, Comilla.	34,19,715/-	120 days	1000/-	1st class
B)	Construction of 1 No Office/Officer's Quarter, 2 Nos Staff/Security guard quarter and Bath/Toilet for BAPEX Rig base at TGTDCI valve station area, Madhabpur, Habiganj.	17,72,857/60	120 days	1000/-	1st class
C)	Construction of 2 Nos Rigmachinery store for BAPEX Rig base at TGTDCI valve station area, Madhabpur, Habiganj.	16,73,823/40	100 days	1000/-	1st class
D)	Construction of 2 Nos Chemical store and 1 No other machinery store for BAPEX Rig base at TGTDCI valve station area, Madhabpur, Habiganj.	16,39,389/75	100 days	1000/-	1st class
E)	Construction of Retaining wall and Earth filling work for BAPEX Rig base at TGTDCI valve station area, Madhabpur, Habiganj.	14,00,977/-	90 days	1000/-	1st class
F)	Construction of Drain, Brick pavement in open yard etc. for BAPEX Rig base at TGTDCI valve station area, Madhabpur, Habiganj.	12,97,012/10	75 days	1000/-	1st class

2. Intending firms may obtain tender schedule (s) from the following offices as mentioned below from 19.11.95 to 30.11.95 during office hours on cash payment:

- i) Finance Department, Bangladesh Gas Fields Co Ltd., Court Road, Brahmanbaria.
- ii) Liaison Office, 97, Purana Paltan, Bijoynagar, Dhaka-1000.
- iii) Accounts Division, Petrobangla, 3, Kawranbazar, Dhaka.
- iv) Accounts Division, Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Co Ltd, Ibrahim Mansion (3rd floor), 11, Purana Paltan, Dhaka.
- v) Accounts and Finance Division, Titas Gas T&D Co Ltd, Titas Bhaban, 11, Kawranbazar, Dhaka.
- vi) Ruptantara Prakritik Gas Co. Ltd, BSEC Bhaban, Kawranbazar, Dhaka.
- vii) Accounts & Finance Division, Bakhrabad Gas Systems Ltd., Chapapur, Comilla.
- viii) Accounts Department, Jalalabad Gas T & D Systems Ltd., Ambarkhana, Barabazar, Sylhet.
- ix) Accounts & Finance Division, Sylhet Gas Fields Co Ltd., Chiknagool, Sylhet.

3. Tenders shall be received in the Tender Box kept in Civil Engineering Deptt of BGFLC, Court Road, Brahmanbaria and in other offices as mentioned in para 2 up to 11 AM on 03.12.95 and simultaneously be opened at 11.15. AM of the same day in presence of the tenderers, if any.

4. Tenderers must submit earnest money equivalent to 2.5% of their quoted amount along with their tender. If the quoted amount is less than the estimate beyond 5 per cent, the tender must accompany additional earnest money equivalent to 10 per cent of the quoted amount and itemwise detail rate-analysis for the work. The earnest money in favour of Bangladesh Gas Fields Co Ltd, Brahmanbaria will be in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.

5. Tenderers must also accompany the following:
- i) Copy of work-order of technically similar works completed in a single work-order with own supply of materials in the last five years amounting not less than the estimated cost shown in the tender notice along with completion-certificate from an Officer of rank not below the Executive Engineer.
 - ii) Current Bank Solvency certificate telling that the firm is capable to invest 40 per cent of the estimated cost of work at a time for execution of the works. Last two year Bank-statement are also required to be submitted.
 - iii) Income-Tax clearance certificate up to 1993-94, VAT registration certificate, upto date Trade Licence and Entitlement certificate.
6. All the certificates to be submitted along with the tender must be in original or duly attested by a Gazetted Officer.
7. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or reject all the tenders without showing any reason without accepting any liability.

PRS-9/066 (Civil)/95
DFP-27865-11/11
G-1704

Senior Manager (Planning and Development)

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

Invited Tender Notice
With Sealed Cover from BD Form No. 2911

1. Tender Notice : PRD 72/1995-96.
 2. Name of work : Extension of diversion road and plasingid at Lebukhali-Ferry ghat (North end) at 26th KM of Barisal-Patuakhali Road under Patuakhali Road Division during the year 1995-96.
 3. Estimated cost : Tk. 6,53,720/00.
 4. Earnest money : Tk. 13,074/00.
 5. Time allowed : 40 (Forty) days from the date of work order.
 6. Eligibility of contractors of RHD : "A" to "E" (General) Category.
 7. Name of Offices from where the tender documents will be available : Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barisal/Bhola/Perojpur/Planning & Design Division, Barisal/Planning Division, Dhaka the undersigned and all Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, under Road Division Patuakhali during office hours on all working days up to 19-11-95.
 8. The Officers who will receive the tenders (with sealed cover) : 1. The Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Barisal Zone Barisal.
2. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Barisal Circle, Barisal.
3. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (Road & Bridge), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.
4. Executive Engineer, RHD, Barisal/Bhola/Perojpur. The undersigned.
 9. Last date and time of dropping/receiving the tenders (with sealed cover) : Up to 12:30 PM 20-11-95 AD/6-8-1402 BS.
 10. Date and time of filing up the tenders (with sealed cover) : At 12:45 PM 20-11-95 AD/6-8-1402 BS.
 11. Date and time of opening the tenders : At 11:00 AM 25-11-95 AD/11-8-1402 BS.
 12. Date and time of lottery (if applicable) : At 12:30 PM 28-11-95 AD/14-8-1402 BS.
- A K M Reazul Islam
Executive Engineer, RHD,
Patuakhali Road Division,
Patuakhali.
- DFP-27771-9/11
G-1700

গবেষণা ও গ্রহণ কেন্দ্র
জাতীয় সম্প্রচার কর্তৃপক্ষ
রেডিও বাংলাদেশ
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ঢাকা-১০০০

গাড়ি বিক্রীর দরপত্র আহবান

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