

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)
Ferry Division, Tufkhana, Sylhet
Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No.	28/96-97 Dt 24-10-96				
2. Name of work	As per Group List				
3. Nature of contractor	1. A to C General Category of RHD. 2. D General of Dhaka Ferry Circle. 3. E General of Ferry Division, Sylhet.				
4. 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 Maintenance Division, Dhaka. 4. Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Ferry Circle, Dhaka.				
5. Name of offices to receive the 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 Maintenance Division, Dhaka.				
6. Last date of selling of tender documents	13-11-96 up to office hours.				
7. Last date and time of receiving tender	14-11-96 up to 12-00 Noon.				
8. Last date and time of opening tender	17-11-96 at 12-30 PM.				
9. If lowest tender is more than one then date and time of lottery	18-11-96 at 12-30 PM.				
10. Group List					
Group No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed for work from the date of work order.	Tender form no.
Group No-1	Supplying of spare parts for 75 HP Ford Engine propulsion unit under Ferry Division, Sylhet, during the year 1996-97.	Tk. 88,850/-	Tk. 1777/-	15 (Fifteen) days	Bangladesh Form No-2908.
Group No-2	Supplying of spare parts for 120 HP Hydromaster Ford Engine, 75 HP Ford Engine & propulsion unit under Ferry Division, Sylhet, during the year 1996-97.	Tk. 2,12,000/-	Tk. 4240/-	-Do-	-Do-
Group No-3	Repair the Toyota Land-Cruiser Jeep No. Sunamganj KA-8c of Sunamganj Road Division during the year 1996-97.	Tk. 1,40,475/-	Tk. 2810/-	20 (Twenty) days.	Form No-29 11.

Golam Mowla
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Eighteen factories allegedly producing fake fertilizer

From Atiur Rahman

JESSORE, Nov 2: As many as 18 factories in the district were recently found producing fake zinc sulphate chemical fertilizer.

According to traders a total of 40,000 metric tons of fake zinc sulphate chemical fertilizers produced from the factories have been supplied to various markets in northern, southern and south-western zones of the country for marketing.

A group of chemical engineers, when contacted told this correspondent that the ingredients needed to produce this fertilizer include zinc minerals, sulphuric acid and other chemicals. Zinc minerals are most important ingredient for making the fertilizer.

No such fertilizer can be produced without this item, they informed.

Zinc mineral is only imported and not produced in the country. Surprisingly, not a single factory out of 18 in the district has ever imported it so far. Still they are keeping on their production unhampered.

Reports received from sources, say that these factories are using worst form of am-

monium sulphate ballary's ashes, crude salt zipsium and sulphuric acid in its production and not the zinc minerals.

According to experts' opinion, this brand of fertilizer produced without zinc minerals will do more harm to crops and soil.

When contacted a group of farmers, who are in the habit of using this brand of fertilizer complained that rate of crop production and soil fertility were diminishing alarmingly following regular use of this fake zinc sulphate chemical fertilizer.

It is alleged that all these factories are running without supervision of any chemical engineer.

Allegations also say that not a single factory out of 18 in the district have ever obtained chemical and radiated test reports from Atomic Research Centre or anywhere in the country on their quality control.

A thorough investigative check-up of Noapara market, one of the biggest fertilizer markets, will unveil the mystery.

A number of factories out of

18 in the district are marketing this fake, chemical fertilizer under the trade mark, *white plough*. This trade mark was allotted by the authority to a fertilizer factory in Dhaka.

The factories which were allegedly detected to have been producing fake chemical fertilizer are as follows:

(1) Russel Corporation (2) Jamuna Corporation (3) Russel Agro-Chemicals, (4) Dewan Agro-Chemical Industries (5) Himel Agro-Chemical Industries (6) Rita Corporation (7) Silver Line (8) Toru Enterprise (9) AF Agro-Chemicals (10) Chaklader Trade. All these factories are situated in Jail Road in Jessore now.

(11) Nishita Corporation, New Town, Jessore, (12) Meghdut Agro-Chemical at Noapara (13) Crown Agro-Chemicals at Churamankati (14) Royal Agro-Chemical, at Jhinkergacha (15) Al-Amin Agro-Chemicals at Noapara (16) Agro-Chemical Industries at Hashimpur (17) MK Agro-Chemicals at Bahadurpur (18) Sufa Agro-Chemical and M H Agro-Chemicals both at Sahapur.

On enquiring it was learnt from Management of Russel

Corporation, Jamuna Corporation and Royal Agro-Chemical Fertilizer factories that neither of the factories import zinc minerals for manufacturing of fertilizer nor they have any chemist appointed by the factories.

A source said that a three-member high-powered team from Agriculture Ministry visited the Royal Agro-Chemical Industries besides, one at Rajganj to investigate into their preparation of this fertilizer.

The team also found that zinc fertilizer were being prepared by some laymen without formula and the owner, Mofizur Rahman, was out of station during the investigation, the source said.

The team was able to prove that neither they imported zinc nor they appointed any chemist to supervise the production of the fertilizer.

It was also learnt that some other factories have already stopped production following detection of fake fertilizer by the farmers and visit to some of the factories by the investigation team.

Toxic pesticides flood markets in Magura

MAGURA, Nov 2: Toxic Indian pesticides have flooded the local markets threatening environment and creating health hazards, health and environment officials alleged, reports UNB.

A section of traders have been selling Indian pesticides on the very nose of the law enforcing agencies in various huts and bazars of the district, they said.

Smuggled pesticides include Thiodin, Atrionol, XN-50 powder and Malassate.

Local agriculture officials said these pesticides have adverse effects on land and environment reducing land fertility and destroying local species of fishes.

Local leaders have urged the authority concerned to take proper initiative against the smugglers and illegal traders immediately for the sake of maintaining fertility of land and for better environment.

One to die for murder

FENI, Nov 2: A man has been awarded death penalty, first of its kind in the district, for murdering his hexagenarian father at a village in Sonagazi thana in 1995, reports UNB.

Additional Sessions Judge Ruhul Amin Khandaker, in his judgement on Thursday, convicted Shamsul Huda of Sujapur village for killing his father, Abdus Sobhan, 60.

According to the prosecution story, Abdus Sobhan was copped to death by his son Shamsul Huda on April 16, 1995, when he tried to refrain him from cutting a tree at the yard of his house.

Bibi Marium, daughter of the deceased, filed a case against her brother with Sonagazi thana on the same day and, later, police chargesheeted Shamsul Huda.

After examining witnesses and evidences, the Judge delivered the verdict.

Retired professor killed in Tangail

TANGAIL, Nov 2: Abdul Jalil, a retired professor and chief of Zoology Department of Sadat University College was allegedly murdered by some unknown miscreants at Khudirampur under sadar thana of the district Thursday night.

Police said, at about 8.30 pm some unknown miscreants allegedly attacked him with sharp weapons at the Louh-ajur river bank, beside his residence while he was returning home from Koratia Bazar. He received injuries in his chest.

He was declared dead by doctor on duty after he was taken to the General Hospital Tangail.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Arboriculture Public Works Division, Dhaka
Tender Invitation Notice

No. 22/96-97

1. Sealed tenders are invited from only those Public Works Directorate enlisted special first class/first class/Public Works Directorate, Dhaka Zone enlisted 2nd class/Public Works Circle-1 enlisted 3rd class (building) contractors who have satisfactorily completed arboriculture development work worth minimum Tk 5,00 (five) lakh under Arboriculture Public Works Division, Dhaka, for the undermentioned work.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned & all Executive Engineers under Dhaka Public Works Circle-1 as well as Executive Engineer, Eden Building Public Works Division, Dhaka in their respective office chambers simultaneously on 14.11.96 up to 12.00 Noon and opened on the same day at 12.15 PM.

2. Name of work : Arboriculture developmental work at Feni Circuit House premise during 1996-97 financial year.

3. Estimated cost : Tk 2,68,903/-

4. Earnest money : Tk 5,378/-

5. The work should be finished within 30 (thirty) days.

6. Tender document consisting Bangladesh Form No. 2911, schedule of work, special terms & conditions etc can be seen & purchased at usual price (Non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned & Executive Engineer, Public Works Division-1/2/City/Eden Building Public Works Division, Dhaka up to office hours of 13.11.96.

Abu Mozaffar Hossain
Executive Officer
Arboriculture Public Works Division
Dhaka.

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Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD
Feni Road Division, Feni
Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No 2911 from 'A' to 'E' general/special category enlisted contractors of RHD eligible as per financial limits and jurisdiction of enlistment:

- Tender Notice No: 07/96-97 (FRD).
- Name of works: Repair and seal coat, earth work and construction of RCC box culvert at different KM of different roads under Feni Road Division during the year 1996-97 in 11 (eleven) groups as per group list.
- Name of offices from where tender documents can be purchased: Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Feni/Noakhali/Laxmipur/Planning & Design Divn, Comilla/Planning Division (P&D), Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka and all Sub-Divisions under Feni Road Division.
- Name of offices where the tender will be received: Addl Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone, Comilla/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Noakhali Road Circle, Noakhali/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Feni Road Division, Feni.
- Last date of selling of tender: 12-11-96 Eng/28-7-1403 Bang. during office hours only.
- Last date of receipt of tender: 13-11-96 Eng/29-7-1403 Bang. up to 12-30 PM.
- Time and date of opening of tender: 17-11-96 Eng/3-8-1403 Bang. at 11-00 AM.
- Time and date of lottery: 21-11-96 at 11-00 AM.
- Description of works: As per list.

Group No.	Name of works with location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Category of contractors	Time for comp. of work
1.	Repair and seal coat at 95th (p), 100th & 101st (p) KM of Dhaka-Chittagong Trunk Road under Feni Road Division, during the year 1996-97. Ch. to 168-RBF.	Tk. 10,72,662/-	Tk. 21453/-	'A' to 'D' general category	30 days.
2.	-do- -do- -do- Repair and seal coat at 83rd (p), 96th and 93rd (p) KM of Dhaka-Chittagong Trunk Road. Ch. to 168-RBF.	Tk. 10,35,334/-	Tk. 20707/-	-do-	30 days.
3.	-do- -do- -do- Repair and carpeting with seal coat at 91st (p) (Chagalnaiya Bazar portion) of Dhaka-Chittagong Trunk Road. Ch. to 168-RBF.	Tk. 5,44,556/-	Tk. 10891/-	'A' to 'E' general category	35 days.
4.	-do- -do- -do- Painting of steel trusses and seal coat on deck slab at Bridge No. 94/1 at 94th KM of Dhaka-Chittagong Trunk Road. Ch. to 168-RBF.	Tk. 3,47,551/-	Tk. 6911/-	-do-	35 days.
5.	-do- -do- -do- Repair and carpeting seal coat at 1st KM (p) of Panchgachia-Dewanganj Road. Ch. to 168-RBF.	Tk. 11,64,682/-	Tk. 231794/-	'A' to 'D' general category	40 days.
6.	-do- -do- -do- Repair and seal coat at 74th(p), 75th and 76th(p) KM of Feni by-pass road. Ch. to 168-RBF.	Tk. 12,33,123/-	Tk. 24,662/-	-do-	30 days.
7.	-do- -do- -do- Extension of residential building for Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, at Mohipal RHD compound. Ch to 168-RBF.	Tk. 21,53,106/-	Tk. 43,062/-	-do-	20 days.
8.	-do- -do- -do- Earth work in road embankment at 11th(p) & 12th(p) KM of Feni-Parshuram-Belonia Road. Ch to 266-Development.	Tk. 6,30,565/-	Tk. 12,611/-	'A' to 'E' general category	30 days.
9.	-do- -do- -do- Repair and seal coat of Fulgazi bridge approaches at 15th(p) & 16th(p) KM of Feni-Parshuram-Belonia Road. Ch to 266-Development.	Tk. 5,32,231/-	Tk. 10,645/-	-do-	30 days.
10.	-do- -do- -do- Repair and seal coat at diff bridge & culvert approaches of Feni-Parshuram-Belonia Road. Ch to 266-Development.	Tk. 2,71,788/-	Tk. 5,436/-	-do-	25 days.
11.	-do- -do- -do- Construction of 6.10 metre span RCC Box culvert at 4th KM (Gap No 4/1) of Fulgazi-Box Mohammad Road. Ch. to 266-Development.	Tk. 24,70,810/-	Tk. 49,418/-	'A' to 'D' Spl category	150 days.

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Feni Road Division, Feni.

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Arms, ammunition seized: Absconder, among 4, arrested

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Nov 2: Kotwali Police arrested four armed miscreants along with their leader and recovered two firearms and 11 live cartridges of rifles from Dogachia under Churamankati union of Kotwali thana in the district on Wednesday last.

According to Police, acting on a tip-off that a notorious criminal Anwarul and his gang members were staying at the house of Latif at Dogachi, a contingent of police led by Sub-Inspector (SI) Enayet Hossain and SI Shahid, made a pre-dawn swoop on Latif's house but all in vain. Latif was not found there. Police on the basis of a secret report moved towards a nearby bar to find out their dens. After a short while, when police reached almost closer to the criminals' den, they opened several rounds of fire on the police and preparing to flee away. But police opened fire in self return and captured only four of them including gang leader Latif.

Police also recovered from them two revolvers, five rounds of rifle bullets and six round of cartridges before they fled. The arrested persons were Latif, Ali, Liaquat and Amr Ali, all of the same union.

Latif was absconding for a long time. He was wanted in a number of cases.

Between Teestamuk & Bahadurabad Rly ferry services face closure

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Nov 2: Railway ferry services between Teestamuk ghat and Bahadurabad ghat is facing closure any time due to unnecessary delay in shifting Teestamuk ghat from Fulchhari to a point where it can operate smoothly.

According to Railway marine department, existing location of Teestamuk ghat at Fulchhari is no more feasible for the smooth movement of ferry boats as innumerable shoals have developed at different points through out the six kilometres long channel from Kalasona char to Fulchhari.

With sharp decrease in water level in Brahmaputra basin, ferry channel lost its navigable depth. As a result ferry boats occasionally run aground at different points along the silted channel. It became more difficult during night time. All the night ferry boats often remain stranded for hours together.

From last few years, Railway marine department has been facing immense trouble to restore ferry services from Fulchhari to Bahadurabad.

During lean period the situation worsens. Despite frequent alarms raised by the marine department Teestamuk ghat could not be shifted to a safe place from Fulchhari due to political issue. With a view to serving political purposes local member of parliament reportedly has been creating hindrance against the shifting of Teestamuk ghat.

Last year, Railway Department experts had selected Balashi point as a suitable location for shifting of the Teestamuk ghat. Accordingly, they suggested for the construction of nine kilometres track from Trimoehni Railway station to Balashi. The authority however allocated adequate fund for the implementation of the work.

However, the local member of parliament ignoring the decision of Railway authority allegedly urged to deploy two dredgers pursuing higher authority for removal of silts at Kalasona point and tried to restore ferry services from Fulchhari. The dredgers, however, operated during the whole lean period but it virtually yielded no positive result. The main channel was again silted up soon after dredging was stopped.

This year Railway authority chalked out another plan in

Metropolitan



Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad speaking at a discussion meet on Jail Killing Day in the city yesterday. — Star photo

What's on today

Discussion on Jail Killing Day: In observance of Jail Killing Day, Bangladesh Awami League has arranged a discussion meeting. Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Venue: Engineers Institute auditorium. Time: 3 pm.

Poster exhibition: A week-long poster exhibition, titled 'I am you: Artists against violence and xenophobia' will begin. Venue: Drik Gallery, House No: 58, Rd No: 15A, Dhanmondi. Time: 3pm-7pm.

Film show: As part of a retrospective of British films, 'Our Man in Havana' will be screened. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 5 pm.

Discussion on US Elections '96: A discussion session on 'US Elections '96', organised by the Department of Political Science, DU, will be held. Main speaker: USIA Director Donald M Bishop. Chief guest: AK Azad Chowdhury, VC, DU. Venue: IBA auditorium, DU. Time: 11 am.

Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Officers Club, Baily Road. Time: 5:15 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhanmondi: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Hotel Sunamganj. Time: 5:30 pm.

Weather

Dry weather forecast

Weather is likely to remain dry with partly cloudy sky across the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office said night temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period throughout the country.

The country's highest temperature, 32.0 degree Celsius, was recorded at Dhaka and Sylhet while the lowest, 20.2 degrees at Sylhet.

The sun sets today at 05:18 pm and rises tomorrow at 06:07 am.

President's call to remove unrest from campus

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday called upon the country's distinguished educationists and other enlightened people to find a way to remove unrest from the campus, reports UNB.

"A section of students is the victim of social unrest," the President told the National Education Conference in the morning.

"Development of Female Education" was the topic of discussion of the conference, organised by the Education Ministry at the National Museum auditorium on the occasion of the National Education Week '96.

Inaugurating the conference, President Shahabuddin drew the attention of the country's educationists and intellectuals to the "highly disastrous consequences of erosion of our social values."

The President said that the reason of such erosion was not merely illiteracy and poverty. "Social unrest is taking the society to an uncertain future," he added.

He said: There is no alternative to education for achieving national progress and prosperity. Education is essential for building a healthy society and flourishing democratic thoughts and ideas.

But the President regretted that at the fag end of the 20th century, "we have to say that we could not reach the light of education to everyone in the country."

He emphasised on the implementation of the present government's commitment to reach education to all within next 10 years.

He said curriculum and text books have been changed and updated to make education people-oriented and improve its standard.

"Now our main task is to speed up the education programme throughout the country according to the revised curriculum and text books and make it a success."

The President said development of female education is essential for the overall progress of the country.

Addressing the function, Education Minister ASHK Sadique said education can put the foundation of equal rights between man and woman. "Programmes have been taken up to achieve the goal."

He emphasised on changing the education system considering the country's need and economic condition. The minister, in this regard, said a survey should be conducted to find out "our real needs."

DU freshers reception held

By DU Correspondent

The orientation ceremony of the freshers of the departments of Sociology, Political Science and Economics under the Social Science Faculty of the Dhaka University was held yesterday at the TSC auditorium.

BSA annual art exhibition in Dec

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) will organise the 12th annual Art Exhibition '96 in the city in December, said an official announcement yesterday, reports UNB.

Interested artists, aged above 22 years, are requested to submit colour photographs or colour slides of their works at the Academy office by November 10.

Details of the exhibition will be available at the office of the director of the Academy's Art Department.

Nat'l Youth Day observed

Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim called for materialising the dream of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman through rehabilitating the youths, reports UNB.

The Minister was addressing as chief guest at a cultural function arranged on the occasion of National Youth Day at the outer stadium in the city yesterday.

"We should try to materialise the dreams of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman through creating employment opportunities for the unemployed youths so that they may not become drug addict or hijackers," he added.

The function was also addressed by State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader. State Minister for Labour and Manpower Abdul Mannan was also present.