

Separate land port authority for Benapole demanded

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Mar 2: The decision of government, announced recently to form Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA) with all land ports of the country including that of Benapole, has triggered dissension among all involved in Benapole-based export and import trades.

According to information, they have reportedly welcomed government decision to form BLPA for which they were fighting since long.

But at the same time, they have also expressed concern about how quickly and effectively problems of Benapole Land Port will be dealt with under the proposed BLPA if its central office is set up in Dhaka.

According to statistical report, at present 90 per cent of total trade between Bangladesh and India is being carried through Benapole Land Port. Rest 10 per cent is being transacted through other points including Darsana, Vomra, Sona Masjid, Hili, Burimari, Akhaura and Tamabil.

So from business point of view separate land port authority for Benapole deserves to be considered. Though nothing

has yet been known about body structure of BLPA, the local chamber of commerce and industries, Benapole Land Customs C&F Agents Association, importer-exporter and business magnets have reacted to this decision. The arguments labelled by them in support of their reactions say that if office of BLPA is established in Dhaka to conduct affairs of all land ports from there it will create problems for Benapole. Its export and import will suffer adversely affecting revenue earnings.

Presently national earnings from Benapole port is 500 crores per year.

Situation of Calcutta one of the biggest industrial cities in India is closest to Benapole, being only 80 kilometre in distance.

Besides, it is connected with better facilities of communication and this is the factor that attracts all to prefer this land port to any of the country.

In careful consideration of this record and despite all opposition, government decided to reopen Jessore-Benapole railway shortly for shipment of imported cargo.

Meanwhile, strength of personnel of Customs Department at Benapole, has been enlarged. Office of Commissioner Customs, has been set up at Jessore much ago.

Long pending construction work of truck terminal at Benapole has begun. Capacity of warehouses has been extended to accommodate mounting imported cargo. By-pass road at Benapole is due to start soon. These facilities are not available in any land port of the country.

Demand for raising Benapole to a full pledged land port by forming Benapole Land Port Authority by local people is a history of long struggle.

It was suppressed during the previous government. Now as port of political commitment, the present government has announced the formation of BLPA.

Benapole Port in now controlled from Mongla Port Authority (MPA). It is 150 kilometres away from here involving much time and extra-expense.

All concerned need to go all the way from here to Mongla in case of any problems.

So, it will bring no material benefit to Benapole Port if the office of BLPA is set up in Dhaka.

This problem can easily be removed if a separate land port authority for Benapole is set up or central office of proposed BLPA is located at Jessore.

Immediate attention of the government is drawn to this issue.



SYLHET: The Prince of Wales receiving the gold key of Sylhet Poursava from Badaruddin Kamran, Chairman of the Poursava at a civic reception accorded to him here recently. Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Minister for Telegraph & Telephone Mohammad Nasim are also seen. — Star photo

'Illegal occupation' of govt bldg protested

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Mar 2: The students of Kushtia Islamia College staged a demonstration and brought out a procession in protest against alleged illegal occupation of a government building, adjacent to District Registry Office by an Awami League leader Akkas Ali Monju owner of Balaka Press and former General Secretary of Family Planning Association, Bangladesh (FPAB), Kushtia Branch. The students held rally recently. The students ransacked the room which was renovated by Akkas Ali for using the same as Balaka Press and set it on fire. Fire Brigade extinguished the fire.

It was learnt that Kushtia Islamia College was demanding the Registry Office and its adjoining area for expansion of college from 1991 and the district administration agreed to their proposal.

Meanwhile, after Awami League came to power Akkas Ali Monju allegedly tried to occupy the building with the help of high officials and powerful Awami League leaders.

It is also reported that Akkas Ali Monju who almost severed connection with Awami League before it came into power has been appointed member of fertiliser dealers and distribution committee.

The students alleged that the corrupt Awami League leader is in good grace of Tojael Ahmed, Minister for Industries.

Later the students handed over a memorandum containing their demand for allotment of the building in favour of Kushtia Islamia College to the Deputy Commissioner.

Chicken pox in Majidee Court

MAIJDEE COURT (Noakhali), Mar 2: Chicken pox has broken out in different areas of the district in an alarming proportion, reports UNB.

The disease has taken a serious turn in Begunganj, Compaungyan and Sadar thanas of the district and affected several hundred people.

Meanwhile, a number of people are suffering from rheumatic fever in the district and the disease is spreading day by day.

Hospital sources said the rheumatic patients are being admitted to thana Health Complex and General Hospitals in increasing numbers.

Boy killed in road mishap

FENI, Mar 2: A boy was killed and 15 people were injured in a road accident on Feni-Majidi road at South Kashempur in the district Friday, reports UNB.

Police said Jamal Hossain, 13, met the tragic end of his life when a Dhaka bound coaster fell into a roadside ditch at 11 am.

Of the injured, 11 were admitted to Feni Hospital.

Bir Shrestha Rouf's contributions recalled

NANIARCHAR (Rangamati), Mar 2: The Director General of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) Major General Mohammad Azizur Rahman Bir Uttam Saturday said that the contribution and dedication of Bir Shrestha Rouf during the Liberation War would continue to inspire the posterity to build a prosperous 'Sonar Bangla' in the days to come, reports BSS.

He was speaking at a function held in connection with the 25th anniversary of the Liberation War where a monument was dedicated to Bir Shrestha Rouf at Burighat under Naniarchar thana of Rangamati district Saturday. The Director General said, the then EPR (today's BDR) being inspired with immeasurable patriotism had initiated first the sloop upon the attacking force at the beginning of Liberation War.

Two of EPR (BDR) personnel were awarded gallantry award of Bir Shrestha in recognition of the heroism they showed during the Liberation War. Bir Shrestha Shahid Munsif Abdur Rouf is one of them, General Rahman said. The nation would remember all the martyrs with deep esteem.

In this regard, he also remembered with deep regards Dayal Krishna Chakma, a resident of this locality, who taking risk of his life buried the body of Bir Shrestha Munsif Abdur Rouf and later helped BDR personnel to locate the Bir Shrestha's grave.

Paksey Paper Mills facing sweet water crisis

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Mar 2: The North Bengal Paper Mills of Paksey in Pabna district, the only mill of its kind in the whole of Rajshahi division, has been faced with an acute crisis of 'sweet' water due to appearance of vast shoals in the river Padma.

The mill authorities, in view of the above problem, have been compelled to take up dredging of the river Padma and create deep-pond for pumping out water and transit the same to the factory of the mill for meeting their needs. They would keep the mill running and avoid its temporary closure, the authority said.

An official of the mill, on condition of anonymity, told The Daily Star Saturday that dredging on a massive scale would involve an extra expenditure to the tune of about Taka one crore. The authorities, however, had the idea that no dredging would be required this year in view of the increased availability of water in the Padma following the signing of the water treaty agreement between the governments of Bangladesh and India, the source said.

The sources added that the above hope was frustrating as the level of water did not rise following the agreement and its implementation two months back. The flow of water however increased according to the terms of the agreement.

The source further added that as the river Padma was flowing through, the Bheramara side and not through Paksey side the North Bengal Paper Mill would find no end of its sufferings created every year for want of water during the lean season. The official stated that due to the above reason, the extra loss to the tune of Taka one crore would have to be borne annually, it is being apprehended.

Meanwhile, due to the increased flow of water in the Padma, the problem of plying of ferries between Paksey and Bheramara did not face any disruption this year unlike the previous years. But as the channel of the river is narrow

Bangladesh Telegraph & Telephone Board

Office of the Chief Superintendent (P&D)
Telecommunication Building, 37/E, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000

Tender Notice

No DBP/1-7/96-97

Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited from Bangladesh Telegraph & Telephone Board enlisted 'A' (first) class contractors for the undermentioned works.

Tender schedule will be available on cash payment of the price (non-refundable) mentioned against work from Accounts Section (Room No 235) of this office, office of Divisional Engineer, Building Construction, Gulshan, Dhaka & Divisional Engineer, Building Construction, Khalishpur, Khulna on all working days during office hours every day from 9-3-97 to 15-3-97.

Tender schedule will be received by this office (Room No 230) and office of Divisional Engineer, Building Construction, Khalishpur, Khulna up to 12:00 Noon of 16-3-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM before the tenderers or their representatives (if any) present. It may be noted that the name of each work should be superscribed separately on the envelope at the time of submitting tender.

Required papers as per terms & conditions described in the schedule along with earnest money at the rate 2% (two-and-half per cent) of the quoted rate in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft in favour of Divisional Engineer, Building Construction, Khulna must be deposited with the tender.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

Serial No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Price of tender schedule (nonrefundable)	Time limit for completion of work
1.	Vertical extension of Barisal Administrative Building (2nd floor)	Tk 30,62,951/=	Tk 1,000/=	120 days
2.	Vertical extension of Kushtia Telecom Building (4th floor)	Tk 31,29,873/=	Tk 1,000/=	120 days

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Phone: 834188

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Facilities Department
Madaripur Zone, Madaripur

Tender Notice

No. 22/FD/MZ/96-97

Scaled tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are invited from Facilities Department enlisted contractors for finishing the unfinished work of Science Building of the undermentioned college under the Project Development of Selected Govt Degree College (80 colleges) with stress on Science Education.

Group No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (in Taka)	Price of tender document (in Taka)	Class of enlistment	Time limit for completion of work
01.	Work of finishing the unfinished work of Science Building of Sheikh Lutful Rahman Ideal College under Kotlipara Thana of Gopalganj district	17,27,041/=	750/=	A/A-1	6 (six) months

Tender document can be purchased at prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned as well as Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Dhaka/Mymensingh/Tangail/Narayanganj Zone & Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Gopalganj/Shariatpur district on all working days during office hours up to 16-3-97.

Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned as well as Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Dhaka/Mymensingh/Tangail/Narayanganj Zone & Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Gopalganj/Shariatpur district up to 12-30 PM of 18-3-97 and opened on the same day at 1-00 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost must be submitted with the tender in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of "Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Madaripur Zone, Madaripur."

The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

Instructions:

- Tenderer should purchase the tender from the abovementioned offices subject to production of 1995-96 financial year renewal fee paid original registration book.
- Any contractor submitting more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost, his tender will be treated as cancelled outright.
- Bill will be paid to the contractor subject to receipt of allotment. But the contractor shall be bound to complete the work within the prescribed time.
- VAT & Income Tax will be deducted as per Govt rules.

Abdus Salam Khan
Executive Engineer
Facilities Department
Madaripur Zone, Madaripur

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Bangladesh Navy

Notice of Tender

Military Engineer Services

Annex-B'
DW & CE (Navy)
Lalashari Nabik Colony
Mirpur-14, Dhaka-1206
Itr No.605/BN/2/82/E-6
Dated 22 Feb 97.

- Applications are hereby invited by DW & CE (Navy), Lalashari Nabik Colony, Mirpur-14, Dhaka-1206 for issue of Tender documents up to 11 March '97 for the following works:
 - Replacement of glazed tiles (white colour) of the existing swimming pool at NHQ Complex, Dhaka.
 - Repair/replacement of wall board, ceiling, electric fittings/fixtures of CNS's office room, conference room, PS room & flag LT room (Bldg No. 53) at NHQ Complex, Dhaka.
- MES enlisted contractor may apply for tender documents mentioning their Index number and VAT registration number for the works according to their tendering capacity.

Md Mahbubur Rahman
XEN
SO-II (Works)
For DW & CE (Navy)

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Public Works Division, Rangpur

PWD Tender Notice

No-9/1996-97

- Scaled tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are invited from PWD enlisted and approved contractors/firms as per eligibility for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned and offices of all Executive Engineers under Rangpur Public Works Circle up to 12:00 Noon of 11/3/97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM before the tenderers (if any) present.
- Name of work : Earth filling work at Badarganj Fire Service & Civil Defence Station premises under Rangpur District (1996-97).
- Estimated cost : Taka 5,89,912/-
- Earnest money : Taka 11,799/=

Other description and all terms & conditions, schedule, etc. can be seen & collected from the office of the undersigned and offices of all Executive Engineers under Public Works Circle, Rangpur and office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Works Sub-Division-1/2/EM, Rangpur under this Division up to 5:00 PM of 10/3/97 during office hours.

Md. Rafiqul Islam
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division, Rangpur

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
নির্বাচিত বেসরকারী মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়ের নবায়ন ও উন্নয়ন প্রকল্প
মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর
বাংলাদেশ, ঢাকা
টেক্সট বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-মাউশি/নবাঃউঃপ্রঃ/ক্রঃ/২১/৯৬/৩৫৭

পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

(৪র্থ বার আহ্বান)

মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর শিক্ষা ভবন, ঢাকা-এর অধীনে বাস্তবায়নধীন "নির্বাচিত বেসরকারী মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়ের নবায়ন ও উন্নয়ন" শীর্ষক প্রকল্পের বিদ্যালয়ের জন্য বৈজ্ঞানিক যন্ত্রপাতি ক্রয় করিবার জন্য প্রকৃত এজেন্ট/বিতরণকারী/ডিলার/সরবরাহকারীদের কাছ থেকে নির্বাচিত করমে সীলমোহরকৃত টেন্ডার আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

টেন্ডার দলিল সেট ক্রয়ের জন্য টেন্ডারদাতাকে প্রকল্প পরিচালক, "নির্বাচিত বেসরকারী মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়ের নবায়ন ও উন্নয়ন" শীর্ষক প্রকল্প, মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর, শিক্ষা ভবন (৬ষ্ঠ তলা), ঢাকা/সহকারী সচিব, উন্নয়ন শাখা, ভবন নং-৬, কক্ষ নং-১৮০১/১, শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা-এর বরাবর দরপত্রসহ নগদ ৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা পরিশোধপূর্বক ০৯-০৩-৯৭ইং তারিখ হইতে ১২-০৩-৯৭ইং পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নলিখিত তিনটি প্যাকেজে যথা:

- প্যাকেজ-১ পদার্থ বিদ্যা
- প্যাকেজ-২ রসায়ন শাস্ত্র
- প্যাকেজ-৩ জীব বিদ্যা

প্রকল্প পৃথকভাবে প্যাকেজ ভিত্তিক টেন্ডার সিদ্ধিউল ক্রয় করা যাইবে। প্রকল্প পরিচালক, "নির্বাচিত বেসরকারী মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়ের নবায়ন ও উন্নয়ন" শীর্ষক প্রকল্প-এর অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন সিদ্ধিউল ব্যাংক হইতে ব্যাংক ডাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে ১,২০,০০০/- (এক লক্ষ বিশ হাজার) টাকা মাত্র আর্নেস্টম্যানি প্রত্যেক টেন্ডারের সহিত অবশ্যই সংযুক্ত করিয়া দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

বিভসমূহ নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী, শিক্ষা ভবন, ঢাকা/সহকারী সচিব, উন্নয়ন শাখা, ভবন নং-৬, কক্ষ নং-১৮০১/১, শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা-এর অফিসে ২৪-০৩-৯৭ইং তারিখে সকাল ১০টা হইতে দুপুর ১২টা পর্যন্ত পৃষ্ঠীত হইবে এবং একই দিনে ১২-০৩ টায় বিজ্ঞপ্তির উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। খোলা হইবে।

টেন্ডার দলিল জমাধানের সময় যে সমস্ত সনদপত্র/কাগজপত্র জমা দিতে হইবে সেইগুলি প্যাকেজ অনুসারে সিদ্ধিউলে উল্লেখ থাকিবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ সর্বনিম্ন বিদ্য গ্রহণে বাধ্য নন এবং কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সকল বিদ্য গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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রৌহানা-নূব
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD

Road Division, Khulna

Phone-720578

Notice Inviting Tender of RHD

Tender in sealed cover in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 along with tender documents are hereby invited from eligible (RHD) general category contractor according to the financial limit. The tender documents can be purchased from the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna Division/Executive Engineer, (RHD), Road Division, Khulna/Jessore/Bagerhat/Satkhira/Planning (Road & Bridge) Division, Dhaka/Planning & Design Division, Khulna and all Sub-Division offices under Khulna Road Division on all working days except Govt holidays up to 13.3.97. Tenders will be received in the offices of the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna Division/Add. Chief Engineer, (RHD), Khulna Zone. Khulna/ Superintending Engineer, (RHD), Road Circle, Khulna/Jessore/Superintending Engineer, (RHD), Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, (RHD), Road Division, Khulna/Bagerhat/Satkhira on 16.3.97 up to 12:30 PM to send the tender to the office of the undersigned in sealed cover state. Tenders received from abovementioned offices will be opened on 23.3.97 at 11:00 AM in the office of the undersigned in presence of tenderer who may like to remain present. Intending tenderers are requested to mentioned the name of work and tender Notice No on the sealed envelope containing the tender.

Tender Notice No.	Description of work	Estimated cost (In Taka)	Earnest money (In Taka)	Time allowed (In days)	Category of Contractor
31.	Construction of flexible pavement including breaking existing middle island at 57th(P), 58th & 59th(P) km of Jessore-Khulna Road	Tk 35,92,405/-	Tk 71,848/-	60 (Sixty) days	"A" to "C" General category
32.	Re-construction of damaged portion at 1st(P), 2nd(P) & 3rd(P) km of Greater Khulna Road.	Tk 22,74,317/-	Tk 45,486/-	45 (Forty five) days	"A" to "D" General category
33.	Construction of flexible pavement at 39th(P), 42nd(P) & 48th(P) km Bazar portion of Jessore-Khulna Road.	Tk 19,22,000/-	Tk 38,440/-	40 (Forty) days	-Do-
34.	Repairing footpath pavement by carpeting method & painting from 34th km to 59th km of Jessore-Khulna Road	Tk 12,56,970/-	Tk 25,139/-	30 (Thirty) days	-Do-

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