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Technical and service sectors at ZIA upgraded

Star Report

The technical and service sectors at the Zia International Airport (ZIA) have been upgraded providing more facilities to a wide-range of customers.

Concerned officials pointed out that services at ZIA could be improved to the level of any modern international airport if the ongoing process of development is continued further.

The airport has now been equipped with advanced landing system for aircraft and automatic message switching system.

According to airport sources, the installation of more conveyor belts, immigration counters and Close Circuit Television (CCTV) would provide the passengers with better service.

A mobile court with two magistrates under the direct supervision of the ZIA Director Wing Commander Abu Zafar Chowdhury has been set up to resist various types of crimes like trespassing, illegal dealing of currency, unauthorised parking and committing public nuisance.

Complaints of harassing

passengers in customs hall and canopy area had stopped as the authorities of the airport took initiative of resisting unwanted people in and around the airport. Iron fences have been set up around the parking areas so that passengers do not face problems in arrival and departure lounges, airport officials added.

Besides, the ZIA authorities conducted a special drive to restrict the parking area and ousted the cab drivers, who did not have valid documents for operating from the airport.

An airlines official said a lot of improvements have been made in the airport. Airlines Operating Committee has thanked the ZIA Director for initiating and implementing development works in the airport.

Besides, initiative has also been taken to increase the number of check-in counters in the departure lounge to facilitate all the 16 airlines operating at the ZIA so that they could provide better services to its customers, sources at the Civil Aviation Authority of

Bangladesh (CAAB) said. Meanwhile airport security has been tightened. Smuggling through ZIA has been checked.

A huge quantity of gold amounting crores of taka was recovered from different passengers during last one year which amply proved the improved security system of the ZIA, officials at customs and security sections said.

In the biggest-ever gold haul, a consignment of smuggled gold worth about Taka eight crore was seized at ZIA in September last year.

With the introduction of Category-II Instrument Landing System (ILS), the diversion of flights to other airports mainly to Calcutta and Bangkok would not be needed.

The ILS is a precision instrument approach system which normally consists of some electronic components and visual aids like localizer, glide slope, outer and middle markers and approach lights.

Since its inception in 1980, the runway of the ZIA was equipped with Category-I ILS which provided for approach to

a height above ground of not less than 200-feet and with runway visual range of not less than 1800-feet. Pilots often faced difficulties at the ZIA as the visibility range often reduces less than 1800-feet during winter fog, mist and haze, said a CAAB official.

The introduction of Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS) would facilitate the control tower to automatically transmit the messages about the flights departing ZIA to other airports and arriving flights, airport sources said.

A new lighting system covering runway and taxi ways was in the process of installation at the airport, said airport sources adding that it was likely to come under operation within a couple of months.

Besides the upgradation of facilities at the airport, the welfare unit under the ZIA Director's office took up welfare activities of distributing warm clothes, blankets and sarees during Eid and Pujia holidays among the daily-basis employees of CAAB, airport sources added.

Matia tells BJRI meet

Enhance jute sector research standard to lure foreign aid

Minister for Agriculture and Food Matia Chowdhury yesterday urged the researchers to enhance standard of research in the jute sector to bring foreign aid in a competitive global situation, reports BSS.

The donors, particularly the pioneers of free market economy have increased research allocation in their respective countries, but reduced for the least developed countries. The fund would be available if we enhance our standard of research, she told a review meeting of agriculture and technology research programmes of Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (BJRI) at its committee room in the city.

Matia Chowdhury said the institution must have more innovative work. The researchers and the concerned authorities have to take initiative to ensure the commercial use of their innovation. The minister expressed dissatisfaction over the lack of initiatives to build up a linkage with the Ministry of Industries and Commerce for marketing the jute goods.

"I am in favour of jute cultivation when the country is moving towards the monopoly crop-rice," the minister said urging to form investors forum in the agricultural sector like the industrial sector for attracting the investors of both home and abroad.

She also called upon the officials, who visited abroad, to motivate foreign investors about joint venture investment in the jute sector in Bangladesh.

The meeting was addressed, among others, by Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture Hsuan Ali Sarkar, Executive Director of International Jute Organisation K M Rabbani, Director (Technical) of BJRI Mohammad Abdus Sobhan Sheikh, Director (Agriculture) of BJRI Dr A B M Abdullah and Director General of BJRI Dr Ekramul Hasan.

EU cuts Myanmar's trade preferences

BRUSSELS, Mar 25: The European Union agreed Monday to scrap preferential trade benefits for Myanmar industrial and agricultural exports to protest the use of forced labour there, says AP.

Ministers from the 15 EU nations approved without debate the proposal to remove Myanmar from the list of developing nations enjoying special trade advantages. It was the latest measure imposed by the EU in response to accusations of human rights abuses by the junta that seized power in Myanmar in 1988 after crushing a pro-democracy.

Reports this month from the United Nations and Amnesty International detailed the use of forced labour and other human rights abuses by the military regime. Last year, the EU banned members of Myanmar's military junta from visiting Europe, to protest restrictions on dissidents in Myanmar.

EU urges Japan to improve market access

BRUSSELS, Mar 25: The European Union Commission called on Japan on Monday to "take one final push" to improve access for foreign competition to its markets, reports AP.

In a statement, EU trade commissioner Leon Brittan cited Japanese markets in horse racing, car parts, transport services, telecommunications and fresh fruit as among the sectors where Japan could further deregulate. The Japanese government is expected to publish the final revision of its three-year deregulation programme at the end of the March.

The statement noted that the 15-nation EU has had extensive talks with the Japanese government in the hopes that it would open markets in areas of interest to European business. It said that progress had been made on insurance, electrical equipment, cosmetics and other areas.

PDB, DESA asked to try to reduce loadshedding

Energy Minister Lt Gen (Retd) Nooruddin Khan Monday asked the PDB and DESA officials to maintain transparency at all electricity control and distribution centres, says UNB.

During a surprise visit to different power stations in the city, he also asked the concerned officials to make united efforts to boost power production and reduce loadshedding. The minister expressed his discontent about not maintaining statements on power distribution and load management at Kamapur centre.

He was informed by the concerned engineers that Baiful Mukarram Mosquee has been kept out of loadshedding. Khan also visited the control room of DESA at Ulan.

BCI-NBR meet on national budget '97 held

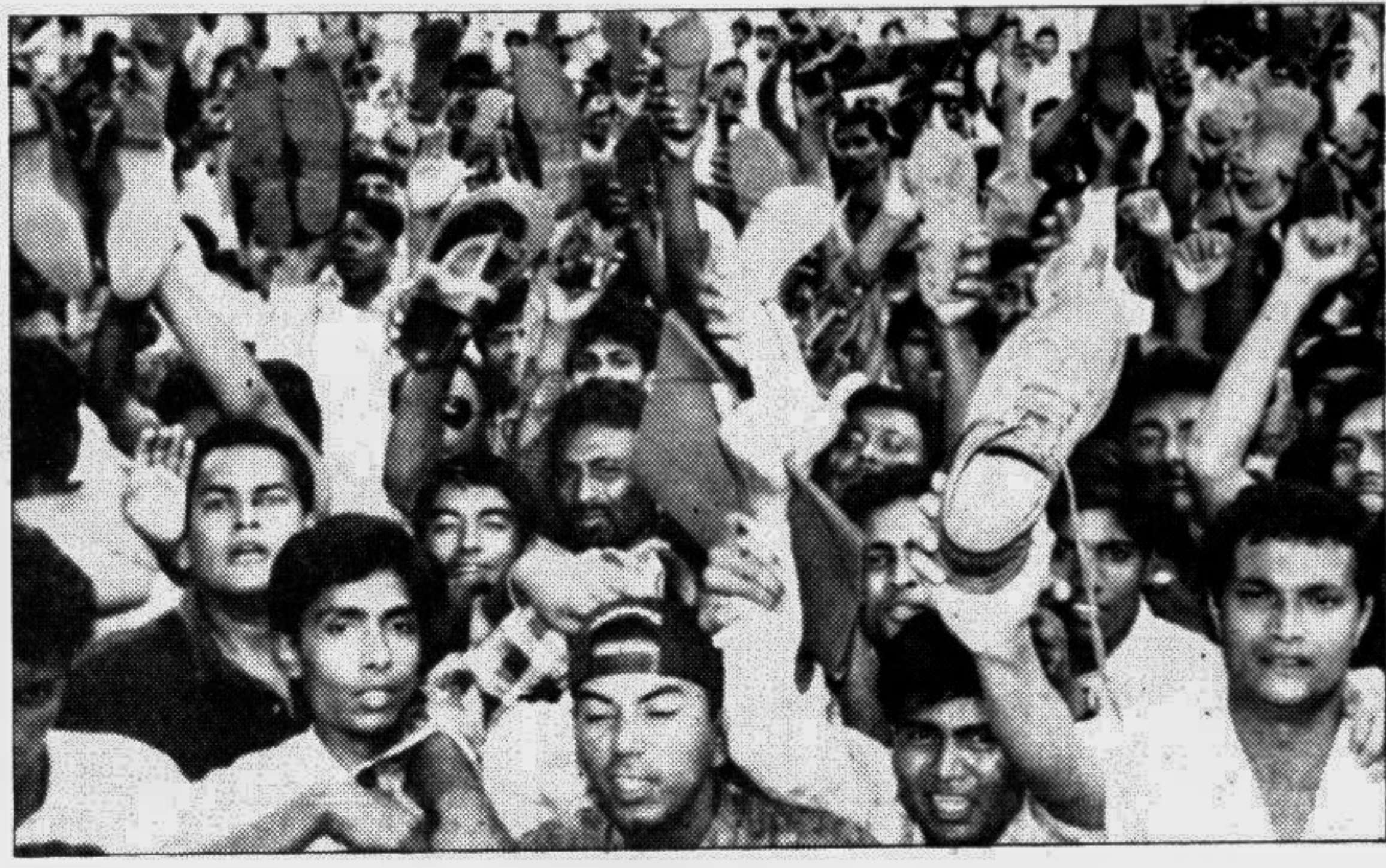
The National Board of Revenue and Bangladesh Chamber of Industries (BCI) held a meeting exchanging views on ensuring National Budget 1997, reports UNB.

The meeting held at NBR conference room was chaired by Shah Abdul Hannan, Chairman, NBR. BCI president Sharif M Afzal Hossain led the BCI team at the meeting.

Sharif said if tax rate is lowered and tax base is broadened participation in tax payment of general people would be wider and their awareness about tax would grow more.

He said SROs should not be changed in a financial year and this should remain valid at least for one year. All sorts of duty/tax anomalies should be removed in the interest of local industry and export trade.

The BCI President assured of necessary cooperation towards collection of taxes.



VENTING THEIR FRUSTRATION: Waving shoes kerb market traders marched in central Dhaka streets yesterday, protesting the continued slide in the stock market. — Star photo

Bangladesh's software entry into US market: Hype versus quality

By Tanya Gupta and Abir Quasem

[Following is the remaining part of the article published yesterday]

What we see today is a vicious circle. People in the industry point to the need for a skilled workforce and ask for an active and supportive government, educational institutions produce large numbers of allegedly "Skilled" labour and the government laments the lack of private initiatives and the public exploitation of whatever initiatives it has taken so far.

The answer to this is synergy. Academia, government and the industry need to work together on creating an environment that will support a software industry.

To promote the software development industry one needs to publicize the potential of the industry, the need for professional software engineers, the attractiveness of the industry as a potential investment and finally, the financial benefit that the development of the software industry can bring to Bangladesh.

Skill development and qualified and experienced decision makers:

The government should actively participate in the skill development process. It is important that they should monitor and set measures for the evaluation of training institutes.

The government should also ensure as far as possible, that the leaders of the information revolution are people with proven industry experience and a successful IT track record.

A theoretical computer scientist or a civil engineer will not be as effective as an experienced IT leader policy makers with track record in field-related policy making would be most useful towards developing an effective information technology policy.

Utilize the three stage software industry development of other countries.

Any country that has been successful in developing an export-oriented software industry

has gone through three initial phases namely (a) Export of labour, i.e. onsite services, (b) Export of services, i.e. offshore work, (c) Export of products, i.e. package exports. Export of labour has been the first stage in the software industry which is characterized by software export being sent abroad to provide software services. Once the companies for whom the labour is provided gains confidence in the providers, the software industry goes into the second stage.

During this stage there is an offshore programming work is assigned. Here the services are provided without the labour being physically transported to the related location.

For a country to reach this phase the appropriate infrastructure is needed e.g. satellite links etc. In the second phase if the country manages to make a name for itself in software, it reached the third stage where entire software packages can be exported. In the third stage lies the potential for the maximum profit.

The Indian Model?

India has one of the largest software development industries in the world. Although Bangladesh has many of the resources that India possesses, such as low cost of labour, cultural bias towards engineering and science professions etc., the software development here is still in the nascent stages. Why have we failed in this sector?

In the first ever critical analysis of India's software industry, Dr Richard Heeks of Institute for Development of Policy and Management at University of Manchester concludes that liberalisation has brought in only limited benefits, and argues that a successful software industry requires essential state intervention of a promotional nature.

In his book 'India's Software Industry - State policy, liberalisation and industrial development,' Dr Heeks states that although India was the first and is still the largest exporter of software among developing countries and annually exports over half a billion US dollar worth of software much of its success is attributed to active state intervention.

In the beginning, the Indian software industry had a domestic orientation with substitution as a motivation. However, very soon an export orientation developed and after a prolonged period of export orientation one can observe that the domestic demand has automatically been generated.

Conclusion:

The software industry of Bangladesh may have a chance of becoming the "second garments industry", both in terms of the social change that it can bring and also the economic boost that it can give to our economy. The industry has the highest possible ROI. There is also a cultural bias present, for example we do not want our daughter to go work at a garments factory, rather, we want her to work at a software factory. The growth of training centres also points to the fact that there is a healthy demand from the people as well as the industry. The answer to Dr Rashid's question, finally is that, yes, we should and we can "sell our computers to Louisiana farmers and get them to grow our rice" but let us develop software first.

(The authors are teaching at North-South University) (Concluded)

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দরপত্র আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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নিম্নোক্ত কাজের জন্য গণপত্র ই/এম বিভাগে এর তালিকাভুক্ত বিশেষ প্রথম শ্রেণী/ইএমএম কাজের ১ম শ্রেণী/২য় শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদারগণ যাহাদের আট রেজিস্ট্রেশন বই আছে তাহাদের নিম্নে দিচ্ছে বাংলাদেশ সরকার নং-২৯১১ এর মাধ্যমে সীলমোহরিত মাঝে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

দরপত্র আহবান আগামী ০৪-৯৭ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে গণপত্র ই/এম বিভাগ-১/২/৩, ঢাকা ও গণপত্র ই/এম বিভাগ-৩/১/৩, ঢাকা এর সম্মুখে প্রকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে এবং এদিনই বেলা ১২-৩০ মিনিটে দরপত্র আহবানের উপস্থিতিতে অথবা তাহাদের মনোনীত প্রতিনিধির উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইবে।

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নিম্নোক্ত কাজের ক্ষেত্রে অফিসে (অফিস/কনট্রোলিং) সর্বশেষ ০৪-৯৭ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত ক্রয় করা যাইবে। প্রকৃত দরপত্রের সম্বন্ধে প্রাপিত মূল্যের উপর ২% (প্রত্যেকের দুই ভাগ) হারে জামানত এর টাকা নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, গণপত্র ই/এম বিভাগ-৩, ঢাকা-এর অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের যে কোন ব্রাঞ্চে রাখা হইতে বাধ্য থাকিবে।

দরপত্র ফরম ঠিকাদার নিকটে অথবা তাহার দ্বারা স্বমতাপ্রাপ্ত প্রতিনিধি তালিকাভুক্ত রেজিস্ট্রেশন বই সহ প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্র সেখানিয়া ক্রয় করিতে পারিবেন।

নিম্নোক্তকারী কোন প্রকার কারণ না দেখাইয়া যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সর্বোত্তম দরপত্র বাস্তব করিবার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়
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মহাশালী, ঢাকা-১২১২

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ঢাকা বন বিভাগের করেই রিসোর্সেস ম্যানেজমেন্ট প্রকল্পের জেনারেল সাপোর্ট টু ফরেস্ট ডিপার্টমেন্ট অফিসের আওতাধীন নিম্ন বর্ণিত তফসিলে উল্লিখিত কাজের নকসা, বিবরণ এবং মূল্যাদুমান প্রকৃত এবং ১৯৯৭-৯৮ ও ১৯৯৮-৯৯ আর্থিক সালে তদারকী কাজ সম্পাদনের জন্য প্রকৃত স্থপতি/স্থপতি ফার্ম/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিম্নে দিচ্ছে সীলমোহরিত মাঝে একতারা দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

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- ১) দরপত্রের সিডিউল/ছকপত্র ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা অফিসে/কনট্রোলিং মূল্যে আগামী ৩০/৩/৯৭ইং হইতে ০৩/৪/৯৭ইং তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত ক্রয় করা যাইবে।
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- ৩) দরপত্রের বিস্তারিত শর্তাবলী ও তথ্যাদি নিম্নোক্তকারীর কার্যালয় হইতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে দেখিতে ও জানিতে পারা যাইবে।
- ৪) দরপত্রের সঙ্গে উক্ত মূল্যের ৫% হারে বায়নার টাকা নিম্নোক্তকারীর অনুকূলে যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রফট মূল্যে জমা দিয়া ব্যাংক ড্রফট/পে-অর্ডার দরপত্রের সঙ্গে দাখিল করিতে হইবে। বায়নার টাকা ব্যতীত কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে না।
- ৫) ৫০,০০০/- (পঞ্চাশ হাজার) টাকার উর্ধ্বের দরপত্র উর্ধ্বতন কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমোদন সাপেক্ষে গ্রহণ করা হইবে।

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Tender Notice

Tender No. 27/1996-97/R&D Div Dated: 13.03.97

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 are invited from DPHE enlisted 'C' class contractors who have renewed licence for 1996-97 financial year as well as bonafide suppliers for supply of 2125 model new Konika plain paper photocopier machine made in Japan and new Microvoltage stabilizer made in Japan for the office of Additional Chief Engineer, Project Director, GOB-4, Directorate of Public Health Engineering, Dhaka.

Tender for the said work can be purchased at prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned; Executive Engineer, Directorate of Public Health Engineering, Programme & Coordination Division, Dhaka & Executive Engineer, Directorate of Public Health Engineering, Mechanical & Electrical Division, Dhaka, during office hours up to 31.3.97.

Tender for the said work will be received simultaneously in the tender box kept at the office of the Executive Engineer, Directorate of Public Health Engineering, Mechanical & Electrical Division, Dhaka as well as the office of the undersigned up to 13.00 hours of 01.04.97.

Tender received in the tender box at both the places taking together in lac sealed condition will be opened on 2.4.97 at 11:00 AM at the office chamber of the undersigned before the contractors or their representatives (if any) present.

Sl No	Short description of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money (2%)	Time limit for completion of work
1.	Supply of 1(one) 2125 model new Konika Tk 2,24,400/- plain paper photocopier machine made in Japan and 1(one) new Microvoltage stabilizer made in Japan to the office of the Additional Chief Engineer Project Director, GOB-4, Directorate of Public Health Engineering, Dhaka.	Tk 4,488/-	Tk 7 (seven) days	

Other applicable terms & conditions of tender and detailed information including specification of the goods to be supplied can be known from the office/notice board during office hours.

Executive Engineer
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সন্তান ধারণে সক্ষম মহিলাদের জন্য পছন্দসই মিলনোত্তর বড়ি

পোস্টিনর ট্যাবলেট

সংযুক্তি
প্রতি ট্যাবলেটে ০.৭৫ মিলিগ্রাম লিডোনারজেস্ট্রেট।

কার্যক্রম
সর্বশেষ অব্যবহিত পরে একমাত্র ০.৭৫ মিলিগ্রাম লিডোনারজেস্ট্রেট গ্রহণে গর্ভনিরোধক প্রভাবের কারণে।

ব্যবহার নির্দেশ
লিডোনারজেস্ট্রেট গর্ভনিরোধক ঝাড়বার বড়ি, যা সেই সব মহিলাদের জন্য উপযুক্ত যারা তথু মাসে সবসময় অল্প গ্রহণ করেন।

সতর্কতা : মাসে ৪ ট্যাবলেটের বেশী খাওয়া যাব না।

কেমিকেল ওয়ার্কস অফ গেডিয়ন রিকটার শিঃ (হোসেন্দী) এর একটি জ্ঞাননিয়েদ্বারা পরিচালিত বিশ্ব সামগ্রী

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