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Proposed Rooppur nuclear power plant

An ambitious project which may never take off

From M A Ali Himu

NATORE, Apr 16: Fund crisis stands in the way of implementation of the proposed Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant (RNPP) project which has been shelved for past 36 years. The ambitious plan is still a dream for a few enthusiastic scientists working in the Atomic Energy Commission. While talking to The Daily Star, M A Quaiyum, Chairman of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, said that the response of the Prime Minister, who was briefed about the plan last November, had been positive after they were apprised of the plan. The Rooppur plan was re-

designed as the 600-megawatt nuclear power plant last year. "I am still hopeful of implementation of the project," Quaiyum added. The official sources, however, said, fund constraints stand in the way of implementation of the project. The sources said, the RNPP project was conceived by the Atomic Energy Commission authority in 1961. It was to be set up on a 292 acres of land at Rooppur of Ishwardi thana under Pabna district. The idea of the 600-megawatt nuclear power plant was, however, being reviewed in view of the chronic power crisis

which has remained a big obstacle to the growth of industries in northern region of the country. During the last 36 years, feasibility studies were conducted five times and the study results were in favour of establishing the power plant, official sources said. Feasibility studies were done thrice before liberation of the country twice by Bangladesh government. In 1970, the then Pakistan government signed an agreement with Belgium government for implementation of the project. Unfortunately, the agreement had not come into effect after liberation of the country. Since then, successive governments have allocated funds of Taka 20 lakh every year for maintenance of the project establishments at Rooppur.

Some of them have already submitted their proposals to the government, the source said that if the 600 megawatt nuclear power plant project is implemented, power demand of North Bengal will be met up as well as our country will get an opportunity to enter into the Atomic age. M A Quaiyum, while sharing his opinion said, "Bangladesh, like other developed as well as developing countries, must have the optimum power generation mix, that is", he explained, "generation of power through various sources, including coal, gas, oil and nuclear energy. Today gas is responsible for 80 per cent of our power generation. What will happen when the gas sources is exhausted?" he asked. In the meantime, local scientists suggested to explore alternative energy source to reduce dependence on natural gas reserves. There are 430 commercial nuclear power plants in the world which meet 20 per cent power demand in the world. It is estimated that generation of power from nuclear energy will half average cost of electricity now being charged at Taka 2.50 per unit. "We have close contact with various suppliers of nuclear power plant and have the manpower to take up the project at a short notice," Quaiyum said. At least half a dozen Bangladeshi nuclear scientists have been working abroad as they could not be provided with the task they craved for at home, he said. "RNPP is my dream project. I wish the project is executed during my tenure," said M A Quaiyum who has been working with the BAEC for the last 36 years and is due to retire this year.

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority

Memo No. 2.28/96-97/1227 Dated: 27-3-97

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in PDB Form No. T-1 are invited from the enlisted contractors of PDB/DESA/Bonafide Suppliers for the supply of stationery goods, Ops. & Maint Division, Satmasjid, DESA, Dhaka.

The tender schedule shall be obtained from office of the GM, Consumer Service (North), DESA, 75, Kakrail, Dhaka, Superintendent Engineer Consumer Service, Satmasjid Circle & Office of the undersigned subject to prior permission up to 26-4-97 at a cost of Tk. 30/- only per set (non-refundable). The tender will be received till 12-00 Noon on 27-4-97 at the abovementioned officers and shall be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence of tenderers, if any.

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

DESA-61/97 Executive Engineer
DFP-8703-9/4 Ops. & Maint Division
G-1062 Satmasjid, DESA, Dhaka

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Finance Internal Resources Division Building No-6 Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

No-MF/IRD-2-Misc-20/97 Dated:

Appointment Notice

Written applications are invited from experienced lawyers for appointment of two retainers to defend the Government side in Income Tax Appellate cases under National Board of Revenue and all cases of Customs & Excise Department, under the Internal Resources Division.

Application stating (1) name, (2) father's name, (3) permanent address, (4) present address, (5) date of birth, (6) educational qualification, (7) experience should be accompanied with recent 2 (two) copies passport size photographs attested by first class gazetted officer, attested certificates of educational qualification & experience. Applicant having experience of dealing with Income Tax and Customs & Excise cases may state that in the application.

The candidate must be a citizen of Bangladesh. Appointed retainer will be given fee at the following rates:-

- (1) Retainer Fee Monthly Tk 7,500/=
- (2) For drafting, filing, execution of affidavit etc. of each case for both High Court & Appellate Divisions Tk 1,500/=
- (3) For attendance each day (for both High Court & Appellate Divisions) Tk. 500/= (not above Tk. 10,000/= monthly)
- (4) Telephone allowance Monthly Tk. 1,000/= only

Application should reach the Secretary, Internal Resources Division, Room No. 1422, Building No. 6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka by 24-4-97. No application will be received after the prescribed time.

DFP-8276-6/4 G-1043 Md. Golam Mostafa Talukdar Dy-Secretary

Directorate General Defence Purchase

Ministry of Defence New Airport Road Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Re-Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in Foreign/Local currency are invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/Indentors (Not necessarily enlisted with this Directorate General) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy:

Sl No	Description of Stores & Qty	Tender Selling Date up to	Tender Opening Date
1.	Marine Propulsion Engine Sets with Gearboxes and Stern Gears for re-Engineering of a Naval vessel Qty-02 Set	24-4-97	26-4-97 (Foreign Currency)
2.	Dummy Load for TX/RX RT 100/400 Qty-01 in No		
3.	Test equipments and facilities for setting up a gyro workshop. Qty-01 in No		
4.	Self activating smoke signal and Distress signal day and night Qty- 10+25 in Nos	28-4-97	29-4-97 (Foreign Currency)
5.	Gyro Compass Qty-02 sets.		

2. The tender schedule with detailed specification will be available at given rate (not refundable) on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The tender will be opened at 1000 hours on the abovementioned date in presence of the present tenderers.

ISPR/Misc/97/345 DFP-8399-7/4 G-1035 Lt Cdr BN for Director General

Four Indian nationals arrested

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Apr 16: Four Indian nationals including 3 women were caught by the jawans of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) from village Bhandarigaon of Komolganj thana in Moulvibazar district on Tuesday night. One pistol and a DBBL gun were also recovered from their possession.

An official of BDR informed that the arrested are suspected to be the members of outlawed insurgent organisation, "Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak" of the Indian state of Manipur. On receiving secret information, the BDR jawans from Srimangal went to the aforesaid village and caught them at about 6-45 pm on Tuesday. Indian currency worth Taka fifteen thousand and Bangladeshi currency worth Taka twentyfour thousand were also recovered from their possession. One pistol with 4 rounds of ammunition and one DBBL gun with 14 rounds of ammunition were also recovered from their possession, the official said. Later they were handed over to the Srimangal Police.

Package tour for golden cricketers

PIROJPUR, Apr 16: Pirojpur municipal authorities and the district administration said that they have arranged a seven-day package tour for the "golden cricketers of Bangladesh," reports BSS.

The cricketers who are called "tigers" would get chance to visit the Sundarbans, the natural abode of Royal Bengal Tigers and a great science beauty spot of the south. Kuakata which is a rare sea beach where one can enjoy the sunrise as well as the sunset in the Bay of Bengal.

Meghna boat tragedy leaves several missing

CHANDPUR, Apr 16: Several people are missing after a boat carrying sacrificial animals capsized in the Meghna, two kilometers west of the town, on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The boat heading towards the town with 18 cattle from Tarabania in Vedarganj thana, overturned as it was caught by a storm at about 7 pm. Thirteen of the passengers swam ashore, but several others are still missing. The cows could not be rescued.

Blockade withdrawal

KHAGRACHHARI, Apr 16: Tribal leaders called off an indefinite road blockade in the district after 48 hours on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The blockade enforced by three tribal organisations was lifted following assurance from the district administration of legal steps against those responsible for Sunday's incident at Maikchhari bazar.

Meanwhile, a one-member committee has been constituted with the additional District Magistrate as its Convenor to probe it.

Acid thrower gets 14-yr RI

From Our Correspondent

KUSHITIA, Apr 16: One person was sentenced to suffer 14-year rigorous imprisonment (RI) and a fine of Taka 500 for throwing acid on the face of two young girls.

The other two accused were acquitted as the allegation against them could not be proved. The case in brief is that on January 22, 1996, Asia Khatun, 15, and China, 12, daughters of Mullak Chand of village Purba Abdalpur of sadar thana were sleeping in their room while the convict, Shaiful Islam threw acid on their face through the window. Their face and other parts of their body were burnt. Alimuddin, uncle of the victims filed a case in Kushitia police station accusing Shaiful and others.

The special and District Judge Saiful Azam found Shaiful guilty and awarded the punishment. Advocate Abu Jafar Siddique, public Prosecutor (PP) conducted the case on behalf of the government, while Advocate Serajul Islam appeared for the defence.

Sunflower cultivation gains popularity among farmers

From Our Correspondent

MEHERPUR, Apr 16: Cultivation of Sunflower has become popular in Meherpur district. Since its cultivation cost is cheaper and the production in comparison to other crops are greater and profitable the farmers prefer to cultivate sunflower.

The Agriculture Extension sources said that 53 hectares of land has been brought under Sunflower cultivation this season. Of this, 21 hectares in Meherpur sadar and 32 hectares in Gangni thana. "Kironi" variety of Sunflower has been adjudged as a cash crop. Farmers said that if better seeds are available in time they would cultivate this crops in future.

4 killed in B'baria road accident

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Apr 16: Four persons including a passerby were killed and three others were injured when a bus collided head-on with a auto-tempo at about 9 kilometers off the district town at around 12 noon on Tuesday, police source said.

The bus bearing number Comilla-Ba-6151 was going to Sylhet from Comilla.

The accident took place when the bus knocked down a auto-tempo after crushing a passerby at the same place. The passerby died on the spot and the three passenger of the ill-fated auto-tempo succumbed to their injuries on way to hospital.

Three other tempo passengers were injured. The injured persons - Yasmin, 9, Josna Begum, 20, Jomela, 25, were rushed to Brahmanbaria Modern Hospital in a critical condition.

The deads were identified as Shukkur Mahmud, 65, (passer by), Sadek Mia, 25, Nazim Uddin, 30, Nasir Mia, 30, were sent to the district hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police seized the killer bus and auto-tempo. The drivers and helpers of the bus and tempo managed to escape from the spot. A case was filed with Brahmanbaria police station in this connection.

Indian smuggled goods worth Tk 3 cr seized

COMILLA, Apr 16: Bangladesh Rifles of 17 battalion seized smuggled goods worth about Tk 3.23 crore from border areas during January-March this year, reports UNB.

The seized items included 10,077 bottles of phenesdyl, 3,683 bottles of wine, 64 kgs of ganja, 8,013 pieces of sarees, 72,906 kgs of sugar, 40,460 kgs of salt and 686 square feet timber.

Huge quantity of pulses, turmeric, powder, milk, clothes, spare parts, electrical equipment, bi-cycle, medicine, steel-ware and match boxes were also seized.

A total of 601 cases were filed and 16 accused were handed over to the police during the drive.

Besides, the jawans also seized contraband items including Indian phenesdyl and drugs worth Tk 25 lakh during April 1-9. The border guards seized the items conducting separate raids in different BOPs.

The seized goods included 1,195 bottles of phenesdyl, 398 bottles of Indian wine, 54 kg of ganja, powder, milk, saree and bi-cycles.

Another report from Sylhet adds: The Comapanjanj thana BDR seized smuggled goods worth Tk 2.5 lakh on April 11.

The jawans, acting on secret information, seized the aban-

doned goods in Radhanagar village. The goods include Indian saree, liquor and bidi.

The seized goods were deposited with the local customs godown.

41 members of Atpara thana AL body resign

NETROKONA, Apr 16: Some 41 members out of 51 of the Atpara thana Awami League committee have resigned demanding resignation of its president for his alleged involvement in anti-party activities, reports UNB.

The aggrieved members on Thursday alleged that Khairul Islam as president of the thana Awami League engaged himself as manpower agent and collected huge amount of money from the local youths in the name of sending them abroad. They also said a number of cases in this connection have been filed against him.

The resigned members including vice president Mozammel Haq, former president Sunil Biswas and secretary Kibria in a deputation to the district Awami League president and MP Advocate Fazlur Rahman Khan demanded necessary steps in this regard.



JESSORE: The traditional game 'habadi' is in progress at the local town hall maidan here. Bangali Sahitta Sanskriti Udjapan Committee arranged the game recently. — Star photo

Government of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division, Rangamati

Notice of RHD Inviting Quotation (2nd Call)

1. Quotation Notice No : 10/E RHD of 1996-97.
2. Name of work : Leasing out the Chandraghona-Ferryghat at 16th KM of Ghagra-Chandraghona-Bangalhalia-Rajasthali Road under Rangamati Road Division, Rangamati for the year 1997-98 on auction.
3. Earnest money : 2% of the quoted amount in favour of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Rangamati Road Division.
4. Period of lease : Up to 30-6-98 from the date of issue of work order.
5. Eligibility of quotationer : Any interested quotationer.
6. Name of office of availability of tender : RHD, Road Division, Rangamati & Road Sub-Div, Chandraghona, Baraichhari under this Division up to 27-4-97.
7. Name of officers to receive quotation bids : The Superintending Engineer, RHD, Rangamati Road Circle, Rangamati; the Executive Engineer, RHD, Rangamati and the Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Chandraghona, Baraichhari.
8. Last date of receipt : Up to 12-00 Noon on 28-4-97.
9. Date & time of opening : At 12-30 pm on 30-4-97 by the undersigned or his authorised representative in his office chamber in presence of the intending quotationers, if they like to remain present.

Sealed quotations in printed pad of the quotationer or in plain papers along with terms and conditions of quotations are hereby invited for the above work.

Baharul Haque Executive Engineer (RHD) (Current Charge) Road Division, Rangamati Phone: 2101

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Planning

Planning Commission

General Economics Division

Development Plan Compilation Project

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka

Tender Notice

No PC/GED/DPC/93/64 Dated: 8-4-1997

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide dealers/supplier firms for purchasing two micro computers with printer & related machine accessories and one photocopier for Development Plan Compilation Project under implementation at General Economics Division of Planning Commission.

2. Schedule containing necessary terms & conditions can be collected at Tk 100/- from this office (Block 14, Room-22) any day from 15-4-97 to 22-4-97 during office hours from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Tenders, separately as technical & financial will be received at the said office up to 12:00 Noon of 23 April, 1997 and opened on the same day at the same time in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Attested copy of valid trade licence as well as 2% of the total quoted value as earnest money (refundable) through Pay Order or Bank Draft in favour of Project Director, Development Plan Compilation Project, Planning Commission should be deposited with the tender. The Tender Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

Mir M A Bashir Joint Chief Project Director

DFP-8815-10/4 G-1042

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Facilities Department

Rangamati Zone, Rangamati

Tender Notice

No:-8/NGHS/ADB/RANGA-Z/F D/1996-97. Dated:-8-4-97

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No-2911 from the enlisted contractors/firms of Facilities Department of category A-1 & A-2 for construction of one Multipurpose Science Laboratory and Two Classrooms to the selected Non-Govt. High School under Secondary Education Development Project.

1. Name of the school : KPM High School, Katai thana, Rangamati
2. Estimated amount : Tk. 8,01,589/41
3. Earnest Money : Tk. 16,100/00
4. Last date for purchase of tender documents : On 26-4-97
5. Date & time for submission of tenders : Up to 12-00 Noon on 27-4-97.
6. Date & time for opening of the tender : Up to 12-30 PM on 27-4-97.
7. Time for completion : 3 (Three) months.

8. Sales of tender documents: Tender documents may be purchased from the office of all Executive Engineers under Chittagong Circle of Facilities Department on all working days during office hours on cash payment of Tk. 400/- (four hundred) only (Non-refundable) for each set of Tender document and tenders will be received in the same offices.

9. Drawing and relevant paper: Drawing and other relevant papers may be seen from the concerned office on all working days during office hours.

10. Earnest money: Tenders must accompany Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh for the amount as mentioned above in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rangamati Zone, Rangamati.

11. Instruction: a) Tenderer/tenderers quoting more than 5% (Five per cent) below the schedule rate will be outright rejected. b) The tender will quote rate in percentage basis for Part-2 and will quote itemwise rate both in figures and in words in Part-1 supported by rate analysis in separate sheet. The sum total of Part-1 and Part-2 will be considered as tendered amount. c) Attested copy of licence book, VAT Registration certificate, IT Clearance certificate to be enclosed with the tender. d) VAT, IT and all other taxes will be deducted from the bills as per Govt. rule. e) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Executive Engineer Facilities Department Rangamati Zone, Rangamati

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