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Minister visits cyclone affected areas

RAMGATI, Oct 12: Shipping Minister A S M Abdur Rob recently urged the people, political leaders, social and NGO workers to assist the administration to give succour to the cyclone victims, reports BSS.

Rob who extensively visited the cyclone-affected areas of the thana, said, that efforts were underway to identify those who suffered loss due to the cyclonic storm. He assured them that steps would be taken for their rehabilitation. The minister later addressed spontaneous gatherings at Rastarhat and Hajiganj. Rob visited Char Alexander, Rastarhat, Banglabazar, Char Sekendar, Char Algee, Char Badam, Char Neyamat and Poragachha of Ramgati thana and talked to the affected people. He also distributed cash and kind among the cyclone affected people.

Steps taken for rapid industrialisation

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 12: Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Zillur Rahman said here on Saturday that the present government had taken up pragmatic steps for rapid industrialisation in the country, reports BSS.

A Taka-400 crore fund has already been floated with the assistance of the World Bank and Asian Development Bank to go ahead with the programmes. The minister was speaking at the installation ceremony of the executive committee of Narayan-ganj Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) at the Shaheed Mujibuddin Hall on Saturday evening. Presided over by Alhaj Bazur Rahman, president of NCCI, the function was addressed, among others, by Abul Hasan Chowdhury, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, State Minister for Jute and Textiles A K Fayzul Haq, A K M Shamim Osman, MP, and Afzal Hossain, former member of parliament.

Number of child labourers rises

SYLHET, Oct 12: Number of child labourers is on rise in an alarming proportion in five thanas of the district, reports UNB.

The ill-fated children aged between 8 and 14 are coming from remote areas of Bhanabazar, Jakiganj, Kanaighat, Golapganj and Barolekha thanas to the thana headquarters and district town due to abject poverty caused by natural disasters. They have to do petty jobs like helping hands in the houses, different shops, factories and garages to eke out their living. Most of them are passing their night under the sky. The owners of different shops and establishments engage the child labourers on a nominal salary and they are to work for 10 to 12 hours a day.

Discussion meeting on rat killing drive

MAGURA, Oct 12: A discussion meeting on rat killing campaign was held at Shalikhah thana Parishad Auditorium in the district on September 22.

Murari Mohon presided over the meeting, while Md Alauddin, Agriculture Officer, Magura was the chief guest. Among others, Tarapada Biswas, MA Karim also spoke on the occasion.

Erratic power supply in Gazipur

GAZIPUR, Oct 12: Large and medium scale industries of the district have been incurring heavy losses due to erratic power supply, reports UNB.

Hundreds of mills and factories of BSCIC industrial area and poultry and dairy farms here are facing serious set back for continuous load-shedding. Normal activities at the offices and courts are being hampered due to the frequent power failure. Water supply is also being hindered causing untold suffering to the people. Students are the worst sufferers. They have to prepare their lessons in candle light for the coming examinations. The district very often plunges into the darkness after the sundown. Farmers of the district apprehended that crop production would be hampered seriously due to disruption in irrigation facilities caused by erratic power supply.

Minister visits water-logged areas

DUMURIA (Khulna), Oct 12: Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf visited the water-logged areas of Fultola and Dumuria thanas of the district on Friday, reports UNB.

Thana Nirbahi Officer, concerned government officials and local Awami League leaders accompanied the minister. The minister talked to the people and enquired about the suffering of the affected people while visiting the water-logged areas by boat. He called upon the affected people to face the disaster with patience and courage and said we have to survive facing boldly the natural disaster. Later, at a rally at Goluapurano Chandra High School in Dumuria thana, the minister said the present government is trying hard for the development of the country and to serve the people.

LGED implementing 13 projects

KISHOREGANJ, Oct 12: The Local Government Engineering Department has been implementing 13 projects in the nine thanas of Kishoreganj district in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the government sanctioned Taka 60 lakh for implementation of the projects. The projects included construction and reconstruction of roads, culverts and bridges.

Seminar on CME

COMILLA, Oct 12: A day-long seminar on clinical medical education (CME) was held at Comilla Diabetic Centre auditorium recently, reports BSS.

The seminar was organised by Novo Nordisk (India) Private Limited, an international pharmaceutical agency and Pharmaco International Limited. Doctor Zobaidda Hannan presided over the seminar. Paul Amirtharaj, Professor Hajera Mahtab, Doctor Zafar A Latif, Doctor K A Kabir and Doctor Prasanta Mukharjee spoke on epidemiology and classification of diabetes management, insulin therapy, the importance of good metabolic control and the role of modern insulin delivery devices. Doctor M A Rashid was present as moderator.

Loan for jobless youths disbursed

BHOLA, Oct 12: Social Welfare Department has disbursed Tk 2.42 lakh interest free loan among 105 unemployed youths of two unions in Borhanuddin thana, reports UNB.

Of the total amount, Tk 50,000 were distributed among 45 youths of Boro Manik union while Tk 1.92 lakh among 60 youths of Gongapur UP. The loan were distributed in a function at Borhanuddin Thana Parishad auditorium recently under the Rural Social Service Programme for small business, poultry farming and buying cows and rickshaws.

8 arrested from Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 12: Eight people, including three school students, were arrested on Thursday from different parts of Sadar thana on various charges, reports UNB.

Police said Bidhan Chandra Das, class X student of BL Government High School, Majharul Islam, class IX student of Gyanodasini High School and Mamoon, class VII student of Kaomi Jute Mill High School were picked up from Mujib road on charge of terrorism. They also arrested Aloal, 18, Alam, 19, Ijab Ali, 18, Fazal, 17, and Bablu, 28, from Moyadabad Jamuna ghat area in a case of stealing. The accused were sent to jail.

Minister visits temples

CHANDPUR, Oct 12: Home Minister Rafiqul Islam visited some temples in different thanas of the district on Thursday, reports UNB.

He exchanged pleasantries with the devotees of Hindu community while visiting Sri Sri Ramkrishna Pujya temple in the old town and some others in Hajiganj and Shaharasti areas.

Young boy throws acid on girl

GAIBANDHA, Oct 12: Angered by the refusal of his marriage proposal to a teenaged girl, a young boy threw acid on the girl at village Khordamalbari in Sadar thana on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Family sources said Dudu of the same village hurled acid at Sultana Parvin Ratna, 14, a class eight student of Dariapur High School, through the window at the dead of night when she was sleeping at her residence. Ratna was undergoing treatment in Sadar Hospital. Her condition was said to be critical. A case was filed with Sadar thana in this connection.

15 killed in different incidents in Sept

RANGPUR, Oct 12: At least 15 people were murdered in different incidents in the district in the first half of the September marking deterioration of law and order situation, reports UNB.

According to police, four people were killed in Kotwali thana, two each in Kaunia, Bedarganj and Mithapukur thanas, three in Pirgachha and one each in Pirganj and Taraganj thanas. The murders were committed due to clash over disputed land, previous enmity, illicit love affair, non-payment of dowry and in connection with violating chastity. Besides, another 15 people were kidnapped from different areas of Kotwali thana in the last eight months. They are yet to be rescued.

RU Computer Science Deptt in grip of session jam

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Oct 12: The Computer Science Department of Rajshahi University is beset with multifarious problems. The students of the department have been boycotting classes and examination since October 6 last demanding immediate solutions of their problems. They have also been demanding renaming the department as 'The Department of Computer Science and Engineering'.

The students, in the meantime, held demonstrations, rallies. They already submitted memorandum to the Vice-Chancellor to solve their problems. The suffering students narrated their woes at a press conference held at Rajshahi University Press Club on October 5. They put forward a series of demands before the newsmen. According to their written statement, the session jam has grabbed the department severely. A total of 3 batches have been jammed at a time in the first year class out of total 4 batches. One batch has remained in the second year.

Classes in this department has been started from 1993-94 session with only 26 students under the Science Faculty. This first batch has been promoted to second year. Among the 3 batches, the students of session 1994-95 are waiting for completion of first year honours examination. The batches of 1995-96 session has only completed one third classes of the total courses and the last batch of session 1996-97 is yet to be started.

Shortage of teachers and departure of teachers caused too much sufferings to the students. It is also astonishing that only two Assistant Professors teach 4 batches of the department covering 100 students. As a result, the students are deprived of their required classes according to syllabus. The students demanded to appoint at least 12 teachers immediately. The students at the press conference demanded appointment of teachers on contract basis for two years. They have been demanding to avoid sudden departure of teachers without completing the whole course

of certain batch. At present teachers left for higher education on any other job leaving half-way of course. In such condition, a new teacher faces problem to complete the last half of the syllabus.

The students have urged the concerned authorities to make a provision of changing the syllabus in every alternate year in keeping consonance with the modern computer technology. Students of the department giving reasons for changing the name department said, at this age of science, a man having higher degree in computer sciences should have knowledge of both software and hardware engineering to keep pace with the rest of the world. But the present syllabus and name of the department cannot recognise students as expert of both software and hardware. They suggested renaming the

department as Computer Science and Engineering Department with some changes in the syllabus.

About 50 per cent of the total syllabus of the department is practical classes, but the students have been facing acute problem of computer and computer laboratory.

There are only 14 computers and only one laboratory which is also very poor to meet the requirement. The sufferers have demanded immediate arrangement for at least two computer laboratories accommodating at least 50 computers. The students also want to arrange a self-sufficient digital computer laboratory, network and communication laboratory and connection of Internet services with the department.

The students of the department are also facing a great problem to do their practical classes without any programmer. They have demanded for immediate appointment of two computer programmers.

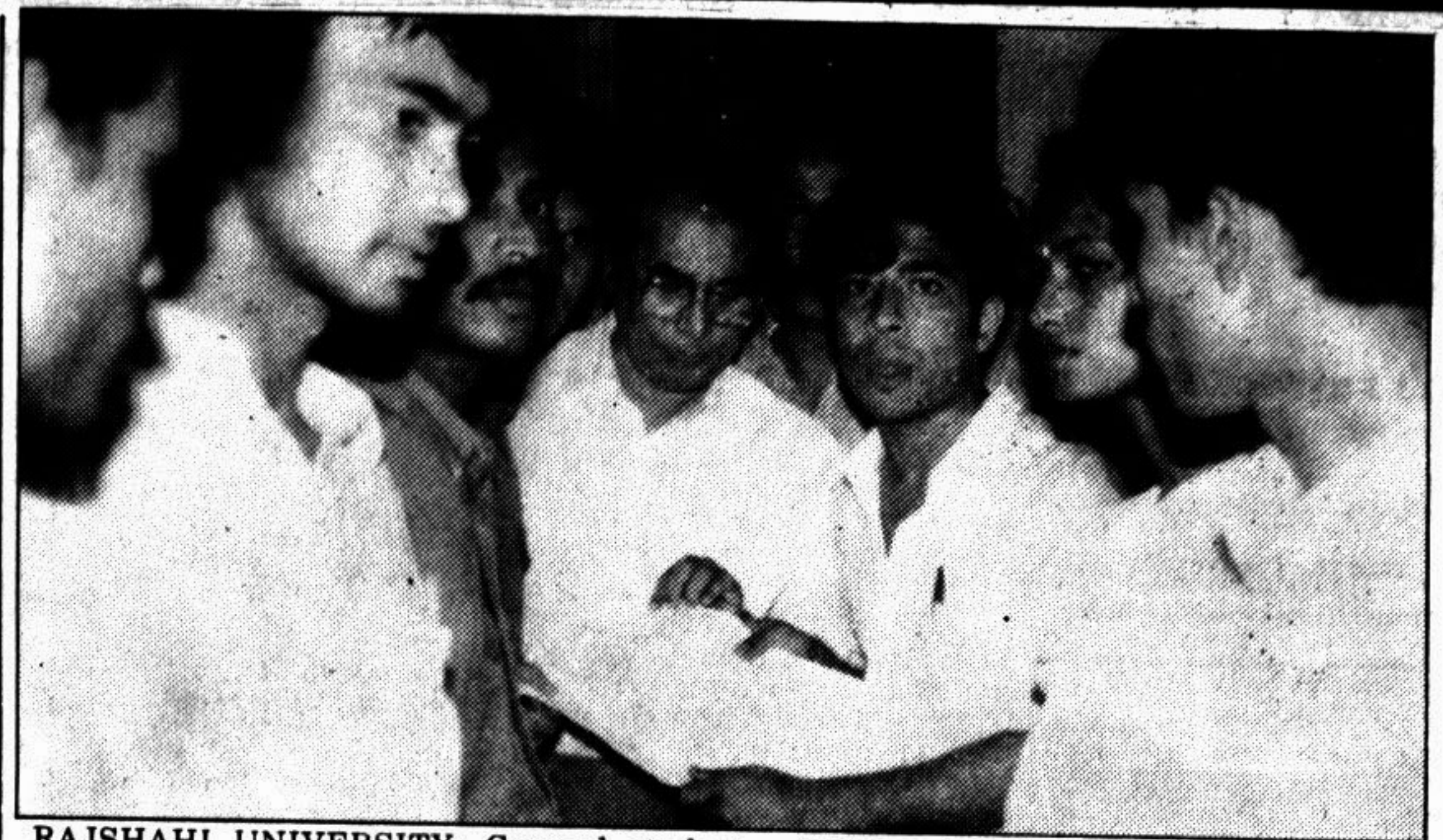
The students at the press conference further said, there was no precedence of 3 years' Honours and 2 years' Masters course in the country. So they urged the authorities for 4 years' term Honours courses and one year term Masters courses.

One of the prominent problems of the department is lack of classrooms, teachers' chamber and office rooms. There are only two classrooms and one office room with no teachers' chamber. They have demanded immediate solution to accommodation problem with at least 12 rooms.

The suffering students also alleged that there was no seminar library in the department let alone sufficient books.

They have fervently urged the concern authorities concerned to solve their problems immediately. They warned, otherwise, they would resort to vigorous movement to realise their demands.

Meanwhile, Dr Romesh Chandra Debnath, the newly-appointed chairman of the department has assured the agitating students that he would look into the matter and solve the problems soon.



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: General students of the university recently submitted a memorandum to Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Khaleque demanding improvement of treatment facilities at the university medical centre. — Star photo

Whimsical decision of construction co

Completion of Chitra Bridge becomes uncertain

NARAIL, Oct 12: Completion of Chitra Bridge at the outskirts of the town has become uncertain due to whimsical decision of a company assigned for its construction, reports UNB.

Official sources said the company mysteriously left the site with their construction machinery and employees overnight in July last without informing the Roads and Highways Department.

Recently, they have sent a petition with an allegation to the authority concerned that they were forced to leave the site failing to meet the demand of toll collectors.

Roads and Highways Department sources, however, rejected the complaints saying that the company has been working from 1995 and since then the department even the police administration did not receive any such complaints from the company.

As a result, it has become uncertain about the completion of construction of the 116-metre long and 10 metre wide Chitra Bridge, the long-standing demand of locality, within this year.

The construction of the bridge was supposed to be completed by July 4, this year. Only 60 per cent of the work has been completed since the construction began in January 4, 1995.

The department sources said after necessary feasibility study, M/S Al-Amin Construction Company Limited received the permission in 1994 through a regular tender to construct the

bridge at a cost of Tk 6.20 crore. After repeated reminders from the Roads and Highways Department, the construction firm failed to complete the work within the stipulated time. It is learnt that it will require one more year to complete the rest of the work.

Meanwhile, acquisition of land for the construction of

connecting roads on both sides of the river has almost been completed. The construction works of the roads are expected to begin after completion of necessary formalities.

The Roads and Highways Department has given Tk 1.46 crore to the Land Acquisition Office for the compensation of acquired land.

8 alleged criminals arrested in Narail

NARAIL, Oct 12: Eight people were arrested in Sadar and Lohagara thanas on charges of various crimes including murder in the last fortnight, police said, reports UNB.

Golam Quddus of village Balladanga in sadar thana was arrested on charge of killing Chhatra League leader of the same village Abul Kalam on September 16.

On August 13, Abul Kalam was injured when some miscreants attacked him with sharp weapon at his home and died at Khulna General Hospital the following day.

Police arrested Raushan Biswas, an absconding convict for five murder cases, of village Rushani in Mirzapur from Narail square on September 15.

On July 22, four people were killed on the spot when miscreants fire gunshots at Mirzapur playground. A body of a kidnapped person was also found

at the playground on the same day.

On September 24, Lohagara police arrested Imrul, 18, and Ismat, 19, of Laxmipasha and sent them to jail hajat suspecting their involvement in a bid to kill Quasem of the locality.

Besides, on the same day, police arrested Moshirur Rahman, 18, and Ahad, 18, of village Lohagara on charges of throwing acid on co-villager Shukla, daughter of Basudev Sikder.

Moreover, on September 20, Lohagara police arrested Abu Sheikh of village Etna, an absconding accused of GR case and sent him to jail hajat.

Police also arrested Shahidullah, 16, son of Arab Ali of village Brahman Bhangra, on charge of snatching Tk 2000 and a bi-cycle from Alam Sheikh of village Pajkmaria in Sadar thana.



AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh): A debate competition arranged recently by BAU English Society progressing in the university campus.

Directorate General Defence Purchase
Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice

1. Sealed tender in Local/Foreign currency are invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Suppliers/Indentors/Dealers (enlistment with this Directorate General is not necessary) for supply of following items for Bangladesh Army:

Sl No	Nomenclature	Qty	Selling date	Date of opening	Cost of I/T and currency
1.	Bicycle TP Complete (Without Clip Rifle) Olive Green.	50 Nos	26.10.97 to 23.11.97	24.11.97	Tk 20/-

Detail specifications, nomenclatures and quantity of items have been mentioned in the tender schedule. The tender schedule will be available on cash payment against the mentioned amount (non-refundable) at above mentioned dates on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. The tender will be opened on aforesaid date at 1000 hrs in presence of all tenderers.

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Directorate General Defence Purchase
Ministry of Defence
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Tender Notice

1. Sealed tender in foreign currency is invited from bonafide manufacturers/ dealers/indentors (not necessarily to be enlisted with this Directorate General) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy:

Sl. No.	Description & Qty	Tender Selling Dt From To	Tender Opening Date	Currency	Tender No.
1.	Spare Parts for Gear Box (Qty-44 L/I)	21.10.97 17.11.97	18.11.97	F/C	5285
2.	Bendix (Air start motor arrangement) (Qty-05 No)	21.10.97 17.11.97	18.11.97	F/C	5286
3.	Spare Parts (Bearing Half Sleeve) (Qty-66 No)	21.10.97 17.11.97	18.11.97	F/C	5292
4.	Luffing Rope (Qty-01 No)	21.10.97 01.12.97	02.12.97	F/C	4973
5.	Ultramuff Hearing Protector (Qty-300 No)	21.10.97 01.12.97	02.12.97	F/C	5287
6.	Echo (Depth) Sounder (Qty-07 No)	21.10.97 01.12.97	02.12.97	F/C	5288
7.	Portable HP Air Compressor (Qty-10 No)	21.10.97 01.12.97	02.12.97	F/C	5289
8.	CV Valve various (Qty-23 L/I)	21.10.97 01.12.97	02.12.97	F/C	5290
9.	MS Plate Various (Qty-47 L/I)	21.10.97 01.12.97	02.12.97	F/C	5293
10.	Spare Parts for Electrical & Radio Electrical Equipment (Qty-402 L/I)	21.10.97 01.12.97	02.12.97	F/C	5294

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.

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Commander, BN
For Director General

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Ministry of Defence
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Sl No	Description & Qty	Tender Selling Dt From To	Tender Opening Date	Currency	Tender No.
1.	Night Vision Binocular (Qty-10 No)	21-10-97 01-12-97	02-12-97	F/C	5285
2.	Marine Binocular (Qty-80 No)	21-10-97 01-12-97	02-12-97	F/C	5302
3.	Glass Lapping Rope Size Dia 1" (25.4mm) (Qty-3400 Mtr)	21-10-97 17-11-97	18-11-97	F/C	5303
4.	Goggles for Gas Cutting & Gas welding (Qty-100 Pair)	21-10-97 01-12-97	02-12-97	F/C	5304
5.	Spare parts for Shafting (Qty-08 L/I)	21-10-97 01-12-97	02-12-97	F/C	5305
6.	Spare parts for Grinding Machine (Qty-16 L/I)	21-10-97 01-12-97	02-12-97	F/C	5306
7.	Spare parts for Spray Pump & Vertical Milling Machine (Qty-15L/I +02 L/I)	21-10-97 01-12-97	02-12-97	F/C	5307
8.	Canvas Belt (Qty-48 No)	26-10-97 04-12-97	07-12-97	F/C	5308
9.	Spare parts for Various Equipment (Qty-237 L/I)	26-10-97 04-12-97	07-12-97	F/C	5309
10.	Spare parts for Turbo Charger & Ruston Main Engine. (Qty-14L/I + 22 L/I)	26-10-97 04-12-97	07-12-97	F/C	5310
11.	Temperature Gauge with Sensor (Qty-02 No)	26-10-97 04-12-97	07-13-97	F/C	5311
12.	Spare parts (Qty-02 L/I)	26-10-96 04-12-97	07-12-97	F/C	5312
13.	Spare parts for Soldering & Desoldering (Qty-12 L/I)	26-10-97 04-12-97	07-12-97	F/C	5313
14.	Spare parts for Caterpillar Generator (Qty-10 L/I)	26-10-97 04-12-97	07-12-97	F/C	5314
15.	Spare for Sand Blasting Machine (Qty-07 L/I)	26-10-97 04-12-97	07-12-97	F/C	5317
16.	Spare parts for Various Equipment (Qty-19 L/I)	26-10-97 04-12-97	07-12-97	F/C	5318
17.	Spare for HP Air Compressor (Qty-56 L/I)	26-10-97 04-12-97	07-12-97	F/C	5319
18.	Spare for Grace King 45:1 Hydra and Grace 30: 1 President Hydra for Air Motor. (Qty-43+31=74 L/I)	26-10-97 04-12-97	07-12-97	F/C	5320
19.	Spare for Air Compressor and Horizontal Boring and Milling Machine. (Qty-38 L/I)	26-10-97 04-12-97	07-12-97	F/C	5321
20.	Spare parts for Air Compressor and Parts Catalogue. (Qty-33+4 L/I)	26-10-97 04-12-97	07-12-97	F/C	5322
21.	Spare parts for Main Engine. (Qty-229+1 = 230 L/I)	26-10-97 04-12-97	07-12-97	F/C	5323
22.	Rope polyamide (Qty-53 Coil)	26-10-97 04-12-97	07-12-97	F/C	5324

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