



Chief Justice A T M Afzal administering oath of office to six newly appointed Additional Judges of the High Court Division of Bangladesh Supreme Court yesterday. — PID photo

Concern over use of force against Bangladeshi migrants in KL

By Staff Correspondent

Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK), a human rights and a legal aid centre has expressed deep concern over the use of force on the Bangladeshi migrants in Malaysia.

In a letter addressed to the Centre for Human Rights Commissioner in Geneva, the Executive Director of ASK said, "the centre is concerned about human rights violation by the Malaysian government."

The letter said, the Malaysian government has deployed thousands of armed security men to raid, arrest and carry out deportation process in Semenyih Camp on March 26 this year.

The pre-dawn attack ended in deaths and injury of many migrant workers, the ASK letter claimed.

ASK letter also said, the Malaysian government also conducting surprise raids at different work places and taking stern action against migrant workers from Bangladesh.

The ASK has strongly urged the Geneva Human Rights Centre to provide humanitarian aid to the migrant workers and those who are detained and on the deportation process, deploy a team to investigate and monitor human rights violation in the process of deportation and request the Malaysian government not to dislocate the workers.

CEC seeks all-out cooperation to strengthen polls process

Chief Election Commissioner Muhammad Abu Hena yesterday urged the political parties, government and non-government organisations and the people of all walks of life to extend their all-out cooperation to strengthen the election process and democratic structure in the country, reports BSS.

The Chief Election Commissioner was talking with the members of a delegation of Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) who called on Hena at his office. Chairperson of FEMA Fakhruddin Ahmed handed over the final report of FEMA on "Union Parishad Election-1997" to the Chief Election Commissioner.

Hena underscored the need for creating free, fair and peaceful election atmosphere for the voters to help flourish democracy in the country. The Election Commission, he said had taken up a Taka 50-crore three-year long programme to carry out voters' training programme and other related activities.

Hena said steps should be taken to ensure education about the necessity of the practice of democracy and vote casting system in the curriculum at schools and college level, the programme of adult education and mosque-based education activities to help consolidate democracy.

He said voters identity card (ID) would be given to each electorate to ensure the voters identity. The primary phase of the revised ID Card Project, he said, had already been started.

Hena said manpower would be increased in the commission's training, publication and public relations divisions to strengthen the Election Commission.

The Chief Election Commissioner said 84 per cent voters had exercised their rights of franchise in the last Union Parishad election. The notable aspect of the last Election Parishad election, he said, was unprecedented participation of the women community.

The Chief Election Commissioner said about 82 per cent women voters had participated in the elections. He also said that a total of 45,527 women candidates had contested for the posts of chairman and general members and reserved seats in the last Union Parishad elections.

The chairperson of FEMA said that the overall elections were held fairly at the election centres and the presence of the voters was encouraging.

Election Commissioners Abidur Rahman and Mustaque Ahmed Chowdhury were also present on the occasion.

Bangladesh Power Development Board Invitation for Bids

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) under Loan No. 963-BAN(SF): EIGHTH POWER PROJECT, towards cost for rehabilitation of cyclone damages in Chittagong. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under:
 - Contract - GCPDP Cyclone PACKAGE-1: Supply of Steel Pole & Pole Fittings.
 - Contract - GCPDP Cyclone PACKAGE-2: Supply of Distribution Transformer.
 - Contract - GCPDP Cyclone PACKAGE-3: Supply of Conductor & Accessories.
 - Contract - GCPDP Cyclone PACKAGE-4: Supply of 11 KV DOFC, 11 KVLA & MCCB.
 - Contract - GCPDP Cyclone PACKAGE-5: Supply of Insulator.
 - Contract - GCPDP Cyclone PACKAGE-6: Supply of Single Phase Kwh Meter & Meter Seal.
- Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) the executing agency now invites sealed Bid in one envelope system from the bidders of eligible countries of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Supply of Goods in following Bid:

| Sl. No. | Bid Enquiry No. | Description | Value of Bidding Document |
|---------|-----------------|--|---------------------------|
| 1. | Pur-103/98 | Contract-GCPDP Cyclone PACKAGE-1: Steel Pole & Pole Fittings. | Tk. 5000.00 |
| 2. | Pur-104/98 | Contract-GCPDP Cyclone PACKAGE-2: Distribution Transformer. | Tk. 5000.00 |
| 3. | Pur-105/98 | Contract-GCPDP Cyclone PACKAGE-3: Conductor & Accessories. | Tk. 5000.00 |
| 4. | Pur-106/98 | Contract-GCPDP Cyclone PACKAGE-4: 11KV DOFC, 11 KVLA & MCCB. | Tk. 5000.00 |
| 5. | Pur-107/98 | Contract-GCPDP Cyclone PACKAGE-5: Insulator. | Tk. 5000.00 |
| 6. | Pur-108/98 | Contract-GCPDP Cyclone PACKAGE-6: Single Phase Kwh Meter & Meter Seal. | Tk. 5000.00 |

- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Director, Purchase, BPDB (9th floor), WAPDA Building, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh. (Telephone No. 9550532 or 9550259, Telex No. 675617 BPB BJ)
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested eligible bidder on submission of a written application and upon payment of non-refundable fee as mentioned in column 4 of clause 2 above in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the undersigned.
- Bidding Documents will be available for sale from 30/04/98 to 29/06/98 in the office of the undersigned during office hours.
- Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid security of minimum of two per cent (2%) of total bid amount and must be delivered to the above office on or before 11.00 AM Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) on 29/06/98.
- Bids will be opened in presence of the bidders representative, if any, at 11.30 AM BST on 29/06/98 at the office of Director, Purchase, BPDB (9th floor), WAPDA Building, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
- Bids submitted by Fax, Telex or cable will be rejected.
- BPDB will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
- In comparison of bids, ADB's Domestic Preference Scheme will be applied in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Instructions to Bidders.
- Bids submitted beyond scheduled time will neither be received nor accepted.

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Director
Purchase
Bangladesh Power Development Board, Dhaka

Wanted

Executive Secretary

An online operating Airline is looking for a qualified secretary, having experience in computer word processing, spreadsheet, document management and E-Mail. Must be responsible for secretarial functions, interaction with top management and coordination with other departments independently.

Attractive package commensurate with qualification and experience will be offered. Interested candidates are requested to send their resume & photograph by 15th May '98 to Box No. A-741 C/o. The Daily Star Dhaka-1205

Number of diabetic patients may reach 80m within 25 yrs in SE Asia: WHO

World Health Organisation has warned that the number of diabetic patients in South-East Asia could reach 80 million within the next 25 years unless national programmes were strengthened, reports UNB.

"Diabetes presents an enormous threat to health and quality of life of the people" said a message from Dr Utton Mughtar Rafel, WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia.

WHO representative in Bangladesh Dr Wit Hardjotjanja read out the message at the inter-country workshop on the prevention and control of diabetes now being held at BIRDEM auditorium in the city.

There are currently over 28 million people in the region suffering from diabetes which is the result of a "life-long condition resulting in the development of multiple chronic complications."

The WHO official said diabetes control programmes would not be successful if these remained as exclusive activities of the professional bodies.

He suggested an integrated approach to control of non-communicable diseases like cancer, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases.

The workshop, which ends on Thursday next, is being attended by representatives from Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Myanmar, North Korea, Indonesia and Thailand.

Consultative meeting observes Two-stroke autorickshaws should be phased out

By Staff Correspondent

The two-stroke autorickshaws, which contribute 37 per cent of the city's deteriorating air pollution, should be phased out.

This was one of the recommendations made yesterday at the concluding session of a two-day consultative meeting on vehicular pollution at the Sonargaon Pan Pacific Hotel in the city.

The meeting on Integrated Approach to Vehicular Pollution Control was jointly organised by the Department of Environment and the World Bank. It was attended by at least 40 high ranking officials and observers representing different organisations.

When the recommendation for phasing out of the two-stroke autorickshaws was read out, many participants demanded that a five-year time frame be added to it.

But a section of the participants vehemently opposed the idea of a time-limit and said the polluting autorickshaws could be converted into environment friendly vehicles through proper mix of unadulterated oil and petrol. The opponents to the proposal were apparently representing the autorickshaw manufacturers and assembly association.

Participants in the meeting revealed that the measured particulate concentration in Dhaka's air is from a low of 300 to a very high level of 2,400 (micro grams per metre cube). The WHO guidelines for the same matter is between 60 to 90.

Motor vehicles are a major source of air pollution. The number of vehicles is increasing dramatically at 10 per cent per year, adding to a badly congested traffic and affecting the health of children.

Pierre Landell-Mills, the World Bank country director, said as a result health costs were tentatively estimated to be between 60 to 240 million US dollars per year. He also said that each year, two-stroke engine vehicles alone might be responsible for over 400 premature deaths. "The emission problem of baby-taxis is a result of fuel adulteration, poor maintenance and inappropriate use of lube oils," he said.

Presenting the draft action plan recommendations, DOE's Deputy Director M Reazuddin put forward a set of reform measures in a member of areas.

Young man found dead

By Staff Correspondent

A young man was found dead at a low-lying area at Miraznagar under Demra thana in the city yesterday morning.

Police identified the dead as Abu Sayed, son of Abdul Aziz of Miraznagar area. Sayed's body bore several stab marks at his back, throat. Besides, a tendon of his leg was severed.

The real motive behind the killing could not be known immediately. Quoting his family sources police said Sayed, a construction material trader, did not return since he left home Sunday afternoon.

Yesterday morning locals found his body in the water body close to his residence. Being informed police recovered the body later.

None, however, was arrested till filing of this report last night. The body was sent to Mitford Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management Tender for Purchase of Personal Computers and Peripherals

Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) invites tenders from dealers/agents/distributors of computer companies for supplying 16 (sixteen) computers and some peripherals with fixed specification.

Details of the tender will be available from tender schedule which may be purchased from the Accounts Section, Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management, Plot # 4, Main Road # 1, Section # 2, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216 during office hours for Tk 200.00 (non-refundable) up to May 12, 1998. The tenders can be dropped up to 3 pm on May 13, 1998 and will be opened at 3:15 pm on the same day. GD-306

BJMC Advertisement International Tender Notice

Tenders are invited for the undermentioned items by General Manager, Star Jute Mills Limited, Chandanimahal, Khulna under 20th Japanese Credit Exempt Grant (1st installment).

1. Crank Sapt for ULRO Baling Press.

Tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon of 31.5.98 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM before the tenderers (if any) present. Earnest money at the rate 1% of the total quoted price in the tender (refundable) must be submitted with the tender through Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Star Jute Mills Ltd, Chandanimahal, Khulna. Otherwise, the tender will not be acceptable. Tender document with detailed description of requirement, specification, terms & conditions will be available on payment of Tk 160/- (non-refundable) per set from the (1) General Manager (Finance), BJMC, Dhaka, (2) Deputy General Manager (Accounts & Finance), BJMC, Chittagong, (3) Deputy General Manager (Accounts & Finance), BJMC, Khulna, (4) Manager (Accounts & Finance), Star Jute Mills Ltd, Chandanimahal, Khulna.

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

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Chief Engineer
Directorate of Housing
Segunbagicha, Dhaka

Plot Allotment Notice

Interested persons are requested to apply in application form with security money for allotment of 20 Nos. 5.00 Katha, 201 Nos. 3.50 Katha & 57 Nos. 2.5 Katha residential plots in Patuakhali Housing residential area under the Directorate of Housing.

Application form & necessary descriptions will be available from the office of the undersigned, from the office of the Executive Engineer, Khulna Housing Division, Khulna/Dhaka Housing Division-2, Mohammadpur/Barisal Housing Sub-Division, Barisal against cash payment of Tk 25/= (twenty-five) only (non-refundable) during office hours up to 14-05-98.

Applications will be received by Chief Engineer, Directorate of Housing, Segunbagicha, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, Khulna Housing Division, Khulna & Sub-Divisional Engineer, Barisal Housing Sub-Division, Barisal. Last date of receiving application is 31-5-98.

It may be mentioned here that, government has selected for plot allotment from among those who applied by 30-9-97 for plot allotment in Patuakhali Housing residential area as per this office notification, and allotment letters have already been issued in their names.

AM Fakhruddin
Chief Engineer
Directorate of Housing
Segunbagicha, Dhaka
Phone: 9562762

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Director General Fire Service & Civil Defence Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka

International Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are re-invited from supplier/manufacturing countries/firms to purchase the undermentioned fire fighting vehicles for Fire Service & Civil Defence Department.

| Serial No. | Tender No. & date | Short description of fire fighting vehicle | Cost of tender |
|------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------|
| 1. | Ma Pa Da/FSOCD/CS/18 dt 28-1-98 | Pump carrier vehicle | Tk 750/= |

Tender schedule and rules & regulations of tender can be collected on cash payment of prescribed price from Central Store of this Directorate during office hours from 26-4-98 to 5-5-98. Tender can be submitted in the tender box kept at this office up to 1-30 PM of 6-5-98 and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 2-30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

Md. Jahangir Kabir
Director
&
Member Secretary, Tender Committee

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The AES Corporation is a leading US based global power company that currently owns or has interest in eighty-seven power facilities totaling over 23,000 MW worldwide. AES is a value driven company that believes in empowering its people with authority to make decision and treats each of its people as a businessperson. Consistent with its belief about people, AES wishes to build a core team based in Bangladesh (with minimum expatriates) that shall be responsible for running the business with minimum support from its head-office. AES wishes to recruit people to fill the following vacancies on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, AES Haripur Private Limited, the owner of the proposed 360 MW Haripur Power Project.

Project Manager (s) (2-3 Positions)

The Role:
Initially, as a key member of the core team, working for the Project Director, you would be responsible for supporting many of those essential activities to achieve financial closing - permitting, site acquisition, liaison with government entities and local community, selection of the turnkey contractor, contract negotiation and administration, accounting and taxation, and project finance. At the same time you would not be limited by any line function instead you would be required to act as a businessperson with a "whatever it takes" attitude and willing to learn and contribute to the business as it moves from development to construction and to commercial operation. Accordingly, the position is initially based in Dhaka for about 1 year until construction starts after which the work would be carried out from the site at Haripur, 20 km from Dhaka. You should consider this as a stepping stone opportunity as AES desires to groom/identify future leaders from amongst this group.

Your Background:
Four years engineering degree either with a MBA or Masters from accredited university from abroad or a professional accounting or financing degree. You will have gained experience working for multinational companies in the field of engineering, project development or appraisal, finance or accounting. Young, motivated and independent, able to take ownership of its tasks with little supervision. An able communicator (written and oral) with fluent English and Bengali.

Office Manager (1 Position)

The Role:
You would be singly responsible for providing administrative support to the core team in every aspect to facilitate the business. Specifically, you would be required to perform wide variety of tasks with minimum supervision such as office administration, secretarial duties including typing / transcribing correspondences, filing, office supplies procurement, travel arrangements, conference planning and receptionist duties. As an AES person, you would also be expected to have a businessperson approach to take ownership of your tasks.

Your Background:
College degree with similar experience with multinational companies, excellent computer skills in MS word and PowerPoint software, preferably basic understanding of MS Excel, able to produce professional presentation and project materials. Young, pleasant personality, team player and able to communicate with fluent (written and oral) English and Bengali. Preference will be given to equally qualified women.

AES will provide attractive remuneration best in the industry in Bangladesh.

Resume with recent photograph (no certificates) shall be sent to the Project Director, AES Haripur Ltd. to Box No. D-212, C/o. the Daily Star, House 11, Road 3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka 1205, within two weeks of this advertisement.