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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Director Institute of Child and Mother Health Matuial, Dhaka-1362

Memo No. ICMH/ICB/Med.Eq-1/97/209 Dated: 03.05.98

Invitation for Bids

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from IBRD (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of Credit No. 2259-BD and it is intended that part of the proceeds of the loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the Appointment of Pre-shipment and Post Landing Inspection Agent/Surveyor for inspection/survey of Medical Equipment.
 - The Director, Institute of Child and Mother Health (ICMH) now invites sealed competitive Bids from eligible bidders from member countries of the IDA for the Appointment of Pre-shipment and Post Landing Inspection Agent/Surveyor for inspection/survey of Medical Equipment.
 - Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on and inspect the bidding documents at the office of the Director, Institute of Child and Mother Health (ICMH), Matuial, Dhaka-1362.
 - A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder on submission of a written application to the Director, ICMH, on all working day, except the bid closing date and with original receipt of Tk. 1,000.00 (non-refundable) per set through Bangladesh Bank Chalan under head "36-Health and Population Control" in favour of the Director, ICMH.
 - The Director, ICMH, will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
 - Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of Tk 500,000.00 and bids must be delivered in accordance with the instructions to bidders on or before the time and date (or amendment thereof) given in this notice.
 - Bids shall be submitted in "two envelopes system" one containing the "Technical Submissions" and the other "Bid Prices". Each envelope shall be clearly marked on the top indicating its respective contents as above. Both envelopes then enclosed within a third envelope, addressed and indicating its contents.
 - Bids shall be received at the following address up to 12.00 Noon (Bangladesh Standard Time) on 15.05.1998. Only the "technical Submission" shall be opened thereafter at 12.30 PM on the same date, in presence of the bidders' representative who may be present.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract, without giving any reason whatsoever thereof.
- Professor M Q-K Talukder**
Director
Institute of Child and Mother Health
DFP-9931-5/5
G-957

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Munshiganj Road Division Bagmamudali, Munshiganj

RHD Notice Inviting Quotation (9th Call)

- Quotation Notice: 03/RD Munshiganj of 1997-98.
 - Name of work: Leasing out of Mukterpur ferryghat for collection of toll from vehicular traffic for one year under Munshiganj Road Divn during the year 1997-98.
 - Location with name of ferryghat: At 9th KM of Fatullah-Munshiganj-Lauhajong Road Mukterpur ferryghat.
 - Eligibility of quotationer: Well reputed person/persons/firms having VAT registration.
 - Amount of security money (refundable): Tk 10,00,000/- (Ten lakh taka) only in the shape of BD/TC/PSP/BSP etc certificate in favour of Executive Engineer, RHD, Munshiganj Road Division.
 - Name of offices where quotation documents will be sold: Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Divn, Segunbagicha, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Divn, Dhaka/Narayanganj/Gazipur/ Manikganj/Narsingdi/Munshiganj/Planning Divn (P&D), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Planning & Design Divn, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Sub-Divn Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Divn, I Sreenagar/Keraniganj/Munshiganj/1st Line Workshop Sub-Divn under Munshiganj Road Division, Munshiganj.
 - Name of offices where quotation documents will be received: Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Divn, Segunbagicha, Dhaka/ Superintending Engineer, RHD, Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/Planning & Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Divn, Munshiganj/Sub-Div Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Divn, Sreenagar/Keraniganj/Munshiganj/1st Line Workshop Sub-Divn under Munshiganj Road Divn, Munshiganj.
 - Last date for selling the quotation documents: Up to 20-5-98 during office hours.
 - Last date & time for receiving the quotation documents: 21-5-98 up to 12-30 PM.
- As per order of the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka the sealed envelope shall not be opened by the respective receiving offices. Those will be sent to this office within 3(three) days, otherwise it will be deemed that no quotation have been received in those office. The sealed quotation will be centrally opened on 26-5-98 at 1.30 PM in this office in presence of the intending quotationer who may like to remain present. Sealed quotation in departmental schedule are hereby invited from the well reputed person(s)/firm(s) for leasing out of Mukterpur ferryghat for realisation of toll 1 (one) year. Detailed terms and conditions shall be purchased from the abovementioned offices @ Tk 1500/- (Taka one thousand five hundred) only (non-refundable) per set.
- Md Habibur Rahman**
Executive Engineer, RHD
Munshiganj Road Division
Munshiganj.
DFP-9593-3/5
G-959

BUET crisis

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If yesterday's Engineer's Institution function - where the Chancellor and Dr. Iqbal Mahmud shared the same dais - is any indication of the former's mood, then it is apparent that she has severe reservations about the former VC. We would strongly urge Sheikh Hasina not to allow hearsay, motivated information and comments like "Dr. Mahmud was a BNP minister" to cloud her mind. It she wants to remember that he was a BNP minister, then she should also remember on what ground he resigned (and she should also remember that more than one of her cabinet ministers were highest level government servants of Gen. Zia's government). The reason we mention it is because these factors should not cloud her mind. The integrity and honesty of people should be the only consideration in making a judgement in this case. We are surprised and dumbfounded at the education minister's quite unnecessary and provocative reference to Dr. Mahmud being a former BNP minister. Was n't this fact known when he was offered the post of the VC by this government. If it did not matter then, why should it matter now.

We are also disturbed by what the education minister said about other teachers lining up to fill the post of the VC. The tone and content of his press conference was condescending and insulting to the teachers. We are confused as to why the minister said what he did. Did he want to solve the problem or was he out to vent his anger on the VC and the BUET teachers? It appeared to us like the latter, in which case, he seems to have terribly misjudged the situation. If teachers now consider him to be a part of the problem and not a part of its solution. They have refused to hold discussions with him. This, on the contrary, we think is to go on to the other extreme. Denigrating an elected minister in such a manner cannot serve the cause of the teachers, just as insulting the teachers in the manner that he did cannot, and did not, serve the purpose of a government whose intention, we still hope, is to restore normalcy in BUET. We think the minister should withdraw his remarks and the teachers their decision.

As and when Dr. Mahmud is back in the saddle (we do not say "if" because we do not think there will be any solution without him. Therefore the government will be well advised not to think of an alternative till this problem is solved), he should be allowed all the freedom of action suitable and necessary for a VC. Our understanding is that, just before the problem surfaced, they went out of hand, every side wanted an amicable solution. This could not happen because the people concerned did not submit their last letter to the Syndicate or the VC according to what was agreed upon. We have talked to these teachers who said they were not properly informed as to what was wanted of them. We believe that some of the problem was the result of absence of direct communication between the two groups. There were too many intermediaries and too many knee-jerk reactions.

Two things need to be made clear. First, the decisions of the Academic Council and of the Syndicate, in their respective jurisdictions, must not be tempered with. And no amount of political or other pressures should change them. All teachers will have to obey that regardless of the faculty they belong to. Second, the department of Architecture must NOT be treated as an adjunct to the engineering University. They have separate needs and goals. We must adopt the global trend in this discipline. We support the setting up of a separate Institute of Architecture. However as long as the present Architecture faculty exists as a part of BUET it must abide by the University's laws and decisions.

Having talked to all sides it is our view that misunderstanding and lack of communication have added to the problem which, in addition to being of long standing in nature became more complex and acrimonious because of organisational factors and personality clashes, not to mention the "easy" access to the power that be, which gave some people larger than life status. We strongly feel that there should not be any vindictiveness. The 13 Architecture faculty members must be allowed to rejoin their work in BUET. Whatever procedural mistakes and "outing of BUET laws" they are guilty of will have to be taken account of after they have been reinstated. We understand that the review process permits all that and Dr. Mahmud was quite willing to take that route, but for the arrogant refusal of a section of architecture faculty member to submit review petition in the appropriate terms and language. What a reason to put a whole university in chaos.

The initiative now lies in the hands of the Chancellor. We think she was ill advised by those who had "easy" access to her as to the integrity and intention of the VC, who was harassed and put under tremendous pressure. This ultimately ended up as direct interference in the autonomous functioning of BUET.

The Chancellor will give a wise account of herself if she immediately requests Dr. Mahmud, as we had suggested earlier, to resume his duties assuring him of her full and unambiguous support and leaving the solution to his best judgement. We think Dr. Mahmud is wise enough, fair enough and farsighted enough to do justice to all, and do what is best for BUET. We urge all concerned to let their wisdom and not their vanity lead them on this occasion.



A rally marking the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh Dental Association in the city yesterday. —Star photo

FM at 50th anniversary of Dental Assoc Compromise on major issues by political parties must

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday underlined the greater need for accommodation by the political parties on major issues facing the nation and urgency of understanding the democratic values in running the state affairs, reports BSS.

Referring to the prevailing situation in the country the Foreign Minister said, "There must be accommodation and respect for each other's opinions for the smooth running of the state and building confidence among the people for the betterment of the country."

The Foreign Minister was addressing as chief guest at a function marking the Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh Dental Association (BDA).

Presided over by Dr A Hasan, president of BDA, the function was also addressed by Prof M Amanullah, State Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Abdul Hasan Chowdhury, State Minister for Foreign Affairs and Kamal Bakht MP.

Azad said in addition to the constitutional provision, the Prime Minister also stated time and again that her government will resign prior to polls to hold free and fair election. He said democracy is a culture, which we all must practice for its flourishing.

Referring to the escalation of terrorism in the country, Azad said we have to free the society from this evil stuff. "If we cannot eliminate terrorism, it would finish us all," he cautioned.

The Foreign Minister welcomed the attitude of the opposition to be in Parliament and said there is no alternative but to take part in parliamentary activities for better functioning of democracy. The ruling party must also be prepared to sit in the opposition, he said adding only election will determine which party will occupy position or opposition bench.

The Foreign Minister said in a democracy there would be differences in opinion, a matter which is both natural and expected. He said "what is not desirable is jealousy and hatred, rather we should stress respect for each other and accommodation of other's opinion."

Azad lauded the role of the dentists in keeping the health of the nation. He said teeth are very vital for digestion of food which keep our body engine fit for work.

The Foreign Minister said because of the dearth of required number of physicians and provision of quality services, a good number of patients travel outside the country for treatment causing huge drainage of scarce foreign exchange. He underlined the need for more qualified doctors and ensuring better medicare facilities to arrest this trend.

Prof Amanullah while emphasising the importance of dentist in ensuring the health of the nation, said the present situation of one dentist per two lakh people is unacceptable. "We must make all-out efforts to improve the situation at the earliest," he added. The State Minister for Health asked the dentists to be united for the twin goal of raising their level of professional efficiency and to deliver services at the grassroots level.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs congratulated leaders of BDA for holding the jubilee function of the association which has traversed a long way facing various odd situations. He said this is an occasion when we should honour those who gave their knowledge and labour for the welfare of the people.

Earlier in his address Dr Hasan said BDA which is the successor of East Pakistan Dental Association set up in 1948 is faced with a host of problems including recognition of the qualification of members by concerned body. He informed that of the 800 graduate dentists, about half of them went out of the country creating a precarious situation in way of offering dental care to the people. "Something appropriate must be done soon to change the situation, he called upon the authorities concerned."



A procession was brought out from Hussony Dalan in observance of holy Ashura in the city Thursday. — Star photo

Holy Ashura observed

The holy Ashura, commemorating the Karbala tragedy, was observed in the country as across the Muslim world Thursday with due respect and religious fervour, reports UNB.

On this day, Hazrat Imam Hussein (R), son of Hazrat Ali (R) and grandson of great Prophet Hazrat Mohammad (SM) braced martyrdom at Karbala desert along with his followers and family members in the hands of the then ruler of Qufa, Yazid.

The day was a public holiday.

The Sunnis observed the day amid various religious programmes, while the Shites brought out mourning and Tazia processions in the city as elsewhere in the country.

Different religious and cultural organisations held various programmes, including Quran Khwai, milad mahfil, zikir and marsia, to mark the day.

Sadique (Mahmud) was a member of the Cabinet of General Ziaur Rahman and was appointed as Vice Chancellor knowingly. Because he was the senior among the teachers. The government did not want to politicise the post of the VC," the statement added.

When he was asked if there was any political motive behind the whole incident, the Education Minister had replied: "It cannot be ruled out in view of the way the Leader of the Opposition is making statement on this issue."

When a newsman said that there is no mention about the education minister but the chancellor in the BUET Ordinance, Sadique had remarked: "It is the constitutional responsibility of the education minister," the statement said.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia and Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad issued separate messages on the eve of the day remembering the supreme sacrifices by the great followers of Islam.

National dailies published special articles while Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar broadcast special programmes highlighting the significance of the day.

The main Tazia procession in the city was brought out in the morning from Hussony Dalan. Earlier, a number of processions from Mohammadpur, Mirpur, Paltan and different Imambaras thronged Hussony Dalan area to join the main procession.

Chanting "Hai Hussein, Hai Hussein," the mourners of the Tazia procession carried red and green flags and symbols of Hussein's grave.

A day-long seminar on the martyrs of Islam was organised by Azimpur Chhoto Daira Sharif.

Seminar on HR in Ctg today
Human Rights Commission, Chittagong branch, will hold a seminar on "Human Rights and Democracy" at 10 am today at the Chittagong district council auditorium, reports UNB.
Participants from Dhaka, Chittagong and CHT will attend the seminar, said a press release.

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Place	Venue	Date	Time
Dhaka	Indian High Commission 754 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka	9 & 10, May 1998.	0930 hrs
Chittagong	Alliance Francaise Auditorium	12, May 1998.	0930 hrs

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