

Metropolitan

Neglect in educational, research activities in varsities alleged

By Staff Correspondent

Educational and research activities of the universities are being neglected as the lion's share of the annual budget for the universities are spent for salary and allowances.

Around 72 per cent of the total allocation for the universities of the country were spent for salary and allowance purposes in the fiscal 1994-95 while 67 per cent in 1995-96.

In the fiscal 1996-97, a total of Tk 125.29 crore was spent for salary and allowances of teachers and employees of the universities while only Tk 20.21 crore was spent for educational and research purposes.

Universities got a total of Tk 143 crore revenue budget in 1994, Tk 171.39 crore in 1995-96 and on an average less than one per cent of the national budget is allocated for higher education.

University Grants Commission (UGC) pointed to budget constraints for being unable to extend more support to research and educational purposes and held several irregularities and malpractices exercised by the universities responsible for increased expenditure in salary and allowances.

In its latest annual report,

UGC alleged violations of promotion and upgradation rules by the universities increased expenditure due to misuses of electricity, huge amount of subsidy to transport system and increasing expenditure for schools and colleges in the universities campuses which subsequently contributed to the increase of expenditure for salary and allowances.

"The universities are creating posts and upgrading the teachers, officers and employees,"

According to their own mechanism violating the UGC rules," the report said.

"Filled up posts of employees and teachers are much higher in number than the created posts," it said.

Commission also observed that the pension rules of the universities were extremely liberal which further creates more pressure on the annual revenue budget.

Talking to The Daily Star, UGC Chairman Prof Yeazuddin Ahmed said more emphasis should be on research and library expansion to cope with the global competition. "We must have sophisticated research equipment, qualified teachers and rich libraries to make our higher education qualitative and meaningful," he added.

Asked to comment on less than one per cent allocation of national budget for higher education, Prof Yeazuddin said "There is no alternative to primary and secondary education but the higher education policy should be modelled according to the world-need basis so that we can keep pace with international competition, quality education and research activities in other countries."

Photo exhibition on birds at Nat'l Museum tomorrow

An exhibition of photographs on birds titled "Birds of Bangladesh" will be held at the city tomorrow, reports BSS.

Minister for Forest and Environment Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury will inaugurate the exhibition at the National Museum. It is intended to create awareness about wild birds and animals and environment, the organisers said.

Photographs of more than 150 species of wild birds of Bangladesh by Enamul Haque will be on display at the exhibition.

Indefinite strike threatened

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh CI sheet merchants' association would resort to an indefinite strike if VAT is not withdrawn at retail level by June 30, says a press release.



Justice Abdur Rouf addressing as chief guest the sirat conference organised by Nat'l Sirat Committee.

Notice Inviting Tenders

No. 9 (E/M) of 1997-98 (3rd call)

Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited in Form No. 2911 from special 1st class & class 1 (one) E/M approved contractors of PWD who have successfully completed and commissioned at least one 250 KVA sub-station equipment work under any govt, semi govt or autonomous organisation for the undermentioned work & will be received by the undersigned & by the Divisional Commissioner Rajshahi Divn, Rajshahi & EE's PWD Divn-1/2, Rajshahi/Natore/ Naogaon up to 12.00 Noon of 28.7.98 & will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM.

Intending special class-I & class-I E/M contractors/firms shall procure and submit with tender certificate in prescribed proforma (obtainable free of cost in the office of the undersigned). Contractors/firms shall have to apply with attached copies of ABC licence, VAT registration certificate, experience certificate, enlisted book etc. to the Superintending Engineer, PWD Circle, Rajshahi on or before 21.7.98 for purchasing tender documents.

2. Name of work: Remaining work for providing installation testing, commissioning of 500 KVA Sub-station equipment and supply and installation of 100 KVA Generator in the Mental Hospital, Pabna under PWD Division, Pabna.

3. Estimated cost: Taka 25,23,847.00.

4. Earnest money: Taka 50,480/00 in the form of Sanchay Patra/BD/CD from any scheduled bank.

5. Fixed deposit holder to submit a certificate from the concerned Executive Engineer received within three months.

6. The tender form together with the schedule of items, specification, terms & conditions etc can be seen & obtained from the office of the undersigned & abovementioned offices during office hours on payment of usual charges up to the previous day receiving tender.

Md. Shah Alam
Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Pabna

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G-1494

BKOKSP announces action programme from July 23-31

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Krishak O Khetmajur Sangram Parishad (BKOKSP) has announced nationwide massive action programmes to press home their 9-point charter of demands and revision in the new budget proposal.

The action programmes include massive propaganda across the country from July 23 to 31 and protest rallies, processions, strike and gherao from August 5 to 20.

The programmes were announced at a press conference in the city yesterday.

Addressing the press conference, BKOKSP leader Bimal Biswas called upon the government to revise the budget with priority on agri-sector and increase special allocation for food, education, health, accommodation and industry.

"Peasants have rejected the budget," he said.

BKOKSP, an umbrella body of eight peasants organisations, also urged the government to increase direct allocation for agriculture and rural development sectors.

"Critiquing the budget, they said the budget would increase discrimination between the rich and the poor and it has failed to give any guideline for eradication of poverty.

They also demanded explanation from the government regarding the rise in allocation for defence and administrative purposes.

BKOKSP suggested mobilisation of internal resources through recovery of black money, containing wastage, reducing expenditure in unproductive sectors including defence, suspending import of luxury materials, increasing taxes on the rich and containing corruptions.

The peasant body con-

Call to observe Miladunnabi

demned "attitude of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker with their leaders" when they went to give them a memorandum regarding their demands on Thursday.

"The Speaker and Deputy Speaker did not accept the memorandum containing the demands of the peasants," they alleged. The memorandum was endorsed by around 12000 peasants from 56 districts who attended a conference in the city on Thursday," they said.

"Speaker's refusal to accept the memorandum reflects the anti-peasant policy of the ruling Awami League," they added.

Ahle Sunnat Al Jamaat (ASJ) president and Gaddinashin of Maizbhandar Darbar Sharif Maulana Syed Moimuddin Ahmed Maizbhandar yesterday called for observing the Eid-e-Miladunnabi nationally to mark the advent of prophet Mohammad (SM) besittingly, reports BSS.

In a message on the occasion ASJ president said different organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes for observing 12 Raza'at Awal on July 7 across the country. He called upon all masha'iq, ulema, intellectuals, philosophers, imams of mosques and khatis to join a grand rally to be organised by Anjumane Rahmania Moinia Maizbhandaria at historic Paltan Maidan on the day in the morning.

He also called upon both foreign and local media to take up special programmes to celebrate the occasion.

BCIC Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited by the Managing Director, KPM Ltd., Chandraghona, Rangamati Hill District from the BCIC enlisted contractors not below category A-3 or above for the work of water proofing work over the roof of PM-1 at Machine House, KPM at an estimated cost of Tk. 1,96,866/- only. An earnest money equivalent to 2% (two per cent) of the estimated value must be submitted along with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of KPM Ltd., Chandraghona, otherwise the tender will be rejected. Tender documents may be obtained on payment of Tk. 500/- (Taka five hundred) only (Non-refundable) per set from (i) General Manager (A&F), KPM Ltd., Chandraghona, (ii) Sr. General Manager, BCIC branch office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong & (iii) BCIC, BCIC Bhawan, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka on all working days up to 5.7.98. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening of the tender. Tenders will be received at (i) Office of the General Manager (MTS), KPM Ltd., Chandraghona, (ii) Sr. General Manager, BCIC branch office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong simultaneously up to 12.00 Noon on 6.7.98 and will be opened at 12.15 PM. The tenderers must submit current year enlistment renewal and VAT certificate (Photocopy) along with the tender, otherwise the tender will be rejected. The management reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

Md. Shahjahan Bhuiyan
Dy. Chief Engineer (Civil)
For Managing Director

BCIC-515-21/6/98
DFP-14132-23/6
G-1493

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Public Works
Division-2, Dhaka.
Memo No-D-2/T-317/Dev/97-98/5017 Dated: 21-6-98

Tender Invitation Notice

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from contractors/firms having Special Class-I/Class-I licences of the Directorate of Public Works, Class II building contractors/firms under Public Works, Dhaka Zone and Class III building contractors of Dhaka Public Works Circle-3, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received till 12 Noon 13-7-98 at the office of undersigned and Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Public Works Division-1/3/Mohakhali and Eden Building Division and will be opened the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the participants in tender who may like to remain present (if any). Tenders will have to be submitted mentioning name of the work on envelope. Tenders can not be sold to those contractors/firms who have no VAT and TIN certificates. Contractors firm having not renewed the licence up-to-date will not be eligible for purchasing tenders and tenders will not be sold to them.

2. Name of work : Construction work of Bangladesh Computer Council Building at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in Dhaka. (Plot No-F-4). Sub head: Construction work of boundary wall.

3. Estimated cost : Tk 9,99,750/=

4. Earnest money : 20,000/=

5. Time : 60 (sixty) days.

6. Contract papers, Bangladesh Form No 2911, tender notice, schedule of work, additional terms and conditions can be seen at and purchased from the office of the undersigned and Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Public Works Division 1/3/Mohakhali and Eden Building Division on or before 12-7-98 during office hours on payment of usual fee of Taka 400/= for each set of schedule and Taka 25 for Form No 2911 (non-refundable in both cases). No tender will be sold on the day of opening tender.

7. Each construction firm will have to attach the copy of registration of proper authority alongwith other documents prior to submission of tenders. If any construction firm take part in tender without Value Added Tax registration certificate will be considered as non-eligible.

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

A K M Abdur Razzak
Executive Engineer
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Public Works Division-2
Dhaka.

DFP 14181-23/6/98
G-1511

Ref. No. 23.02/47 Dated: 24-06-1998

International Tender Notice for Supply of Lubricating Base Oil

1. a) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) hereby invites offers from reputed suppliers for supply of Solvent Neutral (SN) & Solvent Bright Stock (SBS) grades of Lubricating Base Oil in accordance with the terms & conditions set out hereinafter:

Grade	Quantity in BBL	Delivery at Chittagong	Price to be quoted
SN-150	5,000	12-15 Sept. 98	C&F Chittagong
SN-500	37,000		
SBS-150	28,000		
	70,000		

b) Quantities mentioned against each grade will be subject to an operational tolerance of (+/-5%) (five per cent).

c) The supply of product to be made in one shipment.

2. Local agent of reputed suppliers interested in the tender may collect tender documents on payment of Taka 1000 or US \$ 25 (non-refundable) on all working days during office hours from (a) the Commercial & Operations Division of the Corporation at its Head Office, HBFC Building, 4th floor, 1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong, (b) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, Dhaka Liaison Office, 40, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka and (c) Bangladesh Mission in Singapore, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait and Qatar. No tender document will be available on the tender opening date.

3. Offers will be received up to 1200 hours BST on July 27, 1998 and opened at 1205 hours BST on the same day at the Corporation's Head Office at Chittagong in presence of the bidders or their authorised agents who would wish to be present.

4. Offers must be valid up to 1800 hours BST on August 06, 1998.

5. Submission of Bid Bond amounting to Tk. Two million and other terms and conditions will be as per BPC's tender document for supply of Lubricating Base Oil (Ref. No. 23.02/47 dated June 24, 1998). Successful bidder shall submit a Performance Guarantee with validity up to October 30, 1998 as per tender document.

6. No rights of any kind shall be created in favour of any person or person by virtue of having obtained the tender document nor shall any right be created in favour of any person by virtue of submitting an offer. The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers in part or in full without assigning any reason.

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation
HBFC Building (4th floor)
1/D Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong

60-511

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Mohakhali PWD Division, Dhaka

Notice Inviting Tenders

1. Tender No : 257/1997-98

2. Name of work : Construction of permanent Hajj Camp at Ashkona, Uttara, Dhaka (Sub-head: Internal bituminous carpeting road within the compound of Hajj Camp (South and West side).

3. Estimated cost : Tk 9,38,089/-

4. Earnest money : Tk 18,762/-

5. Time allowed for completion of work : 1 (one) month.

6. Entitlement of class of contractor : Spl Class-I, Class-I, Class-II & Class-III civil contractors/firms of PWD.

7. Tender selling place : SB Nagar PWD Division No. I, II, III, Eden Building and Mohakhali PWD Division.

8. Tender receiving place : SB Nagar PWD Division No. I, II, III, Eden Building and Mohakhali PWD Division.

9. Last date of tender sale : 8-7-98 during office hours.

10. Date and time of receiving of tender : 9-7-98 up to 12.00 Noon.

11. Date and time of opening of tender : 9-7-98 at 12.15 PM.

12. Those contractors/firms who have no VAT registration are not eligible to participate in the tender.

13. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

14. If two or more contractors become lowest by quoting same rates the successful contractor will be selected by conducting lottery. In that case the lottery of this work will be held on 20-7-98 at 11 AM in the office of the undersigned.

Executive Engineer
Mohakhali PWD Division
Dhaka

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BPDB's International Terms

- বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিডব্যারী হোন
- Tender No. : BPDB's International Tender Notice No. Pur-210/98 dated 15.6.98.
 - Name of materials : 230 KV SF-6 circuit breaker.
 - Financing : Cash Foreign Exchange.
 - Qualification of tenderer : Renowned manufacturers/supp-liers.
 - Bid bond : Irrevocable/Unconditional bid bond of equivalent to 2% of quoted amount in the currency of bid in favour of Director, Purchase, PDB, Dhaka.
 - Place of receipt of tender : Office of the Director, Purchase, PDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
 - Date & time of receipt of tender : 05-8-98 up to 11.00 AM (BST).
 - Date of opening of bids : 05-8-98 at 11.30 AM.
 - Name of the office where tender documents will be submitted : From the office of the undersigned on submission of a written application along with Pay Order/Bank Draft for amount of Tk 1000/- (Non-refundable) in favour of the Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
- Tender document will neither be sold on the day of opening nor it will received through Telex/Fax/Post/Courier etc.
- Bangladesh Power Development Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.
- Director, Purchase
BPDB, Dhaka

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Barisal Public Works Division, Barisal

Tender Notice

No E/M-36/1997-98

Sealed tenders in BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited from Special Class I/Class I Electrical/Mechanical contractors/contractors firms having ABC/supervisory licences and enlisted with the Directorate of Public Works for the undermentioned work. Tenders can be submitted in all the offices as mentioned in Serial No 5 till 12-00 Noon of 16.7.98 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of intending participants in tender and the name of work, contractor/contractor's firm, and address and the address to whom the tender will be submitted will have to be mentioned on the envelope.

1. Name of work : Construction of Barisal Divisional Headquarter Project. Sub-head: Supply of 500 KVA HT and LT cable of sub-station including necessary equipment and work of installation.

2. Estimated cost : Taka 766,977/-

3. Earnest money : Taka 15,340/-

4. Time limit for completion of work : 120 days from the date of issue of work order.

5. Offices where tender will be sold and received : All Divisions under Public Works Circle, Barisal.

6. Last date of selling tender : 15.7.98 (till office hours).

7. Date of receiving tender : 16.7.98 (till 12-00 Noon).

8. Bangladesh Form No 2911, additional terms and conditions, prepared schedule etc can be seen and bought on payment of usual fees of Taka 400/- (four hundred) only and Taka 25/- (twenty-five) only (non-refundable in both cases) for BD Form No 2911. Tender schedule can be bought by contractor himself/contractor firm's Managing Director himself or person empowered by him/them through letters whose signature is to be attested by contractor/Managing Director of contractor's firm and by producing original book of enlistment.

9. Contractors/contractors firms will have to apply at least 3 (three) days before the last date of selling tender for purchasing tenders from the offices mentioned in Serial No 5 other than Barisal Public Works Division. No application will be accepted after the expiry of the date.

10. Attested copies of registration of Value Added Tax of contractors/contractors firms and the certificate regarding TIN of income tax return will have to be attached alongwith tender. Otherwise tenders will be deemed as cancelled.

11. Attested copies of electrical and supervisory licences of contractor/contractor's firm from the first pages to last renewed part will have to be attached.

12. Any attestation will have to be done by class I gazetted officer.

13. If more than one participants in tender with the same lowest quoted price is found a lottery will be held to select 1 (one) contractor on 23.7.98 at 11 AM in the office of the undersigned. All participants in tender or his/his nominated representatives have been requested to be present in the lottery.

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