

News snaps

5 killers get life-term imprisonment

RANGPUR, July 10: A court here on Wednesday sentenced five people to life-term imprisonment for killing a watchman, reports UNB.

Court sources said the convicts — Dulal, Deldar, Belal, Motyar and Daud — were also fined Tk 1,000 each, in default to suffer six months more imprisonment. According to prosecution, Akmal Hossain, a watchman of Gopalpur village in Badarganj thana, was murdered by a gang on August 21, 1994. After carrying out an investigation into the incident, police charged 14 people. Additional District and Sessions Judge Salauddin, after examining the witnesses and records, punished five of the accused and acquitted nine others.

Arms, ammunition recovered: 4 arrested

RANGAMATI, July 10: Police in a drive in Langadu thana on Thursday recovered some arms and ammunition and arrested four tribesmen in this connection, reports UNB.

Police said they arrested Uttam Kumar Chakma, Kamal Kumar Chakma, Agal Chakma and Kalachand Chakma from Garushating area along with four country-made guns and 25 rounds of bullet. They were handed over to Rangamati thana. Police also recovered an abandoned pipegun from Bachuchcha area in Baghaichhari thana on the same day. Meanwhile, 18 tribesmen were arrested from Banarupa area of the district during the first week of the current month on charge of attack on SI Nasimul Islam and snatching his gun.

Ullapara clash leaves 13 hurt

SIRAJGANJ, July 10: Some 13 men were injured in a clash between the students of Ullapara Science College hostel and the inmates of the neighbourhood on Sunday night over a dispute, reports UNB.

Police said students have been singing song with harmonium since long creating disturbance for the local people. They tried in vain to refrain the students from creating unwanted noise at night. At one stage they asked the students not to disturb them any further. The clash erupted when the students disobeyed them. Chase and counter-chase and ransacking of houses left two people injured. They were admitted to Purnimagathi Health Complex and attending doctors stated their conditions as critical. A case was lodged with Ullapara police in this connection.

UNICEF published book launched

BARISAL, July 10: The launching ceremony of "The progress of the Nations-98", a publication of the UNICEF, was held at the Caritas conference hall at Sagardi here on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Organised jointly by the UNICEF and the divisional information office, the function was attended by Prof Abdul Maleque, Principal, Sher-e-Bangla Medical College, Barisal as the chief guest. Dr Golam Mostafa, UNICEF chief of Rajshahi and Barisal divisions was the special guest. The objective of the launching ceremony of the report was to make a comparative study of the child affairs of 172 countries of the world. A total of 80 officials, NGOs representatives, elite and journalists from six districts of the division attended the function.

9,200 hectares brought under jute farming

JHENIDAH, July 10: A total of 9,200 hectares of land in the district have been brought under jute cultivation during the current season, reports UNB.

Agriculture Extension Department officials here said the production target has been fixed at one lakh bales of jute. Thana-wise break-up of the land brought under jute cultivation: Sadar-1,632 hectares, Kaliganj-1,015 hectares, Kotchandpur-700 hectares, Moheshpur-2,565 hectares, Shailakupa-2,050 hectares and Harnakundu-1,238 hectares.

One arrested for raping daughter-in-law

THAKURGAON, July 10: One Tofail Ahmed, an employee of Thakurgaon Family Planning office was arrested on July 2 on charge of raping his daughter-in-law police said, reports BSS.

A 24-year-old woman village Santinagar under sadar thana filed a case with Thakurgaon police station alleging that she had been raped by her father-in-law Tofail Ahmed. He was arrested under Women's Torture Act 1995, police said.

Training workshop for youths

MEHERPUR, July 10: A day-long training workshop for the youths was held at the zila parishad hall room recently, reports BSS.

Deputy Commissioner Md Shamsul Huq and sadar Thana Nirbahi Officer M Azimuddin Biswas were present in the inaugural function as the chief guest and special guest respectively. Eighty-five youths participated in the training. The training was organised by the district youth development department.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Department of Films and Publications
112, Circuit House Road, Dhaka-1000
International Re-Tender Notice**

No 1 (F)/98-99

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited to import of following equipment against cash foreign exchange

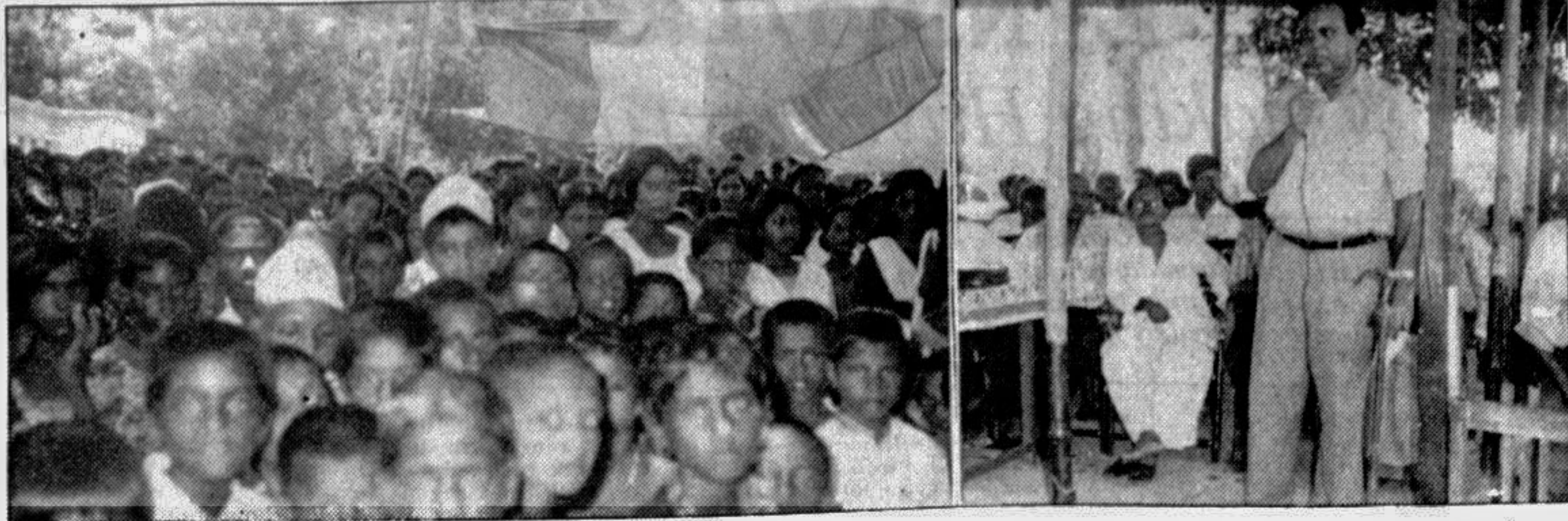
Name	Quantity
1. 35mm Movie Professional Cine Camera with Hyper Long Eye Piece 40 cm Pal Colour Video Assist Mattbox Dual sided follow focus Hand grip off-set arm Magazine 400ft. 12V Battery Battery Charger Camera Case Accessories Case Tripod Package (Fluide head, Off ground spreader) Steadicam (Light weight vest) Lens: 18mm, 25mm, 35mm, 50mm, 85mm (PL Mount prime lens) 18-100 fast lens (light weight) 25-250 Zoom lens (including lens carrying case)	1 (one)
2. 16mm/Super 16 Movie Professional Cine Camera with Long Eye Piece Pal Colour Video Assist Mattbox Dual sided follow focus Hand grip off-set arm Magazine 400ft. 12V Battery Battery Charger Camera Case Accessories Case Tripod Package (Fluide head, Off ground spreader) Steadicam (Light weight vest) Lens: 11-165 mm (PL mount) 16mm prime lenses 9.5mm, 12mm, 16mm, 20mm, 50mm (Including lens carrying case)	1 (one)

And all other necessary accessories.

Tender Schedule along with terms and conditions can be obtained from this department (Account Section) on any working day during office hours up to 02.08.98 at a cost of Taka 750.00 (Seven hundred & fifty) (non-refundable). Tenders will be received up to 12-00 Noon on 03.08.98 and will be opened on the same day at 12-05 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any present).

Deputy Director (Films)

DFP-15306/97 & G-1578 Member Secretary, Tender Committee



MAGURA: Nuruzzaman Khan, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Magura, addressing as chief guest a meeting to condole the death of Akhil Kumar Das, founder headmaster of Masalia Junior Girls' High School here recently. —Star photo

Concern over rise in rape incidents in Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, July 10: Incidents of repression on women and girl children have increased alarmingly in the district in recent days.

Three girl children became victims of physical violation in a week.

In the first incident a five-year-old girl was raped by one Angur of village Analtari in sadar thana recently.

The accused Angur invited the victim for taking some mangoes and took her to a nearby jute field where he violated her after pushing a napkin in her mouth. The culprit fled away leaving the victim unconscious. Mother of the victim, however, recovered her while she was profusely bleed-

ing. She removed her ill-fated daughter to Gaibandha Hospital. A case was filed with Gaibandha Thana. The accused was yet to be arrested till filing of this report.

In another incident a 12-year-old girl of village Pabantair in Shaghata thana narrowly escaped from a rape attempt by two notorious young men of the same village recently.

In the evening on the same day the victim was staying alone in her dwelling hut. Two young men of the same village entered into the hut and attempted to rape her. Being afraid the victim began to cry. Dwellers of the neighbouring houses rushed to the spot. But the accused persons managed to flee. A case was filed with

Shaghata thana in this connection.

In a separate incident local people caught red-handed one Asadul Islam of village Mathorpara in Shaghata thana recently. He was trying to rape a girl student of class IX.

The victim was returning home from school. On way accused Asadul made a foray in a roadside jute field. As soon as the victim reached the spot Asadul dragged her into the jute field where he attempted to rape her. When the victim raised a hue and cry the labourers working nearby came to her rescue and caught the culprit red-handed.

Later in a village arbitration the matter was settled with a fine of Taka. 5,000 against the accused person.

Teesta devours over 300 houses

LALMONIRHAT, July 10: More than 300 houses have been devoured by the river Teesta in three thanas of the district during the last few days leaving hundreds of people homeless, reports UNB.

The thanas are Aditmari, Kaliganj and Hatibandha and the most affected areas are Shinduna, Haldibari, Soulmari, Daubarai, Mohishkhoncha, Khuniyaga and Kalmati.

Besides Lalmonirhat-Burimari road in Patgram thana is under threat due to continuous erosion of the river Dharla and its tributary the Sanjajan.

The road connecting Burimari land port with the district headquarters can be snapped at any time as the river reached even 4 to 5 yards of the road at some points in Baura and Kuchilbari areas.

Local people have urged the government to send more relief materials as the relief supplied so far is not adequate to cope with the demands and need.

Low-lying areas of Netrakona submerged

NETRAKONA, July 10: Netrakona district town and its adjoining areas have been experiencing moderate to heavy rainfall for the last five days, reports BSS.

Many low-lying areas here have gone under rainwater which remained stagnant due to lack of proper drainage system.

Meanwhile, three major rivers of the district—Sumeswari, Kangso and Dano recorded a sharp rise in their water levels at different points in the district.

According to Netrakona district Water Development Board (WDB) sources, the water level of the river Sumeswari recorded sharp rise at Berishiri point under Durgapur thana.

Water level of the river Kangso at Jaria point under Purbadala and the water level of the Dano recorded a sharp rise at Gaglajur point under Mahangang thana. However, the rivers were flowing below their respective danger levels, WDB sources told.



Obituary

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, July 10: Hafiz Mohammad Mortuja, former Imam of the mosque attached to the shrine of Syed Shah Mostafa (RA) at Moulvibazar died at his own residence Dargah Mohalla in Moulvibazar town recently. He was 82. He had been suffering from old-age ailments for long.

Namaj-e-janjaja of late Hafiz Mortuja was held at the premises of the shrine on the next day in the afternoon. His body was buried at the graveyard attached to the shrine. Prior to the janaja, brief speeches were delivered by Syed Mohsin Ali, President District Awami League and Chairman, Sylhet Pourashava, Syed Khalilullah Salki, Motwally of the shrine, Hafiz Anwar Hossain Lal Miah, Imam of the Dargah Mosque and Sheikh Md. Sonaor Miah.

Late Sheikh Mortuja served as Imam of the Mosque for 42 years.

Faridpur market in bad shape

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, July 10: Hazi Shariatullah Market, the biggest one in the town is in a pitiable state.

The market is situated in a low-lying area. People find it difficult to get into the market from the adjacent road during the rainy season as the approach road to the market becomes slippery and muddy just after a shower or rain. The grocers and vegetables shops are so congested, the buyers experiencing great inconvenience to move from one shop to another. They have to fight their way through the crowd.

The most unhygienic condition is prevailing in and around the butchers' shops. Cattle and goats are being slaughtered indiscriminately in the market and the waste of the slaughtered animals are thrown here and there creating

a nausea among the market goers.

Besides, these cause health hazards. The municipal authority seems to be indifferent about this state of affairs which is contrary to the existing pourasava rules. Similar is the condition of fish market which always remains water logged and muddy. It remains so congested that the buyers have to make their way with great difficulties. There is no proper drainage system in such a big market. So, the plight of the people can better be imagined than description.

The market constructed in the middle of seventies has no touch of reforms and renovation since then. Population of the town has tripled since construction of the market. So, it needs expansion as well as modernisation immediately.

One gunned down by unknown assailants

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, July 10: One person was gunned down by a group of unidentified assailants at village South Sonabaria in Kalaroa thana recently.

The victim was identified as Nazrul Islam, 40, son of Hazrat Ali of the aforesaid village.

Police sources said, the victim, Nazrul Islam was sleeping at the verandah of his house. At about 11-30 pm at night a group of assailants fired two gunshots on his head and abdomen from a point blank range. He died on the spot. Cause of the killing could not be ascertained immediately. But a source said, the victim was allegedly connected with gold smuggling and gold

defalcation may be the cause behind the killing.

Police rushed to the place of occurrence. The body was post-mortem at Satkhira morgue.

A case was lodged with Kalaroa police station. None was arrested till filing of this report.

Problems grip Sylhet Alia Madrasa

SYLHET, July 10: The Government Alia Madrasa here is beset with many problems. The academic activities of the institution, are being hampered seriously, reports UNB.

Madrasa sources said the number of teachers is inadequate and acute shortage of accommodation discourages the students to come here.

Due to these problems, the number of enrolment is decreasing day by day, said the sources adding that the results of different examinations are not also satisfactory.

Academic activities in different departments have seriously been hampered due to the shortage of teachers.

Of the total 55 posts of teachers, 43 are now lying vacant, said the sources. They said only 12 teachers including the Principal are unable to cope with the huge responsibilities.

The Madrasa, established in 1913, has courses of Dakhil (Secondary level) through Kamil (Masters' level).

There is a serious problem of accommodation for the students. Every year a good number of students failed to get themselves admitted here due to this problem.

The Madrasa authorities said it needs a new students' dormitory with 300-seat capacity to meet the present demand. They said the existing hostel is in a very bad shape.

Local people and Madrasa officials have urged the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to resolve the problems to save the age-old educational institution.

Launch dacoity in Bhola

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, July 10: Armed dacoits beat up passengers of a launch on Meghna river at Kuralia under Charfashon thana in Bhola on Tuesday afternoon and took away about Tk 1,50,000 and valuables, leaving at least 20 injured.

Three of the injured persons, Abdul Jalil, 34, Ruhul Amin, 28, and Dulal, 45, clerk of the launch, were admitted to Bhola hospital.

The launch, MV Nagar, was going to Dhalchar from Lalmonirhat. When the launch reached Kuralia, at about 2 pm, the dacoits, numbering about 25, came in a trawler, made the sloop and escaped, witnesses said. A case was filed.

Foreign agri scientist killed in road accident

NARSINGDI, July 10: A foreign agri scientist was killed and four others, including a Bangladeshi, were injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Narsingdi highway on Tuesday reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred when a speeding truck collided with their hired premium bus at Shilmandi of Sadar thana in the afternoon.

They were returning after visiting a rice-cum-fisheries project in the district.

The dead was identified as Dr D Sinadara, 50, a Sri Lankan national working with the Manila-based IIRRI. He died instantaneously.

The injured were identified as Dr R K Sing, 45, Dr Satendra Dutta, 63, Dr Tripati Roy, 60, and Dr Madon Dey, 45. Dr Sing, Dutta and Roy are Indian nationals while Dey is a Bangladeshi.

In Bhola dist Standing Aus crops on 1,000 acres of land inundated

From A Correspondent

BHOLA, July 10: Standing Aus crops on about one thousand acres of land were submerged and about 5,000 people were marooned in Saidpur and Bhabupur Unions of Daulat Khan thana in the district due to sharp rise in water in the river Meghna in one week.

According to the district administration sources, flood water submerged the main land while about one kilometre area of old embankment devoured into the river. About eight kilometre area of the embankment was damaged due to the current of water.

Affected people have been suffering much due to acute shortage of food and other essential commodities.

A large number of affected people marched to the Dewlat-sim Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) and the Water Development Board (WDB) officials. They demanded construction of a one-kilometre ring embankment to save them.

The Deputy Commissioner(DC) of Bhola sanctioned two metric tons of rice for the affected people as relief instantly.

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

Notice Inviting Tenders
No (Civil) 45 of 1997-98

1. Sealed tenders in BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the special class-I, class I, civil contractor of PWD, class-II, civil contractor of PWD Zone, Chittagong & class-III, civil contractor of PWD Circle, Comilla for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/B'baria/ Chandpur/Feni/Noakhali in their respective offices up to 12-00 Noon of 20-7-1998 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with name of work superscribed on it.

Gr No	Name of works	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
1	2	3	4	5
Gr No 1	Constn of 44 nos new Dist H/Q one at Lakshmipur (Sub-Head: Constn of boundary wall at police line, back side, east portion) during the year 1997-98.	Tk 6,35,708/42	Tk 13,000/-	120 (one hundred twenty) days
Gr No 1	-do -do -do (Sub-Head: Constn of boundary wall at police line, back side, middle portion) during the year 1997-98.	Tk 6,35,708/42	Tk 13,000/-	120 (one hundred twenty) days
Gr No 1	-do -do -do (Sub-Head: Constn of boundary wall at police line, back side, west portion) during the year 1997-98.	Tk 7,48,883/02	Tk 15,000/-	120 (one hundred twenty) days

6. Tender form will be sold up to: 19-7-1998.

6(a). Contract documents consisting of BD Form No 2911, tender notice, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned & all other Executive Engineers under Comilla PWD Circle on payment of usual charges of Tk 400/- (non-refundable) per set of schedule and a sum of Tk 25/- (non-refundable) per sheet of tender Form No 2911.

The intending contractor tender form may be purchased by the contractor/firm himself/himself or his/their representative on production of authorised letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor/firm on production of the registration book of the enlistment along with challan for depositing the current fees at the time of purchasing of tender form as in absence of which no tender form will be sold. No complain in this respects will be entertained.

7. In case of lowest equal rate, the contractor will be selected by drawing lottery. The lottery will be held on 28-7-1998 at 12-00 Noon without further information.

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Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Lakshmipur.

Office of the Chief Engineer
Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation
137-138, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000

Re-Tender Notice

Tenders in sealed covers are hereby invited from 1st class contractors in Govt/Semi-Govt/Autonomous Organisations who have completed multi-storied building project consisting of Civil, Sanitary & Electrical works in a single contract worth not less than Tk 50.00 (fifty) lakh, for the following work.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated amount (Tk)	Time for completion	Amount of earnest money	Last date of selling tender
1	Construction of 3rd & 4th floor of Bangladesh Small & Cottage Industries Training Institute at Uttara Model Town, Dhaka	1,05,35,482.10	12 months	2,11,000/-	21.07.98

Necessary tender document can be purchased by a non-refundable cash payment of Tk 2,500.00 (Two thousand five hundred) from the following offices on all working days up to 1 PM on showing of the documents mentioned below. Permission to purchase of tender documents must be obtained on or before 19.7.1998.

Offices: a. Chief Engineer BSCIC (7th floor) 137-138, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. b. BSCIC Regional Office, Dhaka Malek Mansion (8th floor) 128, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. c. All Divisional Commissioners' Offices.

Documents:

- Up-to-date renewed enlisted papers from the concerned organisation.
- Work order and successful completion certificate of at least two multi-storied building (more than 4 storied) consisting of Civil, Sanitary and Electrical works of Govt/Semi Govt/Autonomous Organisation in a single contract worth not less than Tk 50.00 (fifty) lakh each from officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer of the concerned organisation.
- TIN No. with up-to-date Income Tax Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate.
- Annual turn over of construction works for last 3 (three) years supported by Audited Balance Sheets.
- Qualification and experience of construction management and key technical personnel of the firm.
- Qualification and experience of construction management and key technical personnel of the firm with their CV's proposed for deployment to the Project.
- List of equipment and facilities for multi-storied building construction works.

NB: Attested copies of the above papers are also to be submitted along with the tender duly sealed & signed by contractor.

Tenders shall be received on 22.7.1998 up to 12:00 Noon in the tender box kept in the offices mentioned below:

- Director (Technology) BSCIC Bhaban (4th floor), 137-138, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000
- Regional Director BSCIC Regional Office, Dhaka Malek Mansion (8th floor) 128, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
- 6(six) Divisional Commissioners' Offices.

The tender box (not the tenders) will be opened on the same date at 12:15 PM in the above offices in presence of tenderers, if any.

Tenders will be opened on 26.7.1998 at 11:00 AM in the Office of Director (Technology), 4th floor, BSCIC Bhaban, 137-138, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 in presence of the tenderers, if any.

The tender shall be accompanied by earnest money as shown above in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of Chairman, BSCIC, Dhaka.

Any information/document furnished by the tenderer if found to be false/incorrect or misleading at any time shall cause rejection of the tender including forfeiture of earnest money & blacklisting of the firm without further notice.

The authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender & reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or part thereof without assigning any reason.

The tender notice will also form a part of contract and will be binding upon the contractor.

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Chief Engineer