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## Red tape slows down food for work schemes

Too much of the red tape at district level has seriously slowed down the Food For Work schemes targeted to support the post-flood rehabilitation programme across the country, reports UNB.

According to Agriculture Ministry sources, 80 per cent of the projects under the FFW are yet to start off although the ministry has already made necessary allocations.

"And progress of the rest 20 per cent projects is also very slow," said an official of the ministry, although the tasks are urgent to rebuild the battered infrastructures and help the poor.

The ministry has dispatched urgent message to the Deputy Commissioners for pushing the FFW programme, attuned to the emergency rehabilitation operation, through all that bureaucratic tangles.

"Even, the high officials of the ministry are making phone calls to the DCs to spur the programme," the official told UNB.

The government has so far allocated 260,000 metric tonnes of wheat for the FFW projects.

Works under the FFW were supposed to start in a full swing immediately after receding the floodwater, which engulfed about two-thirds of Bangladesh, to generate seasonal employment in the rural areas.

Blaming the district administrations an official of the Lo-

cal Government and Rural Development Ministry said they were making the implementation process difficult.

"Although it is not necessary or compulsory that all the projects be approved by the minister in charge of the concerned district, the DCs are sending projects to them seeking their approval."

In most cases, the projects which have been sent to the ministers in charge of the districts are already endorsed by the LGED ministry.

"There is no need for a second approval," said the official. "This is creating serious complications in implementing the FFW programme in the rural areas and ultimately slowing down the whole process."

## Turkish envoy calls on Hanif

Turkish Ambassador to Bangladesh Eddin Blumulu called on Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mohammad Hanif at his Nagar Bhavan office yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting they discussed different development programmes of the city and bilateral issues in a cordial atmosphere, a DCC press release said.

## Heads of Muslim states greet Shahabuddin

Heads of Muslim countries and governments have sent messages of Eid greetings and good wishes to President Shahabuddin Ahmed on the eve of the holy Eid-ul-Fitr, reports UNB.

In separate messages, they extended their warmest felicitations, best wishes and continued peace, progress and prosperity for the brotherly people of Bangladesh. They also wished peace, prosperity and unity of the Muslim Ummah.

The messages have been received from The Custodian of the two holy mosques and King of Saudi Arabia Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, King of Jordan, Sultan of Oman, Amir of the State of Qatar, Bahrain and Kuwait, President of the Maldives, Presidents of Syria, Gambia and UAE, President of the Palestinian Authority, Vice-President and Prime Minister of UAE, Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Prime Minister of the State of Qatar and Deputy Prime Minister of UAE.

**Call to halt movement of loaded trucks**

Bangladesh Truck Owners' Association (BTOA) yesterday urged the concerned transport agencies and businessmen not to send their loaded trucks to Aricha-Dowlatdia and Mawa-Chapnajatpur ferry ghats except the trucks carrying emergency foodstuff, medicines and perishable goods today and tomorrow.

The BTOA took the decision to ensure quick and safe movement of home-bound people during Eid-ul-Fitr.

## Outgoing EC team chief makes farewell call on President

The outgoing head of the European Commission delegation in Dhaka, ambassador Michael Drury, made a farewell call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

During the talks, the President expressed his happiness at the progress achieved in strengthening relations between Bangladesh and the European Union (EU) during Drury's term of office as the head of the European Commission delegation.

The President particularly mentioned that ambassador Drury's personal qualification and initiatives have played a significant role in making Bangladesh-EU relations closer than ever before.

He also stated that Bangladesh attaches great importance to its relations with the European community which is its target export destination and important development partners.

Bangladesh enjoys the best of relations with the European Community both bilaterally with each of the member countries and the community as a whole, he mentioned.

The outgoing ambassador thanked the President for receiving him. He expressed his deep gratitude to the government and the people of Bangladesh for their sincere cooperation in discharging his assignment as ambassador and head of delegation of the European Community in Dhaka.

## Niport team meets PM

A delegation of National Institute of Population Research and Training (NIPORT) called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday morning, reports UNB.

The delegation discussed with the Prime Minister about their service status.

Hasina told the delegation that the government has constituted a sub-committee to review and consider the reports of two committees — one by Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Health Ministry and other by Planning Commission — to look into their matter.

She said the government will take decisions on the matter after receiving recommendations of the sub-committee.

She also advised the NIPORT officials to ensure effective functioning of the institute.

Health Secretary M M Reza was present.

## More donations to PM's Relief Fund

Contributions to the PM's Relief and Welfare Fund for the country's flood-hit people continued to flow in with the latest amount of Tk 1.93 crore, reports UNB.

Of the amount, the government of Morocco donated four lakh US dollars. Bangladeshi Women's Society, London, donated 273 pounds sterling equivalent to Tk 21,000 and Bangabandhu Parishad, Oman donated Tk 1.22 lakh.

## Qulkhwani

The qulkhwani of Awami League leader Syed Fazul Huq, BSC, will be held today after Asr prayers at 15 Larnini Street, Wari here, reports BSS.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Information Film Section Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from experienced manufacturers and suppliers for manufacturing the undermentioned replica and medals for awarding National Film Prize 1995 & 1996 and special prize.

- 9" high bronze replica with 8 (eight) anna gold electroplating on 2" dia wooded base printing name of awardee, subject, year etc. to be supplied as per sample.
- Total—31 (thirty-one) Nos.
- Double sided 30mm dia medal of bronze with 3 (three) ratti gold ribbon to be supplied.
- Total—31 (thirty-one) Nos.

### Terms & conditions:

- The above mentioned replica and medals should be superior quality rust proof and should remain intact in acid test. Work order will be issued if the gold electroplating of the sample of the replica submitted with the tender remains intact after acid test by the specialist and quantity of gold is proved as satisfactory.
- Price (in unit) of replica and medal should be quoted in the tender and detail analysis of the quoted price should be submitted with the tender.
- 5% of the price quoted in the tender as earnest money should be submitted with the tender in favour of the undersigned. Tender without earnest money and sample will be treated as cancelled.
- Satisfactory supply completion certificate from appropriate authority of such establishments/organisations where earlier replica and medal supply/work has been done should be submitted with the tender.
- Earnest money and sample shall be preserved for up to one year. If the replica does not develop rust by the time, the earnest money shall be refunded.
- Tender should be submitted in Room No-819 at the 8th floor of the Building No-4 of Bangladesh Secretariat within 12:00 Noon of the 28 January, 1999 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any).
- For collecting information about replica and medal and to inspect the approved sample, the Film Section of the Ministry of Information may be contacted during office hours on any day.
- Supply of replica and medal as per the approved sample should be completed within 1 (one) month from the date of issuing work order.
- The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders and decrease or increase the quantity of replica and medal as per requirement, without assigning any reason.

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Department of Agricultural Extension Horticulture Development Project Food Crops Wing Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215

Memo. No. ADB/Proc/99/98-99/173

Dated: 10.01.99

## Invitation of Tender under International Shopping

- Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (Loan No.: 1010 Ban (SF)) to implement Horticulture Development Project (DAE Component) and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the supply & delivery of the following:
  - Tractor (4 Nos), 2. Seed Germinator (6 Nos), 3. Seed Moisture Metre (6 Nos); 4. Seed Refrigerator (6 Nos), 5. Seed Cleaner (6 Nos).
- Project Implementation Office (PIO), Horticulture Development Project, Department of Agricultural Extension now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders from member countries of Asian Development Bank for the supply & delivery of the abovementioned goods for the purpose of the project.
- Intended eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid form and inspect the bidding documents at the Project Implementation Office (DAE), Rear building, 4th floor, Khamarbari, Dhaka-1215 during the office hours.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested bidder on the submission of a written application to the Project Director, Horticulture Development Project (DAE), Khamarbari, Dhaka and payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk. 750.00 (Taka seven hundred fifty) only on or before 31st January, 1999. Bidding documents will also be available at the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka.
- A bid security of 2% of the total bid price in the form of Bank Draft/DD from any commercial bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director, Horticulture Development Project (DAE) must be accompanied with all bids.
- All bids must be properly sealed and delivered in accordance with the instruction to the bidders up to 11:00 AM on 3rd February, 1999 to the Project Implementation Office, Room No. 530, Rear building, 4th floor, Khamarbari, Dhaka -1215 and also at the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka and will be opened publicly at 12:00 Noon on the same date.
- Project Implementation Office will not be responsible for any cost of expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
- Alternative bids will not be considered.
- The PIO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the most loving and generous father, grandfather and great-grandfather in the world.

With love from your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

## Weather

### Dry weather to prevail

Dry weather is likely to prevail over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said mild cold wave is still continuing over Rajshahi division and the regions of Srimongal, Satkhira, Jessore and Chuadanga during the period.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Country's highest temperature 28.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and the lowest 9.2 degree Celsius at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 5.35 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.43 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were as follows:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	26.2	12.9
Chittagong	27.0	13.6
Rajshahi	22.8	09.6
Khulna	25.8	11.7
Barisal	25.8	11.6
Sylhet	28.0	13.6
Cox's Bazar	-	14.5
	Morning	Evening
	78	73
	97	74
	85	71
	87	83
	68	58
	77	-

## BCIC International Re-Tender Notice

বিসিআইনিসি পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অর্থগতির প্রতীক

The Managing Director, Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd., Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur hereby invites sealed tender on C&F(C) Chittagong basis under any suitable financial source in two envelope system for Import of Bearing & Air Heater Unit against Tender Enquiry No. JFCL/FP/MTS/MM/2.398/239 & JFCL/FP/MTS/PM/2.393/244 respectively both dated 29.12.98. Both the tenders will be received up to 11.00 AM on 10.02.99 and be opened on the same day thereafter. Tender documents containing detailed terms and conditions will be available on payment of Tk. 100.00 (One hundred) & Tk. 300.00 (Three hundred) respectively (non-refundable) in cash from the office of the (i) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (iii) Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd. on all working days. The Management reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all tender without assigning any reason thereof. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening of tender.

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## Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Dhaka Water Supply & Sewerage Authority (DWASA)  
98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue  
Dhaka-1215

## Notice

Letter of Invitation for Bids of the construction of "Intake and Raw Water Pumping Station on Lakhya river and Twin culvert between Lakhya river and DND canal (contract-1)" from pre-qualified contractors under 4th Dhaka Water Supply Project.

This is for general information of the pre-qualified contractors for the construction of "Intake and Raw Water Pumping Station on Lakhya river and Twin culvert between Lakhya river and DND canal (contract-1)" that a complete set of bidding document is going to be issued to the pre-qualified contractor from 24th January, 1999 on all working days during office hours, from the office of the Chief Accounts Officer, Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhāban (4th floor), 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh on each payment of Taka 30,000 (Thirty thousands) or US\$ 600 (Six hundred) only (non refundable). The last date of selling the tender document is 4th February, 1999.

Request for a complete set of bidding documents are to be addressed to the undersigned by a duly authorised person. All other necessary information may be obtained from the office of the Project Director, Fourth Dhaka Water Supply Project (SSWTIP), WASA Bhāban (1st floor), Dhaka-1215.

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