

PM announces steps for welfare of Adamjee Jute Mills workers

As the entire CBA of Adamjee Jute Mills joined the ruling party labour front yesterday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced some steps for welfare of the workers with an urge for them to boost production, reports UNB.

"We have kept special allocation in the budget for imparting training to those in modern technologies so that they can work anywhere across the world," she said addressing the joint meeting at the International Conference Centre yesterday afternoon.

The newly elected Adamjee Jute Mill CBA leaders, headed by their President Ruhul Amin Sardar, joined Awami Samik League placing their allegiance to the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Jatiya Party labour front, Jatiya Samik Party, swept the Adamjee CBA elections this year and today all its elected leaders joined the ruling party's labour wing.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said Adamjee Jute Mills is the biggest in Asia, and possibly in the world. But every month the mill is incurring loss to the tune of Tk 7 crore, which is very difficult for the exchequer to bear.

"If you can increase production, if you can reduce the loss, then we will increase our support to this big institution. We are willing to give you more if you can reduce the losses," she told the trade union leaders.

There are pressures for denationalisation of the SOEs, the

government is handing out crores of taka in subsidy for these nationalised industries, she said, reminding that all this is public money.

"You will have to remember that the government's money is the money of the people, from which we are paying you. Waste of this money is the drain on the public money," she said calling upon the Adamjee workers to maintain congenial atmosphere and increase production for survival.

She said jute gained a new prospect in an environment — conscious world. The world is now looking for items that are environment-friendly, and jute is that type of commodity. So its prospect has become bright again.

"If we can produce new jute goods, we'll be able to capture the world market again," she said recalling the glorious past of the golden fibre.

Jute is an agricultural product and the government is promoting the agro-based industry, she said suggesting setting up new jute industries.

Hasina said the government this year had given Tk 3270 crore as agricultural credits and got a good return from bumper Irri-Boro harvests.

About the Collective Bargaining Agent polls at the biggest public-sector industrial unit, the Prime Minister said this was for the first time that voting was held in a totally free and fair atmosphere, without any incidence of violence.

During the reign of military dictators there had been mas-

sive violence and rigging in the Adamjee CBA elections and they had captured the union by any means for protecting their power, she said.

"But this time the government-backed Samik League was defeated in the CBA polls for their tolerance and respect to democracy."

About the post-poll violence, the Prime Minister said there was provocation from certain quarters that are now threatening to topple the present government.

Calling for all to remain calm against such instigation's she said everyone should exercise restraint for ensuring a production-friendly environment.

"If any crime or violence occurs in the mills, those who are responsible will not be spared," she cautioned reiterating her government's strong stance against the terrorists.

About various demand of the CBA, the Prime Minister said the government would take steps to solve the problems in phases and urged them to maintain peace.

The government is taking all possible steps for the welfare of the working-class people. "We are working to improve the lifestyle of poor and deprived people of the country."

Hasina said the government is trying to improve overall economic situation and taking effective steps in this regard. She mentioned the steps, specially the one for reviving the rural economy.



A delegation of Dhaka University led by Vice-Chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury showing Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina a model of compound of poet Nazrul's grave when they called on her at her office yesterday. — PID photo

What's on today....

Annual general meeting: The annual general meeting (AGM) and prize distribution ceremony of Sandhani Life Insurance Company Ltd will be held. Venue: Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) auditorium. Time: 1:00 am.

Workshop: A regional workshop on 'Globalisation and Security in South Asia' will be held. Organiser: Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) in association with Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS). Venue: BISS auditorium. Time: 10:30 am.

Weather

Rain likely

Under the influence of pseudo-monsoon activities, heavy to very heavy falls are likely to occur at places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Also, rain or thundershowers with temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at most places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Khulna divisions during the period.

Met Office said day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 37.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 22.8 degrees at Srimangal.

The sun sets today at 6:38 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.5	25.1	78	78
Chittagong	29.0	24.4	100	95
Rajshahi	36.6	27.2	84	97
Khulna	35.6	25.8	72	75
Barisal	33.8	26.0	84	86
Sylhet	29.5	24.7	90	89

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Govt to provide computers to non-govt schools

The government will provide one non-government high school in each thana with a computer considering the importance of science and technological advancement of the country, reports BSS.

This was stated at a meeting of Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Science and Technology held at the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, an official press release said.

The committee members discussed in detail the progress in the implementation of all projects as well as the overall activities of the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission.

Besides, the issue of Bangladesh's participation in the World Science Conference in Budapest next month came up for discussion in the meeting.

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SPECIAL NOTICE INVITING PROPOSAL FOR AUDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the shareholders that a new auditor of the company other than the existing one will be required to be appointed in the 14th Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on **June 10, 1999** as per Agendum A9914-05 of the Notice for AGM dated 19th May 1999 already published in different dailies.

Accordingly, proposals are hereby invited from the shareholders for appointment of an auditor of the company for FY 1999 to reach the registered office of the company **no later than 27th May, 1999** along with a consent letter from the proposed Auditor under Section 210(1) of the Companies Act, 1994, and a declaration to the effect that they are qualified to audit Financial Institutions under the FID Circular No. 03 dated March 02, 1999 of Bangladesh Bank framed under the Financial Institutions Act, 1993 with regard to qualification, eligibility and appointment of auditors. Any further information will be available at the registered office of the Company.

By order of the Board

B.C. Kim

Company Secretary

Dated: May 24, 1999

Bangladesh Railway (East Zone)

Tender No: CE/16/Electrodes/RA-7; Dated: 11.5.99

Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide supplier on urgent basis for supply of the following materials:

Name of work	Quantity	Approx total cost	Earnest money	Delivery period
1. Supply of MAGNA-402/B Electrode for welding of Templing Machine.	300 Lbs	Tk 7,00,000/-	2% of quoted price	30 (thirty) days

2. Tender document can be had from the office of the Track Supply Officer/East, Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong and Divisional Engineer/3/1/Dhaka during office hours on all working days up to 1.6.99 on cash payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) only which is non-refundable.

3. The tender documents can be dropped in the tender box set apart for the purpose in the aforesaid offices late by 2:00 hrs on 2.6.99.

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Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the CAAB enlisted E/M Contractors for the following works which will be received up to 12:00 Noon on 03.06.1999 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the tenderers or their authorised representatives (if any).

Tender No	Name of works	Price of schedule
CEMSU/EM/T&P-23/98-99	O&M of T&P equipment at CEMSU (SH-Providing & fitting/fixing of Hydraulic pump assy. & repairing of brake system for Phenomatic Tyre Roller C-500A at Osmani Airport, Sylhet).	Tk. 250/-
CEMSU/EM/T&P-24/98-99	-do- (SH-Overhauling of 4 Cylinder Engine of Motor Grader No. 5).	Tk. 250/-
CEMSU/EM/T&P-25/98-99	-do- (SH-Overhauling of 6 Cylinder Cummins Engine of BD Pullar-59).	Tk. 250/-
CEMSU/EM/T&P-26/98-99	-do- (SH-Repairing of Pilot Engine & Fuel Pump Assy. of Tractor T-100m (No. 2).	Tk. 250/-
CEMSU/EM/T&P-27/98-99	-do- (SH-Repairing of Bottom Dumper of Uclid Pullar -53).	Tk. 250/-
CEMSU/EM/T&P-28/98-99	-do- (SH-Repairing of Pilot Engine of Tractor T-100M No.1).	Tk. 150/-
CEMSU/EM/T&P-29/98-99	-do- (SH- Repairing of Road Roller (RR. 8).	Tk. 150/-

Earnest money. @2.5 (Two and half) per cent of the quoted amount (Refundable) must be submitted alongwith the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order drawn on any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.

Tender paper alongwith terms and conditions and schedule of items of works may be had from Cash Section of the Office of the Director (Finance), CAAB, HQ and the Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka during office hours on payment of the price of schedule mentioned above against the name of work (non-refundable). The intending tenders having experience in similar work may apply in their own letter heads enclosing an experience certificate of similar work issued by an officer not below the rank of an Executive Engineer to the abovementioned office's for purchase of tender documents. No tender paper will be sold on the date fixed for opening of tender. Other terms and conditions can be seen in the Office of the Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka.

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

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