

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Tender No. 08/1999-2000

Due to some unavoidable circumstances, the date for receiving of the tender for Tender No. 08/1999-2000 invited vide this office memo no. 2506(100)/T-9 Dated-28-09-99 are hereby shifted as on 02-11-99, 03-11-99 & 04-11-99 instead of 24-10-99, 25-10-99 & 26-10-99 respectively. If 04-11-99 remains a holiday or disruption of communication happens on that day due to some unavoidable circumstances tenders will be received on the next 1st working day up to 12.00 Noon.

Last date of selling of the tender documents will be 03-11-99. The date of opening of the tender will be 04-11-99 at 12-30 PM instead of 26-10-99.

All other terms & conditions of the tender documents will remain unchanged.

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PANI-120(A)1999-2000

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Corrigendum No. 1

This is to notify to all concerned that the following terms & conditions have been incorporated in the tender No. 01/ 1999-2000 invited vide this office No. CE/SEZ/ 1337/1 (100) dated 30.9.99.

- Contractors those who have the experience in successfully executing Hydraulic structure (Regulator) of Tk 400.00 instead of Tk 500.00 lacs or above in a single work order will be eligible for pre-qualification & the tender.
- Construction work of the regulator will have to be completed within 18 (Eighteen) months from the date of issue of detailed work order.
- Estimated cost of mechanical work will be Tk 488.00 lacs instead of Tk 250.00 lacs (appr.).

All other terms & conditions will remain same.

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Unusual traffic jam at Jatrabari during hartal hours yesterday.

— Star photo

Tk 950 cr projects taken up for development of CHT

CHITTAGONG, Oct 21: A new horizon opens in the socio-economic development of the most disadvantaged inhabitants of the Chittagong hill districts (CHT) region after the government started executing the massive development projects with an expenditure of about Taka 950 crore, reports BSS.

As per the pledge of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, an amount of Taka 2200 crore has been earmarked for special allocation for the integrated development of the CHT region covering around 4,400 square miles with a population of about 12 lakh, sources of the Ministry of CHT Affairs told.

The rugged topography comprising several hundred hills and valleys of the three hill districts — Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari — has rendered the area relatively isolated from the other parts since the emergence of Bangladesh. The present government, who completed the historic peace accord on December 2, 1997 in order to stop the two decades long bloody insurgency, has taken up extensive programmes for infrastructural development, income-generating projects, employment opportunity and rehabilitation of the landless by upland settlement of the people who live in abject poverty.

Of the project of Taka 950 crore, undertaken by the government, Taka 85 crore have been allocated for the CHT in the current annual development programme. Executive Engineer of Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board (CHTDB) Satyajit Chowdhury told BSS adding that Taka 43 crore have already been disbursed.

The allocation is the all-time high while in the fiscal 1998-99 the same was Taka 35 crore and in the previous fiscal 1997-98 it was only 25 crore, the sources said.

Besides, Taka nine crore was allocated for the execution of other development work of the three hill districts and Taka 10 crore for three municipalities, the sources added.

The construction of the substation of Bangladesh Betar with a capacity of 10 kilohertz in Bandarban and Khagrachhari and submit its reports by the last week of the next month, the sources expected.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced the gigantic development projects involving the said amount at the historic arms laying down ceremony held at Khagrachhari Stadium

Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari since December last, the sources said.

Besides, Taka 26 crore have already been allocated in the current Annual Development Programme for the rehabilitation of the landless people through the Upland Settlement Project and the development of road communications system under the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board (CHTDB). Chairman of the CHTDB Bir Bahadur MP told.

Bahadur, who was made the first chairman from the people's representative quota of the CHTDB with the status of a deputy minister by the present government since the board was established in 1976, said transparency and accountability have been ensured as the board was constituted with the civilians.

He urged the government to allocate an adequate fund and also stressed the need for better coordination among the concerned departments to expedite the development projects in the region.

Sources from the CHT ministry said to ensure basic amenities to the most neglected inhabitants of the CHT region, Taka 460.91 crore have been allocated for the massive afforestation with the people's participation. Taka 183 crore for sanitation and pure drinking water while Taka 118.93 crore for bringing the existing telecommunications of the three hill districts under the digital system have also been undertaken.

The work for the said three projects will begin from December next, officials engaged in the execution process told BSS adding that three hill districts are expected to be brought under full digital system by March 2000.

An Asian Development Bank (ADB) appraisal mission has already started feasibility study in the CHT for the implementation of the Special Integrated Development Programme amounting Taka 2200 crore.

The team, which is in Rangamati, will soon visit Bandarban and Khagrachhari and submit its reports by the last week of the next month, the sources expected.

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on February 10 last year and at a mammoth public meeting held at Rajarmal at Bandarban hill town on June 3, last year.

As part of the major implementation process of the peace accord, the interim Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council headed by former tribal leader Jyotirindra Bodhipriyo Larma alias Shantu Lama was formally installed on June 27 last year.

Since then the overseas investors and donor agencies have expressed keen interest in investment in the CHT region as peace and social stability were restored there.

Besides, the landscape of green hills, undulating valleys, grass-lands and lush green forests of the CHT region having vast resources of mineral, tourism and agriculture have been considered the most ideal place for investment.

The proposed 2200 crore project included infrastructural development for boosting economic activities in CHT at a cost of Taka 552 crore, establishment of a science and technology university at Taka 50 crore, development and expansion of Tribal Cultural Institute at Bandarban at Taka 72 crore, development of newspapers in the three hill districts and promotion of professional skill of the journalists with an expenditure of Taka 44.54 crore and setting up of a new branch of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) at a cost of Taka 6.21 crore.

Present government, which earned reputation at home and abroad widely for historic peace accord signed under the stewardship of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has first established a separate ministry on CHT affairs and also appointed one full minister after the emergence of Bangladesh.

Besides, the appointments of former tribal leader and the chief of Parbatai Chittagong Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) as the Chairman of the CHT Regional Council with the status of a state minister, Dipankar Talukdar as the chairman of the Task Force on Tribal Refugees Repatriation and Rehabilitation Affairs with the status of a state minister, Bir Bahadur MP as the chairman of the CHTDB with the status of a deputy minister and SS Chakma as the ambassador from the tribal communities are seen as a sincere gesture and goodwill of the present government towards CHT.

Hartal ruining economy: BCL, Govt must go: JCD

By DU Correspondent

Leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra league (BCL) have accused the Opposition of resorting to conspiracies to destroy the country's hard-earned democracy in the name of their one point movement.

They were addressing an anti-hartal rally at the Aparajeyo Bangla on the Dhaka University campus yesterday morning. They also brought out an anti-hartal procession on the campus.

The BNP-led opposition parties are now calling hartals frequently to fulfil their petty political ambition of grabbing state power in the name of their one point movement, alleged BCL president Bahadur Bepari.

Bepari also alleged that the opposition's plan to fuel up destructive activities throughout the country by enforcing "illogical" hartal was also to save the killers of Bangabandhu. "But their conspiracies will never be fulfilled as long as BCL activists are alive."

BCL General secretary Ajaykar Khokon told the rally that people have been rejecting hartals as they are destroying the country's economy. "BCL will resist them if they refrain from calling such political programmes."

BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) also brought out a procession and held a rally at TSC road island demanding immediate resignation of Sheikh Hasina and call for a general election.

At the rally, JCD leaders vowed to oust the AL government immediately saying "It has no right to stay in power any longer as it has failed to run the country properly."

Referring to various activities of the government which

BRSL holds anti-hartal rally in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Oct 21: Bangladesh Railway Sramik League (BRSL) held a rally and brought out a procession here today in protest against opposition sponsored hartal, reports BSS.

The anti-hartal procession passed through Tigerpass and Kadamtali areas and ended at Batali Road. Leaders of BRSL Serajullah, Serajul Islam, Abdul Malek, Abdul Karim, M Alam and others led the procession.

Addressing a gathering in front of Batali Road office of BRSL, they called upon the opposition political parties to refrain from creating anarchy in the country by calling hartal frequently.

Bangladesh Chhatra League, Bagmonirban branch, held a meeting in protest against the hartal with M Nazmul Hossain in the chair.

Chinese Revolution

Golden Jubilee celebration opens Oct 25

By Staff Correspondent

The National Committee for Celebration of Golden Jubilee of the Chinese Revolution will inaugurate its year-long celebration programme on Oct 25 at 4 pm at the Engineers' Institute auditorium.

The committee chalked out a series of programmes at a meeting Wednesday. The meeting presided over by committee convenor Fazay Ahmed was attended by Rashed Khan Menon, Mujahidul Islam Selim, Abdulla Sarkar, Dilip Barua, Haider Akbar Khan Rano and others.

President, PM greet Indonesian President

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina felicitated Abdurrahman Wahid on his election as President of Indonesia, reports UNB.

He was elected President on Wednesday in the first free polls in that country in 54 years.

In a message President Shahabuddin Ahmed hoped that the existing relations between the two brotherly countries would further develop and strengthen during Wahid's tenure.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in her message said the existing bond of friendship and cooperation between the two fraternal countries would further develop and strengthen in the coming years.

Ershad himself defies hartal

Jatiya Party (Ershad) Chairman H M Ershad yesterday left for Saudi Arabia for medical check up, a party press release said, reports BSS.

He was seen off at the airport by senior party leaders including Dr TIM Fazle Rabbi MP, Mayedul Islam and students wing leader Kabir Hossain Hawlader.

Ershad reached the airport by car despite the dawn-to-dusk countrywide hartal enforced by the four-party opposition alliance in which Ershad-led JP is also a partner.

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