

Fund shortage hampers works on Magura District Jail project

From Hossain Seraj

MAGURA, Apr 26: Three hundred and six prisoners are compelled to live in sub-human condition in the old district jail due to non-completion of work on Magura District Jail project till filing of this report.

Fund shortage has

compelled the prisoners to live in such a pitiable condition in the old jail building built 150 years ago with a capacity of only 42 prisoners.

The lives of district jail inmates have become miserable now. Their sufferings know no

bounds as they have to pass sleepless nights due to lack of accommodation.

"We hardly sleep at night as 293 persons have been living here in the male ward which has the accommodation capacity of only 36 persons,"

said Ashrafuzzaman Shameem, an accused of a case under Public Safety Act (PSA).

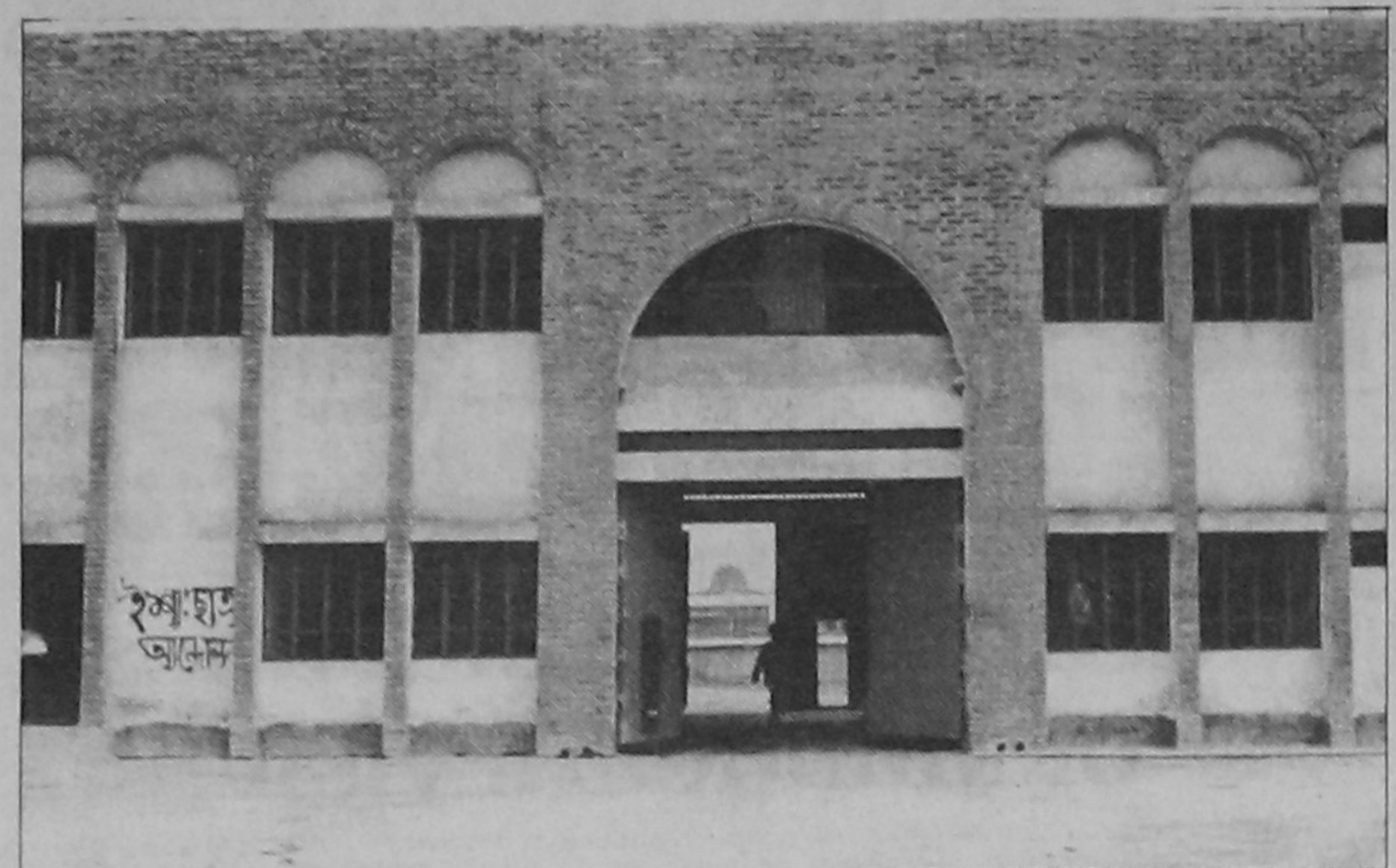
The old building was built in 1849 with the accommodation capacity of 36 male and six female prisoners.

According to an official source, as on March 27 this year, the number of inmates in male and female wards of this building stood at 306, which is about seven times higher than the actual accommodation capacity. When produced before the local magistrate court some inmates told this correspondent that influential prisoners have been collecting money regularly from the non-locals for giving opportunity to sleep at night under the nose of the jail authorities.

The authorities have turned a deaf ear to the prisoners' complaints.

A project plan was taken up to set up the new jail building on six acres of land at Satiara area of Magura municipality at a cost of Taka 9.18 crores in 1996. The project is being implemented under the supervision of local Public Works Department (PWD).

But only Tk 7.45 crores had been sanctioned. Of which 80 per cent of the construction work have been completed. Rest of the money is yet to be sanctioned to complete the rest construction work of the new district jail.



No fund

Fund shortage hampering the work on Magura District Jail building.

— Star photo

Four unnatural deaths in Feni

From Our Correspondent

FENI, Apr 26: For unnatural deaths were reported in the last nine days in the district.

According to police and witnesses, Jahangir, 32, of village Birinchi under Sadar upazila was crushed the wheels of a train at Sahadepur rail crossing near the town on April 19.

The accident occurred when the victim was crossing the rail track at about 10 pm.

The body was taken to Feni Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

In separate incident, another man was also crushed under the wheels of train at Fatehpur rail gate in the town on April 20.

The victim was identified as Alim Khan, 30, of village Kadalgaazi under Sadar upazila. He was crossing the rail track.

A trainee nurse committed suicide by hanging herself in the town on April 17. She was identified as Sanjida, 18, a student of Feni Nursing Institute.

She hanged herself from the ceiling of her room at hostel. The reason behind the suicide could not be known.

An old man died in a fire in JB road area at the town on April 23. The victim was identified as Murali Mohan Saha, 70. The fire, reportedly, originated from a censer. The old man was offering prayer at his shop when the accident occurred.

Separate UD cases were filed in these connections.

Four die as storm lashes Netrakona

From Our Correspondent

NETRAKONA, Apr 26: Four more people were killed in different parts of the district as nor'wester lashed on Thursday night.

The storm also destroyed houses and standing crops.

Two were identified as Sarala, 40, of village Sreerampur under Atpara upazila and Chair Ali, 65, of village Ujalpur under Kendua upazila. The other two persons were killed at village Tatula under Sadar upazila and at village Bhavanipur under Kendua upazila. Their identity could not be known.

Munshiganj BCL leader held with revolver

MUNSHIGANJ, Apr 26: Police arrested a student leader along with a revolver and three rounds of bullet from the town on Monday night, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip off, police raided a video shop to arrest Kotgaon area in the town, at about 10 pm.

Sensing police presence, Real opened fire from his revolver on ASI Khondoker Zahir and tried to flee away. But, they caught him.

Police said Real is also an accused of a number of cases.

Robbery case: Nine convicted in Kushtia

KUSHTIA, Apr 26: A court here has sentenced nine people to ten years' imprisonment each for committing robbery.

The court also fined the convicts to pay Tk one thousand each and in default to suffer two months more.

According to prosecution story, the convicts equipped with firearms committed robbery on February 7, 1995.

Nizamuddin Mandal alias Nizam, Moklesur Rahman alias Shahar Ali, Waliur alias Rozdar Ali Baksh, Jinal Abidin and Pacha were among the convicts. Nizamuddin and Mokles were caught by local people during robbery and handed over to police. Others, however, managed to flee.

Assistant Sessions Judge Ranu Bikis after examining witnesses and evidences pronounced the verdict on April 18.

Four unnatural deaths in Jessore

JESSORE, Apr 26: Four unnatural deaths were reported in sadar thana of the district recently, reports UNB.

Police said a truck helper was killed in an accident at Sakornatha on Dhaka-Jessore highway when the vehicle overturned and fell into a roadside ditch.

The dead was identified as Kausar Ali, 25, son of late Moti Hawlader of Deapara village in Kotwali thana of Bagerhat district.

Besides, Rahima Khatun, 15, daughter of Motiuddin of Panchbaria village in sadar thana, allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself with the ceiling of a house over family feud.

Farooque Hossain, 22, son of Mangal Biswas of Dogachia village in sadar thana, was electrocuted when he came in touch of a live wire.

Apart from this, a teenage boy of Norendrapur village in same thana, committed suicide by taking pesticide after he failed to make affair with a girl.

All the bodies were sent to Jessore General Hospital morgue for autopsy. Separate cases were filed with the police.

Nor'wester in Faridpur 4 killed in cyclone in Sylhet

SYLHET, Apr 26: Four persons were killed in a cyclone which swept over the district on Monday, reports BSS.

The cyclone left a trail of devastation on standing crops and properties. Many kucha houses were also destroyed.

The victims identified as Mohammad Ali, 50, Bachchu Meah, 30, Ziaur Rahman, 20, and Baset Meah, 25, all farm labourers, were in the field for harvesting during the cyclone.

Meanwhile our Faridpur correspondent says: A Nor'wester of moderate intensity swept over the district in the afternoon of April 15 causing immense loss to standing crops, kucha dwelling houses

and mangoes.

More than 10 thousand kucha houses suffered complete or partial damage. A good number of trees were uprooted down blocking the roads and highways.

Some electric poles were uprooted disrupting electricity supply to the rural areas.

Besides, onion plants and onion seeds in the fields suffered damages in some areas. On the other hand, a little shower, the nor'wester accompanied has proved a blessing to the growth of IRRI-Boro plants in the fields.

However, casualties of human lives have not been reported.



An old banyan tree was uprooted by a nor'wester which lashed recently Pukurpara area under Shahjadpur Municipality. — Star photo by Akhteruzzaman Bablu.

Jhenidah farmers expect good Boro output

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Apr 26: Farmers in the district are expecting good harvest of Boro paddy in the current season.

Favourable weather and availability of quality seeds, fertiliser and pesticides during the cultivation have been attributed to prospect of good harvest.

Agriculture Extension Department (AED) fixed a target to produce 43,560 metric tons of paddy on 15,050 hectares of land in Sadar upazila; 16,820 mts on 5,800 hectares in Shailakupa; 18,800 mts on 6,500 hectares in Harina Kundur; 37,700 mts on 13,000 hectares in Kaliganj; 11,252 mts on 3,880 hectares in Kotchandpur and 55,100 hectares of land in Mohespur.

Boro cultivation target, fixed by the AED, surpassed in the district. A total of 71,200 hectares of land were brought under the cultivation against the target of 63,230 hectares, AED sources said.

This correspondent recently visited some parts of Sadar, Shailakupa and Mohespur up-

azilas thanas and talked to a number of farmers. The farmers expressed their hope that they would harvest good crop this season.

Jalil Mollah, 47, of village Khalispur in Mohespur upazila said this season he brought one hectare of land under the cultivation. I expect 3.8 mts of paddy worth Taka about 50,000, said Mollah, who spent Taka 18,000 for the cultivation.

However, some farmers have already started harvesting.

Bandarban town unit BCL council

BANDARBAN, Apr 26: Council session of Bandarban town unit and Bandarban Government College unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was held at Bandarban Town Club premises on Tuesday, reports BSS.

The council session was opened by Laksmipada Das while Mozammel Haq Bahadur was in the chair.

Notice Inviting Tender of RHD

1. Tender Notice : 23-BRD/1999-2000.
2. Name of work : Construction of Toe-wall at 14th, 15th & 16th KM of Bogra-Shariakandi Road under Road Division, Bogra during the year 1999-2000.
3. Estimated cost : Tk. 8,40,000/- only.
4. Earnest money : Tk. 16, 800/- only.
5. Head of accounts : 266-C.A.
6. Time allowed : 35 (thirty five) days from the date of issue of work order.
7. Eligibility of contractor : "A" to "D" special category contractor of RHD.
8. Last date of selling tender documents (within office hours) : Upto 03/05/2000.
9. Date & time of receiving of tenders : Up to 12:30 pm on 04/05/2000.
10. Date & time for opening of tender box by other receiving officers : At 12:45 pm on 04/05/2000.
11. Date & time of opening of all the tender by the undersigned : At 11:00 am on 08/05/2000.
12. Date & time of lottery if required : At 11:00 am on 10/05/2000.
13. Name of offices where tender will be received : i) Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, Rangpur Zone, Rangpur.
ii) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Rangpur/Procurement & Monitoring Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.
iii) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Bogra/Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/Joypurhat/Lalmohirhat.
14. Name of offices where tender documents can be purchased : Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Bogra/Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/Joypurhat/Lalmohirhat/Planning Division (P&D), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka Sub-divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Bogra/Sherpur.

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Md Jalilur Rahman Pramanik
Executive Engineer, RHD,
Road Division, Bogra

News snaps

Japanese team to visit Bagerhat

BAGERHAT, Apr 26: A 3-member Japanese delegation will arrive here on May 2 to see different self-employment projects for development of youths taken up here with external assistance, reports UNB.

During the week-long stay the members of the delegation will visit the government and non-government projects including poultry farming and shrimp-cultivation in Sadar, Kachua, Mongla, Fakirhat, Rampal, and Mollarhat. Senior officials of the government will accompany the delegation.

Lightning kills farm worker

SUNAMGANJ, Apr 26: A young farm worker was killed and two others received injuries in lightning at Nakoura haor in Sadar thana on Monday, reports UNB.

Shah Alam, 30, who hailed from Bokbanda village of Rourmari thana in Kurigram, was struck by lightning when he was returning from the field after harvesting paddy at about 11 am. Two others unidentified as farm workers injured by the thunderbolt were rushed to local hospital.

Heroin, hemp recovered

SHERPUR, Apr 26: Police arrested two persons with one kg heroin worth about Taka one crore and one kg hemp in Jhinaigati upazila on April 23, reports BSS.

According to police sources, acting on a tip off, police raided the house of Motabel at Kashipara, adjacent to the Jhinaigati Bazaar and recovered one kg heroin and one kg hemp. Police arrested Motabel and his son-in-law.

Sanction for six schemes

CHUADANGA, Apr 26: The government has sanctioned over Taka 12 lakh for the implementation of six schemes in all the four Upazillas here in the current fiscal, reports BSS.

Of the total schemes, one each will be implemented in Sadar, Darnamhuda and Jibannagar Upazillas and the rest will be implemented in Alamdanga Upazilla. The schemes include construction of buildings and boundary walls of Upazilla Revenue Offices. The implementation works of the schemes will begin soon.

Habiganj under ISD facility

HABIGANJ, Apr 26: Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTB) has brought the district under its ISD facility, reports UNB.

Local T&T officials said subscribers can now apply for ISD connection through the Assistant Engineer after clearing their arrears bills, if any. Meanwhile, two cardphone booths in Sadar Post Office and Judge Court compound have been given ISD connections. The ISD system was introduced here on April 9. Earlier, a 1200-line digital exchange was inaugurated here on October 17, 1999.

Loan for poor people

RAJBARI, Apr 26: The Social Service Department has disbursed Tk 5 lakh as interest free loans among men and women for self-employment under the poverty alleviation programme, reports UNB.

Local MP Kazi Keramat Ali disbursed the loans among 195 youths at a function held at upazila parishad auditorium on April 17. The financial assistance was given for carrying out various self-employment activities like small trade, pisciculture, rearing of domestic animal and rural transport.

Acid thrower gets life term

NAOGAON, Apr 26: A court here has sentenced a man to life term in jail for throwing acid at his ex-wife, reports UNB.

The District and Sessions Judge Court also fined the convict, Mujibur Rahman, Tk 10,000, in default, to suffer two years more RI. According to prosecution, Mujibur of Porsha thana threw acid at his ex-wife Rehana Perveen on Oct 8, 1994 as his attempt to remarry her went in vain. After examining the records and witnesses, the judge found him guilty of acid attack and delivered the judgement on Sunday.

Enthusiasm to plant trees

SUNAMGANJ, Apr 26: An age-old tree fallen in the storm has been sold in auction at Tk 1.01 lakh that created an enthusiasm among the people to plant trees, reports UNB.

Known as rain tree, it was grown in front of Jubilee high school in Sunamganj town. The tree was uprooted in the storm that swept over the area on April 10. Some 50 people took part in the auction held on April 17. The highest bidder, Mainul Islam of Chhatka, got it. Headmaster of the high school estimated the age of the tree at around 60 years.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Construction and Maintenance Management Unit (CMMU)
Rangpur Division
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Old Sadar Hospital Compound, Rangpur
Memo No CMMU/XEN/RANG-DIV/PABX/684/2000/195(30)
Date: 13/4/2000

Invitation for Bid (IFB)

Sealed bids are hereby invited for the repair and maintenance works of PABX room for the installation of (10+100) line digital PABX at Rangpur Medical College Hospital, Rangpur from among the enlisted contractor of CMMU. The intending contractor (excepting defaulter contractors) may purchase bidding documents on production of applications addressed to Executive Engineer, CMMU, Rangpur Division, Rangpur, in their letter head paper alongwith pay receipt of enlistment renewal fee at least two days ahead of the last date of selling of bidding documents. The bidders must have a work order of completed works of similar nature and value alongwith a satisfactory completion certificate.

2. Bidding document may be purchased from the office of the undersigned at a non-refundable price of Taka 450.00 in the form of pay order/bank draft from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, CMMU, Rangpur from 2-5-2000 to 4-5-2000 during office hours.

3. Bidding documents will be received in the box kept in the office of the undersigned on 8-5-2000 up to 14:00 hours and will be opened at 15:00 hours on the same date in presence of the bidders who choose to attend. Bids will also be received by mail (Registered with AD) within the stipulated time at office of the undersigned.

4. Bids shall be valid for a period of 60 (sixty) days after bid opening and must be accompanied by an amount of earnest money at the rate of 2.5% of the estimated cost in the form of pay order/bank draft in favour of Executive Engineer, CMMU, Rangpur from any schedule bank of Bangladesh.

5. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without showing any reasons whatsoever and the decision shall not be subject to appeal.

Md Jahangir Hossain Siddique
Executive Engineer, CMMU
Rangpur Division, Rangpur.

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Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited

(A Company of Petrobangla)
Grameen Gas Distribution Project

প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস একটি সীমিত সম্পদ এর অপর্যায় রোধ করুন

Tender Notice

Sl. No.	Description of works	Estimated cost (In Tk)	Cost of tender document (Non-refundable)	Completion time
A.	Construction of 4 (four) bar gas pipe line from Homna to Bancharampur Upazilla Head Quarter and its adjoining area including Ujanchar under Comilla & Brahmanbaria district.	22,98,471.56	Tk. 1,000.00 per set	90 (Ninety) days
B.	Construction of 4 (four) bar gas pipe line from Amirabad (Gouripur) to Kachua Upazilla Head Quarter under Comilla & Chandpur district.	33,41,452.90	Tk. 1,000.00 per set	90 (Ninety) days
C.	Construction of 4 (four) bar gas pipe line at Saldanadi Gas Field and its adjacent area under Kosba Upazilla in the district of Brahmanbaria.	11,05,514.56	Tk. 1,000.00 per set	90 (Ninety) days
02.	Qualification of Contractor: Contractor(s) having license of category of 1/3/4, enlisted with Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited for the financial year 1999-2000 are eligible for these works. Contractors of on going project are not allowed to participate in the tender, if they have not completed 75% of their works within the scheduled time. In this connection an up dated performance certificate from competent authority must be submitted along with the offer.			
03.	Where tender schedule will be available: a) Finance & Accounts Department, BGSL, Chapapur, Comilla 3500. b) Accounts Section, BGSL, 137/CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong-4203. c) Liaison Office, BGSL, House No. 3, Road No. 2/A, Banani, Dhaka-1213. d) Accounts Division, Petrobangla, Petrocenter, 3, Kawan Bazar, Dhaka-1215. e) Accounts Division, BAPEX, Ibrahim Mansion, 4th Floor, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000. f) Accounts Division, Titas Gas T&D Company Ltd., 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawan Bazar, Dhaka-1215. g) Accounts Division, RPGCL, BSEC Bhaban, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawan Bazar, Dhaka-1215. h) Accounts Division, Bangladesh Gas Fields Ltd., Court Road, Brahmanbaria 3400. i) Accounts Division, Jalalabad Gas T&D Company Ltd., Gas Bhaban, Mendibag, Sylhet 3100. j) Accounts Division, Sylhet Gas Fields Company Ltd., Chiknagool, Horipur, Sylhet. k) Accounts Division, Gas Transmission Company Ltd., House No. 1, Road No. 12, Sector No. 3, Uttara, Dhaka-1230.			
04.	Period of selling of tender documents: From 27.04.2000 to 10.05.2000 during office hours.			
05.	Place, date & time of tender receiving: Places as mentioned in the tender schedule. On 11.05.2000 up to 12:00 Noon.			
06.	Date & time of tender opening: On 11.05.2000 at 12:10 PM.			
07.	If the tender opening date happens to fall on any govt. holiday, bids shall be received & opened at same places and hours on the first subsequent working day.			
08.	Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.			

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Atomic Energy Research Establishment

(Ganakbari, Savar)

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Ref No: CTF-Admn-1(138)/98

Dated: 11.4.2000

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the following groups of works of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka:-

Group No	Name of work	Amount of earnest money	Cost of tender document (non-refundable)	Qualification of tenderers
"A"	Construction of Road	Tk 25000/-	Tk 1000/-	Enlisted contractors (A&B categories) of AERE, Savar.
"B"	Modification of Boundary Wall (Eastern Side)	Tk 2500/-	Tk 100/-	Enlisted contractors of AERE, Savar

Tender document containing the detailed specifications, terms & conditions of the respective group of works may be purchased on cash payment of the amount shown against each group of works mentioned above from this office on all working days during office hours up to 9.5.2000 on written request and prior permission. Tender with earnest money noted against each group of works in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of 'Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Savar' shall have to be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of the undersigned up to 2:30 PM on 10.5.2000 and will be opened the same day at 2:45 PM in presence of tenderers (if any, who may wish to be present). If the dropping and opening of the tender are not possible on the scheduled date due to unavoidable circumstances, the same shall be done on the next working day at the same time. No tender document shall be sold on the date fixed for opening the tenders.

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

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