

He finds no loss in jute cultivation

By Z A M Khairuzzaman

When farmers are generally abandoning jute cultivation, a farmer of Kagiapara village in Narail district decided otherwise, according to a field report of Novartis Crop Protection.

"I will not abandon jute," says Nurul Haq Sikder. "People say it is not profitable, but I find it otherwise."

Sikder used to cultivate Aus paddy in the lands where he now plants jute.

"Jute is more profitable than Aus. I can sell jute for Tk 375 to Tk 400 a maund. On the other hand, jute sticks are also valuable and I sell at Tk 15 to Tk 20 a bundle," says Sikder. "Moreover, jute increases the land fertility. So, I don't find any loss in jute cultivation."

Meanwhile, as in the previous years, jute is low on the farmers' cultivation list. They are just cultivating it as more because of habit and for own consumption.

To these factors, the Boro season has added more fuel. As farmers sowed Boro paddy late in some places, and rice prices remain quite attractive, they find Aus a better alternative than to the losing jute.

Jute seeds are readily available in the market. BADC is selling seeds, but at a high rate. At the same time, BADC is selling seeds like *Moharashtra* and *Rajasthan* are reaching the farmers, say Novartis Crop Protection sources.

BADC supplies seeds called *Falguni* at a rate of Tk 71 a kg, which is about Tk 10 higher than last year's price.

But at the same time, the Indian ones are available at about Tk 30 to Tk 32 a packet of 900 grams.

As a result, farmers are overwhelmingly buying the smuggled seeds which makes about 95 per cent of the jute seed market.

Skeletons of lightning victims stolen

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, May 3: Skeletons and skulls of human who died from lightning are being stolen from different graves of the district as those are said having valuable magne and healing power of certain diseases.

Skeletons and skulls of human bodies were stolen after exhuming in the area.

Unofficial sources claimed the skeletons and skulls are in great demand.

Miracle!

BARISAL, May 3: One Rita Rani Paul, wife of Bipul Paul, gave birth to twin girls at a time recently at Kalapara municipal area in Patuakhali district, reports BSS.

The two newly born girls have changed their sexes simultaneously after their birth and after six days both of them became male children.

A large number of people have been gathering there to see the babies.

Crimes up in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, May 3: Crimes like murder, clash, abduction and robbery have increased in the district in the three months from January to March this year, creating panic among residents.

A young man was beaten to death by unidentified assailants on the bank of the river Goral in the town on January 3. The victim was identified as Zia, a resident of Housing Estate area in the town.

On the same day a girl was hacked to death at Helupara village under Sadar upazila. She was identified as Labani, 8.

Body of Rabiul Islam, son of Nur Sardar of Bahirchun union of Bheramara upazila was recovered from the river Padma near Hardinge Bridge on January 7.

An unidentified body of a youth was recovered from a field near sugarcane purchasing centre on Kushtia-Bheramara Road on February 7.

Another unidentified body was recovered from a paddy field at village Lakhabardha under Mirpur upazila on February 8.

A theft was committed in the office of Juba Unnayan Adhikar (Directorate for Youths' Affairs) at Battail, three miles off Kushtia town on February 8. The burglars made away with a motorcycle from the garage of the office. The motorcycle could not be recovered. No one was arrested in this connection.

Four persons received bullet injuries as two rival groups clashed at Gobindapur village under Kumarkhali upazila on February 9. The four were identified as Taju, Khaleque, Mannan and Enamul. Later Taju succumbed to his injuries.

Abu Bakkar Siddique, 35, son of Nawab Ali of Battail, three miles away from Kushtia town, was abducted on February 9. He still has been missing. Family sources said two motorcyclists, who identified themselves as police officers, picked up Siddique at night from the house.

Sabuz, a student of class nine and son of Altaf Hossain of Shahpur village under Daulatpur upazila, was abducted by a group of armed terrorists on February 10.

Monwar Hossain, 15, son of Banu Molla of village Kharichara of Kumarkhali upazila has been missing since February 9.

Body of Manwar Hossain, 38, a cloth merchant of Kumarkhali upazila, was recovered on February 15 from town protection embankment at Kumarkhali upazila headquarters.

He was missing on February 10. Local people said the man might be killed by his business colleagues.

A highway robbery was committed in broad daylight on

Kushtia-Bheramara Road on February 19. The robbers looted cash, gold ornaments and other valuables worth Taka one lakh.

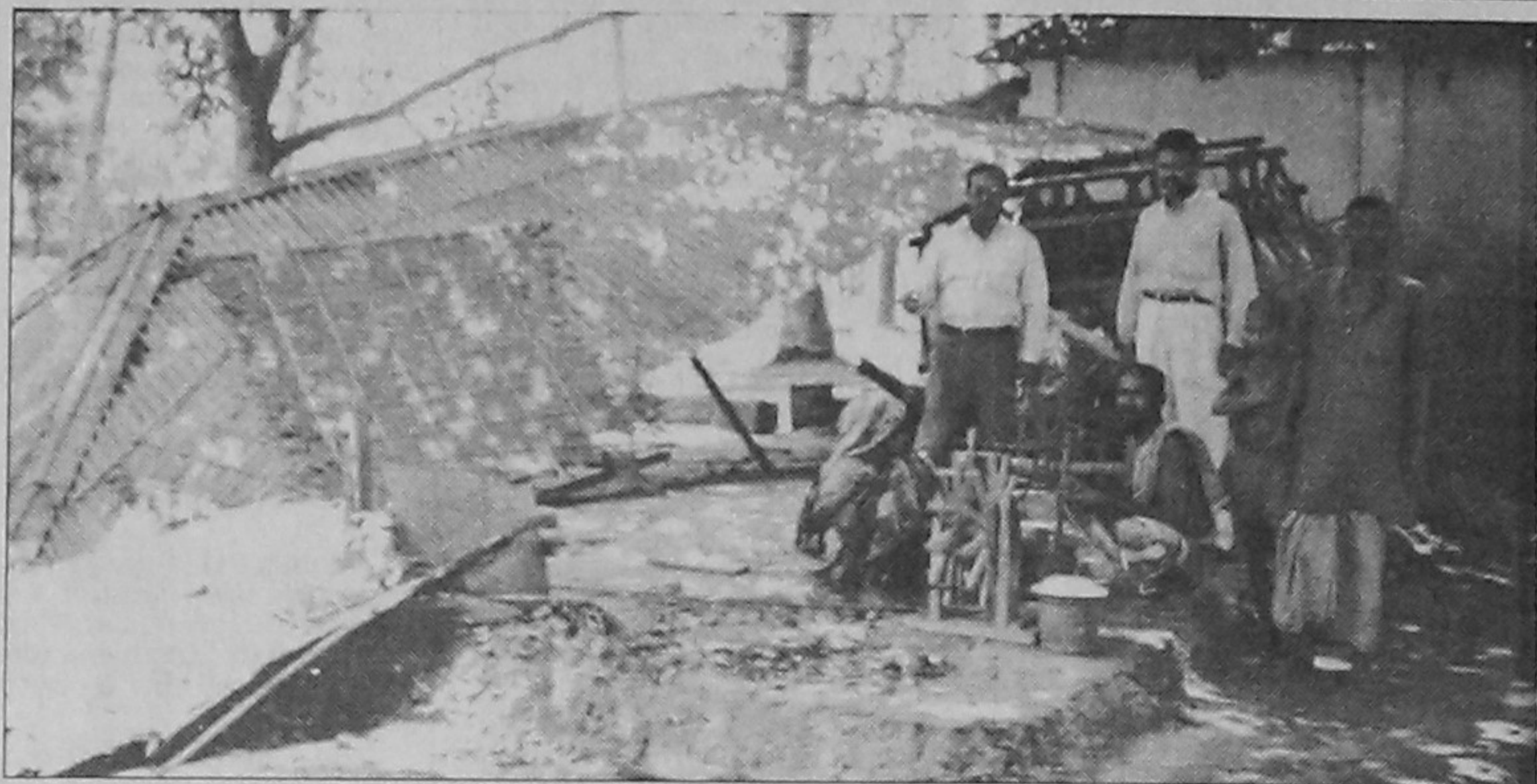
Another robbery was committed at the house of Naren Pal at Alardga Bazar on February 10. The robbers raided the house when a marriage ceremony was being held in the house. Robbers looted gold ornaments and cash and other valuables at gunpoint.

Daulatpur police recovered a beheaded body at village Mathurapur on February 28. The victim was identified as Khokhuzaman, 11, son of Abdus Satter.

Mukta, 11, daughter of Arman Ali of Nishintabaria of Khokha upazila went missing in the afternoon of February 28. Later her body was found in a nearby ditch. She was killed after being raped, family sources said. None has yet been arrested in this connection.

A young man was found dead in a shal of the river Padma on March 20. The victim was identified as Majedul, 23, of village Puratan Kushtia under Hatas Haripur union.

A body of an unidentified woman was recovered from the bordering village of Dharadaha under Adabaria union of Daulatpur upazila on March 30. Police sent the body to hospital for autopsy. A case was lodged in this connection.



Three persons named Raihan, 10, son of Fazal of Khidir village, Abdul Kader, 35, of Sialkhole village in the Sadar thana and Monsur Ali, 50, of Kazipur upazila in Sirajganj district were killed and 100 others injured in nor'westers on Friday, Monday and Tuesday in Sirajganj Sadar, Kazipur, Belkuchi, Chowhali and Shahjadpur thana. In an earlier cyclonic storm at village Garadaha under Bagmati union of Sadar upazila in Sirajganj district many houses were damaged. Ali Hussain Mollik, Chairman of Bagmati Union Parishad prepared a list of the storm affected people. — Star photo by Akhteruzzaman Babu

Nasim terms 'Lathi' as a symbol of resistance against conspiracy

HORINAKUNDA (Jhenidah), May 3: Terming 'Lathi' as the symbol of resistance against conspiracy and terrorism, Home Minister Mohammad Nasim on Tuesday said Awami League will go ahead with its 'lathi' procession against terrorists and conspirators, reports UNB.

"Awami League's lathi procession will continue against those who are trying to protect killers of Bangladesh, terrorists and conspirators," he told a public meeting at Joradah High School ground here.

He said Bangabandhu and four national leaders left victims of terrorism, so Awami League would not allow any anarchy or vandalism.

Ruling AL was widely criticised for its April 18 procession in the capital with its workers carrying sticks and wearing token shrouds to demand 'immediate hanging' of the killers of Bangabandhu.

Referring to tackling terrorist acts in terror-torn south-western districts, the Home Minister said Awami League did not get any seat in Jhenidah in

last election. "But, we did not stop development work here as we want to gain people's confidence through our deeds."

Blaming previous governments for not curbing terrorism

in the area, he said, presently, the people of Jhenidah are living in a terrorism-free atmosphere.

Accusing opposition BNP and Jatiya Party, Nasim said they are now seeking votes.

Notice Inviting Tender of RHD

Tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 in sealed cover.

1. Tender Notice No : 19/JRD of 1999-2000.
2. Name of work : Supplying best quality 1st class/PJ brick bats, stone chips and local sand for maintenance work at different KM of Madhupur-Jamalpur Road under Jamalpur Road Division during the year 1999-2000.
3. Charge to : MTC
4. Estimated cost : Tk. 4,96,882/-
5. Earnest money : Tk. 9,940/-
6. Time allowed : 10 (ten) days from the date of issue of work order.
7. Eligibility of contractor : RHD, general category contractor as per territorial jurisdiction & financial capacity.
8. Name of office : Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Jamalpur/ Mymensingh/Tangail/Kishoreganj/Netrokona/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division-1/11/1st Line Workshop, Jamalpur.
9. Name of office : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mymensingh Road Circle, Mymensingh/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Jamalpur/Mymensingh/Tangail/Kishoreganj/Netrokona & Sherpur.
10. Last date for : On 10-05-2000 (during office hours).
11. Last date & time : On 11-05-2000 up to 12:30 PM.
12. Date & time for : On 14-05-2000 at 11:00 AM.
13. Date & time of : On 18-05-2000 at 11:00 AM.

NB: (a) All tenders will be opened at a time in the office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Jamalpur on the due date & time fixed for opening after collection all tenders (if any) from all tender receiving offices in sealed condition.

(b) Payment will be made when fund is available.

Md Asmatuddowla
Executive Engineer, RHD
Jamalpur Road Division,
Jamalpur.

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Son gets life term for killing father

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, May 3: A court here recently sentenced a son to suffer life term in prison for killing his father.

The court also fined him Tk 3,000 and in default to suffer two months more RL.

According to prosecution story, Zulfiqar Ali of village Islampur under Gaibandha Sadar upazila hit on the head of his father Mokbul Hossain with a stick on January 15, 1995 following an altercation. In the following day Mokbul, 85, succumbed to his injuries in hospital.

After examining the witnesses and records district and sessions Judge, Sirajuddin Ahmed, pronounced the verdict.

Nor'wester hits Shariatpur

SHARIATPUR, May 3: A nor'wester swept over the district on Saturday night and damaged about 500 *kutcha* houses, disrupted power supply, snapped telephone lines and left at least 25 people injured, reports UNB.

The worst affected areas were Janjira and Shakhipur where some 2,000 people rendered homeless. They were living in temporary shelters, officials said.

Agriculture office said IRRI-Boro on about 1,000 hectares ready for harvest were damaged partially by the storm.

Prof Khaleda Khanam, whip of the government party, visited the affected areas on Monday morning.

He gets back missing son after 9 yrs

COX'S BAZAR, May 3: An ill-fated father got back his missing boy after nine years to the surprise of their fellow-villagers, reports UNB.

Mohammad Ali, then a five-year-old boy, went missing with his family members, except his father Helal Bahadur, from their Saraitala village in Moheshkhali when a devastating cyclone hit the country's coastal belt on April 29, 1991.

Helal Bahadur, a fisherman, had searched his family members — his wife, five daughters and two sons — for long, but all his efforts went in vain.

Although he married again after the tragedy, a frustrated Helal never gave up the hope of getting back his family members.

One day, Helal came to know that a missing boy was living at Badarkhali village in Chakoria thana and he rushed to the village on April 20 and recovered his missing son.

Faces of talents

By Staff Correspondent

Here are some talents who secured scholarships in talent-pool of Primary scholarship examinations.

A Gazipur correspondent says: Md Tanvir Alam was a student of the Primary section in Kaliganj RRN Pilot Government High School, Gazipur.

He secured the first position in the talent-pool of Primary scholarship examination held in 1999 at the Upazila level. He is the only son of Suraiya Alam and Md Shamsul Alam, Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Kaliganj in Gazipur district.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent reports: Mubina Ferdous Urmee of Flowers' Kindergarten and Junior High School in Moulvibazar town secured Junior scholarship in talent pool of class VIII this year.

She obtained 1st position in Moulvibazar district among the Junior scholarship examinees.

Urmee also secured Primary scholarship in talent-pool in 1996 from the same school. She was awarded many prizes in cultural competitions at national level including Natun Kuri Child Artists' Competition, Islamic Foundation Poetry Recitation Competition and National Child Artists' Competition 2000.

She is the eldest daughter of Md Muslem Uddin, Principal Officer of Sonali Bank, Moulvibazar main branch and Selina Akhter a primary school teacher of Hafiza Khatun Government Primary School, Moulvibazar.

Our Jamalpur correspondent says: Shahana Parvin (Anu) got Junior scholarship in talent-pool from Jamalpur Government Girls' High School this year.

She is the eldest daughter of Md Mozibur Rahman a conductor of REB of village Satkura under Kendua union of the Sadar thana. She wants to be a doctor. She seeks blessing from all.

News snaps

Yellow rain causes panic

PATUAKHALI, May 3: Tushkhali village in Mathbaria thana had experienced yellow rains on Monday afternoon causing panic among the people in the area, reports UNB.

Mohammad Naim and Selim, residents of the village, said that people drenched in the rain found their wearing turned yellow. The moderate rainfall continued for less than 30 minutes that covered about half a kilometer square mile. The rains did not affect anyone, but its unusual colour worried the commonman who tend to believe in many superstitions. A weather expert in the Met Office in Dhaka said they were not aware of yellow rains in the past in Bangladesh. Chemical test of the rainwater may reveal if it were due to change in environment, he added.

SZRC classes from May 14

BOGRA, May 3: The first year MBBS course of the academic session of 1999-2000 at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College (SZRC) here will be started on May 14, reports BSS.

The orientation ceremony will be held in the lecturer gallery of SZRC at 11 am the same day. The freshers, their parents and guardians have been requested to attend the ceremony.

Nor'wester hits Gazipur

GAZIPUR, May 3: Nor'wester accompanied by heavy downpour caused extensive damage to dwelling houses and standing crops in Sadar and Sreepur upazilas on Monday-Tuesday, reports UNB.

The storms razed to the ground thatched houses and shops and uprooted a large number of trees and electric poles. District Agriculture office said due to heavy shower for the last two days standing crops on hundreds of acres of land were damaged.

May Day observed in Tangail

TANGAIL, May 3: The historic May Day was observed here in a most befitting manner, reports BSS.

A rally, jointly organised by different local Labour Organisations, was held on the day recalling the supreme sacrifices of Chicago workers in 1886. Besides, a discussion was also held at the local Bindubashini Government High School to mark the day.

17 alleged miscreants held

CHITTAGONG, May 3: Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) arrested 17 alleged miscreants, including two hijackers, from different areas of the city during in 24 hours ending 6 pm on Tuesday, reports BSS.

Kotwali police arrested Muhammad Alamgir, 30, from Gymnasium Lane while snatching away valuables from people. He was wanted in connection with some other criminal cases, police said. Kotwali police also arrested Yunus, 30, from Deedar Market on charge of snatching. Other police stations of CMP rounded up 15 miscreants from different areas of the city.

Tension along Kalmakanda border

MYMENSINGH, May 3: Tension was mounting in Kalmakanda border villages of Netrokona district as six Bangladesh nationals were kidnapped by Indian border security force (BSF) on Monday, reports UNB.

The BSF personnel intruded into Bangladesh territory and abducted Daniel Marak, Ishroy Marak, Sangkor Marak, Konjey Hajong, Sinai Sharma and Chonei Hajong of Kachupara and Banbera villages at 11 am. They were, however, set free at midnight after a frantic effort by BDR of Boruakona border outpost. Residents and BDR said BSF men chased Bangladesh farmer Moinul Hossain of village Tali when he was working in his field. In fear he ran away and took shelter in a house. The villagers raised hue and cry, laid siege to the BSF men and caught one of them with a SLR. He was handed him over to BDR on Monday morning. He was still in BDR custody. Earlier on April 28 villagers caught another BSF personnel in village Panchgaon when he intruded with arms and tried to seduce a young girl. BDR and BSF have intensified patrol along the border.

Woman killed in road accident

BAGERHAT, May 3: A woman aged about 60 was killed and two others were critically injured in two separate road accidents at Barakpur and Dashedi on Bagerhat-Rupsha Road here on Tuesday, reports BSS.

The woman was identified as Noor Jahan Begum. Two separate cases were registered with respective police stations.

Academic programme

SANTOSH (Tangail), May 3: The academic programme of Maulana Bhasani Science and Technology University at Santosh will begin from July this year, reports BSS.

Initially, admission will be given to 25 students, each in Computer Science and Mathematics subjects. Prof Durga Das Bhattacharya has been appointed the Project Director of the University. Administrative work and classes will be held in the existing structures. Side by side, the programme of Maulana Bhasani founded Islamic University will be held in its campus.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Department of Environment Paribesh Bhaban

E-16 Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

No: Memo. Env./Dev. (ODS)/166/96(2nd part)/863 Dated: 25/4/2000

Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in prescribed form are hereby invited from reputed Firms/Bidders (Brand Machine supplier) for supplying of Computer, Printer, UPS, Voltage Stabilizer along with necessary accessories under the project "Institutional Strengthening for the Phase-out of Ozone Depleting Substances (Phase-II)" being implemented under the Department of Environment.

Tender documents shall be available on cash payment (non-refundable) of Tk. 400/- (Taka four hundred) only in the office of the undersigned at Paribesh Bhaban, Plot No. E-16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 on all working days during office hours (from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm) till 10.5.2000. All the tenders should be dropped in the tender box which is to be kept in the office chamber of the undersigned on 11.5.2000 at 02:00 PM and will be opened on the same day at 02:30 pm in presence of bidders (if any). No tender schedule/documents shall be sold on the opening day.

The bidders will ensure submission of the respective catalogue/brochure along with the tender as per conditions mentioned in the schedule with an earnest money 2.5% of the total quoted price in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned. Tenders without requisite documents and earnest money shall be rejected outright. Bidders will use 2 (two) separate envelope, one for technical offer and the other for financial offer and individual envelope should be marked accordingly. The financial offer of only those bidders whose technical proposal will be found valid and acceptable on technical evaluation will be opened accordingly.

Valid tenders who have submitted their tender vide Memo. No. Env./Dev. (ODS)/166/96 (2nd part)/712 dated 06/04/2000 need not submit future tender. Their tenders will remain in force until final disposal.

The authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof whatsoever. Incomplete tenders will be treated cancelled outright.

Md. Abdus Sobhan
National Project Director
Institutional Strengthening for the Phase out of
Ozone Depleting Substances (Phase-II)

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