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Country in desperate need to find a way out of copying

JS body amassing opinions to go for a massive reform in exam system

As adoption of unfair means infested public examinations like a virus making the country's future bleak, a parliamentary committee is collecting opinions from quarters concerned to go for a massive reform of the system.

"We are looking for a long-term solution to the menace. A system should be evolved where wrongdoers will fail to find out answer in the open book in examination halls," Nurul Islam Nahid, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education Ministry told UNB.

He informed that a five-member parliamentary sub-committee headed by Whip Abdus Shahid is now working to amass opinions from the people of all concerned to know what should be the examination system to stop copying.

MPs from ruling Awami league, opposition BNP and Jatiya Party are in the sub-committee.

Nahid said reform in the examination system is a must. The process of reform will start following recommendations of the sub-committee.

"We are attaching importance to opinions of different quarters," he said adding that they have already received various proposals for changes in the examination system.

Nahid felt that the main problem regarding copying lies on proper implementation of rules.

"Unfair means and copying is an exposure of social degradation of years. Students, guardians and teachers are involved in the crime." He said we all must mobilise the new generation against this kind of bad habit, which not only destroys one's future, but of the country as well. "Cooperation from all quarters is needed to overcome the problem."

Like Nahid, heads of different colleges and schools have also suggested reform of the examination system to resist copying.

Prof Jahannara Begum, the Principal of Dhaka College said a commission could be formed to find ways to stop copying. But, she said it would take time.

"Before such a commission and its recommendations and their proper implementation, all should now enforce existing administrative rules to stop copying in examinations," said Prof Jahannara.

"If the people responsible, including invigilators and law-enforcing agencies discharge their duty with honesty and integrity there can be no copying. The students will have no alternative to appear in examination with adequate preparation," she said.

Unlike her, Father Benjamin Costa, the Principal of Notre Dame College said he doesn't think that police or BDR personnel will be successful in uprooting copying.

He also doesn't think that a change in question style will be a proper way out.

"The teachers should teach the students in the classes properly, they should take good care of their students and make them realise that not copying, learning is the only way to acquire knowledge."

"Getting a certificate is now the aim of the students, not education, because their schools and colleges are not providing them proper education," said Father Benjamin. "So, first thing is to wake up conscious of all."

Shyamali Nasreen Chaudhury, Principal of Udayan School said: "Board authorities took a series of action plan to resist unfair means. But all those proved failure."

"A committee comprising members from experts and people concerned can come to a long-term solution after finding out the ways of stopping copying," she said.

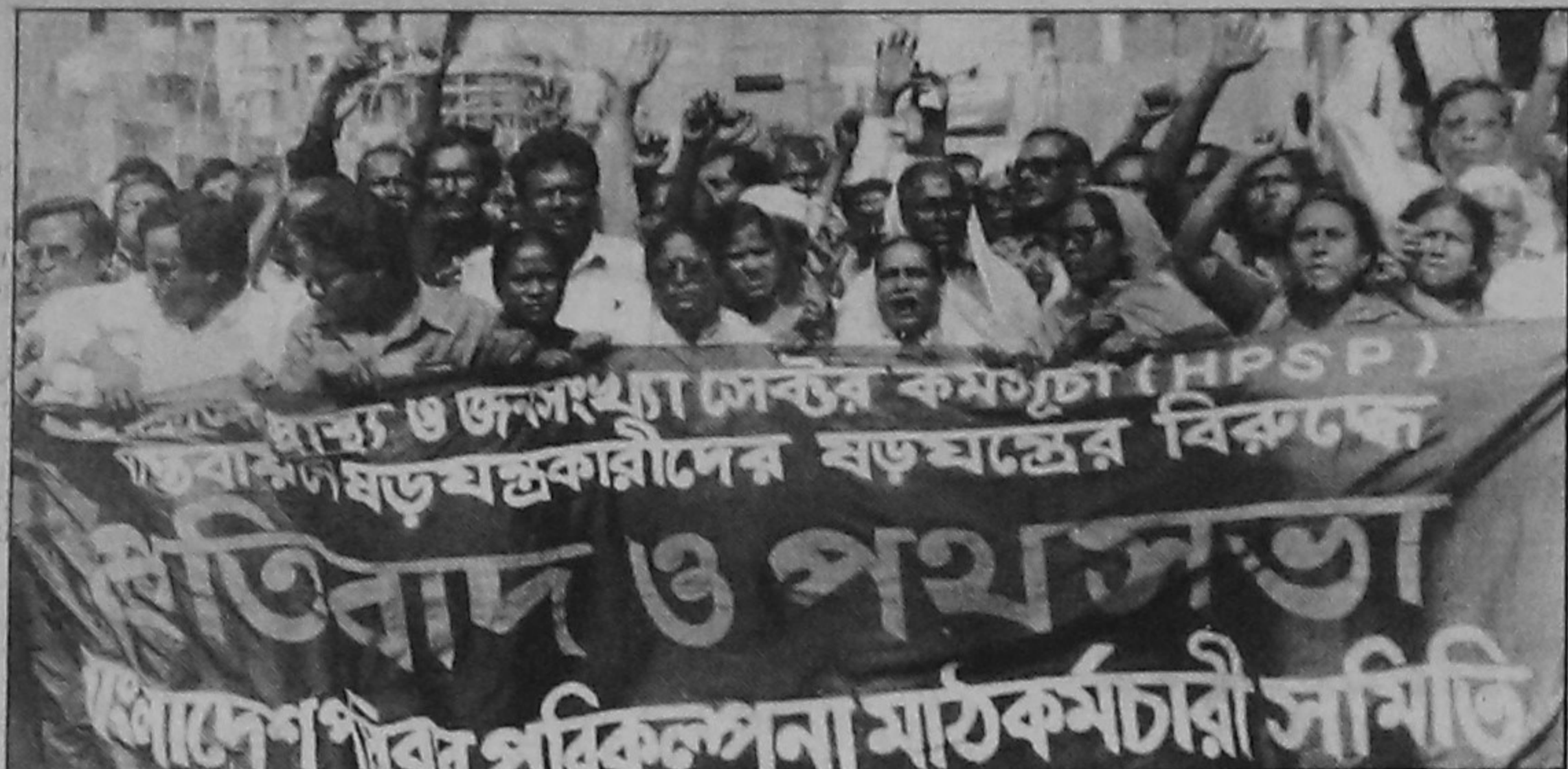
Motijheel Government Girls' School Headmistress Nargis Anar Begum said the authorities should take steps after taking opinions from all. "A decision through discussion with all concerned may show the path to get rid of the problem."

M Shah Alam, Principal of Willes Little Flower School said the range of copying is very much high in the rural areas, not in the towns and cities.

"The students and guardians should be motivated against the ill effect of the copying. An expert body in this regard can play a vital role by showing the way out," he added.

Quazi Faruque Ahmed, the Principal of Shaikh Burhanuddin Postgraduate College also proposed a massive reform of the examination procedures dismissing the current system as a "farce".

He suggested immediate formation of a National Commission of Examination Reform to formulate an appropriate public examination policy. The commission should also recommend a suitable system with a view to assessing the acquired knowledge and talent of the students at all tiers of education.



Bangladesh Family Planning Field Employees Association brought out a procession protesting 'conspiracy in implementing programmes' in the city yesterday. — Star photo

BNP leader Moudud tells UNB

Opposition alliance will form electoral coalition

A top BNP leader yesterday said that the four-party alliance will unite to fight elections against the Awami League and an electoral coalition will be formed at an appropriate time.

"There will be an electoral alliance," BNP Standing Committee member and close aide to the BNP Chairperson, Barrister Moudud Ahmed, told UNB.

But he refrained from commenting any more on the subject, saying that it was still too early to comment. He, however, said the unity of the alliance would continue and get more consolidated in future.

Moudud also made it clear that the general elections would be contested unitedly.

When asked whether the opposition alliance would fight the parliament election with a single symbol or on the basis of

understanding, he said the four top leaders would decide that in course of time.

On the ongoing opposition movement, he commented, "It is going in the right direction."

Moudud observed that the government was making serious mistakes and blunders. "As more days pass it appears that the government is getting desperate and splits within the government are apparent."

The latest episode, he said, of threatening the judiciary by the responsible leaders and ministers of the ruling party is, he observed, a reflection of that desperation.

"The thoughtlessness in attempting to start a crusade against the judiciary and its independence proves that the government has lost its sense of direction," said the barrister politician.

He alleged that the ruling party had started using extreme abusive words against the Leader of the Opposition, practising widespread corruption in every possible deal and taking law in their own hands in cases.

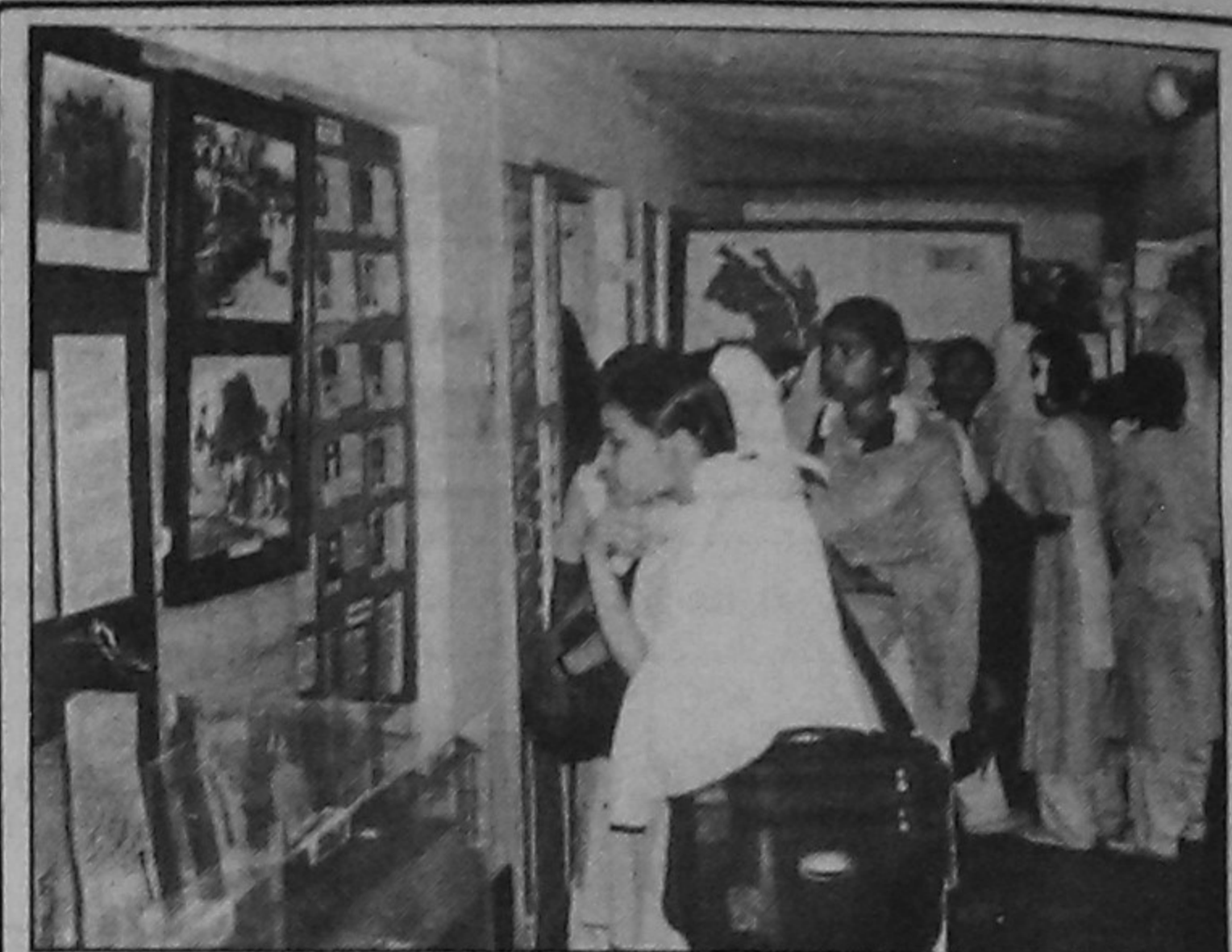
From his experience garnered during his long years in the seat of power, Moudud drew the inference that all these are symptoms of downfall of a government.

When asked about the future strategy of the movement, the BNP leader said that since the election is now in sight, and BNP being a democratic political party, would obviously have to keep the election factor into account.

Qulkhwani

The Qulkhwani of Ahmed Sobhan Chowdhury, a noted social worker and former official of Bangladesh Railway will be held today at his village home in Daganbhuiyan, Feni, reports UNB.

He died of cardiac arrest at a clinic in Dhaka on Thursday. He was 84.



Students of a school looking at different artifacts displayed at the Liberation War Museum under its Outreach Programme.

Liberation War Museum running 'learning through fun' programme

Liberation War Museum has begun an "Outreach Programme" to familiarise students with the history of the Liberation War, says a press release.

A total of 1109 students from 4 different schools have visited the museum under the programme since February last.

Under the programme, the museum invites students from schools and colleges to visit its premises at Segunbagicha. They are shown around the museum displaying factual artifacts, objects and documents from the Liberation War. A 25-minute video documentary is also

screened.

An added event, Instant Quiz programme, has been introduced since April 15. The students take part in a short 10-question quiz, the results of which are declared by a lottery immediately. The aim is to make the visit a "learning through fun" venture.

Schools and colleges which have not visited the museum as yet have been requested to contact the authorities to avail participation under the programme.

The Outreach Programme of the museum was launched in 1997.

British film in Sylhet

The British Council in association with Lever Brothers Bangladesh Ltd will screen 5 British films at its Sylhet auditorium from May 11 to 13, says a press release.

The movies to be screened are *The Mission* (6:30 pm, May 11), *Enchanted April & Evil under the Sun* (4:00 pm & 6:30 pm, May 12) and *Clockwise & The Emerald Forest* (4:00 pm and 6:30 pm, May 13).

Free passes can be collected from Itadi, Amberkhanna, Balpatra and Zindabazar at Sylhet, the release added.

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

পানির অপচয় রোধে কাজ শেষে কলের মুখ বন্ধ করুন

Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted all 1st, 2nd & 3rd class contractors for supply of Barack Bamboo on yearly basis for Mods Zone-5. Amount of estimated cost of the work is Tk-67,200/=. Tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon of 15/05/2000 and will be opened on the same day at 02:00 PM in presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if any).

Schedule of tender will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhawan, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all Mods Zone Offices of Dhaka WASA. Other details will be available at the office of the undersigned.

Address: Mohakhali TB Gate, Dhaka

A. Kadir, Executive Engineer, Mods Zone-5, Dhaka WASA

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GENERAL NOTICE

This is for information of all concerned that **Qazi Qumrul Islam alias Qumrul of 1/1-D, Darus Salam Road, Dhaka**, son of late Qazi Nazrul Islam, General Manager of Swan Garments Pvt. Ltd. of 258/193 Dakkhin Khan, Uttara, Dhaka, has absconded from service after defalcating huge amount of company fund and after acting against the interest of the company. A Criminal Complaint Case bearing No. 1718/2000 under sections 420/408/380 of the Penal Code has been filed against him in the Court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka and the same is pending. All concerned are requested not to make any transaction with the said Qazi Qumrul Islam in connection with the affairs of the said Swan Garments Pvt. Ltd. Anybody who does so will do it at his own risk and responsibility and the company will not be liable for the same.

The Management
Swan Garments Pvt. Ltd.

Office of the Executive Engineer

Operation and Maintenance Division, Kazla, DESA, Dhaka

Reference: O&M/Kazla/Acc-12/DESA/170 Dated: 12/4/2000

Tender Notice

Tenders in sealed envelopes under terms and conditions of Form No. T-2 of Bangladesh Power Development Board from Dhaka Electric Supply Authority/Bangladesh Power Development Board and bonafide liveries supplier establishments for supplying winter liveries for the technical and non-technical employees of Operation and Maintenance Division, Kazla, DESA, Dhaka. Each set of detailed tender form will be available on payment of Taka 50/- (fifty) only (non-refundable) till 15/5/2000 on all working days from the General Manager Client Service (South), DESA, 12/A, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Superintending Engineer, Client Service, Kazla Circle, DESA, Dhaka, 12/A Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Executive Engineer, O&M Division, Siddhirganj, DESA, N'ganj, Executive Engineer Co Division Siddhirganj, DESA, N'ganj and Executive Engineer C/O Division, Kazla, DESA, Dhaka and Sonali Bank, Jatrabari Branch. Prior approval will have to be taken from the General Manager, Client Service (South) 12/A, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Superintending Engineer Client Service, Kazla Circle, 12/A, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Executive Engineer, O&M Division, Siddhirganj, Executive Engineer, C/O Division, Siddhirganj, Executive Engineer, C/O Division, Kazla or the undersigned prior to purchasing tender and will be received till 12:00 Noon on 16/5/2000 in the offices of the General Manager, Client Service (S) Superintending Engineer, Client Service, Kazla Circle, DESA and the office of the undersigned and will be opened the same day at 12:30 pm before the tenderers or their approved representatives present (if there is any). Earnest money at the rate of 5% (five) of the quoted rate in the forms of DD/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the Additional Director (Accounts), regional accounts office, DESA will have to be deposited with tender. Tender schedule will be treated as rejected if anybody fails to deposit the earnest money. Rate analysis will have to be submitted with the rates for 5% or above or below. Tenderers with the rate submitted below 5% to 10% of the estimated expenditure will have to give 5% of the estimated rate as the security money in addition to 5% earnest money. Tenderers submitting rate 10% below the estimated rate will have to give 10% of the estimated rate as the security money in addition to 5% earnest money. The undersigned reserves the power to accept or reject the lowest or any tender without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer
O&M Division, Kazla, DESA
Dhaka

DFP: 10349-2/5
G-845

Government of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
City PWD Division, Dhaka

Notice Inviting Tenders

(2nd Call)

Tender No 232/1999-2000

- Name of work : Addition, Alteration and renovation of CIRDAK Bhawan at 17, Topkhana Road, Dhaka (sanitary & water supply arrangement) Group No II (two).
- Estimated cost : Taka 1,79,153/00
- Earnest money : Taka 3,584/00
- Date of receiving and time of opening tender : Up to 12:00 Noon of 16-5-2000 and will be opened at 12:15 PM on the same day (in presence of tenderers if any).
- Last date of selling tender : Up to office hours of 15-5-2000.
- Place of selling and receiving tender : Office of the undersigned and the Executive Engineer, Dhaka PWD Division No I/II/Arboriculture PWD Division/Edn Buildings PWD Division, Dhaka.
- Eligibility of contractor : Special Class-I (one) enlisted sanitary & plumbing contractors of PWD/Class-II (two) enlisted sanitary & plumbing contractor of PWD Dhaka Zone, Dhaka.
- If more than one tenderer become lowest by quoting the same rate than lowest tenderer will be selected through lottery on 25-5-2000 at 3:30 PM in the office chamber of the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka PWD Circle-I, Dhaka. All other detail informations are available in the tender documents and Bangladesh Form No 2911.

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Executive Engineer,
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Science & Technology

Bangladesh Secretariat
Dhaka 1000

No: MST/S-Project Library-1/BM Purchase/2000 Dated: 24/4/2000

Tender Notice

Tenders are invited from interested established book publishers, distributors and traders for purchase books under Development Budget for the project titled "Establishment of Technology Extension Cell of the Ministry of Science & Technology" during 1999-2000 financial year. Tender schedule can be collected at Tk 400.00 (four hundred) per set from the office of the DDO of the Ministry (Room No 904, Building No-6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka) during office hours up to 14-5-2000. Tender should be submitted in the tender box kept at the office chamber (Room No-901, Building No-6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka) of the honorable Project Director within 2:00 PM of 18-5-2000. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 2:30 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any).

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

Project Director
Deputy Consultant Technology
Ministry of Science & Technology

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Police Headquarters
Dhaka

1st Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide Suppliers/Manufacturers for supply of the following vehicles for Bangladesh Police during the financial year 1999-2000.

- Name of items : (1) DUST MASK.
- Cost of tender : Tk. 400/- (four hundred) only in schedule (non-refundable)
- Schedule available from : Police Headquarters, E&T Section, Room No. 107, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling tender documents : Up to 14-5-2000 (during office hours) on all working days.
- Place, date & time of submission/ opening tenders : Tenders will be received on 15-5-2000 at Police Headquarters, E&T Section, Room No. 107, Dhaka up to 12:00 hours and will be opened at 12:30 hours on the same date and venue in presence of tenderers, if any.
- Earnest money : @ 2% (two per cent) of total quoted value in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft.
- Sample : As per approved specification.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender/tenders without assigning any reason.

Syed Bzlul Karim, BPM
AIG (E&T) Bangladesh Police
Bangladesh, Dhaka

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Noakhali PWD Division, Noakhali

Tender Notice

2nd Call

Tender No 64 of 1999-2000

Fresh sealed tenders are invited in Bd Form No. 2911 for the undermentioned work as per terms and conditions stated below:

- Name of work : Construction and modernisation of 6 (Six) Nos Textile Institute in Bangladesh 1 (one) at Begumganj Dist. Noakhali (Sub-Head: Providing Sanitary & Water Supply arrangement to Cotton Spinning Shed ground floor) in the year 1999-2000.
- Estimated cost : Tk. 2,41863/-
- Earnest money : Tk. 5,000/-
- Time allowed for completion of the work : 2 (two) months from date of issue of work order
- Price of tender schedule : Tk. 425/- per set.
- Place of selling & receiving tenders : Office of the undersigned in/c all Executive Engineers' office under PWD Circle, Comilla.
- Last date of selling tender : During office hours up to 15/5/2000
- Eligibility of contractor/firm to compete in the tender : a) Category applicable as per financial limit of authorized enlisted contractor of PWD.
b) The intending tenderers must have VAT registration TIN & certificate
c) Original money receipt of purchasing tender documents and attested copy of VAT registration certificate and TIN certificate must be enclosed along with the tender.
- Date of receiving and opening of tender : Up to 12:00 Noon of 16/5/2000 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM.
- Lottery (Applicable where necessary) : If more than one tender are received having same rates stand lowest, selection will be made by lottery to be held on 24/5/2000 at 12:30 PM in the office of the undersigned in presence of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Executive Engineer
Noakhali PWD Division.

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