

# Integrated efforts needed to fight arsenic problem

UNICEF official says at launching of arsenic mitigation campaign

UNICEF, Dhaka yesterday underscored the need for developing community based integrated and concerted efforts to fight arsenic, a chemical contamination in the groundwater aquifer which posed a serious threat to 85 million people, mostly in rural areas, for ensuring safe drinking water, reports BSS.

UNICEF has proposals for initiating a massive campaign and mobilisation programme to stop people consuming contaminated water from red marked tubewells right now.

It also has suggestions for using drinking water through alternatives like pond-water harvesting, rain water harvesting, pond-sand-filters and some other sources.

What is important now is to mobilise people not to consume contaminated water. And at the same time it has become an urgency to fight the 'silent disaster' collectively and concertedly," Shahida Azfar, UNICEF Country Representative, told a function at Manikganj yesterday morning.

The function was organised

to ceremonially launch a Community Based Safe Water Supply and Arsenic Mitigation Project at Manikganj Sadar Thana.

Chaired by Deputy Commissioner of the district Shaikh Mazharuddin, the launching ceremony was addressed by Chief Engineer of DPHE Alhaj Mohammad Quadiruzzaman, UNICEF Representative Collin David, Rotarian Iftekharul Alami, Ataur Rahman Bhuiyan and Dr Asim Kumar Chowdhury of Dhaka Community Hospital, Executive Engineer of DPHE Aziz Mollah and ISDCM programme director Jahangir Kabir.

The project has jointly been undertaken by ROTARY Bangladesh Water Project Committee and the Rotary Clubs of Manikganj, Dhaka Central, Dhaka Mid City and Dhaka in collaboration with UNICEF Dhaka.

Department of Public Health and Engineering (DPHE) is extending technical assistance to the project, while Integrated Service for Development of Children and Mothers (ISDCM) are yet to be completed.

Like many other upazilas, Manikganj Sadar upazila is one of the worst affected areas in the country. Out of the total number of tubewells examined in the upazila, 28.3 per cent has been found contaminated by arsenic, while 66.5 per cent detected free of contamination. However, tests of all tubewells are yet to be completed.

## 'Govt firm to ensure people's safety'

FENI, May 12: State Minister for Planning Dr Mahiuddin Khan Alamgir has said the government is pledge-bound to ensure safety and security of life and property of the people, respectively.

"For this, the government as well as the nation want to see the execution of the verdict of the trial of Bangabandhu's killers," he said adding, "Begum Khaleda Zia and Shaikhul Hadis clique does not want it."

He was addressing as the

## BCL leader ransacks shop at DU hall

By DU Correspondent

A ruling party-backed student leader ransacked a grocery shop of Kabi Jasim Uddin Hall of Dhaka University and beat up the shopkeeper for asking him to pay up his dues at the shop.

Witnesses said Azad, vice-president of the hall unit of BCL and a resident of room no 112 of the hall came to the shop to buy a packet of Wheel power detergent.

When the owner of the store, Joyinal asked him to pay for the detergent pack as well as his dues at the store, he ransacked the shop. Azad is a final year student of the Social Welfare Department.

Different shopkeepers at the hall say that he buys goods from them on credit regularly and never pays his dues.

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| Name of work  | Amount of estimated money | Date and time of receiving tender |
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| 1. Installation of 100 mm diameter water line on Ibrahimpur bylane                  | 77,252/-                  | 22-5-2000 till 12:00 noon         |
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Tenders will be opened the same day at 2:00 pm of receiving tender before the tenderers or their representatives (if anyone remains present).

Schedule of tenders will be available in the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS Zone Offices of Dhaka WASA. Other details will be available in the office of the undersigned.

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98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka  
WASA-PI-153/2000  
DFP-10456-3/5  
G-883

AKM Zafarullah  
Project Director  
Interim Project-4  
Dhaka WASA

## Gaibandha Pourashava

Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II  
ADB Loan No: 1376 BAN (SF)

Project Implementation Unit (PIU)

Infrastructure Implementation Section (IIS)

Dated: 2-5-2000

## Tender Notice No-35/1999-2000

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) under ADB Loan No-1376-BAN (SF) towards the cost of Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-2 for 22 pourashavas. The undersigned intends to take up different types of works under the said credit as shown below under the 1999-2000 (FY) implementation programme. Sealed tenders for implementation of the works are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No-2911 and as per additional terms & conditions as appended in the tender document from the pre-qualified contractors of Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II.

Interested contractors may obtain necessary tender documents during normal office hours on all working days up to 23-5-2000 from any of the offices (i) The Project Director, Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II, LGED Bhaban (Level-7), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, (ii) Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi, (iii) By Commissioner, District: Gaibandha, (iv) Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Gaibandha, Head of IIS, PIU, Gaibandha Pourashava, (v) Executive/Assistant Engineer, ESFOS, PIU, Gaibandha Pourashava, (vi) Thana Engineer, Sadar, District: Gaibandha, on cash payment as shown in the notice (non-refundable) after obtaining written approval from the respective offices for purchase of tender documents on showing documentary evidence of their contractors licence. Tenders will be received by the abovementioned offices up to 2:00 hours on 24-5-2000. No tender will be accepted beyond this time and tenders will be opened at 2:30 hours on the same day in the receiving offices by the officers-in-charge in the presence of the tenderers, if any.

Interested tenderers may collect necessary information regarding tender and work from the abovementioned offices during normal office hours on all working days. Tenders must be accompanied by all relevant papers and Earnest Money @2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost of the work in favour of XEN, LGED, Gaibandha.

Copy of VAT registration certificates must be enclosed along with the bid. Both Income Tax & VAT in respect of each payment will have to be paid by the contractor as per prevailing rules and regulations of the Government of Bangladesh. Tender without VAT registration certificate will be rejected. Tenderer shall quote rate on overall percentage basis above at per below the estimated cost of the tender. Tender with quoted rates more than 5% (five per cent) higher than the estimated cost must accompany itemwise detail analysis of rate of each item without which tender will be rejected.

Standard bid document prepared by consultants like DHV, AQUA, RPNC & PEC for tendering of STIDP-II is applicable for this tender. Elected/selected contractors firm will be made a formal agreement with this documents.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. Tender not complying with the stipulated conditions will be treated as nonresponsive and will be rejected.

| Sl No | Package No   | Name of the package   | Estimated cost (Tk) | Earnest money (Tk) | Cost tender document (Tk) | Completion time for work (days) |
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Chairman  
Head Project Implementation Unit (PIU)  
Gaibandha Pourashava

## Metropolitan



Karmajibi Nari, an organisation for working women brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding trial of the killing of a labourer at Savar EPZ recently.

Khaleda's 'no' to PM's offer a violation of norms: Khasru

COMILLA, May 12: Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru said the BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia violated the democratic practice and norms by rejecting the offer of a dialogue on appointment of a new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), reports BSS.

Pointing to the BNP leaders, Khasru said no good could be done to people joining hands with the fallen autocrat and the defeated forces of 1971.

Awami League central leader Paltu said the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is committed to curbing terrorism from society and eradicating poverty.

Yusuf Abdullah Harun said the government is working for the economic emancipation of the people through introduction of old age allowances, husband-abandoned women allowances, and implementation of Ashrayan Project and setting up of Employment Bank in the country.

Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya said the opposition are conspiring against the government being afraid of its successes. He said no conspiracy would be able to stop the trial process of the killers of Bangabandhu.

BCL bags all posts in Devendra College union polls

The date of recruiting trainee police constables in 19 districts scheduled for May 16 has been shifted to May 28 due to unavoidable circumstances, reports UNB.

The venue and time, however, will remain unchanged, said an official handout yesterday.

The districts are: Dhaka, Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Tangail, Faridpur, Chittagong, Noakhali, Comilla, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Bogra, Pabna, Khulna, Jessor, Kushtia, Barisal and Patuakhali.

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## Non-govt teachers welfare trust to sanction funds for 3000 soon

Monetary benefits from the non-government Educational Institution Teachers-Employees Welfare Trust will be paid off to 3,000 of the applicants within next three months, reports BSS.

The announcement was made yesterday through press release issued by secretary of the Trustee Board of the Fund.

Over 7,000 applications have been submitted for sanctions from the fund for retired and deceased teachers and employees.

Disbursement of benefits to

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Science & Technology  
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

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## Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from bona fide manufacturer/supplier firms for purchasing one imported, foreign, superior quality iron safe for use of the Ministry of Science & Technology. Tender schedule can be purchased at Tk 100/- (one hundred) per set from the office of the Senior Assistant Secretary, Section-4 of the Ministry, Room No. 17, Building No. 6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka up to office hours of 28-05-2000. Tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept at the chamber of the Deputy Secretary (Room No. 918) of this Ministry by 3:00 PM of 29-05-2000. The tenders received will be opened on the same day at 3:15 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

2. It may be mentioned here that the authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Mr. Muhibul Hossain  
Senior Assistant  
Secretary  
Phone No. 8612439

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)  
Road Division, Madaripur

### RHD Ferryghat Lease Quotation Invitation Notice

- Quotation Notice No
- Name of work
- Estimated cost
- Earnest money
- Those who can participate in the lease bidding
- Offices from where the quotation form can be purchased
- Offices where the quotation forms will be received
- Last date of selling quotation form
- Date & time of receiving quotation form
- Date, time & place of opening quotation

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Lease quotation including lubricant & fuel cost of Kazirka Ferryghat at the Arial Khan river on Madaripur-Shariatpur-Bhedarganj-Chandpur Road under Madaripur Road Division from the date of agreement to 30-6-2000 during 2000-2001.

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