

Intellectuals denounce delay in supply of textbooks

BCU token hunger strike, BCF rally in protest today

By Staff Correspondent

Leading intellectuals of the country yesterday expressed grave concern over the non-availability of board textbooks despite the start of the new academic year.

In a statement, they said that the acute delay in supply of textbooks show the National Curriculum and Textbook Board's (NCTB) indifference towards and lack of concern regarding the academic life of crores of students in the country.

This reflects the reluctance of the state in looking after the education sector, the statement says.

They also stated the awarding of such an important job as printing and distribution of textbooks to such inexperienced a press as that belonging to the infamous loan defaulter Beximco Group.

They said that late delivery of textbooks creates a havoc in the remaining academic year. The books supplied are also of substandard, the statement added.

The statement said that it is the duty of the government to ensure that the books are reached to learners at the beginning of the academic year. Failure to this creates disturbance for the whole academic year. The state should complete an important task as the printing of textbooks on a priority basis, it added.

The intellectuals urged the government to take immediate steps to salvage the crores of students in the country from

the crisis and to supply textbooks as soon as possible at any cost.

They also called upon people from all walks of life and democratic forces to raise their voices against the issue.

The signatories included Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Poet Shamsur Rahman, Shaukat Ali, Badaruddin Omar.

Bangladesh Chhatra Federation (BCF) will hold a rally in front of the NCTB office at Motilal to protest against any conspiracy to destroy academic year of students through delay in printing and distribution of textbooks. They will also bring

out a procession from the NCTB premises.

BCF in a statement has called upon students to attend its rally and procession to make it a success.

Leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU), Dhaka City unit will observe a token hunger strike at Muktangan in the city at 11:00 am to protest against the corruption at NCTB and to demand immediate printing and distribution of textbooks.

BCU in a statement also called on students to participate in the token hunger strike to press home its demand.



Justice MA Rauf, former Chief Election Commissioner speaking at a discussion 'Past, Present & Future of Democracy' in Bangladesh at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium in the city yesterday. Jatiya Nagorik Forum organised the discussion. — Star photo

Metropolitan

Amnesty Int'l welcomes HC rulings on fatwa

Amnesty International has welcomed the ruling of the High Court holding fatwa illegal, religious edicts, issued by the Muslim clergy, reports UNB.

"This is a significant and most welcome development which sends a clear message that discriminatory practices against women, particularly in rural areas, are unacceptable and must stop," said a press release of the London based Amnesty International received yesterday.

It said the High Court, which made the ruling and the Bangladesh women's rights activists who presented the court with evidence against the practice of fatwa, are to be congratulated.

Dozens of fatwas are issued each year by the rural clerics at village gatherings after receipt of complaints, usually against women who assert themselves in village family life.



Congratulations

By DU Correspondent

Sabrina Sultana Chowdhury stood first class first in the masters examination, held in 2000, from the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of Dhaka University in session 1998-1999.

She is the eldest daughter of Dr. Mohammad Shah Chowdhury, Professor of Department of Physics of the university and Sultana Monirul Begum.

She is the daughter-in-law of Home Minister Mohammad Nasim.

Sabrina had secured first class second position in her honours examination.



Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. A. K. Azad Chowdhury giving away certificates among participants of a training course on 'Pharmaceutical Management, Marketing and Regulatory Affairs' at a function held at the Science Library Auditorium of the university yesterday. Bangladesh Pharmacy Graduates Association and Bangladesh-American Pharmacists Association (BAPA) jointly organised the week-long training course.

Congratulations

Dr. Mozammel Hossain obtained 'Best Research Award' at the 7th ISLD (International Society for Lasers in Dentistry) Congress held in Brussels, Belgium, from July 30 to August 2, 2000, says a press release.

His research title was "Caries prevention effect of Er:YAG Laser irradiation with or without water mist."

He also obtained Post Doctoral Fellowship from Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) under a research program of Lasers in Clinical Dentistry from Showa University, Japan.

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Notice Inviting Tender

No 24/2000-2001

Memo No LGED/XEN/Gaz/1385 Dated: 21-12-2000

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association, hereinafter to as the IDA, towards the cost of the Second Rural Roads and Markets Improvement and Maintenance Project (RRMIMP-2) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for (1) Improvement of Nalchota-Ulukhola road at ch. 0.500 km to 2.60 km under Kaliganj (Contract No R-147/2000-2001), (2) Improvement of Nalchota-Ulukhola road at ch. 2.60 km to 5.60 km under Kaliganj (Contract No R-148/2000-2001), (2) Gazipur District under RRMIMP-2.
- The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, as represented by the Executive Engineer, LGED, Gazipur district, invites sealed tenders from prequalified tenderers of RRMIMP-2 for furnishing the necessary labour, materials, equipment and services for the construction and completion of following work.
- Interested pre-qualified tenderers may obtain further information from and inspect the tender documents at the office of the Executive Engineer, Office of LGED at Gazipur, Dhaka at the office of the Project Director, RRMIMP-2 LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka and also from the Divisional Commissioner's Office, Dhaka Division, Dhaka.
- A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by any interested pre-qualified tenderer on the submission of a written application to one of the above office upon payment of a non-refundable fee of (1) (Contract No R-147/2000-2001 Tk 2000/- (Taka two thousand), (2) (Contract No R-148/2000-2001 Tk 2000/- (Taka two thousand) Additional sets of documents may be purchased each at the same price. The tender documents will be available during office hours up to 04/02/2001.
- All tenders must be accompanied by a fixed amount as earnest money as determined by the Project Director in the form of Bank Draft, Pay Order, Call Deposit, Demand Draft or Bank Guarantee from a scheduled bank in Bangladesh in Taka in favour of the "Executive Engineer, LGED, Gazipur District."
- All tenders must be delivered to the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Executive Engineer, LGED, Gazipur and Dhaka District, or to the office of the Project Director, RRMIMP-2 on or before 1:00 PM on 06/02/2001.
- Tenders will be opened in the presence of those tenderers' representatives who choose to attend at 1:30 PM on 06/02/2001 at the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Gazipur or all the offices mentioned above.
- No tender document will be sold on the date of submission of tender or on the previous working day.
- Tenderer may also submit by registered mail with acknowledgement due, which must reach the concerned office (s) before the deadline of tender.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.
- A pre-bid conference will be held in the office of the undersigned on 29/1/2001 at 2:30 PM. Tenderers are requested to attend the conference in time.
- The particulars of the contract are stated below:

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	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:	EEC/JAPAN/USA/SOUTH KOREA/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA		
ER/PUR/IT-39/2000	FLEXIBLE METALIC HOSE	Tk 200/-	05-02-2001	06-02-2001
	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:	USA/EEC/JAPAN		
	(TWO ENVELOPE SYSTEM)			
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ER/PUR/IT-40/2000	HEXAGONAL NUT	Tk 100/-	06-02-2001	07-02-2001
	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:	EEC/JAPAN/USA/KOREA/AUSTRALIA		
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Tender documents may be obtained from (i) Accounts Department of Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong or (ii) Manager, Liaison Office, Eastern Refinery Limited, Flat No. A2 (1st Floor), 67/4, Kakrail Road, Dhaka-1000, on payment of the cost of tender schedule in taka or equivalent currency (non-refundable).

The tenders must be dropped in the tender-box kept in the Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong, Bangladesh as per date & time mentioned in the tender documents.

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