

Revenue from vested properties nosedives

UNB, Jessore
Revenue collection from vested properties in the district has marked a sharp decline this fiscal due to non-payment of taxes by the leaseholders.
Official sources said as of February 2001, about Tk 5 lakh was collected against the target of Tk 35 lakh of the current fiscal.
According to official records, there are some 16,754.52 acres of vested property, including agricultural and non-agricultural land, in eight upazilas of the district.
Of the total vested property land, 1820.34 acres were leased out while the rest 14934.18 acres were grabbed by a vested quarter. Now these leaseholders are not paying their revenues regularly, the sources said.
Despite a strong government decision to distribute khas land among the landless people, an influential quarter in connivance

with a section of dishonest employees have grabbed the land.
Political leaders top the list of landgrabbers.
Meanwhile, another report from Benapole says: Export and import with India through Benapole Port have hit fresh lows due to hartal, causing a daily revenue loss of Tk two crore to the government exchequer.
Official sources said hundreds of Indian trucks carrying imported goods remained stranded at Petrapool, India.
Benapole customs house always commands the second position in revenue collection after Chittagong, as the country's 70 per cent export-import with India is done through Benapole.
Dogged by frequent hartals, a number of importers here said that they were planning to refrain from import for a few months.

Hot spell paralyses life in Rajshahi

Rainfall much below last year's record

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Hot spell and drought-like weather have paralysed normal life in the district. High temperature coupled with heat wave and aridity has thrown people in utter distress these days.
According to the local meteorological office, the heat wave is the result of lack of rain -- only 13.41 millimetre of rain has been experienced here in the last four months.
The district hardly witnessed any rain in January. The month of February witnessed only 0.40 millimetre of rainfall, while 0.88 millimetre was recorded in March and 12.12 millimetre of rain was measured till April 25.
This is way below the records of last year, which saw an aggregate 214 millimetre rainfall in the corresponding months. In January 2000, Rajshahi experienced 4 millimetre of rain in January, February saw 47 millimetre whereas March and April recorded 27 millimetre and 136 millimetre respectively.
Meanwhile, the ground water level in the district is also falling rapidly owing to rain dearth.
According to the local Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) office, the water table has fallen by 65 to 77 feet in the Godagari, Tonore and Mohampur upazilas. As a result of the fall in ground water level, most of the hand-tubewells have now either gone out of order or are of no use.
Meanwhile, the temperature has also been on the rise. It was recorded 34.3 degree Celsius on April 18, 36.5 on April 19, 38.1 degrees on April 20, 37.6 degrees on April 21 and 22, 39.2 degrees on April 23, 40 degrees on April 24 and 39.6 degree Celsius on April 25.
In the meantime, the district continued to stay on top of the record-making districts with a temperature of 38.8 degree Celsius recorded on April 26.

HSC exams under Barisal Board List of cheating-prone centres being made

BSS, Barisal
A total of 34,000 students will appear in the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations this year to be held for the first time under the newly established Barisal Education Board.
Barisal Board authorities are preparing the list of centers where students may adopt unfair means to take measures against copying in the examinations, an official source said.
Different measures have also been taken up to create public awareness against cheating in the examinations.
The examinations are scheduled to begin on May 10. A total of 73 examination centres have been set up for holding the examinations.
Vigilance teams with two to three members from college teachers have been formed for each of these centres.
Our Staff Correspondent from Barisal adds: Eight examination centres of recently concluded SSC examinations under the newly commissioned education board have been classified as cheating-prone centres, according to Barisal Education Board sources.
The centres are Babuganj and Khanpura of Babuganj upazila; Chakhar and Baishari under Banaripara upazila; Patarghat and Hizla under Mehendiganj upazila in Barisal district; Rajapur under Rajapur in Jhalakati district; and Borhanuddin under Borhanuddin upazila in Bhola district.
Meanwhile, show cause notices were served on secretaries of those centres.
These centres may be cancelled if replies are not satisfactory, official sources said.
1,402 examinees and 12 hall supervisors were expelled for adopting unfair means in examinations and helping examinees to cheat respectively during the SSC examinations this year.

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দরপত্র আহ্বানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজের জন্য ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারগণের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং ২৯১১ এ সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। আগামী ২৫-১-১৪০৮বাং/৮-৫-২০০১ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় বিভাগীয় কমিশনার ঢাকা, জেলা প্রশাসক ঢাকা, ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল প্রকৌশল বিভাগ কর্তৃক দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে। ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২-৩০ ঘটিকার সময় নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী অঞ্চল-৬ এর দপ্তরে উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের প্রতিনিধিগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হইবে। শতকরা দর অংকে এবং কথায় লিখিতে হইবে অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের মেয়র মহোদয়ের অনুকূলে যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংকের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে প্রাক্কলিত অর্থের ৩% (শতকরা তিন ভাগ) হারে বায়নার টাকা হিসাবে জমা দিতে হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয়ের প্রকৌশল বিভাগ ও হিসাব বিভাগের হিসাবরক্ষক (পোদারের) নিকট হইতে প্রতিসেট দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী, সিডিউল ইত্যাদি নির্ধারিত মূল্যের বিনিময়ে (অফেরতযোগ্য) করপোরেশনের চালান মারফত ব্যাংক জমাপ্রদানকরতঃ ক্রয় করা যাইবে। শর্তাবলী এবং সিডিউল ক্রয়ের প্রাক্কালে প্রত্যেক ঠিকাদারের ১৯৯৯-২০০০ইং আর্থিক বৎসর পর্যন্ত তাহাদের ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকাভুক্তি রেজিস্ট্রেশন বই এবং স্থায়ী জামানত (যদি থাকে) তাহার চালানের মূল কপি অবশ্যই প্রদর্শন করিতে হইবে এবং স্থায়ী জামানতের ক্ষেত্রে এক লক্ষ টাকার বেশি হইলে অতিরিক্ত টাকা ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে জমা দিতে হইবে। এতদসংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত বিবরণ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের অঞ্চল-৬ এর নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী(পুর) এর দপ্তর হইতে জানা যাইবে।

কোন দরপত্রদাতা প্রাক্কলিত দরের ৫% (শতকরা পাঁচ ভাগ) এর অধিক/নিম্ন দর প্রদান করিলে দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। সর্ব নিম্নদর একাধিক পাওয়া গেলে লটারির মাধ্যমে ঠিকাদার নির্বাচন করা হইবে।

দরপত্র খোলার তারিখে দরপত্রের কোন দলিলপত্র বিক্রয় করা হইবে না। যে কোন বা সমুদয় দরপত্র কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা করপোরেশন কর্তৃপক্ষের সংরক্ষিত থাকিবে।

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নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী অঞ্চল-৬
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NEWS SNAPS

Clash leaves man dead

UNB, Brahmanbaria
A fierce clash between two rival groups of villagers at Kozaur village in Nabinagar upazila in Brahmanbaria left a man killed and 50 other injured on Monday.
The victim was identified as Zakir Hossain, 32. Eight of the injured were admitted to Sadar Hospital. On information, police rushed to the spot and controlled the situation.

7 patients die as intern docs on strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Seven patients died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) on Tuesday as intern doctors continued strike at the hospital.
RMCH Intern Doctors Association went on a strike on Saturday after some miscreants snatched away gold chain from a female doctor on the hospital premises. Treatment of the patients got seriously hampered due to the strike. Besides, many patients left the hospital. The dead were identified as Wahejuddin, 60, Mahmuda, 55, Trisha, 8-month-old, Moqbil Hossain, 60, Ayub Ali, 62, Badrunnessa, 60, and a two-day-old baby.

Youth succumbs to injuries

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura
A youth, who received critical injuries in a bomb explosion Monday, died at Magura Sadar Hospital Wednesday.
The youth, Sajjad Hossain, 30, son of Awal Biswas of village Belangar under Sadar upazila, suffered injuries when robbers hurled bomb at him during a robbery.

Man gets life term

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj
A court in Sirajganj on Thursday sentenced a man to life-term in prison for his involvement in phensydid cough syrup trading.
The convict was identified as Nur Islam of Barisal district. According to the prosecution, Islam was arrested with 460 bottles of Indian phensydid, a popular intoxicant with addicts, in November 1999 at Ullapara in Sirajganj district.

Police officer sued for 'violating' maid

UNB, Jhenaidah
A police officer has been sued for 'violating' his maidservant.
The victim filed the case before a trial court of the Cognizance Magistrate against Syed Manjur Ahmed, former officer in charge of Kotchandpur thana. According to the case, the victim was employed as maidservant at the residence of Manjur in September last year when he was the OC of Kotchandpur. A few days later the OC sent his family members to Khulna and allegedly developed sexual relationship with the maidservant alluring her to marry. The victim alleged that the OC drove her out of his residence in February last when she pressed him to marry her. Later he managed to get a transfer order to Khulna. Finally, the poor girl filed a case before the magistrate court against the OC under Woman and Child Repression Prevention Act.

Mock trial condemned

BSS, Narayanganj
Some 101 lawyers of Narayanganj district 'Jatiyatalabadi Lawyers Forum' Wednesday condemned the staging of mock people's court (ganoadalat) where "death sentence" was awarded to BNP Chief Begum Khaleda Zia. Prof Golam Azam and Matiur Rahman Nijami of Jamaat-e-Islami.
The lawyers held AKM Shamim Osman, MP responsible for what they described violating the constitution, disrespect to parliament and also contempt of court by orchestrating the drama of mock trial. They, in a statement, also demanded legal action against Shamim Osman and his associates. Signatories to the statement include Advocate Taimur Alam Khondker, Advocate Abdul Kader, Advocate Ahmed Ali and Advocate Abu Kalam Biswas.

Water flow in Jamuna, Padma rises

UNB, Manikganj
The flow of water in rivers Jamuna and Padma has increased by 103 centimeters at Aricha and Goulalanda points in last 15 days.
The water flow in the rivers had come down to 2.26 cm at the two points during the dry season this year, but now water was flowing above 3.23 cm mark. According to Flood and Disaster Warning Centre, the water level is surging due to increasing tidal wave and it is likely to continue.
The flow will surge further in the month of Baishakh due to rainfall and onrush of hill water from the upper stream.



This combo picture shows the celebration of Pahela Baishakh (Bengali New Year's Day) in Magura as elsewhere in the country. (Top left) Children take part in a painting competition at Magura Public Library auditorium; (Top right) poetry recitation at a function; (Bottom left) an artiste renders songs; and (Bottom right) an audience at a function to mark the day.

বাংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান ও শিল্প গবেষণা পরিষদ (বিশিগপ)
BANGLADESH COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (BCSIR)

International Re-Tender Notice

Sealed re-tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide foreign supplier(s)/ manufacturer(s) or their local representative(s) for supply of the following goods to the BCSIR.

Tender No	Short description of goods	Source of fund	Cost of tender document
Sect/Pur/54-2/2000-2001/Int	Chemicals	Cash	Tk. 400.00

Intending bidders may buy tender documents with details of terms & conditions from the Cashier, BCSIR Secretariat, Dr. Qudrat-e-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205 on payment of the price mentioned above or tender document may be sent if request letter is received with pay order being the cost of tender document plus courier service charge (Taka 20/-) favouring BCSIR, Dhaka. No tender documents will be sold on the closing date of the tender.
Tenders may be dropped into the tender box kept in the office of the Member-Secretary, Tender Committee No.1, BCSIR, Dr. Qudrat-e-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205 or may be sent to the Secretary, BCSIR, Dhaka by post or courier service so as to reach him by 11:00 am on or before May 15, 2001 which is the closing date. The tender box will be opened on the same date at 11:15 am in presence of the bidders/representatives, if any.
BCSIR reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the items of the tender.

Member Secretary
Tender Committee No.1
BCSIR, Dhaka

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বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড
Bangladesh Power Development Board

বিকাল ৫টা থেকে রাত ১১টা পর্যন্ত
বিদ্যুৎ চালিত সেচপাম্প বন্ধ রাখুন

RE-INVITATION OF LOCAL BID

BID NO: SLRPS/RENO-1/2001 DATE: 27-02-2001
JBIC LOAN: BD-P45 DATE: 15-07-1999

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from the Japan Bank for International Co-operation (JBIC), Japan, towards the cost of System Loss Reduction Pilot Scheme of BPDB & DESA and it is intended that a portion of proceeds of this loan will be applied for eligible payments under the contracts; for which this Invitation for Bid is issued.
- The Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB), the executing agency, now re-invites sealed bid from eligible bidders (A class contractors having valid A, B & C Electrical license and A, B & C supervisory license and valid A-class electrical & civil enlistment in BPDB/DESA/REB and experience in completion of construction/rehabilitation of distribution line of at least 30 km in one contract) for furnishing the necessary labour, materials (if required for rehabilitation construction) and services for the rehabilitation works of the selected feeders under System Loss Reduction Pilot Scheme Project as the following Lots:

Lot No	Name of Group	Estimated cost (Tk in lac)
Lot-1	Agrabad, H-5 Feeder (Part-1)	26.65,245.24
Lot-5	KachiJhuly Feeder	28,58,626.72

- Interested bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of the Project Director, System Loss Reduction Pilot Scheme, Ronny House (4th floor), 153, Motiheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh on all working days during office hours.
- A complete set of bidding documents, comprising "Tender Documents-Part A & Part B (applicable for all Lots)" and "Tender Documents-Part C (for each individual Lot)" may be purchased by any interested bidder on submission of written application, along with the document of enlistment in BPDB/DESA/REB to the office of the Project Director, System Loss Reduction Pilot Scheme (SLRPS) and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Taka 2,500.00 (Two thousand and five hundred) only in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft in favour of the Project Director, System Loss Reduction Pilot Scheme, BPDB, Dhaka. Each interested bidder shall also have the option to bid for either one or several Lots. If the bidder elects to bid for only one lot, he will have to purchase the following documents:
- Tender Documents - Part-A and Part-B (applicable for all the Lots) - 1 set.
- Tender Documents - Part-C (applicable only for the Lot for which the bidder elects to bid) - 1 set.

On the other hand, if the bidder elects to bid for more than one Lot, he will have to purchase the following documents:
- Tender Documents - Part-A and Part-B - 1 set.
- Tender Documents - Part-C - 1 set. Each for the Lot for which the bidder elects to bid.
Additional set of Tender Documents - Part-C (applicable for each individual Lot) may be purchased upon payment of Taka 1,500.00 (One thousand and five hundred) only (non-refundable) per Lot.
A bidder must submit lot-wise written application along with the document of enlistment, if he desires to bid for several Lots. A bidder can purchase the above bid documents on all working days except the date of submission of the bidding documents.
- Bidders bidding for more than one Lot shall submit Tender Documents Part-A & Part-B in original for one Lot and copies of Part-A & Part-B for other Lots. Both original and copies (if any) shall be duly initiated at each page 6. Each bid (applicable for each Lot) must be accompanied by a bid security, in an acceptable form, of not less than five per cent (5%) of the total Bid Price in Taka and must be submitted to any of the following offices on or before 11 AM (Bangladesh Standard Time) on 15/05/2001.

i) Chief Engineer, Distribution, Southern Zone, BPDB, Chittagong.	ii) Chief Engineer, Distribution, Central Zone, BPDB, Mymensingh.
v) Project Director, System Loss Reduction Pilot Scheme, BPDB, Ronny House (4 th Floor), 153, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.	

- Bids will be opened on the same day at 11.30 AM in the abovementioned offices in the presence of those bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- A bidder may bid several Lots but will not be awarded more than one Lot.
- No bid sent through post will be received or recognised. BPDB reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. The bidders are liable to abide by the decision of the competent authority.
- Bidders quoting rates of more than 10% (ten per cent) above or 10% (ten per cent) below the schedule rate will have to submit item-wise analysis of the quoted rates along with the tender for acceptance by the competent authority.
- While quoting rates in the tender, the bidder shall take into consideration the cost of carrying materials, equipment etc from the respective BPDB stores detailed in the tender document to the concerned site.
- The currency of payments shall be same as the currency of tender as specified in schedules or form of tender. All payment shall be made after required commitment (QC) from JBIC and as per transfer procedure (schedule 7) of Loan Agreement.

Project Director
System Loss Reduction Pilot Scheme

Biddat-Jan-2059(6)/2000-2001
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