

NEWS SNAPS

Political rivals cut down 817 trees of AL supporter

UNB, Magura
To take political revenge, rivals allegedly felled 817 trees of the garden of UP member Obaidur Rahman at Panighata village in Mohammadpur upazila of Magura. According to the complaint lodged by Obaidur Rahman with the deputy commissioner, political rivals Akhtaruzzaman, Javed Abed, Alamgir, Babar and Luton cut the trees from his garden on October 31 night as he (Obaidur) worked for AL candidate in the last general election. The culprits threatened to kill him when he tried to resist them. Following the incident he fled the home and took shelter in the town. When contacted Mohammadpur police could not confirm the incident.

AL supporters clash with 4-party activists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj
At least 25 people were injured during a clash between the supporters of Awami League (AL) and the workers of four-party alliance at Binodpur Bazar in Tarash upazila of Sirajganj on Tuesday. Both the sides blamed each other for the clash. Local AL leaders alleged that the supporters of four-party alliance launched an attack on the bazaar and ransacked 10 shops including the union Awami League office. On the other hand, the Tarash thana BNP president alleged that the AL supporters attacked them exploding bombs and crackers. Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. A case was filed with Tarash police station in this connection.

Terrorists beat up UP secy in Laxmipur

UNB, Laxmipur
Terrorists beat up the Char Abdulla UP secretary in front of Deputy Commissioner's office in Laxmipur on Tuesday. Witnesses said the gang attacked Mahbubur Rahman and beat him mercilessly when he along with chairman Mohammad Mostafa was coming to the DC office. The employees of DC office rescued him hearing his cry. The gang fled from the spot. Police was informed of the matter, but no one was arrested.

Probe into police firing demanded

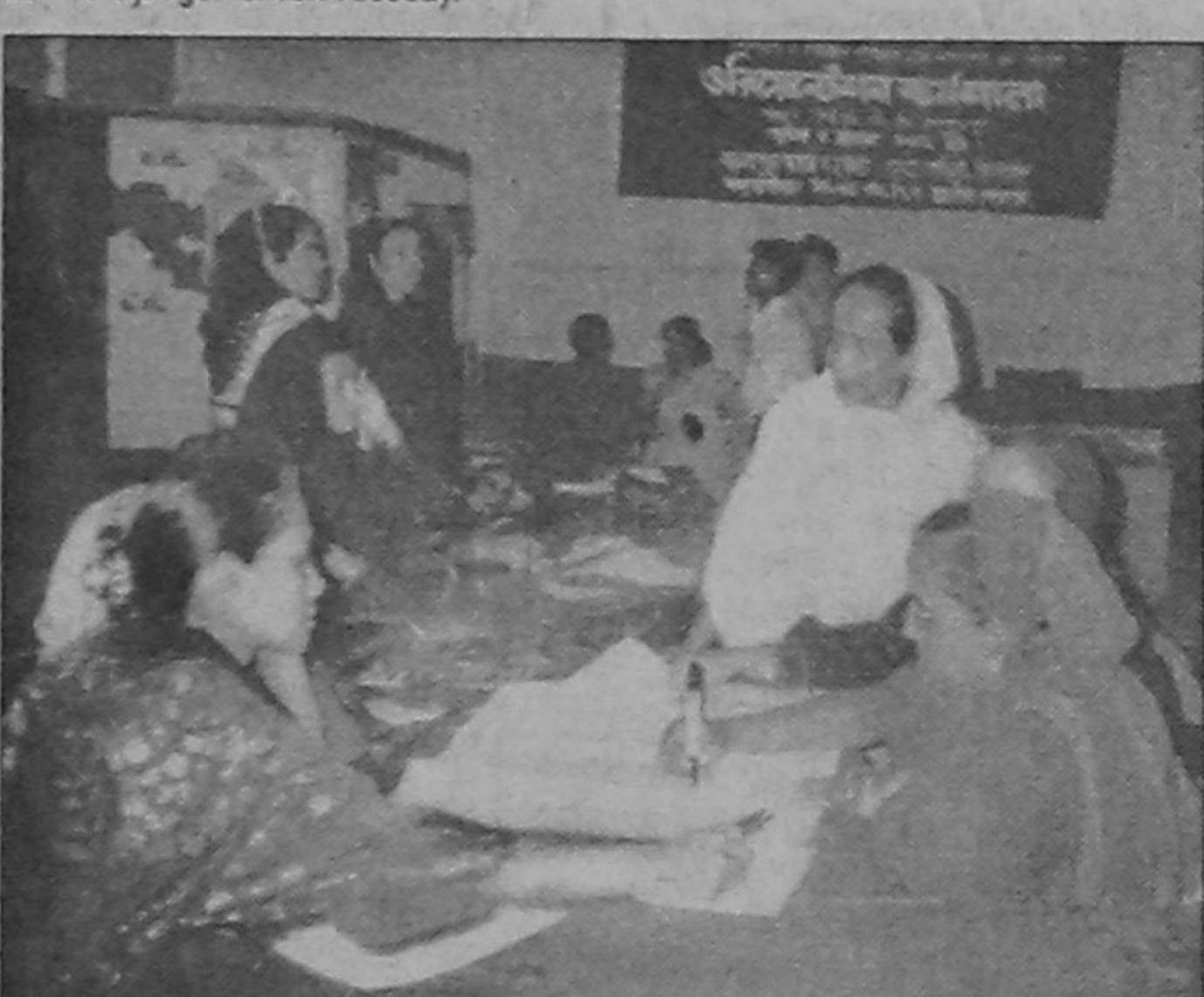
UNB, Bagerhat
Mongla Port Labour Development Committee has demanded judicial inquiry into the killings of four workers by police firing and withdrawal of the charge-sheet submitted by police. Speaking at a press conference in Bagerhat on Thursday, the committee leaders claimed that the investigation officer of the case indicated 30 labourers in the case to hide the fact and harass them. Four people, including two labourers, were killed in police firing on the striking labourers on December 5, 2000.

Impersonator arrested

UNB, Laxmipur
Police on Thursday held a man who met the Deputy Commissioner introducing him as private physician of the Prime Minister and talked indifferently. After checking up with the Prime Minister's secretary in Dhaka, DC SM Zahurul Islam handed over the man Dr Ollah Nayan Chowdhury to police for his 'dubious identity.' During the meeting with the DC, Nayan Chowdhury also introduced him as the private physician of Law Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed. Police recovered a toy pistol and a mobile phone from Nayan Chowdhury, who said he hails from Kachua in Chandpur, but lives in Gulshan, Dhaka.

Murderer gets life term RI

UNB, Magura
A court in Magura has sentenced a man to life term rigorous imprisonment for killing his wife. The court also fined the convict, Jahangir Alam with Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer one year RI more. According to the prosecution, Jahangir Alam of Pananduli village in Sadar upazila beat his wife Rehana Khatun to death on May 11, 2000. After examining records and witnesses, the Additional District and Session Judge handed down the judgement on Tuesday.



Participants at work in groups at a daylong workshop on Thursday on 'Reproductive Health and Gender Issues' for female members of municipalities and union parishes at Gopalpur upazila auditorium in Tangail. Forty female members of different union parishes and municipalities in Gopalpur, Madhupur and Bhupur upazilas of Tangail took part in the workshop jointly organised by Tangail District Information Office and FRIDAY, a local NGO.

Abducted teenage girl rescued

UNB, Chapainawabganj
Police rescued a teenage girl from Kadamtali village in Gomostapur upazila of Chapainawabganj recently after 32 days of her abduction. Police said Firoza Khatun, 15, student of class X and daughter of freedom fighter Abdul Kuddus of village Enayetpur of the same upazila, was abducted by the hoodlums on her way to school on September 28. Her father filed a case on October 4 with the police. Later, acting on a secret information, police raided a house at Kadamtali and rescued the victim on October 30. Police also arrested Zayedul Huq, 32, father of three children for his involvement in the abduction.

Illegal drug traders arrested

UNB, Munshiganj
Police arrested three people from various parts of Sreenagar upazila in Munshiganj for carrying out illegal drug trading last week. Police said they arrested Razzak, 35, Sahidul 35 and Krishna Chandra, 40, as part of their ongoing drive to free the upazila from drug menace.

Man sustains severe burn injury

UNB, Natore
A man sustained severe burn injury in a fire that gutted his entire house at Basudevur in Sadar upazila of Natore Tuesday night. Villagers said watching the flame they rushed to the house and rescued its owner Solaiman Ali and his four cows. But two other cows were roasted alive. Solaiman was admitted to Sadar Hospital. The cause of the fire could not be known.

10 injured by extortionists

UNB, Savar
Some 10 people were injured in an attack by extortionists at Luterchar village in Savar on Friday. Police said a gang of terrorists led by Habibullah and Anwar attacked the house of Emdad at about 10am and looted valuables worth about Tk 4 lakh, leaving 10 people injured as they refused to pay toll to them. Four of the injured identified as Abdul Rahim, 35, Anwar, 36, Ibrahim, 22 and Abdul Mannan, 25, were admitted to hospital in critical condition. A case was filed.

Training on sugarcane farming concludes

BSS, Munshiganj
A three-day long training course on improved methods of sugarcane cultivation concluded in Narsingdi on Thursday. Held at the Crops Research Sub-Centre at Manikpur, the training course was organised by the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) to impart technical knowledge to sugarcane growers on proper methods of planting sugarcane, application of fertilisers, irrigation and use of insecticides. Thirty sugarcane growers from different areas of Munshiganj took part in the training course. On the concluding day, the deputy director of DAE, Munshiganj distributed certificates among the trainees.



Demonstrators parade the streets of Sylhet town in a procession on Monday afternoon protesting the US-led airstrikes in Afghanistan.

CPA realises penalty from cargo vessels

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cg

A four-hour mobile court of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) realised penalty money of one lakh and twenty five thousand taka from 12 cargo vessels for polluting the river Karnaphuli and evading tax on Sunday. The mobile court which started conducting from 8.30 am fined Tk 45 thousand to five cargo vessels. Of them, two were undergoing repair works taking docking at Mazhirhat point of the Karnaphuli channel without taking necessary permission and polluting the river. The other three were fined for dumping cement clinkers into the river. Besides, the court led by CPA Magistrate Munir Chowdhury realised Tk 75 thousand from seven cargo vessels at different points of the river channel from Bridgeghata to Mazhirhat points. These vessels had been evading tax amounting to Tk. 5 lakh despite enjoyment of all the facilities offered by CPA.

Cattle lifting on rise in Gopalganj

UNB, Gopalganj

Cattle lifting is on rise in different areas of Gopalganj causing concern among the farmers. At least 50 cows were stolen in the last one month. Shandabala, Director of Bangladesh Milk Producers Cooperative Union Limited, said 35 bullocks from different villages of Moksudpur and Kashiani upazilas, and nine cows from the houses of Ranuka, Luchi Bala, Shandarani Bala, Sunil Biswas and Eshak Matbar of Sadar upazila were stolen during the period. The villagers who lost the cows are mostly members of the Milk Vita Cooperative Society. The cost of the stolen cows was estimated at Tk 1.5 lakh, Shandabala added. The farmers who have lost their bullocks are facing great difficulties in cultivating their land. Rahman, a farmer of Garakhala village of Kashiani upazila said, two of his bullocks worth about Tk 16 to 20 thousand were stolen on Oct 14 and he can not afford to buy the same. Ashab Ali of Pashar Gari village of Moksudpur upazila said as two of his bullocks were stolen on Oct 20, it has become impossible for him to cultivate crops in the ensuing "Robi" season.

Unabated trading of contraband phensidyl

UNB, Chapainawabganj

Trading of contraband phensidyl syrup has been going on unabated in different places of Chapainawabganj town since long. Locals said this contraband item is being sold almost openly before the nose of police and people of Narcotics Control Department. It is alleged that the phensidyl traders "managed" the law enforcers by giving them a fixed amount of money regularly. So they seem quite reluctant in conducting drive against the traders. A gang of smugglers brought this contraband item from India to the frontier areas of Chapainawabganj from where small traders buy the bottles and sell these in the town. The number of addicted youths has been increasing day by day due to availability of phensidyl syrup in the town and even some young girls have become addicted, locals said. Phensidyl syrup is being sold in different points of the town and its adjoining areas. These points include Balur crossing, Methorpara crossing, Boro Indara Road, Hospital crossing, Shantir crossing and Power House crossing.

Bus journey becomes hazardous in Narail

UNB, Narail

Rash driving and overloading of buses have made the travelling by bus in different routes of Narail hazardous. Most of the buses plying in Lohagara-Narail, Kalia-Narail, Narail-Jessore, Phultala-Narail, Magura-Narail, Majipara-Narail routes are in dilapidated condition and these buses face frequent engine trouble. Overloading of buses is a daily affair causing frequent accidents. Besides, bus conductors realise fare from the passengers at an exorbitant rate. They also misbehave with them. It is also alleged that the bus drivers do not maintain any timetable and it takes much time to reach the destinations causing untold sufferings to the passengers. Most of the drivers are illiterate and many of them do not have valid driving licenses. They sometimes use fake names and addresses to avoid arrest after the road mishap. The number of passengers in the road has also increased with rapid increase of population, but no new buses were introduced to meet the increasing demand. The condition of the bus stands on these routes is also pitiable. There is no waiting shed in the bus stands and the passengers have to wait for buses standing under the sky. The local leaders urged the authority concerned to look into matter and take necessary steps to redress the sufferings of the commuters.

BCIC International Tender Notice
বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়ন জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Sylhet Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd., Chhatak, Sunamganj invites two envelope system sealed tender for supply of Draining Felt for De-watering Machine (pulp staff) against tender No 484 dt 17-10-2001 on C&F Chittagong basis under any suitable credit. Tender documents will be available at Tk 100/- per set from (a) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, (b) BCIC Branch office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong and (c) SPPM Ltd, Chhatak, Sunamganj. Tender along with 1% earnest money will be received up to 3:00 PM on 26-11-2001 and technical offer will be opened immediately thereafter. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening.

BCIC-338-28/10/2001 Md Askir Ali
DFP-27343-31/10 Manager (Purchase)
G-2052 For General Manager (Comm)

ঢাকা আন্তর্জাতিক বাণিজ্য মেলা-২০০২ সচিবালয়
রঞ্জন উন্নয়ন ব্যুরো
১২২-১২৪, মতিঝিল বা/এলাকা, ঢাকা-১০০০

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১. ডিআইটিএফ-২০০২ (১২ জানুয়ারি - ১১ ফেব্রুয়ারি, ২০০২)-এর মেলা মাঠে প্রবেশ টিকেট ইজারা। ইজারা সর্বনিম্ন মূল্য ১,১৩,৫০,২০০/- (এক কোটি তের লক্ষ পঞ্চাশ হাজার দুইশত) টাকা (উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ওপর ১৫% ভ্যাট ও ৩% আয়কর ব্যতীত)।

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উপরে বর্ণিত ৩ (তিন) ধরনের কাজের জন্য স্বনামধন্য, প্রতিষ্ঠিত ও রেজিস্টার্ড কোম্পানীর নিকট হতে আগামী ২২-১১-২০০১ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্রসমূহ অতিরিক্ত বিভাগীয় কমিশনার (সার্বিক)-এর অফিস কক্ষে (১ম ১২ তলা সরকারী অফিস ভবন, ৩য় তলা, কক্ষ নং-৩০৩, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা), বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের মেলা সেল (ভবন নং-৩, কক্ষ নং-১২৪, দ্বিতীয় তলা, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা) এবং রঞ্জন উন্নয়ন ব্যুরোর মেলা সচিবালয়ে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার ব্যাগে ২০-১১-২০০১ তারিখ (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়) হতে ২২-১১-২০০১ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে প্রতিটি কাজের জন্য পৃথক পৃথকভাবে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।

২। দরপত্রের সাথে উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ৫ ভাগ জামানত হিসেবে "ঢাকা আন্তর্জাতিক বাণিজ্য মেলা তহবিল" শিরোনামে পে-অর্ডার/ড্রাফট-এর মাধ্যমে দাখিল করতে হবে।

৩। ইজারাপত্র প্রতিষ্ঠানকে উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ওপর সরকার কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত ১৫% ভ্যাট ও ৩% আয়কর ইজারা মূল্যের সাথে "ঢাকা আন্তর্জাতিক বাণিজ্য মেলা তহবিল" শিরোনামে পে-অর্ডার/ড্রাফট এর মাধ্যমে মেলা কর্তৃপক্ষের নিকট জমা করতে হবে।

৪। দাখিলকৃত দরপত্রসমূহ ২২-১১-২০০১ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ মিনিটে উল্লিখিত তিনটি স্থানের প্রতিটি দরপত্রদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকে) খোলা হবে।

৫। আগামী ২১-১১-২০০১ তারিখ বিকেল ৩.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত উল্লিখিত তিনটি অফিসের যে কোন একটি অফিস হতে প্রবেশ টিকেট ও অভ্যন্তরীণ মাইকিং ইজারার ক্ষেত্রে নগদ টাঃ ১০০০.০০ (এক হাজার) হারে (অফেরতযোগ্য) এবং টয়লেট ইজারার ক্ষেত্রে টাঃ ৫০০.০০ (পাঁচশত) মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য) সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাবে।

৬। প্রতিটি কাজের জন্য নির্ধারিত মূল্যের নিম্নে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।

৭। মেলা কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার সকল ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

পরিচালক
ঢাকা আন্তর্জাতিক বাণিজ্য মেলা-২০০২ সচিবালয়
রঞ্জন উন্নয়ন ব্যুরো, ঢাকা।
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Aman production may fall drastically in Panchagarh T-aman on 12,000 acres attacked by pests in Kishoreganj

UNB, Panchagarh

Aman production in Panchagarh may fall drastically this year due to unfavourable climatic condition. Local agriculture department set a target to produce 206,500 metric tons of paddy from 102,100 hectares of land in five upazilas of the district. But production may drop by 30 to 50 per cent as the district experienced a drought like situation during transplantation, and heavy rains and storms at the time of flowering stage, agriculture officials apprehended. The untimely rains, and storms from October 30 to November 1 caused substantial damage to aman paddy. Besides, insects attacked some paddy fields just after the rains. Tomuzuddin Sarker of Benghari Union said the hailstorms and rains totally damaged his aman paddy fields. The hailstorms also caused damage to winter vegetables, local farmers said. UNB reports from Kishoreganj, transplanted aman on about 12,000 acres of land has been attacked by various pests in nine upazilas of Kishoreganj. Farmers said the insects known as "marja", "pamri" and "goally" have been damaging the plants in a massive scale. The pests attack the stem of the plants first and then its green leaves turn yellowish and ultimately to straws, they added. It is not possible for the farmers to combat the menace due to the financial constraints, shortage of pesticides and spray machines. Most of the machines in the local agriculture office remained out of order for a long time, they added. The farmers alleged that the insecticides available in the local markets are mostly adulterated. They also cannot afford to purchase insecticides available in the markets at high prices. The DAE officers said they have been working hard with the farmers to combat the pest attack on the transplanted Aman field. The badly affected upazilas are: Sadar, Katiadi, Pakundia, Karimganj, Tarail, Bajitpur and Kuliarchar. The helpless farmers urged the authorities to take necessary steps to protect their crops from the pest attack without further delay. BSS from Barisal reports: Bumper Aman paddy production is expected in 11 southern districts under Barisal Agriculture Extension Zone (BAEZ) during this

winter season as the climate was very much favourable. According to official sources, a total of 19,98,188 tons of Aman paddy is expected to be produced here in the districts of Barisal, Jhalakati, Bhola, Pirojpur Patuakhali, Barguna, Faridpur, Gopalganj, Madaripur Rajbari and Shariatpur under the region this year. A total of 7,80,210 hectares was brought under T-Aman cultivation in the zone, which exceeded by 9,810 hectares over the target of cultivation. Of the total, 2,37,754 hectares were brought under high yielding variety of Aman and 5,42,456 hectares under local variety. Of the total, 1,29,500 hectares were cultivated in Barisal, 70,790 hectares in Pirojpur, 47,130 hectares in Jhalakathi, 2,15,378 hectares in Patuakhali, 1,00,400 hectares in Barguna, 1,73,430 hectares in Bhola, 10,300 hectares in Faridpur, 1,925 hectares in Madaripur, 2,400 hectares in Gopalganj, 22,000 hectares in Rajbari and 3,347 hectares in Shariatpur. Meanwhile BADC distributed seeds, fertilizers and insecticides among the farmers for successful implementation of this programme. Besides, BKB and other commercial banks disbursed loans among the farmers for achieving the target this year. Meanwhile, UNB reports from Kishoreganj: A total of 636,500 hectares of land would be brought under Boro cultivation in five districts of Mymensingh agricultural region in the current rabi season with a production target of 2,080,327 metric tons of paddy. According to Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) of the total 591,400 hectares were earmarked for high yielding variety (HYV) while 45,100 hectares for local variety. District-wise breakup of land is as follows: 1,86,500 hectares in Mymensingh, 98,500 hectares in Jamalpur, 64,500 hectares in Sherpur, 1,40,300 hectares in Netrakona and 1,46,600 hectares in Kishoreganj districts. DAE sources said Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) has taken a programme to distribute seeds and other necessary inputs at fair prices among the farmers of these districts. Besides, Krishi Bank and other nationalized commercial banks also taken steps to disburse necessary loans among the farmers to make the programme a success.

Arsenic panic in Manirampur UZ of Jessore

UNB, Jessore

People living in Manirampur upazila (UZ) of Jessore have been passing days in anxiety over the possibility of spreading arsenic related diseases. The tense situation in the upazila developed after the authorities sealed a large number of tubewells found to be affected by arsenic contamination. Arsenic beyond permissible limit has been detected in the waters of some 8,493 tubewells out of 17,082 in the upazila, said a recent survey jointly conducted by Upazila Public Health Engineering Department and BRAC, an NGO.

BCIC International Re-Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

The Managing Director, Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd., Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur hereby invites sealed tender on C&F (C), Chittagong basis under any suitable financial source in two-envelope system for Import of S.S Sheet, Titanium Sheet and Hose Pipe etc against Tender Enq. No. JFCL/FP/MTS/CW/2.619/356 & JFCL/FP/OP/AMMO/2.593/357 respectively both dated 24.10.2001. Both tenders will be received simultaneously at BCIC Bhaban, Dhaka & JFCL Office, Tarakandi, Jamalpur up to 11.00 AM on 05.12.2001 and be opened on the same day thereafter. Both tender documents containing detailed terms and conditions will be available on payment of Tk. 50/= & Tk. 25/= respectively (non-refundable) in cash from the Office of the (i) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (iii) Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd. on all working days. The Management reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening of tender.

BCIC-359-1/11/2001
DFP-27677-5/11
G-2097

Abdul Wadud
Manager (Purchase)
for Managing Director.

Bangladesh Power Development Board Tender Notice

Amount of goods to be supplied: Sulphuric acid of improved commercial standard, purity 96%-98% (minimum). Eligibility of contractor: Ministry of Industries approved bonafide sulphuric acid manufacturing industrial firms/poison licence holder firms for supply of the said chemical item. Amount of estimated cost: Tk 23,78,000/= (twenty-three lakh seventy-eight thousand only). Price of tender: Tk 3,000/- (three thousand only) (non-refundable). Place & date of getting tender: Tenders can be purchased from Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Bhaban, Dhaka/Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka or Manager, Janata Bank Ltd., Polash Branch, Narsingdi on payment of the above-mentioned price per set of tender (non-refundable) in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of Deputy Director (Accounts), Ghorasal Zonal Accounts Office, PDB, Polash, Narsingdi subject to prior permission of Chief Engineer (O&M), GPS, PDB, Polash, Narsingdi/Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Bhaban, Dhaka/Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segun Bagicha or the undersigned on production of requisite papers -- current year TIN certificate, trade licence, related papers up to office hours of 28-11-2001. Date of receiving & opening tender: At the said offices (except bank), office of the undersigned up to 11-30 hrs of 29-11-2001 and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-00 hrs in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers. Other terms & conditions and all rules & regulations of tender stated in the schedule must be complied with properly.

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