

Grabbing, pollution of Karnaphuli unabated

Environmentalists worried but nobody heeds

UNB, Ctg

Failure to rein in encroachment of land has threatened smooth movement of ships in the Karnaphuli River apart from worsening the port city's environmental problems.

A section of influential people have grabbed lands on both banks of the river by setting up dockyards, jetties and ghats contributing to rapid emergence of shoals, making its channel narrow.

In last 22 months, the mobile court of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) demolished 31 industrial units and 13 dockyards set up on lands of the port polluting the environment.

The court also fined 43 ships for polluting the environment and issued notices against over 100 organisations and individuals for encroaching on port lands and causing pollution.

As per the Chittagong Port Ordinance, the Bandar channel of Karnaphuli and all lands on both banks of the river from Patenga to Boalkhali and under control of the Chittagong Port Authority.

But a section of people contin-

ued to grab lands on either side of the river due to negligence of some port officials and in some cases with their help.

What worries environmentalists the most is the indiscriminate dumping of sewage, industrial wastes and chemical waste from ships in the river and on its banks. The worst pollution in the river takes place from Chaktai Khal point to Bangla Bazar area.

Wastes and dust from Chittagong Cement Clinker and Grinding Factory has also added to the deteriorating environmental problem.

Although it has become a big challenge for the Chittagong Port 1210 more held

BSS, Dhaka

Police arrested 1210 people including seven listed terrorists from across the country and seized seven firearms and five rounds of bullets in 24 hours ending at 6:00 am yesterday.

Of the arrested, 616 were wanted under warrant and the rest 594 were arrested in connection with cases under investigation.

Authority to stop encroachment of the river, it has adequate legal power to go against the polluters as the CPA Ordinance 1976 was amended in 1995 adding provisions to take stringent measures against polluters.

"Despite having legal power, the CPA is doing too little against the polluters," said a CPA official wishing anonymity.

He said the Environment Department has brought the pollution problem of the Karnaphuli water to the authorities concerned but the port officials failed to come up with remedial measures.

To save the river from pollution and encroachment, a number of citizen forums, including 'Save the Karnaphuli' have been formed. Their movement so far has gone in vain.

"The situation would not have taken such a serious turn had the CPA used its legal power to rein in the encroachers and environment polluters. The CPA, in fact, did not take any drive until 2000," the official said.

The CPA mobile court was set up in 2001.



After Eid holidays, people started coming back to the capital.

PHOTO: STAR

Renal diseases claim 20000 a year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Renal diseases in Bangladesh claim the lives of about 20,000 people every year due to lack of proper medicare service and shortage of specialists.

This was revealed at a medical education programme organised by Chittagong unit of Bangladesh Renal Association at Chittagong Club yesterday.

Presided over by Prof. M Nurunnabi, ex-DG of health, the function was addressed by Prof. Abdul Mannan Sikdar, Principal of Chittagong Medical College, Prof. Harunur Rashid, President of Bangladesh Renal Association, Brigadier General Shah-E-Alam, Director of CMGH and Prof. Subagata Chowdhury, former principal of CMC, Prof. Dipi Chowdhury, Chittagong unit

president of Bangladesh Renal Association, delivered address of welcome in the function while Prof. A P Panday, 'padmasri', transplant surgeon from India, attended as guest speaker.

The speakers urged the doctors to render medicare service to the ailing people with better skill and efficiency. Large number of patients suffering from kidney troubles in Bangladesh were not getting proper care and treatment due to shortage of skilled surgeons and physicians, they said.

Prof Panday in his speech called for developing skill in the field of medical service in Bangladesh to check the exodus of patients to neighbouring countries.

He also urged the physicians to serve the ailing people with sincerity and integrity.

Acute water crisis in city

MOHAMMAD ZAHEDUL ISLAM

With summer approaching early this year, residents of many parts of the city have already started experiencing acute water shortage due to inadequate and erratic water supply.

Residents of some of the worst-hit areas said the situation worsened further on the day of Eid-ul-Azha when huge amount of water was used to clean up animal excreta, and the blood and gore of the slaughtered animals.

Residents of New Elephant Road, Shahjahanpur, Goran, parts of Mirpur, Moghbazar, Kalyanpur Radio Colony and most areas of the Old City including Hazaribagh, Begumbazar and Moulybazar complained of inadequate water supply as well as very low water pressure in supply lines for the last few days.

Meanwhile, around four thousand residents of Benzi Bagan area of Shahjahanpur have been suffering from acute water crisis for nearly a month now as the WASA pump in the area has been out of order.

Nazrul Islam, President of the Benzi Bagan Housing Society said the problem actually began three months ago when water supply fell drastically, and the supply stopped altogether nearly a month ago.

He said the water brought in by WASA in three container lorries every day was not enough to meet the demand of nearly four thousand residents of the area.

"When the lorries come in, residents practically fight each other to get to the water ahead of others," said Zia Hossain, a resident of the area.

Residents have also been collecting water from the adjacent railway quarters and from nearby houses of their relatives. On the other hand, some have already left the area due to the crisis.

Often, some residents are seen buying water from 'Tokais' at Tk 2.00 per container and Tk 5.00 per pitcher.

An official concerned of the WASA said the water situation has worsened due to the falling groundwater level and the deteriorating soil condition of the area. Also the ongoing installation process of a new pump to replace the broken old one has compounded the problem.

WASA officials say the city's daily normal demand of water of around 160 crore liters increase by ten per cent during the summer, adding that at present WASA supplies 130 crore liters of water per day with its 385 pumps against a target of 135 crore liters.

Authorities plan to have the army oversee operations of water pumps during the summer following allegations of improper handling of pump houses by WASA employees and also in view of the fact that such deployments at WASA pump houses in previous years greatly improved water supply in the city.

Meanwhile dilapidated pipelines of WASA's about 2000 km water supply network along with low-diameter pipes installed about 30 to 60 years back, also contribute to disruption of water supply and the consequent sufferings of city-dwellers.

WASA officials said that apart from the falling underground water level in many city areas particularly during summer, owners of multi-storied buildings are also responsible for the low water pressure in pipelines by drawing water from WASA's main distribution lines into their reservoirs through powerful motors. However another official pointed out that building owners would not employ such illegal practices if WASA could supply adequate water in the first place.

WASA officials hoped that the situation would improve significantly when the fourth Dhaka Water Supply Project is completed. Syedabad water treatment plant is the major component of the project.

Under the project, installation work of about 38 km of new primary distribution lines with diameters ranging from 8 to 72 inches has been going on. The World Bank financed project is supposed to end by July this year, a year behind schedule. When the water plant begins operation, WASA will be able to produce an additional 22.5 crore liters of water, said Kazi Mohammad Seesh, Chief Engineer of WASA.

Death anniversary



The 3rd anniversary of death of Mustafizur Rahman, former Foreign Secretary, will be observed today, says a press release.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to pray for the departed soul.

Safura Khatun



The second death anniversary of Safura Khatun, mother of Prof. A K M Aminul Islam, and Prof. Sharifa Hafiz, will be observed today, says a press release.

On this occasion, Qurankhwani will be held at the intellectuals' graveyard at Mirpur.

After Asr prayers, a milad mahfil will also be held at her residence in Dhanmondi Residential Area in the city.



Bangladesh Power Development Board

Supply of Equipment, Spares and Consumables for Sikalaha Thermal Power Station

Section-1

Invitation for Bids

- Bangladesh Power Development Board has decided to procure some equipment, spares and consumables for maintenance of Sikalaha 60 MW Thermal Power Station under Power Plant Project (Phase-2) against Japan 22nd Debt Relief Grant Assistance (2nd Tranche) and the proceeds of the Grant Assistance shall be applied for the eligible payment therefrom. Bidders proposing the supply of the equipment, spares and consumables from the developing countries and/or OECD member countries are eligible for participation in the tender.
- The Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for supply of equipment, spares and consumable and their transportation to Sikalaha 60 MW Power Station.
- The supply of all the equipment, spares and consumables shall be completed within a time period of 240 (two hundred forty) days from the date of opening of L/C.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the office of the Manager, Sikalaha Power Station, and the office of the Project Director, Power Plant Rehabilitation Project, BPDB, Hasan Court Building (1st floor), 23/1, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
- A complete set of tender documents will be available for purchase by any interested eligible bidder with effect from 27.02.2002 on submission of a written application to the Director, Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th floor), Motiheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 3,000.00 (Taka three thousand) only in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft favouring the Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
- Interested bidders may like to visit the aforesaid Power Station, Before visiting Power Station the bidders shall obtain necessary government permission.
- Single-envelope bidding procedure will be followed, i.e. only one envelope will consist of both Technical and Financial proposals of the bid.
- The bid must be delivered to:
The Secretary
Bangladesh Power Development Board
WAPDA Building (1st floor)
Motiheel Commercial Area
Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
Fax: 880-2-9564765
- Not later than 11:00 AM local time on 21.04.2002. The bid will be opened immediately thereafter in public, in presence of the Bidder's representative, if any.
- The bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond of the sum not less than 2% (two per cent) of the bid price only in the form of an irrevocable and unconditional bank guarantee issued by any scheduled bank of Bangladesh or by a foreign bank duly endorsed by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh payable in favour of the Secretary, BPDB, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
- Any query or clarification, if needed by the bidder, must be sought at least 15 (fifteen) days before the date fixed for closing of bid.
- Tender document will not be sold on the last date of submission of bid. Moreover, the tender document will neither be sent by post nor it will be received by post/telex/fax etc.
- Bids submitted beyond the scheduled times shall neither be received nor it will be accepted.

Secretary

Bangladesh Power Development Board
WAPDA Building (1st Floor)
Motiheel Commercial Area
Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

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Bangladesh Power Development Board

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

BPDB's International Tender Notice

Invitation of International Tender for Expert Service for Hot Gas Path Inspection of Gas Turbine of Baghabari 71 MW Gas Turbine Power Station, BPDB, Baghabari, Sirajganj against Tender Enquiry No. Pur-407/2002/ Dated 19-02-2002.

- Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) invites sealed bids from eligible manufacturer of Gas Turbine (GE design) for Expert Service for Hot Gas Path Inspection of Gas Turbine of Baghabari 71 MW Gas Turbine Power Station, Baghabari, Sirajganj.
- The intending bidders may purchase the proposal documents from the Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building, Dhaka, Bangladesh on payment of Tk 2,000.00 (Two thousand) in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft in favour of Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka. The bidding document will be available from 07-03-2002 to 09-04-2002.
- The cost of the expert service will be borne by Bangladesh Power Development Board from its own Cash Foreign Exchange.
- All bids must be accompanied with a bid bond in the prescribed bid format @ 2% of the total bid price in the form of an irrevocable and unconditional bank guarantee issued by any scheduled bank of Bangladesh payable in favour of the Director, Purchase, BPDB.
- The proposal shall be submitted on or before 11:00 AM of 11-04-2002 to the Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. The proposals will be opened at 11:30 hours on the same day in presence of the representatives of the bidders, if any.
- Internationally reputed and qualified interested firm(s), who has undertaken similar assignments are requested to submit their proposal for the service required under the terms of reference.
- BPDB would welcome any further query which the bidder may have concerning the service but any delay by BPDB in providing such additional information will not be considered as a reason for extending the submission date. The queries shall be addressed to the Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka with a copy to the Manager, Baghabari 71 MW Gas Turbine Power Station, Baghabari.
- Documents will neither be sent/sold nor it will be received through fax, telex or post.
- Late bids will not be received at all.

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Director of Purchase
PDB, Dhaka



Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited

Human Resources Division

Head Office : Islami Bank Tower

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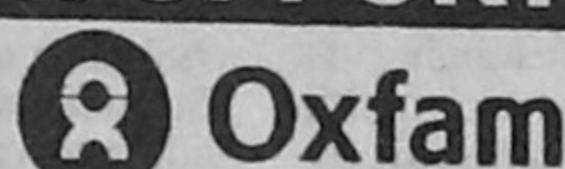
Corrigendum

In the Advertisement regarding "Challenging Career Opportunity" published in the 2nd page of The Daily Star in its issue dated : 21-02-2002, the required working experience for the post of Principal Officer (Network)/Sr. Officer (Network) should be read 3 (Three) years instead of 5 (Five) years.

All other terms and condition shall remain unchanged.

Vice President

CAREER OPPORTUNITY



Oxfam GB, a leading international NGO, is seeking qualified candidates to fill the following positions in its Bangladesh Programme office.

LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

(Open ended contract based in Dhaka)

The successful candidate should have:

- Commercial skills and knowledge, preferably economic background with good understanding of trade and market access in its national, regional and global dimensions
- Proven experience of managing development programme at least for 3 years including planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation.
- Analytical and business planning skills, including implementation and proven ability to deliver to targets/ objectives
- Satisfactory financial numeracy applicable to a business context.
- Strong negotiating and influencing skills.
- Strong gender awareness and a commitment to apply this.
- Willingness to take calculated risk and engage in innovation and a determination to achieve results.
- Fluency in Bangla and good communication skills in written & spoken English.
- Ability to prioritize & work under pressure to meet deadlines.
- Excellent inter-personal relationship & ability to work in a team.
- (Others): Computer literacy, willingness to travel, experience with and understanding of socially responsible trade (Fair Trade/ethical trading), experience of working with Small Medium Enterprises and grassroots organizations.

PROGRAMME OFFICER, OVERCOMING DISCRIMINATION PROGRAMME

(One year contract based in Dhaka)

The successful candidate should have:

- Demonstrable understanding, experiences, knowledge of general development and specific indigenous people's issues living in North, North-West and CHT.
- Experience of managing development programme at least five years including planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation.
- Good understanding of advocacy, networking and government and donor's policies, practices in relation to the indigenous people's development issues.
- Proven commitment to address gender inequalities.
- Good understanding of NGO sector in Bangladesh, its strength and limitations.
- Ability to manage processes effectively, & to travel outside workstation.
- Demonstrable strategic and creative thinking & attitude to counter the challenging condition and having excellent analytical skill.
- Fluent in written and spoken English and Bangla also having computer skill on MS Word, excel.
- Ability to work under pressure and maintain strict deadlines.
- Excellent inter-personal communication skill and ability to work in a team. Ability to deal with cross-culture people.

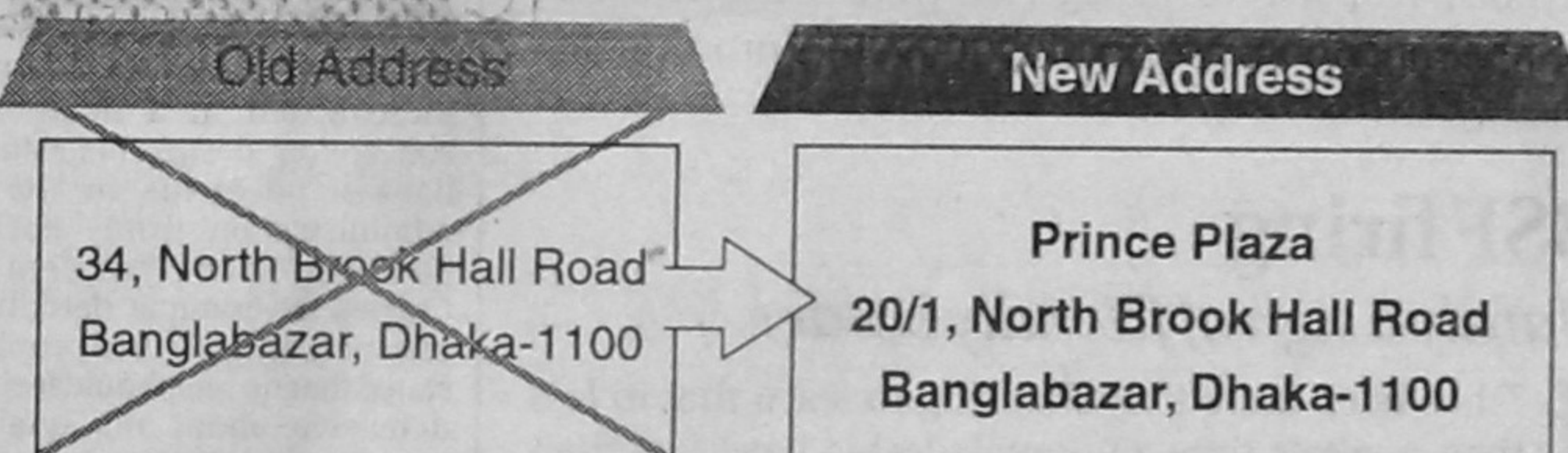
Oxfam application form and job description are available from House # 4, Road # 3, Block- I, Banani, Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh. Only short listed candidates will be contacted for interview. Any sort of solicitation/ personal contact with Oxfam staff will be treated as disqualification. Candidates should send their application to the above address on Oxfam application form, CV and two references (one of which must be current or most recent employer).

Closing date for applications is March 14, 2002

Oxfam is an equal opportunity employer. Women candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

Shifting of Branch

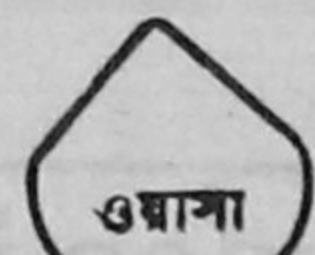
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Special Notice for Payment of DWASA Bills

- All valued consumer of Dhaka WASA and Heads of Govt/Semi Govt/Autonomous Organizations are notified that Dhaka WASA has started its special drive to disconnect water lines for non-payment of water/sewer bills.
- Consumers are hereby requested to clear all their outstanding dues, positively by 15th March, 2002 and to keep paid bills handy for showing to the disconnection team, to avoid disconnection of water line and court case under PDR Act, for non-payment of bills.
- For the convenience of payment, consumers may also pay water/sewer bills through "Ready Cash Card" which is in operation.
- Consumers can also pay water/sewer bills at the collection booths of Rupali Bank Ltd at the DWASA Revenue zonal office compounds.
- Consumers are advised to contact concerned Zonal Revenue Officers immediately for non-receipt of water/sewer bills.
- For any complaint regarding water/sewer bills, please contact the concerned Zonal Revenue Office or Chief Revenue Officer (☎9131569) or Commercial Manager (☎9120557) or Deputy Managing Director (Finance & Admin) (☎8116799).

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