

# Cancun trade talks C'wealth move to overcome setback

BSS, Dhaka

Commonwealth has taken an initiative to overcome the setback that the World Trade Organisation (WTO) sponsored trade talks at Cancun suffered in September last, official sources said.

As part of it, Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury will attend important meetings on a mission of other Commonwealth ministers at Geneva, Washington, London, Tokyo and Brussels from February 9 to 19.

This mission will include trade

ministers from Bangladesh, Nigeria, Botswana, Barbados and Fiji. The mission has been set up as per a decision of the Commonwealth summit held recently in the Nigerian capital Abuja.

This mission aims at meeting important persons who are sitting at the central stage of trade negotiations to seek more constructive and flexible approach towards the Doha development agenda.

The overall objective of the mission is to work out a quick consensus among all stakeholders on the Cancun round of trade talks.



Traffic snarls up on the road from Sayedabad Bus Terminal to Joikali Mandir yesterday causing sufferings to the pedestrians.

## 'Help end plight of Bihari people'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a book launching ceremony have called on all concerned to help bring an end to the plight of the Bihari people living in Bangladesh.

They also laid emphasis on the need to devise strategies for reintegration of the community into mainstream society.

Prof Serajul Islam Chowdhury was the chief guest at the launching of Ahmed Iqbal's book titled 'Biharis: The Indian Emigrants in Bangladesh' held at

the National Press Club on Thursday, said a press release.

Chaired by Prof CRAbrar, the publication ceremony was also addressed by journalists Ataus Samad, Enayetullah Khan, Afsan Chowdhury, M I Faruqi and Amjad Hossain Sarker MP.

Poet Asad Chowdhury moderated the programme while Ashraf Huiq Babu gave vote of thanks on behalf of the organisers, the Shamsul Huiq Foundation, Syedpur and Association of Young Generation of Urdu Speaking Community.

## Car theft 7 Sylhet JCD men acquitted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Seven activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) here have been acquitted of car theft charge.

They are Ahmed Habib Ibne Islam Chhatak, Junel Ahmed, Aminur Rahman Pamel, Lipu Gani, Dibya Roy, Rahi and Manna.

Magistrate Shoaib Ahmed Khan of the Speedy Trial Court gave the judgment yesterday.

Earlier on December 1, the same court convicted them on the charge of assaulting an army officer in Sylhet city on the night of November 7, 2003.

Chhatak was awarded five years rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fined Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer one month more imprisonment.

In the same case, Rahi, Junel, Pamel, Dibya, Lipu and two others were given three years RI and were fined Tk 3,000 each, in default, to suffer 15 days more imprisonment.

During the incident, the JCD men used a private car owned by

one Mashuk Ahmed, also a JCD leader.

Mashuk filed a case against them for stealing the car.

## Faruque Siddiqui joins as CGA

Faruque M Siddiqui joined as controller general of accounts, Bangladesh on January 26, says a press release.

Prior to his new assignment, he was working as deputy comptroller and auditor general (Senior).

He also served as director general of the commercial audit directorate, director general of the defence audit directorate, and director general of the civil audit directorate.

Siddiqui joined the BCS Audit & Accounts Cadre in 1977.

He visited a number of countries including the United Nations, the USA and the UK.

## Dr Mohiul Haque joins as BRRI DG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Mohiul Haque, a renowned plant breeder, took over as the new director general of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) yesterday.

Prior to his new assignment, he was discharging the responsibility of director (Administration) of the BRRI, says a press release.

Born in Faridpur in 1948, Dr Haque obtained his B.Sc (Honours) and M.Sc degrees in Botany from Dhaka University in 1969 and 1970 respectively.

He joined the BRRI as scientific officer in 1973.

He took his MS degree in 1975 and completed Ph.D in 1989 from the University of the Philippines.

He made significant contribution in augmenting food production in the country by involving himself with the research and development of 39 high-yielding varieties of rice.

Dr Haque is married and has one son and one daughter.



## Quamrul, Mofiz re-elected FEJB chairman, secy

Quamrul Islam Chowdhury and Mofizur Rahman have been re-elected chairman and general secretary of the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) for the term of 2004-2005, says a press release.

Other office-bearers are Anwar Hosain Manju-vice chairman, Hasan Hafiz-treasurer and Saiful Alam-joint secretary.

Executive committee members are: Nurul Huda, Badiul Alam, Geasuddin Ahmed, Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, Abdul Hai Siddique, Abu Taher Khokon, Azizur Rahim Peu, Arun Karmakar and Aditi Rahman.

## Obituary



Gias Uddin Ahmed, a former customs super and renowned social worker of Haldia village under Matlab upazila in Chandpur district, died of old age complications on January 27 at Gastroliver Hospital in the city at the age of 87, says a press release.

He left behind his seven sons, three daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

## Death anniversary



The sixth death anniversary of former secretary M Akhtar Ali will be observed on February 3, says a press release.

A milad and doa mahfil will be held at his residence on the day.

## Dr AKM Abu Zafar



The 29th death anniversary of eminent eye specialist Dr AKM Abu Zafar, an organiser of the liberation war, will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

A milad mahfil will be held at his village home in Chittagong.

## Santi Chanda



The third death anniversary of Santi Chanda, wife of Tejendra Narayan Chanda, ex-president of Dhaka Metropolitan

Advocates Association, will be observed on February 3, says a press release.

A religious programme will be held at her father's residence at Borni village of Delduar in Tangail.

## WEATHER TODAY

### Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at one or two places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Comilla and Noakhali till 6pm today.

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said predicting light to moderate fog may occur over the river basins of the country during the morning.

Highest temperature 30.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and Teknaf and the lowest 8.2 degree at Srimangol.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:44pm today and rises at 6:39am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	27.5	13.4	53	43
Chittagong	30.5	13.4	63	42
Rajshahi	24.5	11.5	75	70
Khulna	27.2	13.8	63	58
Barisal	27.6	11.5	75	51
Sylhet	28.0	12.9	59	47
Cox's Bazar	30.6	15.0	52	59

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### CORRIGENDUM

Ref. : 01/PGCB/Sec/04/308 dated January 29, 2004

The words "March 15, 2004" shall be read as "March 31, 2004".

All other terms and conditions for the above Bidding shall remain unaltered.

(Mohammed Salim)  
Company Secretary

## GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

### EXPORT PROMOTION BUREAU, DHAKA

### INTERNATIONAL NOTICE INVITING

### "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST"

For

### Establishing International Exhibition Centre/ Trade Fair Complex At Dhaka

### Sub: Further Extension of time for submission of Proposal

The following addendum is issued to the Notice and RFP issued earlier in connection with the above:

- The first phase 'Proposals' shall be received on **15 March 2004 at 12 hours instead of 31st January 2004.**
- A pre-submission meeting will be held on 6 March 2004 in the Head Office of the EPB to clarify issues raised by the prospective "Proposers".
- All other terms and conditions of the **Expression Of Interest (EOI)** Notice and the **Request For Proposal (RFP)** document shall remain unchanged.

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer  
Public Works Division, Lalmonirhat

## PWD Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. 05 (Civil)/2003-2004

- Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted valid contractors/firms as per eligibility for the undermentioned work.

Sl No	Name of work	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work	Eligibility of contractory firms
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Under 7 (seven) TTC establishment at different places of Bangladesh project -- 1(one) at Lalmonirhat (Sub-head: Construction of workshop & functional building)	Tk 11,00,000/= only	18 (eighteen) months	Public Works Directorate's special class/1st class (combined) contractors/firms

- Last date of selling tender : 10-02-2004 up to office hours.
- Date & time of receiving (submitting) tender : 14-02-2004 up to 12:00 Noon.
- Date & time of opening tender : 14-02-2004 at 12:15 min. in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers.
- Place of selling tender : Office of the undersigned/office of Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi/office of Additional Chief Engineer, Public Works Zone, Khulna/Chittagong/Rajshahi/office of Chief Arboriculturist, Arboriculture Public Works Division, Dhaka & all Executive Engineers' offices under Public Works Zone, Rajshahi viz. Public Works Division, Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/Dinajpur/Nilphamari/Panchagarh/Thakurgaon/Rajshahi-1/2/Natore/Naogaon/Chapainawabganj/Sirajganj/Pabna/Bogra/Jaipurhat & Sub-Divisional Engineer's Office, Public Works Sub-Division-1/2 (E/M), Lalmonirhat.
- Place of receiving (submitting) & opening tender : In the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned/office of Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi/office of Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Rajshahi-I & all Executive Engineers' Offices under Public Works Circle, Rangpur viz. Public Works Division, Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/Dinajpur/Nilphamari/Panchagarh/Thakurgaon.
- Price of tender : Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only & Bangladesh Form No. 2911 Tk 25/- (twenty-five) only (both non-refundable).
- Tender document consisting Bangladesh Form No. 2911, schedule of work, additional terms & conditions etc. can be seen & purchased by the contractor himself or his nominated representative on production of the original book of enlistment during office hours within the prescribed date.
- The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.
- Tender purchase receipt must be enclosed with the tender.
- No tender sent by post/courier is acceptable.
- If, under unavoidable circumstance, any govt holiday is declared /banking remains closed on the date of receiving tender, then tender will be received on the next working day. The time of receiving & opening tender will remain unchanged.

Bimal Kumar Pramanik

Executive Engineer

Public Works Division, Lalmonirhat