### Cancun trade talks

# C'wealth move to overcome setback

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

# 'Help end plight of Bihari people'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a book launching cerenony 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 reintegra-tion of the community into main-

Prof Serajul Islam Chowdhury was the chief guest at the launching of Ahmed Ilias' book titled 'Biharis: The Indian Emigres in Bangladesh' held at the National Press Club on Thursday,

said a press release. Chaired by Prof CR Abrar, the publication ceremony was also addressed by journalists Ataus Samad, Enayetullah Khan, Afsan Chowdhury, M I Faruqui and Amjad Hossin Sarker MP.

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



### Thundershowers likely

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

Flighest 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

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

major cities and towns yesterday were: City/Town **Humidity** in percentage Morning Evening Chittagong Rajshahi 27.2 12.9 Cox's Bazar 15.0



#### भाश्यात श्रीष्ठ काम्भानी खत ताःनारम् निः POWER GRID COMPANY OF BANGLADESH LTD.

(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board) Red Crescent Concord Tower, 17, Mohakhali C/A, 6th Floor, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh

No. 01/PGCB/Sec/2004/327 Date: January 31, 2004 CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR NETWORK STUDY OF THE POWER GRID SYSTEM IN BANGLADESH

#### CORRIGENDUM

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

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

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

issues raised by the prospective "Proposers".

Proposal (RFP) document shall remain unchanged.

(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:

2. A pre-submission meeting will be held on 6 March 2004 in the Head Office of the EPB to clarify

3. All other terms and conditions of the Expression Of Interest (EOI) Notice and the Request For

1. The first phase 'Proposals' shall be received on 15 March 2004 at 12 hours instead of

## Car theft

# 7 Sylhet JCD men acquitted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

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

They are Ahmed Habib Ibne Islam Chamak, 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.

Chamak 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 imprison-

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

one Mashuk Ahmed, also a JCD

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

Accounts Cadre in 1977. He visited a number of countries

including the United Nations, the USA and the UK.



PHOTO: STAR

Former president Badruddoza Chowdhury shows journalists video on 'Bikalpa Dhara' at his office yesterday.

#### 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 respec-

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 highyielding varieties of rice.

Dr Haque is married and has one

son and one daughter.



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

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

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 Bhuyian, 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

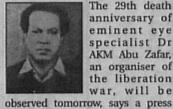


anniversary of former secretary M Akhtar Ali will be observed on February 3, says a press release.

The sixth death

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

A milad mahfil will be held at his

village home in Chittagong.

#### Santi Chanda



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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 A religious programme will be held at her father's residence at

Borni village of Delduar in Tangail.

Tuition Wanted

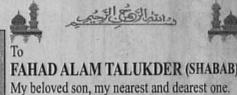
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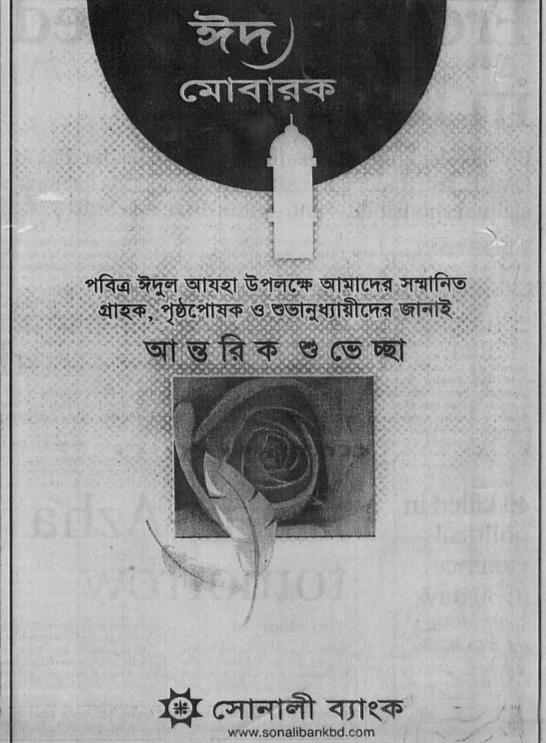
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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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

SI 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 Date & time of receiving (submitting) tender

Date & time of opening

Place of selling tender

: 14-02-2004 up to 12:00 Noon.

14-02-2004 at 12:15 min. in presence (if any) of the attending

Office of the undersigned/office of Divisional Commissioner, Raishahi Division, Raishahi/office of Additional Chief Engineer, Public Works Zone, Khulna/Chittagong/ Raishahi/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/

Chapainawabgani/Sirajgani/Pabna/Bogra/Jaipurhat & Sub-Divisional Engineer's Office, Public Works Sub-Division-1/2 (E/M), Lalmonirhat.

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

DFP-1283-17/1 G-65

31st January 2004.