



People wait in floodwaters for relief for ours at Khalifaghat at Kamrangirchar in the city yesterday.

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High school violence fear keeps many US kids home

REUTERS, Atlanta

More U.S. high school students are skipping class because they feel unsafe even though the general level of violence in schools has fallen since the early 1990s, federal health officials reported on Thursday.

Safety concerns prompted 5.4 per cent of students to stay at home on at least one day in the previous month in 2003, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study of thousands of kids in grades 9 through 12.

Only 4.4 per cent reported doing so in 1993.

The CDC said the rise in safety-related truancy might be linked to students' "heightened sense of vul-

nerability after an increase in high-profile, school-associated, multiple-victim homicides during the 1990s."

School violence became a hot issue in the United States in the wake of a rash of fatal school shootings, including a 1999 massacre that left 14 students and one teacher dead at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado.

CDC researchers also noted that the number of students who reported being threatened or injured with a gun, knife or club on school property had risen between 1993 and 2003.

But high schools have made progress reducing violence in several areas, said the CDC, which views efforts to lower the levels of physical fighting among adolescents and weapon

possession on school property as national health priorities.

Homicides and suicide are responsible for about one-fourth of the deaths among Americans aged 10 to 24.

The number of students who said they had been in a physical fight, either on school property or elsewhere, dropped 21 per cent between 1993 and 2003, the CDC revealed. Only 6.1 per cent said they carried a weapon on school property in 2003, a 47 per cent drop from 1993.

The study was conducted in the 50 states and District of Columbia. Samples sizes ranged from 10,904 to 16,296 students enrolled in public and private schools between 1991 and 2003.



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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nurul Karim Bhuiyan and Hasan Jahid Tusher have been elected president and general secretary of Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA).

Nurul Karim is the DU correspondent of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha while Hasan Jahid is the DU correspondent of The Daily Star. Other office-bearers are Vice President- Imanul Haque Shamim (The Independent), Joint Secretary-Mostak Ahmed Masud (The Jugantor), Treasurer- Masum Al Jaki (The Bangladesh Observer), Office Secretary- Abul Kalam Azad (The Al Muzadded), Information and Library Secretary- Sujon Mehdi (NTV).

Members are Riazul Islam (The Khaborpatro), Mazharul Anwar Khan Shipu (The Bhorer Dak) and Ashik Mohammad Shafi (The News Today).

General Secretary of Dhaka Reporters Unity Saleh Shibli conducted the election as chief election commissioner. Former Shariful Islam and Abul Kalam Azad were election commissioner.

AZIMUDDIN MURDER

One to die, 2 get life in Naogaon

BSS, Rajshahi

A Naogaon court has sentenced a man to death and two others to life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) in the businessman Azimuddin murder case.

Additional District and Sessions Judge-2 of Naogaon SM Solaiman handed down the verdict in a crowded courtroom on Thursday.

Of the convicts, Abdul Mazid, 30, son of late Nazir Uddin of Chalk Mukterpur village under Naogaon Sadar upazila, was awarded death penalty in his absence.

Hasen Ali, 45, Vimpur Union Parishad chairman under Mohadevpur upazila and Shamsul Islam, 40, of the same upazila were given life.

They were also fined Tk 15,000 each, in default, to suffer one year more RI.

Another accused Harunur

Rashid, 50, of Narayanpur village was sentenced to 10-year RI and fined Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer six months more RI.

The court also exempted Fazlur Rahman, another accused, from the case as he died earlier.

The prosecution story in brief is that the convicts kidnapped Azimuddin, 32, from his business firm at around 7:30 pm on June 3 in 1995 and took him to an unknown place.

Police recovered his body from Mohimapur village under Patnitola upazila next day.

Victim's elder brother Amzad Hossain Mondal lodged a case with Patnitola police.

Police submitted chargesheet to the court accusing five persons.

Assistant Public Prosecutor Nazmun Nahar Mita appeared for the state, while advocates Jahangir Chowdhury and Ahsan Habib Dulal defended the accused.



PHOTO: STAR

Sammita Sangskritik Jote distributes relief among the flood-hit people at Khilgaon-Meradia area in the city yesterday.



M. Shahjhan Bhuiyan, Managing Director of Prime Bank Limited, distributes relief among the flood victims in the city on Wednesday. Kazi Masihur Rahman, Deputy Managing Director and other senior executives of the Bank were present.



Abdur Raquib, Executive President of Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited, distributes relief among the flood affected people at Keraniganj on Thursday.

Acid thrown on woman in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Miscreants threw acid on a woman failing to rape her on Thursday night at Nasirpur village



under Patgachha upazila of the district.

Zahura Begum, wife of Abdul Karim Gazi, a grocer, was admitted to Patgachha upazila health complex with severe burn injuries on her face and body.

Victim's husband has lodged an FIR yesterday naming four persons as accused.

Jalal Hajra, an FIR named accused was arrested yesterday at Nasirpur village.

TCB Officers' Assoc executives

Abdur Rob Sikder and Md Azharul Faiz have been elected president and general secretary of TCB Officers' Welfare Association for 2004-2006, says a press release.

Md Rafiqul Hossain, A I M Amanullah and S M A Karim have been elected vice presidents.

Iftekar Hossain and Md Jahangir Hossain Bhuiyan have been elected joint-secretaries.

Other office-bearers are Md Nazrul Islam Bhuiyan- finance secretary, and Abul Bashir Khan-office secretary.

Members are Md Zakir Hossain, Md Abul Hossain Miah, Md Ansarul Haque, Md Anwar Hossain, Md Matu Rahman Bhuiyan, Md Abdul Baqui, Md Shah Alam and Md Abdur Rashid.

Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority

Setu Bhaban
New Airport Road, Banani
Dhaka

Memo No- Tech/JB-71/2002-399

Date: July 20, 2004

Invitation of Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned for construction of vertical extension works of 4th & 5th floor, Setu Bhaban, Banani, Dhaka only from contractor who have been pre-qualified by JMBA for the construction of the same.

- The intending pre-qualified contractor shall have to apply in their letterheads along with a copy of the letter of Pre-qualification issued by JMBA to the undersigned for issuance of tender documents.
- Tender documents will be issued only to the pre-qualified contractor or their authorized representatives who will apply for the issue of tender documents as stated under Clause-1 above from the Accounts Section, JMBA, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212 and office of the Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000 on cash payment of Tk 4,000.00 (take four thousand) only (non-refundable) on all working days during office hours from August 01, 2004 to August 15, 2004.
- Earnest money of the amount Taka 9,00,000.00 (nine lakh) in favor of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority (JMBA) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any schedule bank of Bangladesh must be submitted along with the tender without which the tender shall be rejected outright.
- Tenders will be received up to 12:00 noon on September 12, 2004 at the office of the Executive Engineer (RTW & Bldg), Room No. 407, Setu Bhaban, Banani, Dhaka and Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000 and will be opened on the same day at the office of the Chief Engineer, JMBA, Room No. 405, Setu Bhaban, Banani, Dhaka at 2:30pm in presence of tenderers who like to present. No tender shall be received after the above designated date and time.
- The tenderers must quote rates for item of works both in figures and in words clearly and legibly.
- The tenderers must visit the site and get acquainted with conditions of the site, the scope of works and available space before tendering.
- For any clarification regarding preparation and submission of tender the tenderers may contact with Superintending Engineer/Executive Engineer (RTW & Bldg) during the office hours.
- The work must be completed in all respect within 12 (twelve) calendar months from the date of commencement of the work.
- No tender documents will be issued after 4:00pm on August 15, 2004.
- The authority will reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Executive Engineer (RTW & Bldg)

Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL)

(A Company of Petrobangla)
House No. 39, Road No. 03, Sector-03
Uttara Model Town
Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh

Amendment

CONSTRUCTION OF 30" (762MM) DIA HIGH PRESSURE NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION LOOP LINE FROM ASHUGANJ MANIFOLD STATION TO MONOHORDI MANIFOLD STATION

গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ; এর অপচয় রোধ করে
জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন

- The eligibility of bidders of the above work [Tender No. GTCL/A-M/PL (CONST.)/02] is amended and shall be read as under:
"Gas pipeline contractors of Bangladesh having current (2003-2004) & valid enlistment under category 1.4 with companies of Petrobangla, having experience of construction of at least 4 km of 12" dia or above high pressure (300 psig and above) cross country gas transmission pipeline in a single project as Proprietor/Partner/Joint Venture/Consortium within the last 10 (ten) years."
- Provisions of all link clauses and sub-clauses pertinent to eligibility and qualification of bidders shall be read amended accordingly. This notice supersedes any and all amendments published earlier.
- Other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

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Bangladesh Krishi Bank

Head Office
83-85 Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka

Common Service Department

Invitation of Tenders for Purchase of Multimedia Projector with Screen
Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the government approved importers/distributors/assemblers for supply of 01 (one) Multimedia Projector and Screen.

01.	Source of fund	: Banks own fund under Revenue Budget.
02.	Invitation for tenders ref. and date	: HO/CSD-5(7)/Part-04/2004-2005/175 dated: 29-07-2004.
03.	Tender name	: Supply of 01 (one) Multimedia Projector with a Screen.
04.	Time for completion of delivery	: 15 days from the receipt of supply order.
05.	Eligibility of tenderers	: Government approved sole agent/importers/distributors/assemblers/manufacturers.
06.	Price of tender document	: Tk 200/- (two hundred) only (non-refundable) in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any branch of a schedule bank in Bangladesh in favour of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
07.	Amount of tender security	: Tk 7,000/- (seven thousand) only (refundable) in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any branch of a schedule bank in Bangladesh in favour of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
08.	Name and address of the office selling tender document	: Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Common Service Department, Head Office, 2 nd Floor, 83-84, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
09.	Name and address of the office receiving tenders	: Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Common Service Department, Head Office, 2 nd Floor, 83-84, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
10.	Name and address of the office opening tenders	: Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Common Service Department, Head Office, 2 nd Floor, 83-84, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
11.	Last date and time for selling tender document	: 29-08-2004 during office hours.
12.	Last date and time for submission of tenders	: 30-08-2004 up to 11 AM.
13.	Date and time for opening of tenders	: 30-08-2004 at 11:30 AM.
14.	Special instruction	: The bank authority reserves the right of changing any term of the schedule before the date of closing and accepting or rejecting any or all tenders without assigning any reason.
15.	Brief description of goods	: 01 (one) Multimedia Projector with a Screen as per specification shown in tender document.

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(A Company of Petrobangla)

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গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ এর অপচয় রোধ করে
জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন

Amendment

- Construction of High Pressure Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline from Nalka to Chandaikona (MLV-1) under Nalka-Bogra Gas Transmission Pipeline Project (IFB No. GTCL/N-B/PLC/01, for Group-A) and
 - Construction of High Pressure Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline from Chandaikona (MLV-1) to Bogra under Nalka-Bogra Gas Transmission Pipeline Project (IFB No. GTCL/N-B/PLC/02, for Group-B).
- The eligibility of bidders for the above works [Tender No. GTCL/N-B/PLC/01, (Group-A) and Tender No. GTCL/N-B/PLC/02, (Group-B)] is amended and shall read as under:
"Gas pipeline contractor(s) of Bangladesh having current (2003-2004) and valid enlistment under category 1.4 with Petrobangla and or any other company of Petrobangla having minimum experience of construction of at least 4 km. long 12" OD or above dia high pressure (300 psig and above) cross country gas transmission pipeline in a single project as proprietor/partner/joint venture/consortium within the last 10 (ten) years."
 - Provisions of all link clauses and sub-clauses pertinent to eligibility and qualification of bidder shall be read amended accordingly. This notice supersedes any and all amendments published earlier regarding eligibility of bidders.
 - All other terms and conditions and specifications of bid document shall remain unchanged.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Industries

Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Center (BITAC)

Tejgaon Industrial Area

Dhaka-1208

(Avail Quality Technical Assistances from BITAC)

Advanced Technical Training Programme

BITAC is an autonomous organization under the ministry of industries. With a view to creating skilled technical manpower in the country, the center organizes high quality training programme. BITAC has a good number of well-trained trainers and big workshop equipped with modern machineries and equipment to run the training programme. The trainees develop their skill and experience through hands on practical works supported by theoretical knowledge. There is enormous demand of BITAC-trained manpower both at home and abroad.

The Advanced Technical Training Course (114th Batch) on following trades will be conducted by Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Center (BITAC) from 04-09-2004.

Sl. No.	Trade	No of seats	Training fee	Course duration
01.	Machine Shop	20	Tk. 4,000	14 weeks (from 04-09-2004 to 09-12-2004)
02.	Welding	15	Tk. 4,000	
03.	Electrical Maintenance	20	Tk. 4,000	
04.	Automobile	10	Tk. 3,500	
05.	Auto-Electricity	10	Tk. 3,500	
06.	Machine Maintenance	10	Tk. 3,500	
07.	Mechanical Drafting	10	Tk. 3,500	
08.	Heat-treatment	05	Tk. 3,500	
09.	Foundry	10	Tk. 3,500	
10.	Electroplating	05	Tk. 3,500	
11.	Pattem Making	05	Tk. 3,500	
12.	Plastic Processing Technology	15	Tk. 2,000	

Other relevant information:

- Educational qualification : SSC or equivalent with technical experience, TTC/Vocational Trade Course, Diploma in Engineering. The above requisite educational qualification for Department and Organizational candidates are not applicable.
- Library facilities : BITAC has a library full of valuable technical books and journals. The trainees can also avail of library facility during their training period.
- Residential facilities : BITAC has a hostel with a maximum accommodation of 65 trainees. For staying the hostel accommodation fee of Tk. 1500 per candidate per course is charged.
- Admission schedule : 28-08-2004 to 02-09-2004.
Due to the limited number of seats, the registration will be made on first come first serve basis.
- Class schedule : From 9.00 AM to 4.00 PM on working days.
Intending individuals/institutions, organizations and industrial enterprises may please contact the Training Division of BITAC for admission form and other queries, if any.

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Training Engineer
BITAC, Dhaka
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