

'Asia's birds under extinction threat'

AFP, Bangkok

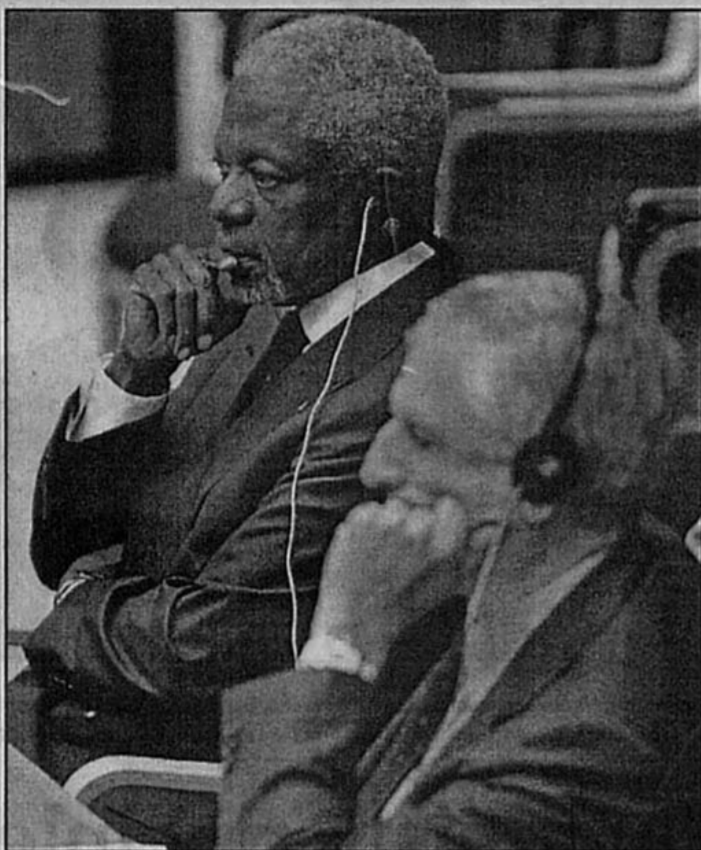
More than 300 bird species in Asia -- about 12 percent of the region's feathered species -- are under threat of extinction, with nearly half of their habitats left unprotected, a report released yesterday warned.

The report by conservation group Birdlife International also stressed that Asia's vast ornithological diversity would take a punishing hit in the next decade if governments did not move to formally protect the habitats of the threatened species, some 100 of which are listed as critically endangered.

"If we do not take action we are going to lose 100 species or so in the next 10 years," Birdlife's Asia director Richard Grimmett told AFP at a briefing to launch the report, "Important Bird Areas in Asia".

Some 332 bird species in Asia are under threat of extinction, mainly from the destruction of forest habitat, Grimmett said at a forum of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) gathering in Bangkok.

Covering 28 countries from India to Japan, the report pinpointed 2,293 "important bird areas", many of them of global significance. Forty-three percent of the sites are not formally protected by governments, with another 14 percent only partially protected, said Grimmett.



UN Secretary General Kofi Annan (L) and US ambassador to the UN John Danforth listen as Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni delivers his speech during a special session of the UN Security Council yesterday in Nairobi. Annan called for a speedy conclusion to talks to end Sudan's civil war, telling the Security Council in Nairobi this would help reverse a worsening crisis in the western region of Darfur.

Activists urge UN to prosecute recruiters of child soldiers

AFP, London

A coalition of human rights groups Wednesday urged the United Nations to start prosecuting those who recruit children as soldiers, in a comprehensive new report showing hundreds of thousands of children fighting in more than two dozen wars worldwide.

Though the coalition condemned governments and armed groups in many African, Asian and South American countries for recruiting child soldiers, it also criticized the United States and Britain for enlisting people younger than 18 to serve in their armed forces.

With such a widespread problem, the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers is urging member nations of the UN Security Council to "provide the political leadership to enforce a ban on child soldiers," the coalition's director Casey Kelso told a press conference in London.

Founded by groups like London-based Amnesty International and New York-based Human Rights Watch, the coalition backs the prosecution of child recruiters by the International Criminal Court of Justice.

The court, which was established in 1998, defines the recruitment of children under 15 as a "war crime."

The coalition is also campaigning for restrictions on military assistance or training as well as economic sanctions on governments and non-governmental armed groups who violate a "de facto ban" on recruiting soldiers younger than 18.

Some 85 countries have ratified the so-called 2002 UN child soldiers treaty (optional protocol to the

Convention on the Rights of the Child) that bans using all children under the age of 18 in hostilities.

Mehr Kahn Williams, deputy commissioner for the Geneva-based UN Human Rights Commission, said hundreds of thousands of children, some as young as nine years old, were engaged as child soldiers in more than two dozen conflicts worldwide.

She said the coalition's "key message is the enforcement of laws that exist."

Kahn Williams and Kelso said that the number of children recruited to fight by their governments was decreasing slightly, but armed groups worldwide were still recruiting as many as ever.

"They are making some effort to live up to their obligations but ... it's not enough," Kahn Williams said. She said that it is "illegal, morally unacceptable for children to fight in adult wars."

The Coalition studied more than 20 countries and territories where armed hostilities occurred between March 2002 and March 2004, as it prepared the most comprehensive report on child soldiers ever.

Between 2001 and 2004, children were involved in armed conflicts in Afghanistan, Angola, Burundi, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, India, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, Indonesia, Liberia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda, the report said.

Governments using child soldiers were listed as: Burundi, DR Congo, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Myanmar, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda and the United States.

'Anti-personnel mines still a menace despite treaty'

AFP, Brussels

Use of anti-personnel mines has fallen fast around the world but the devices still account for an "appalling" number of fatalities and maimings, campaigners said Wednesday.

Presenting the 2004 Landmine Monitor report, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL)

said there was no room for complacency despite a 1999 treaty that banned the devices.

Speaking at the report's global launch at Nato headquarters here, Jody Williams, a US campaigner who won the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize with the ICBL, said the treaty had taken firm hold in many parts of the world.

"But even bigger challenges remain, to convince hold-out gov-

ernments to come on board, to get mines out of the ground within the 10-year deadline, and to provide adequate assistance to landmine victims," she said.

Since the Ottawa Treaty took force in 1999, 65 countries have completed the destruction of their stockpiles, collectively destroying more than 37 million anti-personnel mines, the report said.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)
Tangail Road Division, Tangail

Invitation for Tenders

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| 1. | Ministry | : Ministry of Communication. |
| 2. | Agency | : Roads & Highways Department. |
| 3. | Procuring entity | : Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Tangail. |
| 4. | Invitation for | : Work of base type-1, prime coat, tack coat, carpeting (plant method), seal coat, earth work. |
| 5. | Invitation Ref No | : 3-4/2590. |
| 6. | Procurement method | : Open. |
| 7. | Budget and source of fund | : Development GOB. |
| 8. | Project name | : Different Road under Tangail Road Division. |
| 9. | Tender package No | : 5/TRD of 2004-2005. |
| 10. | Tender package name | Package No-1 : Strengthening of existing damaged flexible pavement including carpeting, seal coat and earth work in road embankment at 11 th km, 12 th km and 13 th (P) km of Porabari (Ghatail) Shalajani-Gopalpur-Jagannathganj (Sharisabari) Road. Package No-2 : Earth work in road embankment at 7 km to 13 km of Ratanganj-Sakhipur Road. Package No-3 : Construction of flexible pavement at 41 st km. & 42 nd km Aricha-Gior-Dewlatpur-Nagarpur-Tangail Road (Tangail portion). |
| 11. | Tender publication date | : 1-11-2004. |
| 12. | Tender last selling date & time | : 5-12-2004 in during the office hours. |
| 13. | Tender closing date & time | : 6-12-2004 at 12:00noon. |
| 14. | Tender opening date & time | : 6-12-2004 at 03:00pm. |
| 15. | Name & address of the office(s) | |
| | i) Selling tender document: | Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division/Executive Engineer (RHD), Planning and Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Bridge Design Division-1 (East), Dhaka/Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Mymensingh/Jamalpur/Sherpur/Netrakona/Kishoreganj/Tangail, Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD) Road Sub-Division, Tangail/Modhupur/Mirzapur/1 st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Tangail. |
| | ii) Receiving tender document | Office of the Superintendent Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Mymensingh/Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Tangail. |
| | iii) Opening tender document | : Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Tangail. |
| 16. | Eligibility of tenderer | : All tenderers regardless of whether enlisted or not enlisted with the employer may submit tenders provided that they are otherwise qualified. The tenderer must fulfill the following criteria. General qualifications documents: a) Certificate issued by the competent authority stating-VAT registration. -TIN. b) Attested copy of the trade licence and nationality certificate shall be submitted with the tender documents. General construction experience: Minimum package No. 1, 2 & 3, Tk 40.00 lac of similar type of construction work in a single contract in the last 5 years preceding the date of submission of the tender. Turnover: Minimum package No. 1, 2 & 3 Tk 46.00 lac average annual turnover in the last 5 years preceding the date of submission of the tender. Financial capabilities: Minimum required cash flow amount package No 1, 2 & 3 Tk 30.00 lac. Equipment capabilities: The tender shall own or have assured access through lease, hire, or other such method, of the essential equipment, in full working order. 1. Asphalt Plant 2. Pay loader 3. Pneumatic tyre roller 4. Static two wheel vibrate steel roller 5. Bitumen spreader 6. Dump track 7. Blower 8. Vibratory soil compactor (10 tons). |
| 17. | Brief description of works: | Work of base type-1, prime coat, tack coat, carpeting (plant method), seal coat, earth work. |
| 18. | Price of tender document: | (Tk) 3000/- |

Group List

| Lot no (Package no) | Identification of lot (package) | Location | Tender security amount (Tk) | Completion time in months |
|---------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 01 (one) | Strengthening of existing damaged flexible pavement including carpeting, seal coat and earth work in road embankment at 11 th km, 12 th km and 13 th (p) km of Porabari (Ghatail) Shalajani-Gopalpur-Jagannathganj (Sharisabari) Road | 11 th km, 12 th km and 13 th (p) km | 3.00 lac | 60 (sixty) days |
| 02 (two) | Earth work in road embankment at 7 km to 13 km of Ratanganj-Sakhipur Road | 7 km to 13 km | 3.00 lac | 60 (sixty) days |
| 03 (three) | Construction of flexible pavement at 41 st km & 42 nd km Aricha-Gior-Dewlatpur-Nagarpur-Tangail Road (Tangail portion) | 41 st km & 42 nd km | 3.00 lac | 60 (sixty) days |

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| 19. | Name of official inviting tender | Md Reza Shah. |
| 20. | Designation of official inviting tender | Executive Engineer, RHD. |
| 21. | Address of official inviting tender | Tangail Road Division, Tangail. |
| 22. | Contact details of official inviting tender | Tel: 0921-54043. |
| 23. | The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. | |

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Executive Engineer
(RHD), Road Division, Tangail

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Local Government Engineering Department
Office of the Executive Engineer
District: Sylhet

Memo No.LGED/XEN/Sylhet/05-285/2004/3779 Dated: 31-10-2004

Invitation for Tender (IFT)
Tender Notice Number: 37/2004-05

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers as defined in the tender documents for the undermentioned list of works as per terms and conditions stated below:

| Sl No | Name of contract | Tender security (Tk) | Time for completion (days) | Price of tender documents (Tk) |
|-------|---|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 01. | RIDP (PMP) Improvement of Kolashohor Bagicha road (Ch: 00m-820m) | 55000.00 | 120 | 750.00 |
| 02. | Improvement of Shekpur-Kadipur Ferryghat road (Ch: 600m-2135m) | 55000.00 | 120 | 750.00 |
| 03. | Improvement of Ronokeli MR Chowdhury road to Ronokeli Girls' High School road (Ch: 00m-810m) | 55000.00 | 120 | 750.00 |
| 04. | Improvement of Konachar-Gojgap road (Ch: 1700m-2800m) | 65000.00 | 120 | 1000.00 |
| 05. | Improvement of Banigram Bohogram High School road (Ch: 00m-1290m) | 55000.00 | 120 | 750.00 |
| 06. | Improvement of Tilpara UP Bibirai road (Ch: 00m-1000m) | 55000.00 | 120 | 750.00 |
| 07. | Improvement of Sylhetpara Middle road in/c culvert (Ch: 450m-1505m) | 65000.00 | 120 | 750.00 |
| 08. | Improvement of Ramdabazar-Goderbazar-Surma Dyke road (Ch: 00m-1115m) | 54000.00 | 120 | 750.00 |
| 09. | Improvement of Teradol-Muchibari road (Ch: 450m-1400m) | 45000.00 | 120 | 750.00 |
| 10. | Construction of 12.00 RCC Foot Bridge at Dubag FWC road near the house of Gulai Miah | 10000.00 | 90 | 300.00 |
| 11. | Construction of 1x3.50x3.00m RCC culvert at Uttar Dubag Mosque road | 10000.00 | 90 | 300.00 |
| 12. | Improvement of Lauta UP Office-Barairgram-Asirganj road (Ch: 1450m-2450m) | 55000.00 | 120 | 750.00 |
| 13. | Construction of 3x3.70x5.00m RCC culvert at Hakamala road | 30000.00 | 120 | 750.00 |
| 14. | Improvement of Uttar Cakrobani road (Ch: 230m-730m) | 26000.00 | 90 | 500.00 |
| 15. | Improvement of Khasharipara School road (Ch: 00m-1000m). | 55000.00 | 120 | 750.00 |
| 16. | Improvement of Bairagirbazar-Kurarbazar-Deulgram road in/c culvert (Part-1) (Ch: 3815m-4315m) | 65000.00 | 120 | 750.00 |
| 17. | Improvement of Bairagirbazar-Kurarbazar-Deulgram road in/c Culvert (Part-2) (Ch: 2850m-3815m) | 65000.00 | 120 | 750.00 |

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| 1. | Date, time and place of pre-tender meeting | : 25 November 2004, 12.00 Noon and office of the undersigned |
| 2. | Last date, time and places of selling tender documents | : 07 December 2004, 4.00 PM and a) Office of the undersigned. b) The Deputy Commissioner, Sylhet. c) The Project Director, RIDP (PMP), LGED, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka. d) Executive Engineer, LGED, Sunamganj/Hobiganj/Moulvibazar. e) The Upazila Engineer, LGED, S.Sadar/ Companiganj/ Golapganj/Beanibazar/Biswanath/Balaganj/Fenchugani/ Jaintapur upazila, Sylhet. |
| 3. | Last date, time and places of receiving tender | : 08 December 2004, 12.00 Noon and a) Office of the undersigned. b) The Deputy Commissioner, Sylhet. c) The Upazila Engineer, LGED, S. Sadar/ Companiganj/ Golapganj/Beanibazar/Biswanath/Balaganj/Fenchugani/ Jaintapur upazila, Sylhet. |
| 4. | Date, time and place of opening of tender | : 08 December 2004, 3.00 PM and office of the undersigned. |
| 5. | Tender shall be valid for a period of 119 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified in Section 2. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. Interested tenderer may obtain further information from the undersigned and purchase the tender documents in Cash/Treasury Challan/Bank Draft from the places mentioned above. The tenderer or their authorised representatives are allowed to attend the opening of tenders. | |

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G-1076 Executive Engineer
LGED, Sylhet

Armed Forces Medical College
Dhaka Cantonment

Sub: Amendment Notice on Admission to 1st Year MBBS Course at Armed Forces Medical College during 2004-2005 Academic Year.

The written test of students (male/female) for admission to 1st Year MBBS Course at Armed Forces Medical College will be held on 17 December 2004 at 10.00 (ten) hours instead of 10 December 2004 at 10.00 (ten) hours. Place of written admission test shall be given in the admit card. All other information shall remain unchanged.

ISPR/Army/04/990 Principal
DFF-26737-6/11 Armed Forces Medical College
G-1110 Dhaka Cantonment

Barindra Multipurpose Development Authority
Office of the Executive Engineer
Naogaon Region-2, Patnitala, Naogaon
Mobile-0172-218795

Tender Notice

- Tender No : Barindra/Naogaon Region-2/Patni-01/2004-05 Dated-24/10/2004.
- Name of work : Group No a: Supply and fitting of flanges (with nut bolt and gasket) to both ends of 8" dia 10'-0" column pipe and exterior-interior painting of the pipe.
Group No b: Supply of electrical goods.
Tk 500/- (five hundred) only (non-refundable).
- Price of tender schedule
- Places of availability of tender document : a) Executive Director, BMDA, Rajshahi.
b) Executive Engineer, BMDA, Naogaon Region-1/2, Rajshahi and Nawabganj region.
- Amount of security : Security money amounting to 2.50% (two point five zero per cent) of the total quoted price shall be submitted in the form of Pay Order/DD from any scheduled bank only in favour of "Barindra Multipurpose Development Authority, Patnitala" with the tender. Pay Order from only the banks within Patnitala Poursava is acceptable. Only DD from banks outside Patnitala Poursava is acceptable.
- Last date and time of selling tender schedule : 13/12/2004 up to office hours.
- Place, date and time of submitting tender schedule
- Place, time and date of opening tender box : At the offices mentioned in serial No. 4 on 19/12/2004 at 3.30 PM in presence of attending tenderers (if any).
- Eligibility of contractor : Tender schedule can be purchased on production of current 2004-05 years valid licence for the work concerned, VAT Registration Certificate and TIN (Taxpayer's Identification Number) certificate as per Income Tax Ordinance Section 184 'A' of Finance Act, 1997 and submission of application in respective pad enclosing photocopies of the said credentials. It is mentionable that attested photocopies of the said credentials must be enclosed with the tender at the time of submitting tender.

10. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. If it is not possible to purchase or submit tender schedule on the specified date, under unavoidable circumstances, then tender can be purchased on the next working day and submitted on the following working day, respectively.

Md Habibur Rahman Khan
Executive Engineer
Barindra Multipurpose Development Authority
Naogaon Region-2, Patnitala, Naogaon

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