

No govt plan yet to treat, rehabilitate floating mental patients

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It may sound unbelievable that there is no government body for the treatment and rehabilitation of the floating mental patients in the country.

Hasina to exchange Eid greetings

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina will exchange Eid greetings with diplomats and visitors on Eid day at the party's Dhanmondi office.

The AL President will exchange greetings with people of all walks of life from 9:30am to 11:30am while with diplomats from 11:30am to 12:30pm, party sources said.

Worst even, there is no plan yet for the floating mental patients who are considered as the most deprived section of the society.

"There is no specific government organisations for the floating mental patients. Moreover, the government has no plan for their treatment and rehabilitation in future," said Hafizul Islam Mian, director general of the social service department.

He said although the number of floating mental patients is very negligible, everyone of us has the experience of seeing them who do not know their own identities and live in footpaths, rail stations, bus stands and launch terminals.

This correspondent had found five mental patients only on the Dhaka University campus whose identities could not be known.

Talking to students it was learnt that these mental patients fully depend on others to manage two squares of meals. Some of

them roam on the campus nakedly.

When this correspondent contacted some government bodies, he noticed that they were not so much aware of the problem.

An official requesting anonymity said, "The government is least concerned about the problem of the floating mental patients."

As the mental patients have no ability to fight for establishing their rights, the government has no headache for them, he added.

"There are six vagrant shelters across the country where floating people like beggars and physically challenged are mainly rehabilitated. We cannot keep a floating mental patient in the shelters due to lack of facilities for treatment as well as legal constraints," said Siddiqur Rahman, deputy director of social service department (Vagrant).

"As the mental patients need

complicated mental treatment, the health ministry should take up the matter," Rahman said, adding that social welfare ministry has already approached the health ministry in this regard.

But Dr Abdur Rashid, director (Hospital and Clinic), said the health ministry cannot provide treatment to these patients as it has no authority to collect them from different places.

He underscored the need for a special body for collecting the floating mental patients.

Director of the Mental Health Institute Prof Dr AH Mohammad Firoj said although some floating mental patients are admitted to the institute at the personal initiatives, but no patient has been admitted under the initiative of any government organisation.

"We will treat the floating mental patients at free of cost if they come through any government organisation," he added.

Customer mania mindset session at Pizza Hut

Pizza Hut Gulshan Outlet, for the first time, held a customer mania mindset session for its team members on January 17, says a press release.

Such sessions are held quarterly by all Pizza Hut world over to reiterate and motivate team members on the importance of providing great service to the customers in every way.

Customer mania, as introduced by David Novak, chairman of Pizza Hut franchisor YUM! Restaurant International, is delivering a hundred percent CHAMPS with a YES attitude to all customers.

CHAMPS, meaning Cleanliness, Hospitality, Accuracy, Maintenance, Products and Speed of Service, is expected by all customers.

Pizza Hut Gulshan has already been recognised as one of the best run restaurant in the sub-continent by YUM! International.

Transcom Foods Limited is the franchisee of Pizza Hut and KFC in Bangladesh.

The session, attended by all the crews, managers and Restaurants Support Centre Team, was a three-hour fun-filled training, team building and goal setting programme designed to reiterate the Pizza Hut's continuous process of providing consistent product quality, service, ambiance and value for money to the customers.

In this session, recognitions were given to all the members who were outstanding in their service to the customers not by just doing their usual work but by going the extra mile to make customers reason to come back.

Ctg main Eid congregations to be held at Dampara Mosque

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Eid congregations in different parts of the port city and other areas have been organised separately by the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) and the District Administration.

The main congregation under the CCC will be held at Dampara Jamiyatul Falah Mosque ground at 8:00am to be followed by second one at the same venue at 9:00am.

The main congregation under the District Administration will be held at Chittagong MA Aziz Stadium at 8:30am. Another big congregation under the supervision of the administration will be held at Anderkilla Shahi Jame Mosque at 8:30am.

The time and place of other Eid congregations are as follows: At 7:45am, congregations will be held at Dampara Police Line ground, Bahaddarhat Wapda Colony Jame Mosque, Battery Golli Ji Madrassah Mosque, Muradpur Belale Islami Complex and Jhautala Railway Station Jame Mosque.



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Armed robbers attack police patrol team

UNB, B'aria

Armed robbers attacked a police patrol team on Ramrail-Ulachapara road on Wednesday night, leaving two police men and the tempo driver injured.

The victims, Havilder Sudarshan, constable Sajal and driver Basir Mia are now undergoing treatment at Sadar Hospital.

Later, police nabbed five of the gang named Kamal, Bahar, Yasin, Al Amin and Nurul Islam.



Apex Bangladesh executives

Apexian Md Abdur Rouf Dilip and Apexian ATM Nazmul Islam have been elected president and secretary of Apex Bangladesh for 2005, says a press release.

The 29th National Convention of the Apex Bangladesh was held on January 9 at Comilla Shilpakala Academy. Shipping Minister Lt Col (Retd) Akbar Hossain chaired the inaugural session and Bangladesh Porjaton Corporation Chairman Mahabubur Rahman chaired the concluding session.

Apex Bangladesh is a non-political, non-sectarian and international social voluntary organisation.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD
Road Division, Rajshahi

Notice Inviting Tender

- Project Name : Construction of surface drain with footpath at 2nd km(P) and 3rd km(P) (right side) of Rajshahi-Greater road under Rajshahi Road Division, Rajshahi during the year 2004-2005 Eng.
- Source of Funds : GOB
- Tender Package : 11-RRD/2004-2005.
- Invitation for : Memo No. 3754 Dated. 30/12/2004 Eng. tenders No. & date
- Time for : 60 (sixty) days. completion
- Eligibility of : Any individual(s) firm(s) who fulfill the qualifications criteria stipulated in the Tender Data Sheet (TDS) and other conditions of the tender(s) document(s).
• Minimum required cash flow amount: Taka 6.00 lacs.
• Necessary documents of bank statement/saving instruments/line of credit showing the amount shall be submitted along with the tender by the tenderer. Tenderers shall furnish relevant documents in the form of affidavit duly notarized with the tenders that:
-- they are not insolvent, e.g. the person or firm is not financially capable to perform the contract for which they are tendering;
-- they are not in receivership, e.g. the firm was in serious financial difficulties and a court had, at the request of creditors, stopped the firm from managing itself and had placed an independent accountant in charge of the company's business operations;
-- they are not bankrupt or in the process of being wound up, e.g. the person or firm's financial situation is that they have more debts than income and can no longer function.
-- they are not suspended from undertaking their business for financial reasons; and
-- they are not subject to legal proceedings for any of the above reasons/grounds.
- Price of tender : Tk 2/= per page. document
- Amount of tender : Tk 50,000.00 security
- Name & address of the office(s) selling tender document
a) Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi.
b) Executive Engineer, RHD, Rajshahi(Naogaon/Nawabganj).
c) Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division-I/II, Rajshahi.
d) Assistant Engineer, RHD, 1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Rajshahi.
- Name & address of the office(s) receiving tenders
A) Primary Location:
Executive Engineer, RHD, Rajshahi.
B) Secondary Location:
1. Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi.
2. Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Rajshahi.
3. Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Rajshahi Zone, Rajshahi.
4. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Rajshahi Road Circle, Rajshahi.
- Name & address of the office opening tender
- Last date & time for selling tender document : Up to office hours on 15/02/2005 Eng.
- Last date & time for tender submission : Up to 12:30PM on 16/02/2005 Eng.
- Date & time for tender opening : At 3:30PM on 16/02/2005 Eng.
- Special instruction : The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders prior to acceptance.



A trader decorates the sacrificial animals with brightly coloured ribbon at Gabtali cattle market in the city yesterday to attract buyers.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Director, Stores & Supplies
Central Medical Stores Depot
30, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani
Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208

Invitation for Tenders (IFT)

For Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Anesthesia Equipment through International Competitive Tendering Method

- IFT No: CMSD/G-R 4519/2004-2005/D-1/17 Dated: 18/01/2005
- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has allocated funds from the revenue budget to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOH&FW) and intends to apply a portion of the funds to eligible payments under contract Package No G-R 4519 for procurement of "Anesthesia Equipment" for which the IFT is issued. "The Public Procurement Regulations, 2003," will govern the tendering.
 - The Director, Stores & Supplies, Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD), Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, now invites sealed tenders under International Competitive Tendering Method for Supply, Installation and Commissioning of "Anesthesia Equipment". The delivery period is within 8-10 weeks.
 - Bidding will be conducted through the international competitive tendering procedures specified in "The Public Procurement Regulation 2003". However countries having no diplomatic relationship with Bangladesh is not eligible for tendering.
 - Interested eligible tenderers may obtain further information from the office of the Director, Stores & Supplies, Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD), Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
 - A complete set of tender documents in English may be purchased by interested tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BDT 750.00 (Bangladesh Taka seven hundred and fifty) only or US\$20.00. The method of payment will be either in Pay Order or Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh. The document will be sent by post, airmail for overseas delivery and by post or courier service for local delivery.
 - Tenders must be delivered to the address below at or before 11:00 AM on 14-03-2005. All tenders must be accompanied by tender security of BDT 1,26,000.00 (Bangladesh Taka one lakh twenty-six thousand) or US\$2,100.00 (US\$ two thousand one hundred) only.
 - Late tenders will be rejected. Tenders will be opened in presence of the tenderers' representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 11:30 AM on 14-03-2005. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.
 - A pre-tender meeting will be held on 12-02-2005 in the conference room of the office of the undersigned at 11:00 AM. All tenderers are requested to attend the meeting in time.

Director, Stores & Supplies
Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD)
30, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani
Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208
Telephone: 880-2-8115479 Fax No: 880-2-9126547
Cable: BDIRHEALTH
e-mail: cmsd-dgh@btb.net.bd

BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিপিংয়ে
জাতীয় অঙ্গতির প্রতীক

Sr. General Manager (Purchase), BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (12th Floor), 30-31, Diluksha C/A., Dhaka invites sealed quotations against Tender Enquiry No. PUR-3.1747/2004-2005 dated 09-01-2005 for 9,500 MT± 5% Phosphoric Acid in bulk in tanker on C&F(C) TSP Complex Jetty, Chittagong on liner term basis under Cash Foreign Exchange. Offer shall be received up to 11:00 AM on 27-02-2005 and be opened immediately thereafter. Tender documents with detailed terms and conditions will be available on payment of Tk. 750.00 per set (non-refundable) from (i) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (2nd Floor), Dhaka and (ii) General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, 6, Argabad C/A., Chittagong.

Earnest money is Tk. 20.00 (twenty) lac only. No tender documents shall be sold on the date of opening and no late offer shall be accepted. The buyer reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Emdad Imam Jahangir
BCIC-466-11/1/05
General Manager (Purchase)
DFP-1525-1701/05
G-80 For Sr. General Manager (Purchase)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Customs House, Kurmitola, Dhaka Amended Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from supplier firms for supply of 1 (one) Heavy Baggage X-Ray Scanner Machine, Tunnel Size: 1500mm(W) S 1650mm (H), (59x64.96 in), Conveyor Load: 3000kg (6600lbs), Capable of Identifying Gold, Explosive, Narcotics, Currency, Agricultural Goods & Electronics Goods etc. for use at Zia International Airport under the Customs House, Dhaka. Tender will be received in the tender box kept at the office chamber of Deputy Commissioner (GL) up to 1.00pm of 31.01.2005 and the tender box will be opened on the same day at 2.00pm in presence (if any) of tenderers.

2) Earnest money/security (refundable) amounting to 3% of the quoted price in the tender should be submitted in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft from any bank in Bangladesh in favour of Additional Commissioner, Customs House, Dhaka along with attested copies of VAT registration certificate, TIN, bank solvency certificate and trade licence with the tender.

3) Tender schedule can be purchased from Chief Accounts Officer (Expenditure) of this office on depositing Tk 1,000/= (one thousand) only (non-refundable) with the Sonali Bank, Customs House Branch, Dhaka and producing the receipt of the challan during office hours from 23.01.2005 to 31.01.2005. Detailed information are mentioned in the tender schedule.

4) The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. It is mentionable that this notice will be considered as corrigendum to the notice published on 26.12.2004.

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Khandaker Amirur Rahman
Additional Commissioner
Customs House, Dhaka

Mongla Port Authority Mongla, Bagerhat

No: MPA/DTM/131(2)/2004

Re-Tender Notice

Notice No. 03/2004

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the experienced local/foreign entrepreneurs for construction and operation of 2 (two) incomplete Jetties of MPA at Mongla on long term lease basis (30 years). Tender documents may be purchased from the following offices during office hours up to 05-03-2005 on payment of Taka 10,000/- (ten thousand) only in cash (non-refundable):-

- Office of the Divisional Commissioner
Khulna Division
Boyra, Khulna.
- Office of the Director (Traffic)
Mongla Port Authority
Mongla, Bagerhat.
- Liaison Office
Mongla Port Authority
8/6, Segunbagicha (2nd Floor)
Dhaka-1000.

Tenders will be received in the tender box/by hand/by mail/by courier service in the office of the undersigned up to 1200 hours on 06-03-2005 and will be opened in the same office at 1230 hours on 06-03-2005 in presence of the tenderers (present, if any). Tenders received after the deadline for submission shall be returned unopened to the tenderers. Security money of Taka 25,00,000/- (twenty-five lac) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/irrevocable bank guarantee in favour of "Mongla Port Authority" should be enclosed with the tender, otherwise the tender will be treated as cancelled. Detailed terms and conditions of the tender may be obtained along with the tender documents.

Mongla Port Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Md Delwar Hossain Patwary
Director (Traffic) (Acting)
Mongla Port Authority
Mongla, Bagerhat
Tel: 04662-75363 (Off.)

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Md. Delowar Hussain
Executive Engineer, RHD
Road Division, Rajshahi