



British High Commissioner in Bangladesh Anwar Choudhury speaks at a view exchange meeting with the diplomatic correspondents at Sheraton Hotel in the city yesterday.

US won't relax visa process for Bangladeshi students: Envoy

US Ambassador Harry K Thomas yesterday categorically rejected any possibility of relaxing the procedures of issuing visas for the Bangladeshi students. However, he pointed out that the issuance of student visa is not that complex saying, "If someone applies properly and we believe that he or she would come back after studies in the USA, we usually issue the visa."

Bangladesh Computer Council Development of Infrastructure for IT Applications Project. Tender Notice. Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide VSAT service providers/authorized distributors to provide bandwidth for Internet Access for 1 (one) year period using existing VSAT equipment to "Development of Infrastructure for IT Applications" Project of the Bangladesh Computer Council.

Table with 5 columns: Ministry/Division, Agency, Procuring Entity Name, Procuring Entity Code, Procuring Entity District, Invitation for, Invitation Ref No, Date, Project / Programme Code, Project / Programme Name, Tender Package No, Tender Package Name, Tender Publication Date, Tender Last Selling Date, Tender Closing Date & Time, Tender Opening Date and Time, Eligibility of Tenderer, Brief Description of Goods or Works, Brief Description of Related Services, Price of Tender Document, Lot No, Identification of Lot, Location, Tender Security Amount, Completion Time in Weeks / Months, Name of Official Inviting Tender, Designation of Official Inviting Tender, Address of Official Inviting Tender, Contact details of Official Inviting Tender.

70-yr-old dies in acid attack

A 70-year old man was killed while his wife and son were critically wounded as criminals threw acid on them in the early hours yesterday in Balaganj upazila of Sylhet. Family sources said a gang of eight slipped into Gaus Miah's house at village Babrokpur at about 2:00am. They threw acid on him and his wife Gulnehar Begum, 55, while the two were asleep.

Nari Morcha protests police attack on Asma Jahangir

Bikhubdo Nari Morcha, a women's network, has protested the police attack on a peaceful procession, led by Asma Jahangir, a well-known lawyer and international human rights activist, in Lahore on May 15, says a press release. Asma Jahangir is also the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief.

Helpline to protect journalists

Bangladesh Centre for Development, Journalism and Communication (BCDJC) with the assistance of the Embassy of Denmark in Dhaka has established a Helpline for the harassed journalists in Bangladesh, says a press release. Under this programme, BCDJC will extend emergency services, medical treatment, rehabilitation and legal assistance to the journalists in need.



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Bogra transport workers block highway

Thousands of vehicles got stranded for almost five hours in Bogra yesterday as the truck owners and workers blocked the Bogra-Dhaka highway. The incident occurred following burning of a truck and torture on its driver in the district. The truck owners and workers alleged that angry mob burnt a truck and tortured its driver after the truck had run over and killed Tanvir Hasan Raqib, a student of Bogra District School, on May 15 on the Bogra-Dhaka highway.

US embassy closed May 22

The American Embassy offices, including the American Centre, Information Resource Centre, and the student counseling service, will be closed on May 22 on the occasion of Buddha Purnima, says a US embassy press release yesterday.

Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (BISE) Dhaka, Rajshahi, Comilla, Jessore, Chittagong, Barisal & Sylhet

Sub: Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Local Consulting Firms for the Preparation of Short-list for the Services to Evaluate Educational Institutions for Establishment, Recognition and Eligibility for Receiving MPO by the Non-Government Schools and Colleges (VI-XII class) under all Boards of Intermediate & Secondary Education (BISE)

All BISEs of Bangladesh have intended to appoint potential local consulting firms for inspecting Secondary Schools and Colleges under its jurisdiction. The necessary funds for the services will be provided by the relevant institutions at a rate not exceeding the rate as determined by the Ministry of Education (MoE).

The services include evaluating the readiness of schools and colleges (class VI-XII) for evaluating (i) establishment or awarding recognition based on criteria as determined by Ministry of Education (MoE) from time to time, and (ii) assessing eligibility of the relevant institutions for receiving MPO subvention.

- The experience, resources and delivery capacities required are: i. the consulting firm(s) must have at least 5 years experience in the field of inspection/investigation or audit to any kind of educational institutions, ii. the consulting firm(s) must have necessary skilled manpower, sufficient financial and other relevant resources to handle the services smoothly...

The Chairman of Inter-Education Board Co-ordination Sub-Committee on behalf of the Chairmen of all Education Boards now invites eligible applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consulting firms are requested to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. The evaluation will be made on the basis of the following criteria:

- i. experience of the firms in similar assignment (like audit & inspection/monitoring of educational institutions and others relevant institutions), ii. Key Technical Personnel of the firms (FCA/Monitoring & Evaluation Experts/Inspection Experts/Institutional Mapping/Educational Program and Project Management Experts) and other staff (field supervisors, data/information collectors/inspectors/auditors) with their experience in relevant field, iii. Financial Capacity: annual turnover/bid capacity (balance sheet for last five years, must be submitted with EOI), iv. Logistics: office space, office equipment and transport.

A firm may associate with other firm/firms to enhance their qualifications. Association with foreign firms is not encouraged. The consulting firm(s) will be selected using selection sub-method: Quality Cost Based Selection Method (QCBS) in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulation 2003 and Public Procurement Procedure issued by GoB. It is expected that the services will be commenced on 10 August 2005 and shall be completed on 9 August 2006.

Interested applicants may obtain further information by applying to the address below during normal office hours before submission of EOIs. At least three copies of Expression of Interest (EOI) for each Education Board are required to be submitted on or before 2 PM 05 June 2005 in a sealed envelope delivered to the respective Chairman, Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE), Dhaka/Rajshahi/Comilla/Jessore/Chittagong/Barisal/Sylhet and be clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Consulting Firm to Evaluate Educational Institutions for Establishment, Recognition etc."

Principal Md Anwarul Hoque Chairman Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education, Barisal & Inter-Education Board Co-ordination Sub-Committee Dhaka

Heart Foundation lottery draw results

The National Heart Foundation Hospital lottery draw was held on the hospital premises at Mirpur in the city yesterday, says a press release. Education Minister M Osman Faruq inaugurated the lottery draw as chief guest.

Following are the winning ticket numbers: ১ম পুরস্কার ১টি (১০ লাখ টাকা অর্থায়ন প্রদান করা যাবে) : ৭০২৬১১৮৮

Table listing lottery results with columns for prize amounts and winning numbers. Includes text like '২য় পুরস্কার ১টি (১০ লাখ টাকা অর্থায়ন প্রদান করা যাবে)' and '৩য় পুরস্কার ১টি (১০ লাখ টাকা অর্থায়ন প্রদান করা যাবে)'.



Executives of Zonta International Club IV (Bangladesh), a US based organisation, attend its 11th Annual General Meeting at the Samarkand Restaurant at Gulshan in the city recently.