

RU set to appoint 48 teachers on 'political considerations'

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Rajshahi University authorities have completed the process for recruitment of 48 teachers, allegedly on political considerations.

The appointments will be approved at a Syndicate meeting tomorrow, sources in the departments said.

The fresh appointments are being made at a time when the fate of 546 staff 'controversially' appointed earlier hangs in the balance.

The controversially appointed employees held demonstrations on the campus several times for regularisation of their services.

On January 21, they vandalised offices of the Vice Chancellor and the pro-VC and attacked some teachers to press their demand.

They also threatened tougher agitation if the authorities go for fresh appointments before confirmation of their jobs.

The sources said, RU authorities called a meeting of the Syndicate on February 2 for approval of recruitment of the 48 teachers.

Meetings of selection committees of several departments for the recruitment have already begun and will continue till February 2.

Most of the 48 teachers to be appointed are either supporters of ruling BNP or Jamaat-e-Islami or

relatives of political leaders or senior teachers, the sources claimed.

The appointments are being made under growing political, the sources said.

But Vice Chancellor Prof Altaf Hossain refuted the allegation. The fresh appointments are being made as per needs of different departments, he told this correspondent when contacted yesterday.

The teachers to be recruited are six for Mass Communication department, three for Zoology, five for Sociology and Political Science, nine for Islamic History and Culture, three for Information and

Communications Technology, five for Social Work, four for Public Administration, five for Arabic, four for Folklore and seven for Fine Arts department.

In certain departments, the number of appointees to be recruited would be more than the number advertised for, the sources claimed.

They claimed that five teachers are being recruited in the Sociology department against advertisement for two teachers.

Talking to this correspondent, a pro-Awami League member of the RU Syndicate alleged that most of the appointments are being made on political considerations.

Rajshahi College student beaten to death

RU CORRESPONDENT

A student of Rajshahi Government College was beaten to death Monday night in Joynagar village under Durgapur upazila in a clash over land dispute.

The victim was identified as Shariful Islam, a Master's student.

Police said, family members of Shariful and his neighbours Mainul and Forkan were locked in a quarrel Monday night on possession of a disputed land.

At a stage, opponents attacked Shariful with lethal weapons and beat him with a hammer.

He was rushed to Durgapur Upazila Health Complex, where died later.

A case has been filed with police accusing 17 people. Police arrested four persons—Mainul, Forkan, Tahajul and Sudana.

Woman 'outlaw' arrested in Chuadanga

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Chuadanga police arrested an alleged woman leader of outlawed Banglar Communist Party (BCP-Laltu) Sunday night.

She was identified as Channala alias Sawashati, 30, daughter of Gosto Kumar Das of Bhalapur village in Alamdanga upazila.

Tipped-off, a team from Chuadanga Sadar thana raided the house of Channala at about midnight and arrested her.

Police said she was absconding since October 12 last year when police raided her house to arrest her for her alleged involvement with the outlawed party.

The October 12 raid followed confessional statement by arrested alleged outlaw Jasim in which he said that Channala was a BCP cadre.

Jasim was killed in crossfire with police on November 11 last year.

Police claimed that after Jasim's death, Channala was leading the BCP in Bhalapur area.

Police after interrogation yesterday produced her before a magistrate court, which sent her to jail.

When contacted, Sadar thana police said they could not recover any arms from her.

Opposition holds 'grand rally' in Sylhet today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet city wore a festive look yesterday, ahead of Awami League led 14-party opposition alliance's divisional 'grand rally' here today.

Central areas of the city have been decorated with banners and festoons put on both sides of main roads. Portraits of Bangadandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and AL chief Sheikh Hasina have been hung at several points in Rikabibazar, Chouhatta, Airport Road, Ambarkhana and Lamabazar areas.

About 100 decorated arches have already been erected on different main roads to welcome the AL chief, Sylhet city AL chief and City Corporation Mayor Badar

Uddin Ahmed Kamran said.

A big procession, led by central leaders of AL and alliance parties, was brought out in the city yesterday afternoon to drum up support for the rally. AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil and some other central leaders reached Sylhet yesterday and joined the procession.

Sheikh Hasina and front ranking leaders of the alliance will address the grand rally, aimed at spearheading its movement for fall of the government and keeping in view the next general election.

The alliance is on a hectic campaign for about two weeks, holding rallies and taking out processions at upazila level to make the rally a success.

The administration has also taken adequate security measures.

The local body of the alliance had sought permission for holding the grand rally at Government Alia Madrasah Maidan. The administration also assured of allowing the rally there.

But the authorities last week declined to allow the rally at the Maidan. The Opposition then decided to hold rally at Rikabibazar point.

Sylhet Police Superintendent Ansar Uddin Khan said 1500 policemen would be deployed in the city to maintain law and order. Besides, Rab (Rapid Action Battalion), armed police and plain clothed police will be on duty.

Security men have already started random checking of vehicles at all points on way to the meeting venue, police sources said.

KANSAT KILINGS PDB office besieged in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The Awami League (AL) led 14-party alliance brought out a procession in the town and laid a siege to Satkhira Power Development Board (PDB) office yesterday protesting the killing of eight farmers in police firing in Kansat in Chapainawabganj for demanding smooth power supply.

Starting from Shahid Abdur Razzak Park, the processionists paraded the main streets of the town and held a rally in front of the PD office during the siege programme.

It was addressed by, among others, district AL acting general secretary M A Ahmed, JSD President Kazi Riaz and party leader Sudhangsu Shekhar Sarkar, Workers Party Secretary Mustafa Lutfulah, advocate Fahimul Haque Kislu, Syed Firoz Kamal Shuvra, Azibar Rahman, SM Shawkat Hossain, Sheikh Nurul Haque, Rifat Amin, Happy Chowdhury, Shahadat Hossain and advocate Farida Akhtar Banu.

They demanded fair investigation into the Kansat incident, release of two persons arrested there for protesting power supply disruption and withdrawal of all false cases against them.

They also demanded exemplary punishment to the people responsible for the killings, smooth power supply across the country for IRRIBoro cultivation and end to alleged harassment of electricity consumers.

People led by the local 14-party opposition alliance laid a siege to the Power Development Board office in Satkhira yesterday protesting the killings in Kansat in Chapainawabganj and demanding smooth power supply.

Danger of informing police about bomb

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Police yesterday submitted charge sheet against a man who informed police about the bomb which was recovered from the house of a Jamaat-e-Islami leader at Alipur village in the Sadar upazila.

Sub-inspector Aziz of Sadar thana, investigation officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet against Ruhul Quddus, son of Akkas Sardar of the village under Speedy Trial Act for 'giving wrong information to police'.

It has been stated in the charge sheet that the 'recovered substance was not a bomb and the wrong information was given to police to create anarchy in the area'.

Police recovered a bomb from

the house of Jamaat leader Maulana Yunus Ali and arrested his son Abdullah Al Mamun on January 8.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia was scheduled visit to Satkhira on January 8 but the programme was postponed due to bad weather.

Local Jamaat leaders earlier termed the incident a 'conspiracy against the party'.

On January 16, police arrested Ruhul Quddus and sent him to court on January 18 in a theft case.

Later, a case was filed with Sadar thana against him under the Speedy Trial Act. The incident created resentment among local people. Talking to this correspondent, some of them said police filed a false case against Quddus to save the Jamaat leader.

BPKS warm clothes for disabled CHT indigenous men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Bangladesh Pratibandhi Kallyan Samity (BPKS), an NGO working for the disabled yesterday distributed warm clothes among 214 disabled men, women and children in five villages in Sapechhari union.

The warm clothes included sweaters, ladies and children's wear and blankets. The list of recipients was prepared by the Rangamati unit of BPKS.

More warm clothes will be distributed in the district, BPKS local co-ordinator Swarnika Chakma said while distributing the clothes.

UNDP REVIEWS BANDARBAN PROJECTS

Sustainable uplift plans stressed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) team visited Kibuk Chhara and Sikdar Para villages in the Sadar upazila yesterday, the last day of its four-day visit to review progress in implementation of donor-funded development projects in CHT.

They talked to villagers and local leaders about the on-going projects. Twenty-five villages are covered by the Quick Impact projects under the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Fund (CHTF), aimed at capacity building of the beneficiaries.

This is part of a Tk 300 crore UNDP-funded programme being implementing by the government and CHT local bodies, emphasising on youth employment, marketing of agricultural products and development of tourism.

Earlier, the UNDP team held separate review meetings with Bandarban Hill District Council Chairman Ma Mya Ching, Deputy

Commissioner Sheikh Alauddin and attended six workshops held here to find out ways for better implementation of the projects.

"Most of the foreign funds given for our development were misused earlier for lack of fixing priority. So, we requested them to ensure sustainable development in CHT", Ma Mya Ching said talking to this correspondent yesterday.

The team includes UNDP Senior Advisor Dr. Elayne Gallagher, Ms Louise Storey, Management Consultant Bryan Stoller, Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council member Rupayan Dewan, Deputy Secretary of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Affairs Ministry Kazi Shafiqul Azam and BRAC official Abdur Rahman.

UNDP source said they have taken up 32 sectors for development under the programme. The Quick Impact project, involving Tk 4 lakh for each village under it, is one of them.

1st Bangladesh Clinical Psychology Conference

General Theme: Psychology in Bangladesh: Past, Present and Future. Organized by: Bangladesh Clinical Psychology Association & Department of Clinical Psychology University of Dhaka.

24th February (Friday): Centre of Excellence, Dhaka University (Beside the Mukarram Bhaban and opposite to the university swimming pool) from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm.
25th February (Saturday): T. S. C auditorium, Dhaka University from 9.00 am to 7.00 pm

- Five scientific seminar/workshops and one round table discussion.
- An informative and theoretical review and analysis of past and present picture of psychology in Bangladesh and its future demand for advancement.
- Informative poster presentations on different aspects of psychology especially psycho-social view/models in mental health services.
- On the first day at 4.00 pm there is an Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the members of Bangladesh Clinical Psychology Association (BCPA).
- On the last day there is a cultural programme for all.

All programmes are open for all except Annual General Meeting (AGM).
Registration Fees: Members and others 500/- Taka
Students and trainee members 300/- Taka

Please contact for registration: Dept. of Clinical Psychology, Dhaka University, Arts Building, Room No - 5017 Phone: 9661920/4593
E-mail: climp@bangla.net, cpscho@univdhaka.edu
Web site: www.bdcplpsy.150m.com

CFSD, a local NGO, organised a human chain in front of Aswani Kumar Hall in Barisal yesterday demanding re-exavation of canals in the city and eviction of encroachers from their banks.

The Chittagong Port Authority Office of the Chief Hydrographer Invitation for Tenders					
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Shipping.			
2.	Agency	Chittagong Port Authority.			
3.	Procuring entity name	Chairman, Chittagong Port Authority, Chittagong represented by Chief Hydrographer, Chittagong Port Authority.			
4.	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.			
5.	Invitation for	Supply of hose pipes for dredging arms of CPA dredger "MD KHANAK".			
6.	Invitation ref. no. & date	05. 17.01.2006.			
KEY INFORMATION					
7.	Procurement method	Open tendering method.			
8.	Budget and source of funds	2005-06 & Chittagong Port Authority's own source of fund.			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
9.	Project/program name (if applicable)	Supply of hose pipes for dredging arms of CPA dredger "MD KHANAK".			
10.	Tender last selling date	Till 03.04.2006 during office hours.			
11.	Tender closing date and time	Date	Time		
		04.04.2006	up to 12.00 hrs.		
12.	Tender opening date and time	04.04.2006	at 12.10 hrs.		
13.	Name & address of the office(s)	Address:			
	Selling tender document (principal)	Hydrography Department, Chittagong Port Authority, Bandar Bhaban (Annex Building), Chittagong-4100.			
	Selling tender document (others)	i) Finance & Accounts Department, Chittagong Port Authority, Bandar Bhaban, Chittagong-4100. ii) CPA Liaison Office, "SALAMAS", House No. 5/11, Block-"C", Lalmitia, Dhaka-1217.			
	Receiving tender document	Hydrography Department, Chittagong Port Authority, Bandar Bhaban (Annex Building), Chittagong-4100.			
	Opening tender document	Chief Hydrographer's Office, Room No. 402, Hydrography Department, Chittagong Port Authority, Bandar Bhaban (Annex Building), Chittagong-4100. Tenderers are allowed to attend the opening of tender.			
14.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable for this tender.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
15.	Eligibility of tenderer	a) Reputed & related supplier of Bangladesh. b) Tenderers must fulfil all the conditions mentioned in Tender Data Sheet (TDS). Attested copies of all necessary supporting documents shall have to be submitted along with the tender.			
16.	Brief description of works	Supply of hose pipes for dredging arms of CPA dredger "MD KHANAK".			
17.	Price of tender document (Tk.)	Tk. 2,000/- (two thousand) (non-refundable) only to be deposited to port fund through Pay Order/Bank Draft/Challan.			
Sl No.	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time
18.	1	Supply of hose pipes for dredging arms of dredger "MD KHANAK"	Hydrography Department, Chittagong Port Authority, Bandar Bhaban (Annex Building), Chittagong-4100	Tk. 75,000/- (seventy five thousand) only	Within 120 days from the date of signing of agreement.
PROCURING DETAILS					
19.	Name of official inviting tender	Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan.			
20.	Description of official inviting tender	Chief Hydrographer, Chittagong Port Authority, Chittagong.			
21.	Address of official inviting tender	Hydrography Department, Bandar Bhaban (Annex Building-3rd Floor), Chittagong Port Authority, Chittagong-4100.			
22.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone No. 031-725940 (Office) & 812200-34 Ext. 2252 (Office).			
23.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.				
Md. Habibur Rahman Khan Chief Hydrographer Chittagong Port Authority					

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Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (An Inland Shipping Organisation) 5 Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 দুর্ঘটনামুক্ত নৌ-চলাচল ও নিরাপদ যাত্রাসেবা প্রদান করতে বিআইডব্লিউটিসি অঙ্গীকারবদ্ধ।	
Re-Advertisement	
Request for Expression of Interest from National Consulting Firms EOI No-1 BIWTC 5, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000 January 19, 2006 BIWTC invites sealed tenders from the eligible National Consulting Firms to indicate their interest for consultancy services for procurement of 2 Nos. 100 TEU Inland Container vessels. The interested consulting firms are invited to provide informations indicating that they are qualified to perform the following assignments.	
Sl No.	Assignments
1.	Updating and verification of the right size and type of the Inland Container vessels for the proposed routes such as Mongla-Dhaka, Chittagong-Dhaka and Chittagong-Mongla prepared by Pacific Consultants International, Tokyo, Japan (on 1995) on the basis of JICA studies.
2.	Preparation of basic design, drawing and justifying/selection of detail technical specifications of the selected type and prepare a cost estimate on the basis of present market informations.
3.	Preparation of pre-qualification documents for enlistment/short list of bidders as per PPR-2003.
4.	Technical support in pre-qualification evaluation.
5.	Prepare of tender document including the technical specifications of the Inland Container vessels as per PPR-2003.
6.	Technical support in evaluation of tender and award of contract.
7.	Preparation of contract agreement between BIWTC and the successful bidder.
8.	Supervision during construction of the vessels; test, trial with BIWTC's technical team.
The interested consulting firms must provide the following informations:	
a)	Background of the firm(s) with brochures, description of similar assignment and etc.
b)	General and overall experience of the firm(s).
c)	Experience about container vessels or relevant vessels.
d)	Summary of permanent professionals, consultants and staff with C.V.
e)	TIN, VAT registration No. and confirmation certificate that Tax/VAT has been paid regularly.
f)	The authorisation letter of the personnel who will communicate with BIWTC.
Other informations:-	
g)	The consulting firm may obtain further information from the office of the undersigned form 0900 to 1700 hrs on office days.
h)	The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOI proposal either in part or in full without assigning any reason whatsoever.
i)	EOI must be delivered to GM (Engineering) BIWTC, 5, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000 at 12:00 noon by February 14, 2006 and clearly marked "Request for EOI for selection of consultants for procurement of 2 Nos. 100 TEU Inland Container vessels."
j)	EOI proposal shall evaluate in accordance with the sub-methods of Public Procurement Procedure of GOB's PPR-2003.
k)	An applicant may associate with other consultant(s) to enhance their qualifications. Association with foreign firm(s) is however not mandatory.
l)	BIWTC will use self-funds for this purpose.
Engr. Abdul Gafur Sarker AGM (Engg.) & PD Container Vessels Phone-9558773	
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