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## Tug of war

The development of the country is being hampered by the political tug of war between the two leading parties namely, the BNP and the Awami League. While most of the developed countries have strong leadership, our leaders are not performing their duties with a

sense of dedication and commitment.

When this tug of war will come to an end no one knows, but it is high time that something was done to protect the interests of people.

Choudhury Hasan, Virginia, USA

### Address workers' grievances

It's in reference to the letter 'Garment sector' by Nur Jahan, Chittagong.

In the letter she writes, "We do not think the workers have done it, they will never destroy the factories from which they earn their bread and also know very well that thousands of them will become jobless. So it is quite obvious that there is foul play, a very sinister one."

Not so long ago when militants were committing crimes in the garb of religion, we heard of conspiracy by those who wanted to portray Bangladesh as a fundamentalist state. But now nobody can deny their presence in the country. She further writes, "Our heartfelt sympathy for the owners of those factories, which have been destroyed. It is an unbearable blow."

But, unfortunately, she has not shown any sympathy for the workers who are being exploited in every possible way.

I would request her to look beyond the concerns of the owners alone.

Roney  
One-mail

### Bold BB

The Bangladesh Bank has shown its great courage and integrity by dissolving the board of directors of a private bank and taking over full control for its poor service and mismanagement. As newspapers wrote it was the first move of its kind the Bangladesh Bank has ever taken against any bank. I could not but appreciate such attempt to protect the interest of general people when the Governor assured the depositors and asked them not to be tensed about their money. I

would like to thank the Governor for taking the decision in time and want to request him to continue this drive against all financial institutions that are not capable of providing proper service as per the directives of the central bank.

In the last few decades, financial institutions including banks, NGOs and insurance companies mushroomed in Bangladesh. We often see news reports of fraudulent activities by some of these organisations. They flee the scene misappropriating the money of the depositors. There should be a tight monitoring system for these organisations and stern action should be taken against the cheats. Mohammad Yousuf  
University of Dhaka

### Watching football

The World Cup football fever has gripped the whole world,

Bangladesh is no exception. Amidst amusement & enthusiasm there is something in the show that appears to be appalling at times. While crossing the Agrabad crossing on Sheikh Mujib Road, Chittagong the other day, I happened to notice a bizarre scene. People at the crossing were standing glued to a huge billboard size TV on a regular billboard on the road. It was a bizarre situation: rickshaw-pullers were casting irregular glances, drivers of other vehicles were doing the same. It was a hazardous situation. Similar situations arose in many other places.

If people remain engrossed in football even when they are travelling, accidents may occur any time. Rafiqul Islam Rime  
Agrabad, Chittagong

### Uproot corruption

The anti-corruption drive in Nigeria can be a bit exemplary for Bangladesh - to root out corruption from the top - irrespective of their positions. Nigerians are doing a quite impressive job in this regard [Source: BBC business news, 19 June, 2006]. So please do something to save Bangladesh.

I know some young and brilliant students of Dhaka University who want to join the customs or police department, so that they could make huge amounts of money!

Let's make a move as early as possible to contain corruption. Atiq, University of Dhaka

### Bad governance!

The present government will buy fuel from Kuwait on 180 days' credit or deferred payment. So, the premium or rate of interest will probably be higher than normal. Who pays the bill? Of course, the next elected government.

The four party alliance government has been reported to be negotiating a power station deal with a dubious party. If it gets through who pays the bill and shoulders the entire burden and bad name? The next elected government.

No electricity of consequence was generated in the last four years. The people will keep on suffering for at least five years, if not more, due to the present government's inefficiency and apathy. But all the brickbats will fall on the next government.

There are numerous such exam-

ples of passing the burden on to the successor. How should we describe this kind of governance? Irresponsible or anti-people or insensitive or self-seeking or cruel or heartless? SNM, One-mail

### Tax on embryonic stem-cell research

I wish to express my disappointment with the June 15 decision of the European Union Parliament to approve tax spending on embryonic stem-cell research.

Genetic science has great potential for either serving or degrading humanity. Its proper use requires moral reflection and the establishment of moral limits.

There is no scientific evidence to suggest embryonic stem cell research has more potential to lead us to viable treatments for various diseases than non-embryonic stem cells.

Embryonic stem cells carry the likelihood of immune rejection in humans. Animal trials suggest that they are too genetically unstable and too likely to form lethal tumours to be used for treatment.

Tests using human adult stem cells, however, have produced significant and encouraging results in the areas of Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injury, cardiovascular disease, sickle-cell anaemia, and dozens of other conditions without posing any moral problem.

On a biological level the pre-natal being is not like any other tissue: it is human with its own DNA indicating that - as a human - it has the same fundamental and moral right to life as any other human being. Politicians and lawmakers have a moral obligation to protect human life in all phases of its existence from conception to natural death.

We must help those who are suffering, but we may not use a good end to justify an evil means. Hence, the cry should be not for an increase in funding for embryonic stem cells, but rather an aggressive expansion of adult stem cell research.

If a man takes on the power to fabricate man, he also takes on the power to destroy him. The human being has the right to be generated, not produced, to come to life not in virtue of an artificial process but of a human act in the full sense of the term: the union between a man and a woman.

Paul Kokoski, One-mail

## Plight of teachers

It is really a pity to know that the people who are engaged in the most noble profession for building the nation, I mean the teachers, are so poorly paid that they cannot even manage two square meals a day. It is also painful to learn from the newspapers that these teachers have not seen a raise in their salaries for the last 32 years while government servants in other professions not only got substantial raise in their salaries but with lot of perks! (what a discrimination)? We all know that the present government is trying its best to improve the standard of education in the country and for that they made the highest allocations in budget for the education sector. However, the government remained indifferent to the plight of the teachers. It is also depressing to see pic-

tures of the teachers published in the newspapers who have vowed to fast unto death if their legitimate demands are not met by the government. May I remind the people who are in the leadership how much money they spend on their sons and daughters who are studying in foreign countries or in some respectable private schools or universities of Bangladesh and how much their teachers get as salary? I feel that the government should not waste time by holding out false hopes to the aggrieved teachers.

Rather, the government should yield to their demands in order to maintain the teachers' dignity and their eagerness to work. Let us not make them the disgraced outcast of the society.

Humayun Hyder, Zigatola, Dhaka



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### Noble profession, but...

Dr. Zaman's confession in abandoning his first rural medical posting (DS: June 22) is physiologically good for his soul. It is a public yet private confession to try and absolve the feeling of guilt that he has and clear his conscience stricken soul.

However, the issue was catalysed by his senior's sense of duty and responsibility as

expressed by him. It is still practised by many seniors in the medical profession who deliberately ignore the critical need for clinical training of budding doctors. His mentors are more at fault than him. One wonders if their conscience ever pricks?

Luckily however there are some senior medical practitioners who give their time and knowledge for free treatment of poor and needy patients. Dr. Ibrahim and his Diabetic Hospital are visible exam-

ples of this sense of devotion and single-minded commitment sadly lacking today. I wonder if budding doctors and medical students are given a briefing on his life and work to imbibe them towards service to humanity, which is the cornerstone of this noble profession.

I hope the self-confession volunteered by Dr. Zaman may help him to proceed forward towards service to humanity, particularly the poor and the needy.

Apatient, One-mail

### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

কমান্ডার (এসপি) এর কার্যালয়  
আরআরএফ-ঢাকা

### তালিকাভুক্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আরআরএফ-ঢাকার যানবাহন শাখার সরকারি গাড়ির জন্য টায়ার, ডিউব, ব্যাটারী ও যুচরা যন্ত্রাংশ সরবরাহ এবং মেরামত করার লক্ষ্যে ২০০৬-২০০৭ অর্থ সালের জন্য প্রকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্সধারী মটরযান মেরামতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য নির্ধারিত ফরমে "দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট রেগুলেশন/২০০৩" এর অধীনে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। উক্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রতিকার প্রকাশের পর সংশ্লিষ্ট পত্রিকা ওয়েবসাইটে প্রকাশিত হওয়ার পর হইতে নির্ধারিত ফরম ১০০/- (একশত) টাকা অফেন্ডমেন্ট নগদ মূল্যে অফিস চলাকালীন সময় ওসি, যানবাহন শাখা, আরআরএফ-ঢাকার নিকট হইতে জমা করা যাইবে। নির্ধারিত ফরম পূরণ করিয়া আগামী ০৩-০৭-২০০৬ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে কমান্ডার (এসপি), আরআরএফ-ঢাকার অফিসে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাস্তবায়ন করিতে হইবে এবং সেই দিন বেলা ১৩.০০ ঘটিকার সময় আবেদনকারীগণের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) আবেদনসমূহ খোলা হইবে।

নিম্নখানকারী যে কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন/সকল আবেদন গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

নিবাস চন্দ্র মন্ডল

কমান্ডার (এসপি)

জিডি-১৬৫৬

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Education  
Section-13

No. S-13/1-4(Pak Scholarship)/2004/232

Dated:18-06-2006

### Sub: Regarding Govt of Pakistan's Undergraduate Level 2006-2007 academic year scholarship NOTICE

Applications have been invited from Bangladesh nationals for selection of candidates for 59 scholarships at undergraduate level under Government of Pakistan's Scholarships, which was published in the daily Prothom Alo & The Daily Star on 29-05-2006. The time limit for application for the said scholarship is increased up to 30-06-2006. Application should reach the address of the undersigned (Room No. 1706, Building No.6, 17th Floor, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000) directly or by post. An administrative officer/staff of the Ministry of Education shall remain present at Counter No. 8 of Gate No.1 of Bangladesh Secretariat everyday (except holiday) from 10-30am to 12-00 noon to receive the applications.

02. The undermentioned terms & conditions of the earlier published notice have been relaxed by order of the authority:

i) Those who have secured GPA 4.5 on aggregate in SSC & HSC in Science Group and incase of Information Technology (IT) those who have secured GPA 4.00 on aggregate from Humanities & Commerce Group, can also apply;  
ii) Those applying for IT, if have not studied Computer Science in SSC or HSC may also be treated as eligible.

03. Detailed information in this regard shall be available at Ministry of Education Website No. www.moedu.gov.bd

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### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

অধ্যক্ষের কার্যালয়

চট্টগ্রাম মেডিকেল কলেজ, চট্টগ্রাম

### দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১৭-০৬-০৬ইং

২০০৬-০৭ আর্থিক সালের চট্টগ্রাম মেডিকেল কলেজে ব্যবহারের নিমিত্তে স্টেশনারী, বিবিধ এবং আর্টিস্ট এর দ্রব্যাদি সরবরাহ করার নিমিত্তে ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভাউচ, হালনাগাদ আয়কর ক্লিয়ারেন্স সার্টিফিকেট এবং ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেটধারী সরবরাহকারী ঠিকাদার যাহারা প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশের নাগরিক তাহাদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

প্রত্যেক গ্রুপের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত টাকা অধ্যক্ষ, চট্টগ্রাম মেডিকেল কলেজের অনুকূলে আনুমানিক ব্যাংক ড্রফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে দরপত্রের সহিত অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হইবে। আনুমানিক বিধীন কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে না। দরপত্র পুস্তিকায় উল্লিখিত শর্ত ও নিয়মাবলী দ্বারা দরপত্রদাতাগণ পরিচালিত হইবেন। যে সকল দ্রব্যাদি/মালামাল সরবরাহ করিতে হইবে তাহার বিস্তারিত বিবরণ দরপত্র পুস্তিকায় উল্লেখ করা হইয়াছে।

দরপত্র পুস্তিকার মূল্য বাবদ ৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা অফেন্ডমেন্ট ট্রেজারী চালানোর মাধ্যমে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকে কোড নং ১২৭১১০০০০২৩৬৬ খাতে জমা দিয়া ট্রেজারী চালানোর মূল কপি চট্টগ্রাম মেডিকেল কলেজের ক্যান্টিনার এবং পরিচালক (স্বাস্থ্য), চট্টগ্রাম বিভাগ, চট্টগ্রাম এর ক্যান্টিনারের নিকট হস্তান্তর পূর্বক শর্তাবলী দরপত্র পুস্তিকা প্রতিদিন অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে আগামী ২৪/০৬/০৬ইং তারিখ হইতে ১৬/০৭/০৬ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত সকাল ৯.০০ ঘটিকা হইতে বেলা ১.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত জমা করা যাইবে। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ কোন দরপত্র বিক্রয় করা হইবে না। দরপত্র আগামী ১৮/০৭/০৬ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে ১) অধ্যক্ষ, চট্টগ্রাম মেডিকেল কলেজ ২) পরিচালক (স্বাস্থ্য), চট্টগ্রাম বিভাগ/চট্টগ্রাম এর অফিস কক্ষে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তবায়ন করিতে হইবে এবং ৩) ভারপ্রাপ্ত কর্মকর্তা, পোচলাইশ থানায়ে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তবায়ন করিতে হইবে এবং ৩ দিনই বেলা ১.০০ ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্রদাতা কিংবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র বাস্তবায়ন হইবে। দরপত্র কমিটির সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার অধিকার দরপত্র কমিটির থাকিবে এবং সর্বনিম্ন দর গ্রহণ করিতে কমিটি বাধ্য নহেন। আর্থিক দরপত্রদাতাদের দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল করা হইবে। উল্লেখ্য যে, এ ক্ষেত্রে পিপিআর ২০০৩ এর নিয়ম-কানুন প্রযোজ্য হইবে।

দরপত্র অধ্যক্ষ, চট্টগ্রাম মেডিকেল কলেজের বরাবরে রেজিস্ট্রি ডাকযোগেও প্রেরণ করা যাইবে যাহা নির্দিষ্ট তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে পৌছাইতে হইবে। যামের উপরিভাগে বড় অক্ষরে দ্রব্যাদির নাম ও গ্রুপ নাম্বার উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে এবং যামের বাম পাশে দরপত্রদাতার নাম ও ঠিকানা লিখিতে হইবে।

ক্রমিক নং	দ্রব্যাদির নাম	আনুমানিক
১।	স্টেশনারী দ্রব্যাদি	১০,০০০/-
২।	বিবিধ দ্রব্যাদি	১৫,০০০/-
৩।	আর্টিস্ট এর দ্রব্যাদি	৩,০০০/-

অধ্যক্ষ  
চট্টগ্রাম মেডিকেল কলেজ  
তারিখ: ১৭-০৬-০৬ইং  
স্মারক নং-চমেক/২১৭৩ (৪)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Directorate General of Health Services

Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI)

Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

### INVITATION FOR RE-TENDER

Memo no. DGHS/EPI/GAVI-048/2006/1909

Date: 22.06.2006

Sealed Tender is hereby invited from the genuine Procurement of M.S.R from appropriate Manufacture/ Distributors. As per PPR-2003 Terms and conditions are as follows:

INFORMATION			
1	Ministry/Division		Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
2	Agency		Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI), Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)
3	Procuring Entity Name		Director, PHC and Line Director, ESD DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
4	Procuring Entity Code		GAVI
5	Procuring Entity District		Dhaka
6	Invitation for		M.S.R.
7	Tender Ref. No		DGHS/EPI/GAVI-048/2006/1909
8	Date		22.06.2006
9	Procurement Method		Open Tender (OT)
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10	Budget and Source of Funds		Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI)
11	Developments Partners		GAVI
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12	Project/Program Code		Not Applicable
13	Project/Program Name		Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI)
14	Tender Package No		Group : GAVI-003
15	Tender Package Name		Group: GAVI- MSR- 003
16	Tender Publication Date		25.06.2006
17	Tender Last Selling Date		24.07.2006
18	Tender Closing Date and Time		26.07.2006 at 11: 30 A. M.
19	Tender Opening Date and Time		26.07.2006 at 02 : 00 P. M.
20	Name and address of the Office's		
	a) Selling Tender Documents		a) Program Manager, Child Health & Limited Curative Care, DGHS, EPI Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka. b) Divisional Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
	b) Receiving Tenders Documents		a) Program Manager, Child Health & Limited Curative Care, DGHS, EPI Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka. b) Divisional Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
	c) Opening Tender Documents		Assistant Director (Admin), EPI, EPI Bhaban, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka (Room no.408, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor). In presence of Tender if any.
21	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting		Place: Conference room, Room no. 201 (1 <sup>st</sup> floor ) EPI Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212 Date: 12.07.2006 ; Time at 11:00 A. M.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
22	Eligibility of Tenderers		All Tenderers regardless of whether enlisted or not enlisted with the employer & as per qualification mentioned in the tender documents.
23	Brief Description of Goods		M.S.R.
24	Brief Description of Related Services		Not Applicable
25	Price of Tender Documents Taka		Taka 2,000/- (Two thousand) only by Treasury Challan Coad No. 1-2711-0000-2366 in Sonali Bank or Bangladesh Bank.
26	Lot & Identification	Location	Tender Security Amounts in Bangla Taka
	EPI-MSR.	EPI, HQ	Group : GAVI- Printing 003 Taka=3,50,000/- (Three lac fifty thousand) only Bank draft or Bank guaranty or Pay order in favour of 'Line Director, ESD, DGHS'.
			Completion time in weeks 12 Weeks from signing of contract.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
27	Name of Official Inviting Tenders		Dr. Mohd. Mahbubur Rahman
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tenders		Director, PHC and Line Director, ESD DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
29	Address of Official Inviting Tenders		Room no-406, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, EPI Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka.
30	Contact details of Official Inviting Tenders		EPI Bhaban, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka Phone No. 9880530, 8821910-3 (Official) Fax No. 8821914 (EPI)
The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
Director, PHC and Line Director, ESD DGHS, EPI Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.			