

# Int'l tender for 8 rental power plants by Oct 25

UNB, Dhaka

The Power Cell under the Ministry of Power will receive international tender by October 25 for setting up eight rental power plants on a first track basis to tackle power crisis in the next summer.

The projects are 50 MW Shahjibazar plant, 50 MW Kumariganj plant and 50 MW Fenchuganj plant in Sylhet, 50 MW Ashuganj plant, 20 MW Bogra plant, 30 MW Bhola plant, 40 MW Khulna plant and 20 MW Bheramara plant.

Of the plants, the 40 MW Khulna and 20 MW Bheramara projects will be liquid fuel-based while the rest will be gas-based. The total capacity of the plants will be about 310 MW.

As per terms and conditions of the projects, the bidders will have to install the plants within four months of signing of the contracts.

The government will purchase

electricity from the plants for the next three years.

The Power Cell, a reform implementation wing of the Power Ministry, will receive the tender as responsible body. Earlier, the Power Cell invited interested international bidders to submit Express of Interest (EoI).

A total of 17 international firms submitted EoIs to vie for the eight projects.

Three firms from the USA, two from the UK, and one each from Singapore, Ukraine, the UAE, India and Malaysia have submitted EoIs directly. Five local firms submitted their EoIs on behalf of their principals in India, Russia and Ukraine.

Later, the Power Cell issued Request for Proposal (RFP) letter to the 17 firms asking them to submit their respective technical and financial offers.

The industry insiders are, how-

ever, critical of the rental power plant project as they raised questions about the move.

They said these rental power plants might be suicidal for the power sector and hamper the caretaker government's efforts to buy electricity from the captive power plants set up by local entrepreneurs.

They said the tariff of the proposed plants would be relatively higher than that of the land-based power plants.

In 1997, the then government installed three barge-mounted power plants to tackle the power crisis and their tariff was very high, even above Tk 5.30 per unit in some cases.

The Power Development Board (PDB) has to incur a loss of about Tk 1,300 crore a year for purchasing electricity at higher rates from those power plants. This loss will increase if more barge-mounted power plants are installed, they observed.

When the caretaker government has been trying to purchase electricity from the captive power plants installed by local entrepreneurs to serve their industries, the move to install rental power plants may discourage the captive power producers to sell their electricity to the national grid.

The power sector experts said the government could easily get more than 500 MW from the captive plants before the next summer if they allow them to extend their existing capacity by installing some new generation machines.

Earlier, the government had invited tender to install seven rental power plants. But the state-owned Petrobangla refused to supply gas to three of them because of shortage in gas production, forcing three of the plants to roll back.

However, the issue of gas supply to new plants still remains a big question.

## Voter listing in Ctg begins today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The field level data collection work for voter listing with photograph and national identity card in 41 wards under Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) will begin today.

A total of 4897 field level data collectors under 800 supervisors would go door-to-door to conduct the data collection, said the sources in the District Election Office (DEO).

District Election Officer Md Dulal Talukder said they have completed all the preparatory works to start the voter listing.

On this occasion, a colourful rally will be brought out from Zila Parishad premises at around 10:30am. Acting CCC Mayor M Manjur Alam and Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ashraf Shamim are scheduled to lead the rally.

Four non-government organisations under Election Working Group in cooperation with the DEO have already started different awareness programmes, including miking, distributing leaflets and organising view exchange meetings in different wards, sources said.

The organisations are Institute for Environment and Development (IED), Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA), Bangladesh Centre for Development Journalism and Communication (BCDJ) and Khan Foundation.

IED will conduct voter listing at 24 wards in Kotwali, Double Mooring, Bakalia, Pahartali, Panchlaish, Kholshi and Halishahar.

Khan Foundation will run the activities at nine wards under Bandar and Bayezid Police Station, FEMA at five wards located in Kotwali and Double Mooring while BCDJ at two wards in Chandgaon and another ward in Panchlaish Police Station.

Special view exchange meetings will be held in each of the wards in participation of Imams, priests and monks while rallies would also be held for creating awareness among the thecalas, he said.

The data entry and the registration work with digitised photograph are scheduled to begin from November 5, sources said.

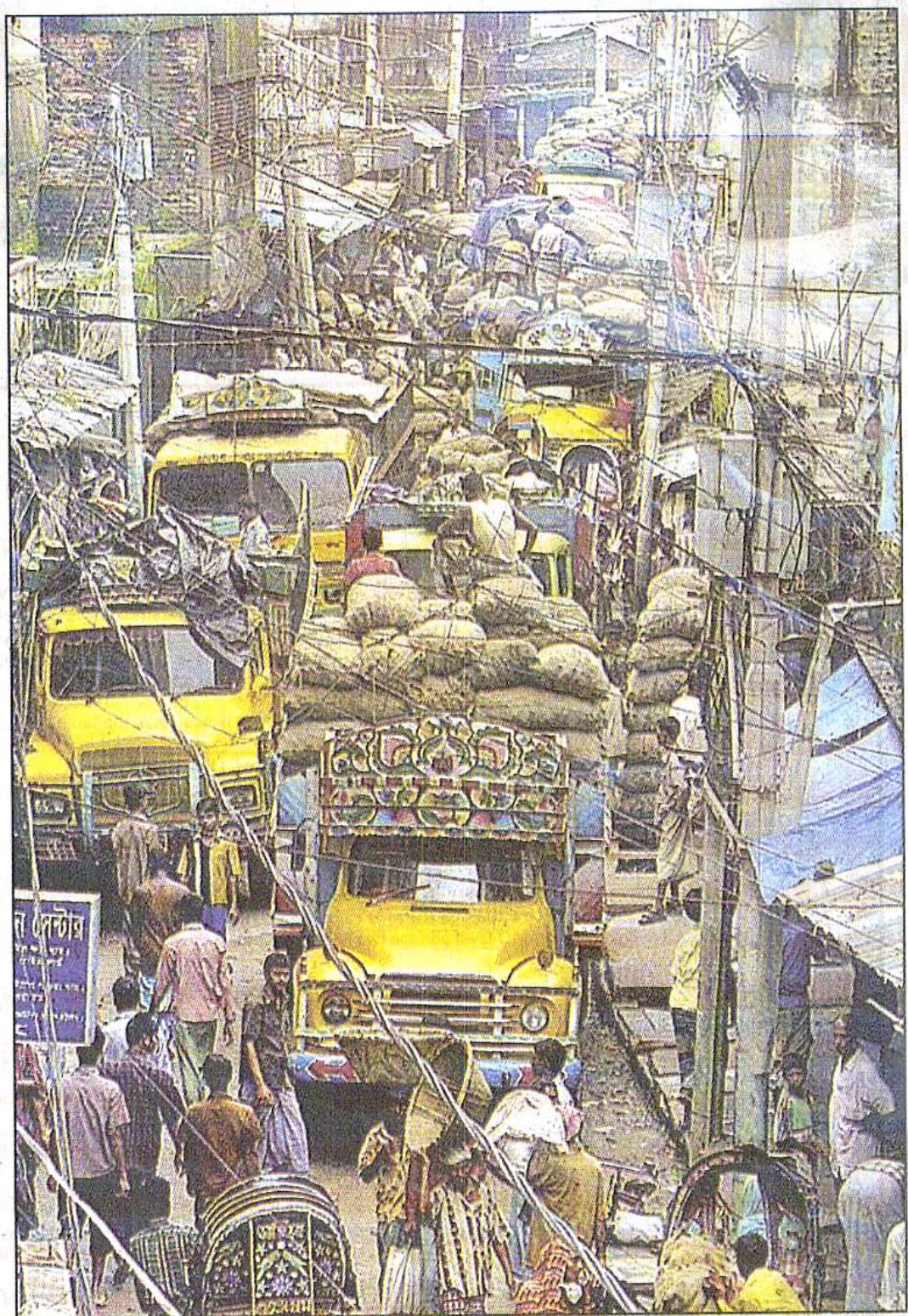


PHOTO: ZOBAER HOSSAIN SIKDER

Haphazard parking of trucks during daytime causes gridlock at Choitonno Goli at Reazuddin Bazar in Chittagong city. The drivers unload the goods in the daytime defying the laws. The picture was taken yesterday.

## SI arrested for taking bribe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective police arrested a sub-inspector (SI) with bribe money in the city on Saturday night.

SI Abu Nayem Mohammad Sabur Khan, 35, was arrested in front of the Shyampur Police Station with Tk 5000 that he allegedly took from one AK Azad alias MA Kalam as bribe to investigate his land-related dispute case.

Azad said the hearing of his petition case was going on at Metropolitan Magistrate's Court that asked the Shyampur Police Station to investigate the matter.

"As Sabur was the investigation officer, he demanded Tk 10000 as bribe after calling me at the police station at around 9:00pm. I gave him Tk 5000 but as he demanded more, I informed the high officials of DB of the matter over telephone," Azad told the reporters, adding, "At the same time I filed an extortion case against the SI with Shyampur Police Station."

DB police came to the police station and picked up Sabur with Tk 5000. Later he was sent to jail through the court.

**Bangladesh painting exhibition begins in Nepal tomorrow**

A weeklong exhibition of paintings by five Bangladeshi artists begins in Nepal tomorrow, says a press release.

The artists are Rashed Kamal Russel, Rania Alam, Farzana Ahmed Urmii, Abdus Sattar Taufiq and Mehedi Hasan.

Under the sponsorship of Birganj Arts and Crafts, the exhibition will be held at Light and Shade Gallery in Nepal.

Bangladesh High Commissioner to Nepal Imtiaz Ahmed will inaugurate the exhibition while President of Nepal Charushilpi Samaj KK Karmacharya will chair the opening session.



PHOTO: PID

President Iajuddin Ahmed exchanges greetings with members of the Hindu community at a reception at Bangabhaban yesterday on the occasion of Durga Puja, the largest religious festival of the Hindus.

## ASP held for claiming himself as Rab member

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

the incident to the Rajendrapur Cantonment and Mujibur was arrested from the local MP check post in Kapasia.

Meanwhile, police arrested two persons on charges of their alleged involvement in Moniruddin killing at Ghorshab village under Ghagta Union on Saturday.

The arrestees are identified as Mohammad Ali, 45, and Kazi Mohammad Monjur Rahman, 24.

Police said a group of 15 to 16 robbers looted valuables from the residence of Moniruddin, 35, from his residence at Basantabag under Gopalpur Union at 10:00pm, Rab source said.

Several cases including a murder case had been filed with Begumganj Police Station against Hasan, 30, from his residence at Begumganj Police Station.

Moniruddin got severely injured while resisting the looters. He succumbed to his injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Saturday.

Rab members handed him over to Begumganj Police Station.

## Convict arrested in Noakhali

A CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Rab members arrested a convict of a murder case at Begumganj in Noakhali on Saturday night.

Acting on a tip off, members of Rab-7 led by Maj Shamsuddin and Inspector Mahmudul Hasan arrested Hasan, 30, from his residence at Basantabag under Gopalpur Union at 10:00pm, Rab source said.

The deceased was identified as Mahbubur Rahman, 40, retired warrant officer of air force and son of Tarafder Ali Zoarder Ali Manikdi under Cantonment Police Station.

Police said the accident took place at about 3:00pm when a bus from Tangail hit him from behind while he was riding a motorcycle, leaving him dead on the spot.

Mahbub met the tragic end of life while going to his new workplace at 'United Hospital'.

Later, police arrested the bus driver, Shah Alam, along with the vehicle and sent the body to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy for autopsy.

A correspondent from Comilla adds: At least two people were killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Ginlatoli area in Daudkandi upazila yesterday morning.

The dead were identified as truck driver Valvo Chakma, 32 of Narayanhata village in Fatikchhari upazila in Chittagong and Saiful Islam, 20, Tojarvanger village in Daudkandi upazila.

Police said the accident occurred

## Road accidents kill six, injure 55

STAR REPORT

at about 5:30am from a Chittagong-bound truck laden with goods turned upside down as its driver lost control over the steering, leaving two people dead on the spot.

Police sent the bodies to Comilla Medical College Hospital for autopsy. A case was filed with Daudkandi Police Station.

Our correspondent from Sirajganj reports: A pedestrian was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck on the Dhaka-Bogra highway in Nalka area in Sirajganj yesterday morning.

The victim was identified as Rezaul Karim, 35, of Boali Char in Ullapara upazila of the district.

Police and witnesses said the accident took place at around 8:00am when a Bogra-bound speeding truck crushed him while he was crossing the road.

Police sent the body to Sirajganj Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with Solonga Police Station.

Our correspondent from Netrakona adds: One person was killed and 30 others injured in separate road accident in Mohonganj and Madan upazila in the district yesterday morning.

Police said one person was killed and 22 others were injured in a road accident on Netrakona-Madan road at Maitam at about 10:00am.

The accident occurred when the driver of a Madan-bound passenger bus from Netrakona lost his control over the steering at Maitam and fell into a roadside ditch, leaving one

Samsuddin, 65, of village Maitam under Madan upazila dead on the spot and 22 others injured.

Of the injured, Abdul Baten, Rashid Mia, Nurjahan Begum and Kamrunnisa were rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital in critical condition. Others were admitted to Madan Upazila Health Complex.

Meanwhile, eight people were injured in a separate road accident on Mohonganj-Netrakona road at Kakra Bazar under Barhatta upazila at 12:00noon.

Police said the accident occurred when a speeding bus hit a roadside ditch after its driver lost his control over the steering, leaving 25 people.

Police rushed to the spot, rescued the bus passenger and sent the seriously injured to Gobindaganj Health Complex.

The driver and helper of the bus, however, managed to flee.



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PHOTO: STAR

Abu Md Moniruzzaman Khan, rector of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre, speaks at a seminar titled "Separation of Judiciary for Good Governance" at the Biam auditorium in the city yesterday.

### খিলগাঁও মডেল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কলেজ

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## Extremists kill farmer in Pabna

BSS, Dhaka

Extremists chopped a farmer to death at Jagannathpur village under Chatmohar upazila in the district on Saturday night, police said.

The victim was identified as Afzal Hossain, son of Yasin of Jagannathpur village.

A gang of extremists numbering 10 to 12 entered the house of Afzal at 11:00pm and chopped him after failing to find his brother Shahab.

He died on the way to hospital. The body was sent to Pabna General Hospital for autopsy yesterday morning.

## Blood donation on last day of Durga Puja

BSS, Dhaka

A voluntary blood donation programme was held on the premises of the Dhakeshwari temple on the concluding day of the five-day Durga Puja celebrations.

Hindu community leader Major General (Retd) CR Dutta inaugurated the blood donation programme, organised by the Dhaka Medical College branch of Sandhani.

Over 100 devotees attending the puja celebrations donated blood, according to a press release of Mohanagar Sarbojanee Puja Committee.

Later, a Bijoya Dashami procession was brought out from the Plessey crossing that ended at Waizeghat. A large number of devotees took part in the procession with the idol of deity Durga.</