

Serbia trump France

Tennis

AFP, Perth

World No.3 Novak Djokovic carried top seeds Serbia to a 2-1 win over France in their Group A clash at the mixed tennis Hopman Cup here Wednesday.

With teammate Jelena Jankovic stricken by an upper leg strain that forced her to retire from her singles match against Tatiana Golovin, Djokovic squared the tie by beating Arnaud Clement, 6-3, 6-3, and then dominated the deciding mixed doubles rubber.

Despite Jankovic being severely restricted by the injury in the mixed doubles, the brilliance of Djokovic ensured the Serbians recovered from a set down to snatch the doubles in a surprisingly lopsided match tiebreak, 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (10-4).

Jankovic could barely believe they were able to upset the French in the doubles.

"I really don't know how," she said when asked how they won the match.

"I am playing on one leg. I couldn't move and I had trouble returning the serve."

"Novak was trying to help me out on the court and he tried to cover more than his side and we did it."

"I was really having pain every time I made some steps, but I have the desire and motivation to win and somehow pull it off."

"We are Serbian and we fight until the end."

It was Serbia's second win from as many ties, and they needed only to beat the Czech Republic on Thursday to reach Friday's final, although Jankovic conceded she was in considerable doubt for Thursday's tie.

Despite the loss, France can still reach the final if they beat Taiwan on Thursday and Serbia lose.

In an untimely setback less than two weeks before the Australian Open, Jankovic lasted just 14 points in the much-

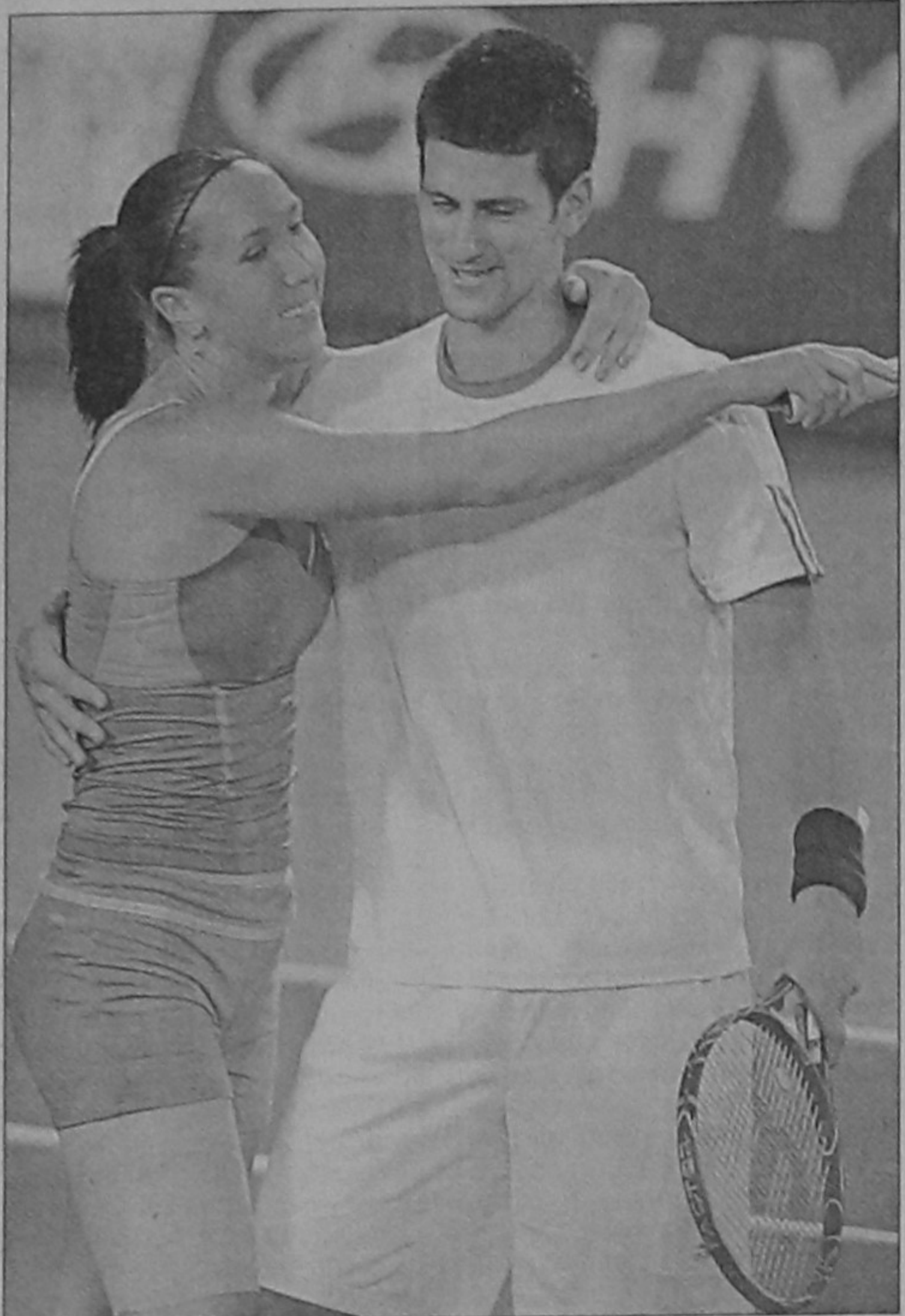


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Serbian mixed doubles pair Jelena Jankovic (L) and Novak Djokovic congratulate each other after their thrilling victory over France in their Hopman Cup in Perth on Wednesday.

anticipated women's singles clash against Golovin before having to retire.

Having been cleared of a muscle tear by scans, Jankovic elected to play in the deciding mixed doubles rubber.

When France took the first set in the doubles and Jankovic sought further treatment, complaining that her injury had worsened, the French were set to claim the tie and top spot in the group.

However, a hobbling Jankovic made it back onto the court was able to provide enough support to Djokovic to firstly level the match and then win it.

The French seemed reluctant to target the ailing Jankovic and paid the price, as Clement conceded after the match.

"I am a good guy -- maybe a little bit too much," he said.

Jankovic could be heard screaming in pain as she received post-match acupuncture therapy during a press conference for the French pair.

Although she conceded the injury was a significant setback for her Australian Open preparation, Jankovic remained confident of being fit for Melbourne.

The 22-year-old poured up sore after stretching for a backhand return against Golovin, but played on initially and broke the Frenchwoman's serve.

However, Jankovic received court-side attention at the end of the game, before heading into the rooms for further treatment.

She returned and won two more points on her own serve, but was clearly restricted and visibly frustrated.

Jankovic cut a forlorn figure as she confirmed her retirement from the match to her opponent and the chair umpire, before trudging back to the rooms to hand the French a 1-0 lead.

More to come from R Fed

Tennis

AFP, Paris

Roger Federer has warned would-be challengers that he intends to stay at the top for several years to come. Speaking to L'Equipe newspaper after being named as it's Champion of Champions for the third year running, the Swiss star said that at 26, he was injury-free and full of motivation.

"It's all to do with my preparation," he said. "The way that I train and get myself in top condition is very important."

"I have put the priority on longevity. I've always had an eye to the future and would like to continue playing as long as possible to play against as many generations as possible. I am in it for the long run."

A winner of three out of four Grand Slam titles in 2007, the Swiss player finished well ahead of American swimmer Michael Phelps and French world rally champion Sebastien Loeb in a vote by L'Equipe's journalists.

The only other sportsman to have won three times in succession was Formula 1 champion Michael Schumacher in 2001-2003.

Looking back over 2007, Federer said his greatest satisfaction came from matching Bjorn Borg's record of winning Wimbledon five times in a row by defeating Rafael Nadal in a pulsating five-sets final.

"It was an incredible match against Nadal - in front of Borg who was there, Connors also and McEnroe - everyone was there. It was a magical moment for me."

"It felt like moving into another dimension and that I was no longer just the best player in the world, but a kind of legend."

"Of course it's bizarre to think of oneself as a legend, but that was the biggest moment of the year for me."

Turning to 2008, Federer said that winning a first French Open title was near the top of his list of priorities, but he said equalling and possibly passing Pete Sampras' record of 14 Grand Slam titles was even higher.

He is currently on 12 Grand Slam titles and a repeat of the last two years when on each occasion he won the Australian, Wimbledon and US Open titles would see him move ahead of the retired American.

Federer was speaking to L'Equipe in Dubai where he is preparing for the defence of his Australian Open title later this month.

Okada vows to lift Japan

Football

AFP, Tokyo

Japan's new coach Takeshi Okada has vowed to turn the former Asian champions into a force to be reckoned with after a year of disappointments.

"I want to build a team that can have an impact on the World Cup finals," Okada said in New Year interviews with Japanese newspapers.

"The Japanese may be inferior in some respects but they have top-level techniques. Their momentum also surprises the rest of the world," he said.

"I want to make use of these advantages. On the offensive, we will avoid clashes with opponents and use a number of players to cut through narrow areas. That is the kind of football I want to see," said Okada, who piloted Japan in their World Cup debut in 1998 when they lost all three group matches.

"People say Japan don't have strikers. But I want to show how we can score goals."

Japan failed to win a third straight Asian Cup last July under Ivica Osim and the Bosnian tactician was replaced by Okada as national coach after suffering a serious stroke on November 16.

Osim, who led the former

Yugoslavia to a 1990 World Cup last-eight spot, had aimed to make Japan a fast and flexible side after taking over from Brazilian legend Zico at the end of Japan's failure in the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

Osim, who came out of a coma two weeks after the stroke, wished Japan would produce "positive surprises" when they play Asian World Cup qualifiers in a group with Oman, Bahrain and Thailand starting on February 6.

"Football is a game of surprises and is similar to life in that sense," 66-year-old Osim said in a New Year message released through the Japan Football Association.

"I wish from the bottom of my heart that 2008 will be a year of positive surprises and see the players and supporters in happiness and health," said Osim, popular for his pithy remarks which won the hearts of many Japanese.

Okada, who had ambitiously set Japan's World Cup goal of finishing in the top three, said their qualifying battles would not be easy.

"I have watched videos of each team and none of them are easy opponents," he said.

"I didn't expect Thailand to have reached such a high level. Oman and Bahrain have players who have naturalised from Africa and South America on the frontline and they are destructive."

Fans fury at Fergie's jibe

Football

AFP, Manchester

Manchester United coach Alex Ferguson has come under fire from the club's fans after complaining about the lack of atmosphere at home games.

Ferguson made his outspoken comments following Tuesday's 1-0 win over Birmingham at Old Trafford.

The Scot compared the atmosphere to a funeral and called on supporters to get more enthusiastically behind their team.

But Colin Henrie, a spokesman for the Independent Manchester United Supporters Association, accused Ferguson of showing a lack of understanding.

"I think he could benefit from sitting in the ground," said Hendrie, who believes Old Trafford stewards come down too hard on fans who stand at moments of excitement.

"You can't stand up to make a noise. If you try to stand up, you've got stewards who are ejecting you, they're taking your season ticket away from you."

"It's almost like a police state in a football ground now and if you do stand up, people will take your arm, put it behind the back of your neck and throw you out of the ground."

"Under those circumstances, what atmosphere does he (Ferguson) want?"

"The only atmosphere we've got is one where we're a little bit frightened of losing 1,000 pounds for the season ticket we've paid for."

The noise level in the stadium as United laboured to a 1-0 win over Alex McLeish's strugglers on New Year's Day was non-existent at times, a fact gleefully pointed out by the visiting fans.

Sitting in the directors' box as he completed a two-match touchline ban, the lack of atmosphere was even more noticeable to Ferguson.

"The crowd were dead," he complained.

"It was like a funeral it was so quiet."

Hendrie said that revealed Ferguson's comments had not gone down well with his fellow fans.

"A lot of people are pretty upset, because it shows a lack of understanding about what it's like to be a football fan in 2008," he said on Sky Sports News.

"Fergie's going back to the days 10 years ago where it was absolutely fantastic, you could stand."

"But you can't do that now and the football authorities need to make up their minds whether they want to have fans sitting neatly in a row not being able to do anything or if they want an atmosphere in the football grounds again."

Hendrie said a far more tolerant approach was used at the home of United's neighbours Manchester City.

"It's actually not against the law to stand up. It's to do with the terms and conditions on the ticket," he explained.

"The interpretation of that rule is different at different grounds."

"For example, at City, they've actually got a singing area."

"Because you're allowed to stand

in moments of excitement, what they say at City is, 'If you're standing up singing, you're obviously excited, so carry on singing'."

"That doesn't happen at Old Trafford."

Chinese make WC pledge

AFP, Beijing

After being offered more than one million dollars as a reward, China's national football team players have vowed to play for their lives and qualify for the 2010 World Cup, state press said Wednesday.

In a New Year's pledge, the national side gathered to read an oath to the country, vowing to take China through Asia's "group of death" and into the World Cup finals for only the second time, the Beijing Youth Daily said.

"I pledge to advance to the World Cup, which is the professional goal that we strive for," the players recited on Tuesday, according to the paper.

"We swear by death to kill along the bloody road of defending the honour of the motherland and realise our youthful dreams."

The China Football Association also vowed to pay the team eight million yuan (1.09 million dollars) if they qualified for the World Cup, the paper said.

On top of that, the team would receive 500,000 yuan for each victory over a nation ranked in the world top 50 and 300,000 yuan for each win over a lower ranked team.



PHOTO: AFP

FOOTBALL ORCHESTRA: French born conductor Georges Pretre holds a football with the Euro 2008 logo while members of his orchestra wave scarves reading "Osterreich" (Austria) during the New Year concert in Vienna on January 1.

Civil Aviation Authority
Headquarter Kurmitola, Dhaka

Invitation for Lease Tenders
Subject: Appointment of cleaning contractor for cleaning works of Shah Amanat International Airport, Chittagong

Sealed lease tenders are hereby invited for the following work of Shah Amanat International Airport, Chittagong.

01.	Description of works: Cleaning work of the Passenger Terminal Building, Cargo Building and Adjacent Area, Boarding Bridge, Apron, C & F Building, car parking including all the town side areas.
02.	Period of lease: The period of lease will be 1 (one) year after the handing over or when the authority desires to terminate.
03.	Qualification to submit tender: Reputed cleaning contractor having at least 03 (three) years experience in cleaning works, specially in the International Office Building, Foreign Embassy, International Standard Hotels, Multi-Storeyed Office/Organization etc. are eligible to participate in the tender. The participant shall submit with the tender document about the works and experience certificate obtained from the head of the organization/officer in charge, work order and certificate of completion of work.
04.	Price of tender schedule: Tk. 1000.00 (one thousand) only (non-refundable).
05.	Earnest money: Tk. 5,00,000/- (five lakhs) only in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order from any schedule bank in favour of Airport Manager, Shah Amanat International Airport, Chittagong must be submitted with the offer, otherwise the tender will be treated as cancelled.
06.	Place where tender schedule is available: Tender schedule will be available in the following places during the office hours: (1) CAAB Headquarters (Accounts Section), (2) PA to Member (Ops)/(Finance)/Chief Engineer, (3) Office of the Director, Zia International Airport, Dhaka, (4) Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Balaka Bhaban, Kurmitola, Dhaka, (5) Airport Manager, Chittagong, (6) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong. (No tender schedule will be sold on the tender opening day).
07.	Last date & time of selling the tender schedule: 28-01-2008 up to office hour.
08.	Last date & time of dropping tender: 29-01-2008 up to 12:30pm.
09.	Place, where tender to be dropped: Office of the (1) Director (ATS & AERO), CAAB, HQ, Dhaka, (2) Director, Zia International Airport, Dhaka, (3) Office of the Airport Manager, Chittagong, (4) Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Balaka Bhaban, Kurmitola, Dhaka, (5) Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong. To open the tender by the Central Tender Opening Committee at CAAB, Headquarters, all the dropped tenders in the sealed envelope is to be sent to the office of the Director (ATS & AERO), CAAB, HQ, Dhaka.
10.	Place, date & time of opening tender: Office of the Director (ATS & AERO), CAAB, HQ, Dhaka on 31-01-2008 at 15:30pm in presence of the tenderer or their representatives (if present).
11.	Other conditions: 1) Intending tenderers shall have to apply in their respective letterheads for purchasing tenders, 2) Name of the work must be written clearly on the envelope, 3) Organizational profile, experience certificate, list of all necessary machineries and equipment etc. must be submitted along with the offer, 4) The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any tender or part thereof or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason, 5) If the tender dropping and opening could not be held on the prescribed date due to any unavoidable circumstances then it will held on the next first working day at the same time.

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Director (ATS & Aerodromes)
Civil Aviation Authority,
HQ, Dhaka

Bangladesh Bank
Common Services Department
Head Office, Dhaka
Website: www.bangladeshbank.org.bd

Invitation for Tenders
Tender No. 34/2007, Dated: 24-12-2007

Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide contractors/construction firms for supplying, fitting and fixing of aluminium-glass partition for proposed computer lab and classroom in the 2nd, 3rd & 5th floor of Academic Building at Bangladesh Bank Training Academy, Mirpur, Dhaka. Necessary information are given below:

- Source of funds : Bangladesh Bank.
- Invitation for Tender No. : CSD: 34/2007.
- Eligibility of tenderers : This invitation for tenders is open to all eligible persons/contractors/firms who have satisfactorily completed at least 01 (one) work of similar nature worth not less than Taka 2.00 lac in a single contract, in any government/semi-government/autonomous organisation/firms registered with joint stock company of Bangladesh during last 3 (three) years. The tenderers shall have to furnish certificate in this respect from officers not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent & who fulfill the qualification criteria stipulated in the tender data sheet & other conditions of the tender documents.

- Name & address of the offices
Selling tender document : i) Common Services Department, CR & D Section, (1st Floor of 2nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
ii) General Manager, Bangladesh Bank, Sadarghat Office, Dhaka.
- Name & address of the offices
Receiving tender document : i) Common Services Department (Civil Engineering Section, 6th Floor of 2nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
ii) General Manager, Bangladesh Bank, Sadarghat Office, Dhaka.
- Last date and time for selling tender documents : 20-01-2008 during office hours.
- Last date and time for submission of tender documents : 21-01-2008 up to 12:30pm.
- Date, time and place for tender opening : All tenders will be opened at Common Services Department (Civil Engineering Section, 6th Floor of 2nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka on dated 21-01-2008 at 03:00pm.
- Brief description of works : Supplying, fitting and fixing of aluminium-glass partition for proposed computer lab and classroom in the 2nd, 3rd & 5th floor of Academic Building at Bangladesh Bank Training Academy, Mirpur, Dhaka.
- Price of tender document : Taka 500.00 (five hundred) only.
- Time for completion of the works : 30 (thirty) days from the date of contract signing.
- Tender security : Taka 10,000.00 (ten thousand) only.

Bangladesh Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড

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২	এজেন্সী	বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড।	
৩	সংগ্রহকারী সংস্থার নাম	বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড।	
৪	সংগ্রহকারী সংস্থার অবস্থান	চট্টগ্রাম।	
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১৫	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর অফিসের ঠিকানা	১৭১-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী রোড, নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম।	
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১৭	বিশেষ নির্দেশনা	ক। অর্ধেকমান ট্রেড লাইসেন্স/লাইসেন্স হতে প্রমাণিত হওয়া প্রয়োজন। খ। টোডার সিডিউলে কোন প্রকার যথামাত্রা কিংবা ওভারবাইটিং গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। গ। খামের উপর অফিস/ফর্মের নাম ও পূর্ণ ঠিকানা এবং লিগ্যাল ব্যাবহার করতে হবে। ঘ। মূল দরপত্রদাতা অথবা মূল দরপত্রদাতা কর্তৃক লিখিত প্রত্যয়নপ্রাপ্ত ব্যক্তি অথবা কর্তৃপক্ষের সাথে যোগাযোগের বৈধতা রাখেন। ঙ। বিস্তারিত তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড হতে জানা যাবে। চ। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র আবেদন অথবা সম্পর্কিত গ্রহণ অথবা বর্জন করার পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	

জিডি-২৫

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