

Love for the lost cakes

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delicacies. There were several discussion sessions where the visitors learned that the traditional pitha is no longer prepared in household kitchens. Furthermore, the names of local species of rice that used to be the key ingredients of pitha are gradually being forgotten.

Ferdous Akhter Lily, coordinator of the fair, said, "Our children these days do not eat pitha because we are forgetting the tradition. Besides, they are more into burger and pizza."

"We don't have time for pitha these days -- so thousands of varieties are disappearing. These days we only make one or two

types of Bapha or Paatishapta. This fair is not just about enjoying delicious pitha, but also about learning the names that used to be popular in Bangladesh," she added.

"Our idea is to pass on the custom to the young generation. We wish to revive the tradition of pitha-making, bring the mouth-watering delicacies back in to our lives," said Lily.

At the fair, there were 14 stalls named after 14 local species of rice -- Tulsimala, Banshiraj, Balam, Radhuni Paagol, Abchhaya, Modhushyle, Chamara, Shorshori, Pakri, Shishumoti, Porangi, Begun Bichi, Shaheb Chikon and Digha.

These 14 were among the most popular pitha rice in rural Bangladesh.

Award winning pitha artist Samsunnahar from Kishoreganj displayed her skills during the fair. She amazed the visitors by turning little pieces of dough into artworks. She has earned fame in her area for her Nakshi Pitha.

"I don't have any daughter. So I am teaching my nieces how to make the patterns," Samsunnahar said hoping that they will catch on her skills and carry on the tradition even after she passes away.

A few of the participants prepared pitha with rice they had grown in their own backyard.

They claimed that the rice is fully free of pesticides and chemical fertilisers.

Anwara Islam, one of the participants from Dhaka, said, "It is hard to find safe food without harmful elements these days. This fair is also about homemade food without chemical preservatives, additives or colouring. And what could be safer than pitha."

Members of Naya Krishi Andolan and Weekly Adda of Prabartana also participated at the fair.

Baul artistes Mojibor Rahman, Gungor Ali and Jasimuddin Hiru performed folk songs that gave the fair a tone of rural Bangladesh.

Mushrooming bus terminals

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However, commotions are not the only thing these counters seem to cause.

According to Ring Road residents in Shyamoli, street theft has increased in the area since the bus counters started operating on the road.

"Incidents of pickpockets and snatchings have increased drastically," said Rafiqul Islam from Shyamoli. "The bus counters have also made way for a lot of street side tea stalls and other similar shops, drawing more anti social activities in the area," he said.

Fazlul Huq, another Shyamoli resident, said, "You cannot sleep well at night with all the noise

outside and you cannot even walk on the streets with all the people crowding it. You are stuck in a traffic jam the moment you get your car out of the garage. All these are getting unbearable. We want our good old Ring Road back."

In a bid to ease traffic congestion in Dhaka, counters and terminals of all long distance and inter district buses were restricted for only Mohakhali, Gabtoli and Sayedabad areas, said sources at traffic department.

"All the designated bus terminals are located on the edge of the city to help ease traffic congestion inside the city," said Altaf

Hossain, traffic inspector (west) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP).

"The ones who are operating their counters elsewhere are illegal. They grossly violate government policies. They contribute to traffic congestion and make lives of the local residents difficult," he said.

Although a good number of transportation companies are operating their counters or mini terminals throughout the city, there is no clear guideline about it.

According to sources at Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), a transportation company only needs regis-

tration to operate in the city. It does not even have to meet any criteria or qualification such as a specific number of vehicles or staff members.

"Transportation companies operating within the city are required to have a minimum of 20 buses under its disposal. Other than that, there is no specific rule or guideline regarding counters or routes," said an official concerned at Operations Department of BRTA.

BRTA does not have any official data or report on the number of buses required in the city and other destinations. Neither did it conduct any effective study on bus routes and bus stops.

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Notice Inviting Tender

1. Procuring entity	Civil Aviation Authority, Bangladesh (CAAB).
2. Source of fund	CAAB's own fund.
3. Invitation of tenders reference & date	CEMSU-Comm-32 (2nd Call)/2006-2007 Date: 16-01-2008.
4. Tender name/description of work	Supply of archway/walkthrough metal detector for different airports.
5. Procurement method	Open tendering method.
6. Completion time of delivery	90 (ninety) days from signing the contract.
7. Eligibility of tenderers	CEMSU enlisted A-unlimited contractor, indentors, importers & bonafide supplier.
8. Price of tender document	TK 1,000/- (one thousand) only (non-refundable).
9. Amount of tender security	TK 97,000/- (ninety-seven thousand) only (refundable). Must be submitted in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
10. Name & address of the offices selling tender document	1. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka. 2. PA to Member (Ops & Plan), CAAB, HQ, Dhaka. 3. PA to Member (Finance), CAAB, HQ, Dhaka. 4. PA to Chief Engineer, CAAB, HQ, Dhaka. 5. PA to Director, Zia Int'l Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. 6. Cash Section of Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka. 7. Cash Section of Director (Finance), CAAB, HQ, Dhaka. 8. PA to Superintending Engineer (E/M), CAAB, Dhaka.
11. Name & address of the offices receiving tender document	1. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka. 2. Office of the Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka.
12. Name & address of the office opening tender	Office of the Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
13. Last date & time for selling tender document	13-2-2008 during office hour.
14. Date & time for submission of tender document	14-02-2008 on or before 12:00 noon.
15. Date & time for opening of tender document	14-02-2008 at 2:30pm.
16. Designation & address of official inviting tender	Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229.
N.B	1. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. 2. If any unavoidable circumstances arises at the date of receiving/opening of the tender, the next working day will be scheduled for receiving/opening of the tender. 3. Other terms & conditions can be seen at the Office of the Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka.

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Invitation for Tenders

1. Ministry	Ministry of Shipping.
2. Agency	Chittagong Port Authority.
3. Procuring entity name	Chittagong Port Authority.
4. Invitation for	Tender documents for appointment of a contractor for collection of garbage from the container yards, adjacent drains, zonal workshop A, B, C, D, central workshop and link road of each jetty gate daily and removal of the collected garbage by trucks from port protected area.
5. Invitation Ref. No. & date	পপস/১২৮(অপ-৪)
6. Procurement method	National competitive bid (NCB): Open.
7. Budget & source of fund	CPA own fund.
8. Last date of selling tender	11-02-2008.
9. Last date & time of receiving tender	12-02-2008 upto 12:00 noon.
10. Date & time of opening tender	12-02-2008 at 12:30pm.
11. Name & address of the office(s) Selling tender document (principal)	Office of the Director (Traffic), Chittagong Port Authority, Bandar Bhaban, Chittagong-4100, Bangladesh.
12. Selling tender document (others)	1. Liaison Office "Salams", House # 5/11, Block-C, Lalmita, Dhaka-1207. 2. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong.
13. Receiving of tender document	Office of the Director (Traffic), Chittagong Port Authority, Bandar Bhaban, Chittagong-4100, Bangladesh.
14. Opening of tender document	Office of the Director (Traffic), Chittagong Port Authority, Bandar Bhaban, Chittagong-4100, Bangladesh.
15. Tender document price	TK 1,000 (one thousand) in cash payment of Bank Draft (non-refundable).
16. Tender security	TK 3,00,000.00 (three lac) in the form of Bank Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh but member Chittagong clearing house favouring CPA.
17. Eligibility of tenderer	(a) Required bonafide firm/organisation having trade licence, TIN, VAT registration certificate. (b) All other qualification, terms & conditions as specified in tender data sheet (TDS). Necessary supporting documents are to be submitted with the tender. (c) The contractor shall have capability to supply of sufficient number of trucks. Among them he should submit self ownership document for the minimum 3 (three) units of trucks. (d) The contractor shall have skill and experienced manpower and sufficient necessary instruments to perform the job. (e) The contractors should have a contact office with sufficient manpower and communication facilities (including telephone) at any nearest place of CPA or any place directed by the employer. (f) Shall have minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility of Tk 10,00,000.00 (ten lac).
18. Duration	2 (two) years.
19. How to obtain tender document	Taka 1,000.00 (one thousand) per set of the tender documents through Pay Order/Bank Draft (non-refundable) in favour of "Chittagong Port Authority" along with an application in the letterhead of the intending company/contractor addressing to the undersigned.
20. Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Director (Traffic), Chittagong Port Authority, Bandar Bhaban, Chittagong-4100, Bangladesh.
21. Special instruction	A. No tender document shall be issued on the date fixed for opening of the tenders. Owing to unavoidable situations if actions cannot be taken on the above dates, same action will be taken on the next working date. For any false/incorrect or forged certificates, tender security money (earnest money) shall be forfeited and tender shall be declared informal. B. The participating tenderers representative with due authorisation will be allowed to attend the opening of the tender. C. Tenderers shall submit their tender quoting category wise rate with analysis. Quoted rates should not be more than two digits after decimal point.
22.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason and is not bound to accept the lowest tender. This tender shall be guided by "The Public Procurement Regulations-2003".

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