

Crows die in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Crows in Patuakhali town are dying in large numbers.

Locals and district livestock officials said, over 150 crows died yesterday and the day before in Pura Bazar area in the town.

All of a sudden, the birds were seen falling from trees and dying after a short while, district livestock officer Abu Taber said.

He said two dead crows were sent to Barisal and Dhaka on Tuesday for laboratory tests to ascertain the disease. The report is awaited.

He said locals were advised to dump dead crows under ground.

Some locals told this correspondent that carcasses of dead crows emit stinky smell.

Rajpunnah in Bandarban today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Rajpunnah, the oldest traditional festival in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), will be held at Bandarban town today.

The festival is being held since 1875.

Rajbari source informed that on 10.30 at morning the 15th king (Bohmaung Raja)

Aong Swe Prue Choudhury, the 15th Bomang King, will collect taxes from Jhum cultivators on this day. Brig. Gen. M Mahfuzur Rahman, Army Brigade Commander in Bandarban, will also attend the programme.

On this occasion, a large number of tourists have arrived in the town from home and abroad. All hotels, motels and tourist cottages are full with tourists.

A traditional fair marking the occasion will continue till Saturday.

ATTACK ON BRITISH HC

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deposition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The investigation officer and two other police officers yesterday gave their depositions in the sensational case for grenade attack on British High Commissioner in Bangladesh Anwar Chowdhury.

Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal Judge Diproman Sarker recorded statements of senior CID ASP Munshi Atiqur Rahman, also the investigation officer of the case (now on LPR) and police sub-inspectors of the then Sylhet Kotwali police station Shafiqur Rahman and Shah Alam. The three prosecution witnesses appeared before the court yesterday after repeated summons.

With them, deposition of 53 PWs out of 57 was completed, court sources said.

The judge fixed 29 January for the next hearing.

Communal harmony a must for CHT uplift

Devashis tells Rangamati meet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Barrister Devashis Roy, special assistant to Chief Advisor (CA) and in-charge of CHT affairs ministry, yesterday called upon all communities in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) to maintain peace and communal harmony for development of the area.

Assuring his personal neutrality in CHT issues involving Bangladesh and ethnic communities, Devashis said he will try his best to resolve all issues through talks, safeguarding interests of all in the hills.

He was speaking as chief guest at an opinion-exchange meeting here on different issues including boosting agriculture in the three hill districts, saving Kaptai Lake from pollution, solution of problems of Headmen and Karbaries and providing test relief to people in remote areas affected by flood and invasion by rats.

Chaired by Rangaamti Deputy Commissioner Md. Nurul Amin, the meeting was attended by among others CHT Regional Council Chairman Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma, Rangamati Hill District Council (RHDC) chairman Jagat Jyoti Chakma, Army Brigade Commander Col. Mostafa Ahmed Sakib and Assistant Police Superintendent Jayenuddin as special guests.

The meeting was also addressed, by, among others, headmen association leader Chingkiew Roaza, Rangamati Union Parishad Forum President Bihari Ranjan Chakma, woman leader Monjulika Chakma, Rangamati municipal chairman Habibur Rahman, Rangamati Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Kazi Nazrul Islam, CHT affairs advisory committee member Maolana Md. Shahjahan and NGOs representative Amlan Chakma. High officials, professionals, businessmen and

local journalists also attended the meeting.

Organised by RHDC, the meeting was held at Tribal Culture Auditorium in the hill town.

Devashis said peaceful co-existence of Bangladesh and indigenous people is the first pre-condition for development of the area and ensuring interests of all.

He assured local leaders to solve different outstanding issues which remained pending for long.

Devashis said the caretaker government will resolve all problems and none will be deprived. If any unrest or tensions arises anew, it will be a failure of the caretaker government.

Other speakers urged the government to ensure balanced development of people of all communities in CHT and underlined the need for coordination among different government bodies in taking up and implementing projects.

Body formed to resolve Mahalchhari crisis

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Khagrachhari district administration yesterday formed a seven-member probe committee to resolve the land dispute between indigenous and Bangalee communities at Maddy Karallachhari in Mohalchhari upazila in the district.

The decision came at a seven-hour meeting (from 11 am to 5 pm) held at the conference hall of the deputy commissioner. Dc Mohammad Shahadat Hossen chaired the meeting.

Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Monindra Kishor Majumder will lead the probe committee to identify real owners of disputed lands. It will give recommendations on how to set up a Buddhist monastery in the area.

The meeting also decided to hold a Buddhist religious function on Friday (January 25) at Karallachhari football field, instead of a 'disputed' land at

Maddy Karallachhari, decided earlier by locals.

Other member of the committee are Mohalchhari UNO Abul Hossen, Keyanghat Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Bisshajit Chakma, former UP chairman Sunil Jibon Chakma, Mohalchhari Pilot High School headmaster Md. Shahjahan Patwary, assistant teacher of Lemuchhari High School SM Hemayet Uddin and civil society leader Ananta Bihari Khsha.

Army officials, leaders of indigenous and Bangalee communities, civil society members and journalists were also present at the meeting.

Tension is prevailing between Bangali and ethnic communities at remote Maddy Karallachhari for about month over land dispute.

The district administration imposed Section 145 in the area and ordered status quo after a section of indigenous people felled trees claimed by Bangalees.

Jute workers' planned road barricade foiled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police did not allow casual workers of six jute mills in Khulna-Jessore industrial belt to enforce their road barricade programme yesterday to press their five-point demand including payment of arrears and government steps for better operation of the mills.

Over 4,000 casual workers assembled in front of Jessore Jute Mills at Rajhat in Abhoyanagar upazila in Jessore at about 10am to put up barricades on Khulna-Jessore highway. A self immolation by some workers yesterday was also announced earlier to press the demands.

BDR, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and police were deployed in front of Jessore Jute Mills and Carpeting Jute Mills to prevent casual workers from putting up road barricades.

High officials from Jessore district police intervened and asked the workers to postpone the blockade programme till arrival of a high level team of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) officials today (Thursday) in Khulna to resolve the crisis.

Talking to this correspondent later, Jessore Additional Police Superintendent Jalal Uddin Ahmed said they persuaded the workers to wait till arrival of the BJMC team and not to violate emergency rules. There was no untoward incident

in the area as the workers rescheduled their programme following the persuasion, he said.

"Such programme can not be allowed under emergency", he said.

Joint convener of Khulna-Jessore Jute Mill Casual Workers' Coordination Committee Md Shamsheer Alam said they want peaceful resolution of the crisis and give the authorities further scope.

"We will enforce the programme if the BJMC team due to arrive in Khulna (today) fails to resolve the crisis.

"This will be the last chance for BJMC to avoid serious consequences for playing dirty game with workers", he said.

None of the six project directors of the jute mills could be contacted for their comment on the situation in the industrial belt as they did not attend offices yesterday.

Families of four project directors were shifted from mill quarters on Monday and Tuesday, some sources claimed.

Meanwhile, retired workers and those who quit their jobs under VRS have announced a four-day agitation programme from today to press payment of all arrears.

Their four-day programmes include protest procession covering their faces with white cloths on January 30 and self immolation by 10 workers on January 31 in front of Crescent Jute Mills.

800 landless sued in Satkhira for land grabbing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Nine leaders of a landless people's association have been sued for illegally occupying 1500 bighas of government khas land forcibly at Norachak in Debhata upazila.

Over 700 to 800 unnamed landless people have also been accused in the case filed with Debhata Police Station on Tuesday night by Parulia union Assistant Land Officer Golam Farooque in Debhata upazila.

The accused are Debhata Upazila Landless Association President Abdul Gaffar, leaders Yad Ali Moral, Sirajul Islam, Firojul Islam, Golam Rahman, Nazrul Islam, Abul Hossain, Basu Dev Sarkar and Amjad Hossain.

Complainant Golam Farooque said the local administration leased 1500 bighas of the special water body, a government khas land at Norachak in Debhata upazila, to Satata Matsajibi Samabaya Samity, for Tk 28 lakh yearly revenue following government rules last year.

Since 1972, lessees have been cultivating shrimp there through paying lease money, he added.

Over 4,000 landless people under the banner of Debhata Upazila Landless Samity led by the accused occupied the 1500 bighas of government khas land on Thursday last and damaged the

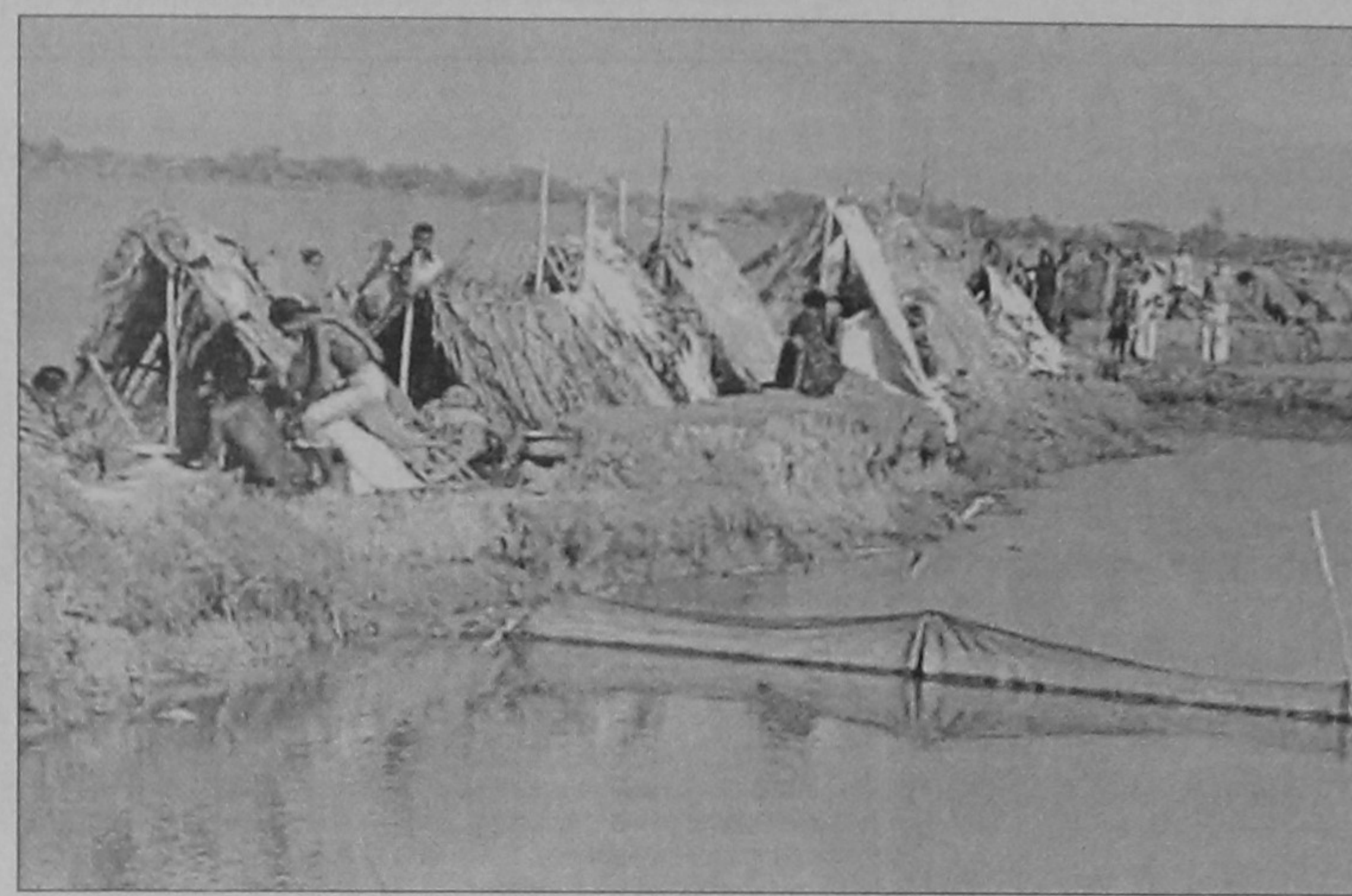
lessee's establishments and looted away fish over Tk 10 lakh from the shrimp enclosure, he said.

The landless people have also made over 1000 makeshift huts on the land, he added.

Contacted, Debhata upazila landless Samity president Abdul Gaffar said in 1982, following a writ petition filed by the landless people, the High Court asked the government to allocate the land for landless people but no action has been taken.

Failing to get the land even after submitting prayer to the higher authorities for taking lease of the land, they occupied the khas land, he added.

Satata Matsajibi Samabaya Samity general secretary told this correspondent that they have been cultivating shrimps taking lease from the government for long but the landless people forcibly occupied the land and looted away fishes, irrigation pumps and other valuables worth over Tk ten lakh.



Landless people's makeshift houses on government land at Norachak in Debhata upazila in Satkhira.

PHOTO: STAR

CASE AGAINST WIFE OF HANGED JMB CHIEF

Deposition of 2 PWs recorded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court in Sylhet yesterday took deposition of two prosecution witnesses in separate cases filed against outlawed JMB chief Shaikh Abdul Rahman (hanged in another case), his aides and family members yesterday.

With deposition of Mainul Haque, caretaker of the house Surjodighol bari, and Zainal Abedin, an inhabitant of the area,

deposition of eight PWs out of 36 have been recorded in both the cases.

The judge fixed February 12 for recording the deposition of the rest of the PWs.

All the other accused including Shaikh Rahman's wife Nurjahan Begum alias Rupa, daughter Afifa Rahman, housemaid Chameli Begum, Shaikh's aides Abdul Aziz alias Hanif, Moyezul Islam Chowdhury alias Hridoy were produced before the court.

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09. Last date & time for selling tender document. : Up to 5.00 PM (BST) on 12 February 2008
10. Last date & time for tender submission. : Up to 11.00 AM (BST) on 13 February 2008
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1	Agency	Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)			
2	Procuring Entity Name	Office of the Manager (Procurement & Contract Management), DESCO			
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
4	Invitation for	Procurement of Goods			
5	Tender No.	01/2008			
6	Invitation Ref No.	DESCO/Procurement/Local Tender/2008/59			
7	Date	22/01/2008			
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>					
8	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method			
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>					
9	Budget and Source of Funds	DESCO's own fund			
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>					
10	Tender Name	Lot-1: Procurement of Conductor Accessories & Service Accessories Lot-2: Procurement of Pole Fittings and Line Hardware			
11	Tender Last Selling Date, Closing & Opening Date and Time	Last Selling Date	Closing & Opening Date	Closing Time	Opening Time
		24/02/2008	25/02/2008	12.00 Noon	12.30 PM
12	Name & Address of the office for selling Tender Document, receiving & opening tender	Selling Office of Deputy General Manager (Finance & Accounts), DESCO, House # 3, Road # 24, Block - K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka - 1213.		Receiving & Opening Office of the Manager (Procurement & Contract Management), DESCO, House # 3 (5th floor), Road # 24, Block - K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka - 1213.	
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>					
13	Eligibility of Tenderer	Bonafide supplier having valid Trade License, TIN & VAT registration from concerned authority of Bangladesh.			
14	Brief Description of works	Detail described in the tender document. Lot-1: Supply of Compression type Non-tension Connectors, Connectors suitable to bi-metallic use, Line tape, Wedge clamp, Line Accessories and Terminal lug. Lot-2: Supply of Pole Fittings and Line Hardware.			
15	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	Lot-1	Tk. 5,000/- (Taka Five Thousand) Only payable in the form of Pay Order/ Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of 'Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)'.		
		Lot-2	Tk. 5,000/- (Taka Five Thousand) only payable in the form of Pay Order/Bank draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favor of 'Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)'.		
16	Description of Package	Location of Delivery	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in weeks	
	Lot -1 Conductor Accessories & Service Accessories	Mirpur Central Store, DESCO	Tk. 2,50,000/- (Taka Two Lac Fifty Thousand) only (Payable in the form of Bank Draft or Pay Order or Bank Guarantee in favor of 'Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)'.)	18 (Eighteen) weeks from the date of signing of contract	
	Lot -2 Pole Fittings and Line Hardware	Mirpur Central Store, DESCO	Tk. 3,00,000/- (Taka Three Lac) only (Payable in the form of Bank Draft or Pay Order or Bank Guarantee in favor of 'Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)'.)		
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>					
17	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Khandaker Najibul Alam			
18	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Manager (Procurement & Contract Management)			
19	Address of Official Inviting Tender	House # 3 (5th Floor), Road # 24, Block - K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka - 1213			
20	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel. No.: 8859642 8860341 9880400 8826206	Fax No.: 8856468	E-mail: pcm.ho@desco.org.bd	
21	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.				