

Nepali peace threatened by past rights abuses: UN

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's fragile peace process could be at risk if serious human rights abuses committed during a decade-long civil war are not addressed, a senior United Nations human rights official said yesterday.

"Impunity remains unchecked in Nepal and not one perpetrator of past or ongoing human rights violations has been convicted as a result of a criminal investigation," said UN deputy high commissioner for human rights Kyung-wha Kang.

A peace deal between Maoist rebels and mainstream political

parties in late 2006 ended a decade-long war that killed at least 13,000 people and brought the Maoists into government.

During the war, both the Maoists and security forces committed grave human rights abuses including abduction, torture and murder, rights groups have said.

"The consolidation of the peace process will continue to be at risk without political will on the part of the authorities to end this culture of impunity," Kang told journalists in Kathmandu at the end of her five-day visit.

During her visit to Nepal, the UN official met ministers involved in the country's peace process and

visited the troubled southern plains region known as the Terai.

Since the peace pact was signed, at least 200 people have been killed in the Terai in ethnic and communal unrest that has cast a shadow over the deal and is threatening crucial polls delayed and now planned for April.

"These acts of violence only serve the interests of those seeking to disrupt the peace process and will make more difficult the holding of free and fair elections," Kang said.

The election is a key part of the 2006 peace deal and will likely see Nepal get rid of the 239-year-old monarchy as well as elect those who will write a new constitution.

Dostum in standoff with Afghan police

AFP, Kabul

About 150 police surrounded the Kabul home of one of Afghanistan's most notorious warlords, General Rashid Dostum, for around nine hours Sunday after dozens of his men reportedly took a rival hostage.

The heavily armed police arrived in the early morning, blocking off several roads in one of the city's most upmarket areas and taking positions on rooftops surrounding Dostum's mansion.

They later dispersed after a tense standoff with Dostum's men, an AFP reporter witnessed.

A top Kabul police official, General Alishah Pakhtawar, told the Pajhwok Afghan News agency that around 70 of Dostum's men had stormed the nearby house of a rival, Akbar Bai, at around midnight and briefly taken him hostage.

Police had apparently wanted to arrest the attackers but were told by authorities to leave.

An official in Dostum's Jumbishi-Milli Islami (National Islamic

Movement) party, Sayed Norullah, said however there had merely been a scuffle between the guards of the two men.

Bai is a former ally of the ethnic Uzbek warlord, who is influential in northern Afghanistan, but broke ties with him last year.

Dostum fought for the Soviet government during the Afghan resistance and changed allegiances several times during the following conflicts.

His faction has been accused of war crimes during the civil war of the early 1990s.

President Hamid Karzai appointed Dostum as chief of staff to the commander-in-chief of the Afghan National Army in 2005, although the job is largely symbolic.

The incident highlights the factionalism and rivalry that runs rampant in Afghanistan, where local strongmen have their own private security forces, and is a cause of instability, along with the bloody Taliban-led insurgency.



Sri Lankan military personnel conduct investigations at the main railway station in Colombo yesterday, following a suicide attack. A suicide bomb ripped through a train in Sri Lanka's capital Colombo, killing at least 10 people and injuring nearly 100 on the eve of independence day celebrations.

UN resolution sends 'clear signals' to Iran: Russia

AFP, Moscow

A proposed UN resolution contains "clear signals" to Iran that it must return to full compliance with the UN's nuclear watchdog, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Kislyak said in an interview published yesterday.

"When this document is published you will see that it contains clear signals to Iran and anticipates a certain widening of the sanctions regime imposed by the Security Council earlier," Kislyak told the

Interfax news agency.

"What is needed is complete cooperation by Iran with the governing council of the IAEA," Kislyak said, referring to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The UN Security Council has been circulating a draft resolution tightening sanctions against the Islamic republic for its refusal to halt uranium enrichment.

The West fears Iran is hiding a nuclear weapons programme behind its stated aim of developing civilian nuclear energy, something Tehran denies.

Russia, one of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, has close ties to Tehran and is completing work on Iran's first nuclear power station at Bushehr.

Moscow said on January 28 it had finished delivering fuel for the power plant.

The proposed new measures against Iran include an outright travel ban on officials involved in Tehran's nuclear and missile programmes and inspections of shipments to and from Iran if there are suspicions of prohibited goods.

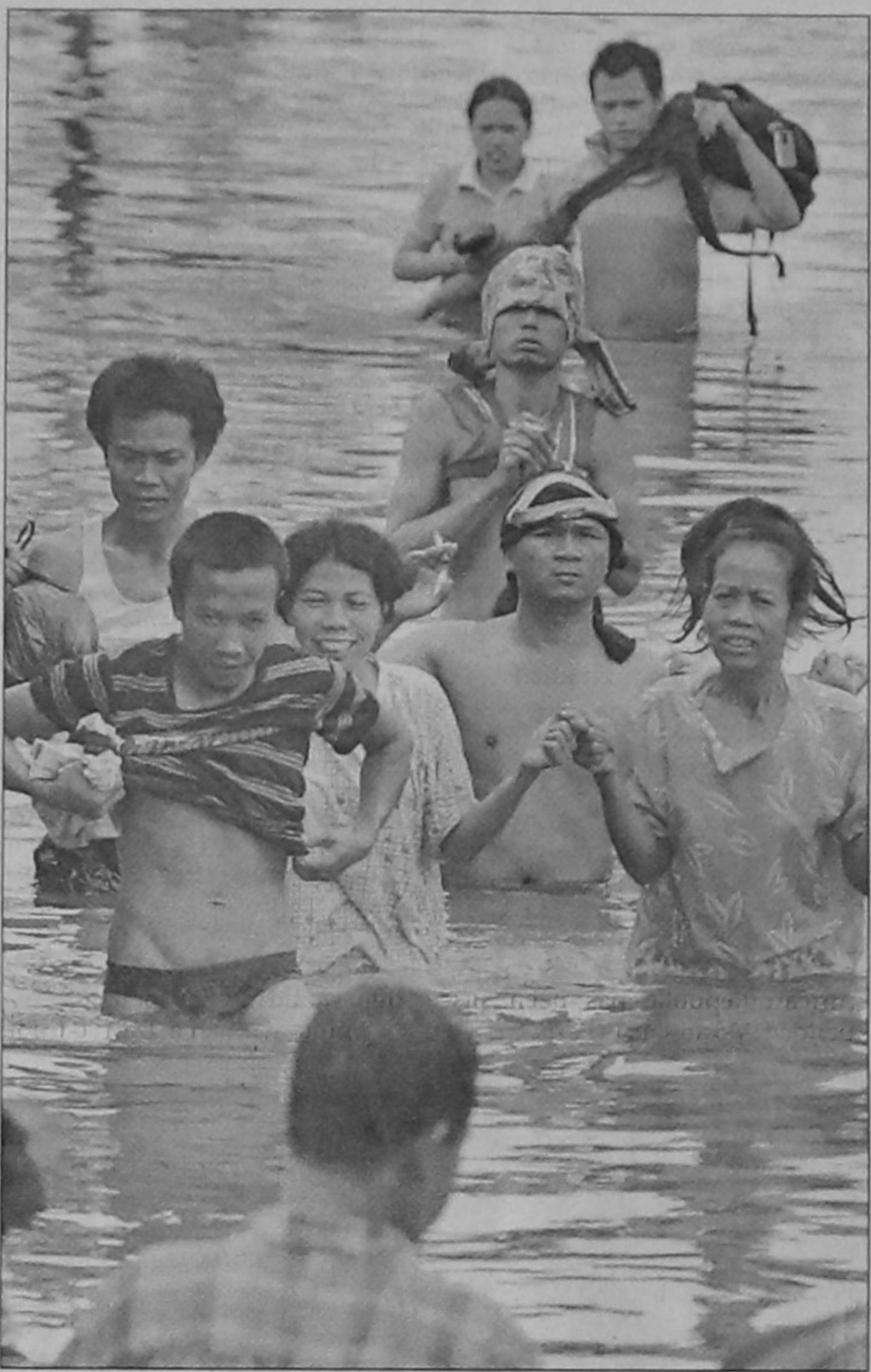
Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute (ICHRI)
An Enterprise of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (DAB)
122 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
Shahbag, Dhaka-1000.

INVITATION FOR TENDER

01.	Nomenclature of Tender	: Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Bed Side Monitor (Group-A) & ECG Machine (Group-B) for Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute (ICHRI).
02.	Invitation Ref. & Date	: DAB/ICHRI-Pur./08/03 dated 03 February, 2008.
03.	Procurement Method	: Open Tendering Method
04.	Source of Fund	: Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (DAB)
05.	Tender Package Number	: Group - "A" & "B"
06.	Tender Closing Date	: 28 February, 2008 at 12.00 Noon
07.	Tender Opening Date	: 28 February, 2008 at 12.30 (In presence of the tenderer's or their authorized agent, if there be any)
08.	Name & Address of the Office Selling Tender Documents	: Reception Counter (3rd Floor), Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute (ICHRI), 122 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbag, Dhaka.
09.	Name, Designation & Address of Official Inviting Tender	: Prof.M.A.Rashid CEO, ICHRI
10.	Eligibility of tenderers :	(i) The tenderers should be manufacturer or their authorized supplier/distributor or dealer of the brand. (ii) Tenderers shall have a minimum three years of specific experience in the supply of similar equipment in Bangladesh or in any country of Asia. (iii) Tenderers shall submit price quotation either for individual group or both and prices quoted shall be for 100% of the items and quantities specified for each group. (iv) The tenderers shall have valid trade license, TIN, VAT & Income Tax Certificate (v) Other conditions are mentioned in the Tender documents.
11.	Price of tender documents	: Taka One Thousand (Tk.1,000.00) only
12.	Date of Selling tender documents	: Tender documents are available from 05.02.08 to 27.02.08 on all working days (9.30 am - 12.30 pm)
13.	Tender Security	: 2% of quoted amount in favour of Secretary General, Diabetic Association of Bangladesh.
14.	Time for completion of the work	: Two (02) months.

ICHRI reserve the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Prof. M.A.Rashid
CEO, ICHRI



Residents make their way through a flooded street in Jakarta yesterday. Three people were killed and nearly 90,000 forced to evacuate their homes in the Indonesian capital due to heavy floods.

বিজিএমইএ
দিগন্তমইএ কমপ্লেক্স, ২৩/১ পাহাড় লিংক রোড, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১০

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিজিএমইএ বার্ষিক প্রতিবেদন ৪,০০০-৪,৫০০ কপি এবং ২৫,০০০ পিছ ফাইল কভার প্রিন্টিং ও সরবরাহের জন্য প্রকৃত প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের নিকট হতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

অগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে বিজিএমইএ'র হিসাব শাখা হতে বার্ষিক প্রতিবেদন এর সিডিউল নগদ ৫০০/- (অফিসব্যয়োগ্য) এবং ফাইল কভার এর সিডিউল নগদ ২০০/- (অফিসব্যয়োগ্য) মূল্যে আগামী ১২ ফেব্রুয়ারী ২০০৮ তারিখ পর্যন্ত সংগ্রহ করতে পারবেন। ক্রমকৃত সিডিউলের সাথে ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট নিবন্ধনকৃত সনদপত্র, ইনকামট্যাক্স সার্টিফিকেট, সিডিউল ক্রয়ের মূল রশিদ ও প্রাক্কলিত মূল্যের ২.৫% হারে আনেষ্ট মানি (ফেরতযোগ্য) পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট (তফসিলভুক্ত ব্যাংক) দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করে বিজিএমইএ ঢাকা অফিসে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাসে ১৪ ফেব্রুয়ারী ২০০৮ বিকেল ৪:৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে দাখিল করা যাবে। ঐ দিনই বিকেল ৫:০০ ঘটিকায় দর দাডানের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্রের বাস খোলা হবে।

বিজিএমইএ কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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ব্যবসায় গবেষণা ব্যুরো
বিজনেস স্টাডিজ অনুযায়

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শিল্পীয় ব্যবস্থাপনা সংক্রান্ত গবেষণা কর্মের উপর ২০০৩, ২০০৪, ২০০৫ ও ২০০৬ সালে প্রকাশিত অথবা সম্পাদিত প্রতিবেদনের জন্য "A R HOWLANDER MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR APPLIED RESEARCH IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT IN BANGLADESH" থেকে Award দেয়ার সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণ করা হয়েছে। প্রতিটি Award এর মূল্যমান নগদ ১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার) টাকা। অগ্রহী গবেষণাপত্রকে আগামী ২৮ ফেব্রুয়ারী ২০০৮ তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নলিখিতকর্তার নিকট উক্ত সময়ে প্রকাশিত অথবা সম্পাদিত গবেষণা প্রতিবেদনের তিন কপি সহ দরখাস্ত করার অনুরোধ করা হলো। কিন্তু গবেষণা যদি সংশ্লিষ্ট গবেষণা কর্মের জন্য অন্য কোন উৎস থেকে ইতোপূর্বে পুরস্কার পেয়ে থাকেন তাহলে তা মনোনয়ন লাভের যোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবে না। যৌথ গবেষণা কর্মের ক্ষেত্রে Award এর অর্থ যৌথ গবেষকদের মধ্যে সমান হারে বিকিত হবে।

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7 die in Kashmir clash

AFP, Srinagar

Four militants and three members of the Indian security forces were killed in a gunbattle near the de facto border dividing Kashmir between India and Pakistan, police said Sunday.

The clash occurred at Balnoi in southern Poonch district late Saturday after police and troops sighted a group of militants who crossed into Indian Kashmir from the Pakistani side.

"The militants managed to enter (Indian) Kashmir after ripping open a barbed-wire fence," a police officer said.

"They were sighted in Balnoi and later engaged in a gunbattle by the security forces that left four infiltrators, two policemen and a soldier dead," he said.

India has built a massive barbed wire fence along the Line of Control (LoC) -- the de facto border dividing Kashmir between nuclear-armed rivals India and Pakistan, which have fought two of their three wars over the Himalayan region.

India accuses Pakistan of arming and pushing Kashmiri rebels into the Indian zone of Kashmir where an insurgency has raged since 1989. Pakistan says it is doing its best to prevent militant infiltrations.

Zardari to kickstart Pak election campaign

AFP, Islamabad

With just two weeks until Pakistan's general election, a muted campaign is set to heat up with Benazir Bhutto's husband taking to the stump for the first time since her assassination.

Asif Ali Zardari will battle for votes after the 40-day Muslim mourning period for his wife finishes on Thursday, with campaign preparations already under way for the February 18 polls, his Pakistan People's Party (PPP) said.

Campaigning has been almost non-existent since the opposition leader's death in a suicide attack on December 27, with the only sign of activity being the colourful political banners that hang in every town and village.

"Candidates are conducting their own electioneering in their constituencies but the co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari will start the election campaign from February 7 after the Chehlum," spokesman Farhatullah Babar told AFP.

The Chehlum is the ceremony marking the end of mourning.

"There is lot of frustration and tempo (of the campaign) is very slow. From one point of view it is not good but then from another angle the sympathy element is very strong," Babar added.

Zardari's first major engagement is a public meeting on February 9 in the rural town of Thatha in Sindh province, senior party official Qaim Ali Shah said.

"He will also likely hold a rally in Karachi before heading off to Punjab," the country's most populous province, Shah said.

Western diplomats have warned of possible unrest at events to mark the end of mourning for Benazir Bhutto, whose death caused riots across nuclear-armed Pakistan and forced a six-week postponement of planned January 8 elections.

But the political scene has been eerily quiet since her death.

Opposition parties say the government of President Pervez Musharraf is talking up the threat to candidates, such as former premier Nawaz Sharif, in a bid to stifle electioneering ahead of the vote.

Rallies have been sparse after the government issued a "security advisory" for candidates to avoid big gatherings. Even the former-ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Q party, which backs Musharraf, has kept a relatively low profile.

Interior ministry spokesman Brigadier Javed Cheema said the threat was genuine and that authorities were making "foolproof security arrangements for politicians who face threats from terrorism".

Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd.
An Enterprise of BCIC

International Re-Tender Notice

01.	Ministry	Ministry of Industries.		
02.	Agency	Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC).		
03.	Name of procuring entity	Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd, Tarakandi, Jamalpur.		
04.	Procuring method	Open tendering method.		
05.	Source of fund	Development Budget GOB.		
06.	Invitation Ref No. & date	Brief description of goods	Price of tender document	Tender security
a)	JFCL/FP/DP-BPG16/SHSM/36/47 dated 29-01-08	a) PLC's spares	Tk. 400.00	Tk. 70,000.00
b)	JFCL/FP/DP-APG7&BPG16/SHSM/48/48 dated 29-01-08	b) Shuttle Conveyor Motor, Sewing Machine Motor & Spares Motor	Tk. 400.00	Tk. 60,000.00
c)	JFCL/FP/OPR/UTILITY/2.915/749 dated 29-01-08	c) Portable submersible pump	Tk. 300.00	Tk. 21,000.00
07.	Last date and time for selling tender document	02-03-2008.		
08.	Tender closing date & time	03-03-2008 at 11.00am.		
09.	Tender opening date & time	04-03-2008 at 11.00am.		

Name & address of the office(s)	
10.	Name and address of the office(s) selling tender documents
i) The Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.	
ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.	
iii) Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd, Tarakandi, Jamalpur on all working days.	
11.	Name and address of the office(s) receiving tenders
i) Office of the Sr. General Manager (Purchase), BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (12 th Floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.	
ii) Office of the General Manager (Comm), Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd, Tarakandi, Jamalpur.	
12.	Name and address of the office opening tender
Office of the General Manager (Comm), Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd, Tarakandi, Jamalpur.	
13.	Qualification of the suppliers
Necessary papers to be submitted complying the terms & conditions mentioned in the tender documents.	
14.	Designation of official inviting tender
Managing Director.	
15.	Address of official inviting tender
Jamuna Fertilizer Company Limited, Tarakandi, Jamalpur, Bangladesh.	
16.	Contact details of official inviting tender
Phone: +88 02 9352293 Ext: 300/306 GM (Comm) Fax: +88 02 9334288, 9351483.	
17.	Special instructions
The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason thereof.	

Md. Ismail Miah
Manager (Pur)
For Managing Director

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