

Sylhet City Corporation polls preparation begins

100 polling centres likely this time against 79 in 2003

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Authorities have started preparations for holding Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) polls in April.

In line with Election Commission's plan, the district and divisional authorities are now making list of polling centres in 27 wards of the metropolis, election officials said.

A preliminary list of 79 polling centres was sent to the Election Commission last week. However, it has been done in line with the previous list, they said.

There will be a little change in polling centres as the number of voters has increased.

Deputy Election Commissioner of Sylhet division Khondaker Mizanur Rahman told the Daily Star yesterday that the number

of voters is about 2,54,000 now against 1,82,000 in the first city corporation elections held in 2003.

The number may increase by several thousand because the scope to become voter by giving data and photos will remain open, the official added.

The number of polling centres will also have a little rise for SCC elections. There may be a total of 100 centres, the Deputy Election Commissioner said.

"However, there is no possibility of any big change", he added.

On an average, there will be 2500 voters in each polling centre. The number of polling centres have been kept higher for convenience of voters and to avoid rush as every voter will have to use three ballot papers, other officials said.

The EC will publish the draft voter list on February 18. Voters will get the scope to correct faults and mistakes, if any, on the list. They will have to file objection, correction, omission etc by March 5 and the list will be made final on March 24, they said.

The Deputy Election Commissioner of Sylhet has been asked to look into necessary corrections and 'disputes', if any. He will dispose of those by March 16.

In the first SCC election held in 2003, there were 79 polling centres in 27 wards.

As per the EC plan, the district and divisional authorities have started all official preparations so that the city corporation polls can be arranged in a short time, the officials said.

JCD LEADER MURDER Trial of ex-BNP MP Ilyas Ali begins Feb 25

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Following a petition filed by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for taking legal action against former BNP lawmaker M Ilyas Ali in a case for killing a leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in Sylhet on Thursday fixed February 25 for hearing.

On December 3 of 2006, JCD leader Foyez Ahmed Anu was shot dead during chase and counter chase between the activists of BNP and its student front JCD, and Awami League (AL) and its student front Bangladesh Chhatra League at Biswanath upazila headquarters.

The same day, BNP leader Siraj Khan filed a case accusing 36 people including upazila Chairman and Awami League leader Muhrir Rahman for the murder. After a long investigation, the investigation officer (IO) recently filed a report acquitting all the accused.

The IO mentioned that the deceased died as his own pistol, which was in his pocket, fired due to callous handling of the arms.

AL leader Muhrir Rahman also filed a complaint on the same day accusing 51 people including M Ilyas Ali, who is also convener of district BNP for the killing but police did not record it as a case.

After the declaration of emergency, Muhrir filed the same as a case with the Cognizance court No 3 in Sylhet on January 15 last year. First Class Magistrate Raihana Islam conducted a judicial enquiry and suggested recording the same as a case.

Accordingly, CID started investigation into the matter and Inspector Zubayer Ahmed filed a report on Thursday to the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court pleading for legal actions against Ilyas and 35 others.

Alim Jute Mills lay-off extended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) has extended the lay-off of Alim Jute Mills for 15 days for the seventh time with effect from today.

The mill management has been asked to complete necessary maintenance works within the seventh lay-off period, said a notice faxed from BJMC head office in Dhaka on Thursday evening.

The layoff may further be extended if necessary to continue maintenance works, the notice said. Project director of the mill, Monwar Hossain, however, could not say if maintenance works mean BJMC's move to reopen the factory. CBA leader Abdul Hamid Sarder said workers will go on with their blockade programme today to press home their demand for withdrawal of the layoff notice and payment of all their arrears.

Casual Workers' Action Committee Convenor Shahidul Islam Gias has urged CBA leaders of all six jute mills of Khulna and Jessore industrial belts not to act against the interest of hungry workers.

earlier in a murder case.

Soon after simultaneous blasts at five places in the town on August 17 in 2005, police filed the five cases with Sadar Police Station.

Pickpocket Rawshan Ali, who was standing on the premises of Women and Children Repression Prevention Court on August 17 in 2005, saw Nasir Uddin Dafadar leaving a bag there and it blasted five

SATKHIRA AUG 17 SERIES BLAST CASES

Trial of three cases against JMB cadres resumes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Trial of three out of the five cases relating to series bomb blasts on August 17 in 2005 began on Thursday as the court recorded the statements of three prosecution witnesses of the cases.

The court fixed tomorrow for next hearing of the cases.

Judge Mahbul Alam of

Gias Uddin, Mahbubur Rahman Liton, Billal Hossain, Asadul Haque, Ismail alias Habibur and Rakib Hasan Russel alias Hafez Mahmud were produced before the court.

Rakib Hasan Russel, a teacher of Baluaghata Girls High School in Jamalpur, was brought from Mymensing to Satkhira jail as he was awarded death sentence in another case and was detained there.



(Clockwise) Mahbubur Rahman Liton, Nasir Uddin Dafadar, Anisur Rahman Khokon, Asadul Haque, Maniruzzaman Munna and Monwar Hossain Ujjal.

Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court at Satkhira recorded the statements of the three complainants of the five cases in presence of 11 out of 19 charge-sheeted accused.

Accused Nasir Uddin Dafadar, Monwar Hossain Ujjal, Maniruzzaman Munna, Nur Ali Member, Anisur Rahman Khokon,

Five charge-sheeted accused -- Montaz alias Momtaz, Abul Khair, Fakar Uddin, Nayeem and Syed alias Asaduzzaman -- have been absconding while banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) chief Shaikh Abdur Rahman, JMB chief Siddiqui Islam Bangla Bhai and JMB military chief Ataur Rahman Sunny were excluded

minutes later. Rawshan informed the police of the matter that eventually led to the unearthing of JMB's involvement in August 17 blasts. The investigation officer of the cases, Assistant Superintendent of Police Munshi Atiqur Rahman of the Criminal Investigation Department submitted on April 4 in 2006 charge sheet against 19 people.

Only 16,000 MT urea in stock at Zia fertiliser factory

MD says production may resume by Feb 18: CUFF requested to supply 12,000 MT to dealers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

The stock of urea fertiliser at Zia fertiliser factory came down to 16,000 tonnes yesterday as production is stopped since February 10, factory sources said.

Of these, 10,000 tonnes are in bags and 6,000 tonnes are being packed, managing director of the factory Md. Osman Goni told this correspondent last night.

In the current month, the factory is to supply 68,000 tonnes of urea in seven districts under its command area -- Brahmanbaria, Kishanganj, Chandpur, Comilla, Netrokona, Habiganj and Sunamganj.

The factory authorities are supplying 1,100 to 1,200 tonnes of urea to dealers daily, which is too inadequate to the demand. If the present supply is maintained, the stock will exhaust if production can

not be resumed.

During first ten days of the month, supply through dealers was 23,000 tonnes.

Due to shortage of urea, the factory authorities are now rationing distribution to dealers, sources there said.

If the factory does not resume production within a week, dealers will not get fertiliser and Irri-Boro cultivation will suffer.

In the face of demand, the factory authorities have requested Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Factory (CUFF) to supply 12,000 tonnes of urea to dealers of Chandpur, Comilla and Netrokona, who are under the command area of Zia fertiliser factory, sources said.

In last 25 days, the factory stopped production for 16 days in two phases and it is still out of order.

It remained silent for eight days from January 22 to January 30 as the compressor vessel of ammonia plant exploded with a big bang.

Then, after ten days, it again fell silent on February 10 as its 'reformer tubes' became overheated and went out of order.

It will take four to five days more for local engineers to resume production, the source said. Production disruption in ZFF is usual.

The MD however said there will not be any crisis of urea under its command area. The factory will go into production by February 18, he hoped.

The MD said engineers are working round the clock to repair the faults and resume production. "CUFF will supply 12,000 tonnes of urea to some of our dealers", he said.

Tk 6 cr touchstone statue recovered in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) have recovered a touchstone statue of Vishnu worth about Tk 6 crore from a village in Gopalpur upazila, Rab sources said.

The 15 kilogram black statue was recovered from the house of Omar Ali at Bhutia village on Thursday, they said. Omar was immediately arrested after recovery of the statue. On interrogation, he said that he had found the statue two years ago while digging a pond near his house.

Earlier, on information, Rab arrested a Bangladeshi expatriate in Sweden named Sarwar Alam Jahangir at Hajipara village as he wanted to buy the statue from Omar at Tk 50,000.

Later, Rab arrested two others in this connection. They are Abdur Razzak of Jangalia village in Madhupur upazila and Paritosh Sarkar of Betdoba village in Kalihati upazila.

All the arrestees were handed over to police afterwards.

2,000 take part in Jhenidah Math Festival

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Mathematics Festival-2008 was held here yesterday in a jovial mood where about 2,000 students of 100 educational institutions participated aiming at removing fear of Mathematics from their minds.

Held at the Government K C College, the festival was jointly organized by Government KC College unit of Youth Ending Hunger and Bangladesh Mathematics Olympiad Committee. It was held as part of the country-wide festivities with the theme 'Play with Mathematics and Conquer the World'.

Students of Class-3 to Class-12 took part in the festivity. Five champions will be selected from the participants who will participate in the divisional mathematics festival. If selected in the divisional meet, they will participate in the national level competition.

Principal Md Abdul Jalil Khan of K C College inaugurated the festival while Jhenidah Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abu Sayed Fakir was present as chief guest.

Ashok Biswas, an activist of Youth Ending Hunger Bangladesh said the festival encouraged students in solving Mathematical problems in a happy mood. A good educational atmosphere was created at the venue where there was no monotony of doing sums, he said.

Moumita Sarker, a student of Class-8 of Jhenidah Government Girls' school said it was a matter of joy for all the participants.

Sabuj, a student of KC College said the festival removed fear of Mathematics from minds of students.



Jubilant participants at the young learners' competition organised by Bangladesh Mathematics Olympiad Committee in Jhenidah yesterday.



Army Headquarters

E in C's Branch
Works Directorate
Dhaka Cantonment

Invitation for Tenders

Notice No. 600/15/23/2007-2008/E-6

Dated: 05 February 2008

Military Engineer Services

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence.	
2.	Agency	Military Engineer Services.	
3.	Procuring entity name	E in C	
4.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
5.	Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).	
6.	Budget and source of funds	GOB.	
7.	Development partners (if applicable)	None.	
8.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Construction of 1x16 Married OR's Qtr (8-storey with 8-storied foundation) including ancillary works for MIST at Mirpur Cantt.	
9.	Selling of tender will commence from	17 February 2008 (from 1200 hours to 1400 hours).	
10.	Selling of tender will close on	09 March 2008, 1400 hours.	
11.	Last date and time of submission of tender	11 March 2008, 1200 hours.	
12.	Date and time of opening of tender	11 March 2008, 1230 hours.	
Name & address of the office(s)			
- Selling tender document		Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Project Dhaka and AHO, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantt.	
13. - Receiving tender document		Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Project Dhaka.	
- Opening tender document		-Do-	
14. Eligibility of tenderer			
a. MES enlisted contractors Class-A, B & C			
b. Contractors enlisted in other govt. departments in similar capacity may also participate in tenders of all the works mentioned above subject to receipt of security clearance from DGF.			
15. Brief description of works			
Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document (Taka)
			Tender security amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of AHO, E in C's Br, Wks Dte, Dhaka Cantt (Taka)
			Up-to-date statement/certificate against liquid asset/bank credit facility to be attached with tender documents (Taka)
			Completion time in weeks/months
a.	Construction of 1x16 Married OR's Qtr (8-storey with 8-storied foundation) including ancillary works for MIST at Mirpur Cantt.	MIST Mirpur Cantt	4,000/-
			4,50,000/-
			31,00,000/-
			16 (sixteen) months
16. Name of official inviting tender			
17. Designation of official inviting tender			
18. Address of official inviting tender			
19. Contact details of official inviting tender			
20. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.			

First pry school for 7 orange producing villages opens

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The people of seven orange producing villages under Juri upazila had a happy occasion as Moulvibazar Deputy Commissioner (DC) Md Alkama Siddiquee inaugurated Shuknachhera Non-government Primary School at Suknachhera village on Thursday.

It is the first primary school in the hilly forest area comprising the villages of Shuknachhera, Hayachhera, Jalai, Kuchaj, Belbari, Binandapur and Kollerol under Goalbari union of Juri upazila. The area is well-known for large scale production of delicious winter fruit orange.

After inauguration, the deputy commissioner gave the first lesson to the students by writing "Amar Sonar Bangla Ami Tomay Bhalobashi" on the blackboard.

Earlier locals appealed to high officials and people's representatives for setting up a primary school there.

Reading a story on the issue published in Bangla daily Prothom Alo in last month, Alkama

Siddiquee took initiative to establish a primary school at Shuknachhera.

The administration arranged a piece of land and local people donated materials to construct the bamboo-fenced tin-shed schoolhouse. Many locals offered voluntary physical labour for the purpose.

Md Azizur Rahman, a member of the newly formed school managing committee, said, Tk one lakh 50 thousand have been spent to build the schoolhouse. Academic activities of the school started on Thursday as 91 students had already been admitted to the school. However, only 12 pair of desk and bench, a blackboard, four chairs and four tables have been managed.

The school premises assumed a festive look as guardians and students attended the inaugural ceremony.

"I am very happy to see the long awaited demand of the local people fulfilled," he said, adding that he will try to get the school registered," DC Alkama Siddiquee told The Daily Star.



Opened on Thursday, Suknachhera primary school is the first of its kind for seven orange producing villages under Goalbari union in Juri upazila.

আর্মড ফোর্সেস মেডিক্যাল কলেজ

ঢাকা সেনানিবাস

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি-অর্থ বৎসর ২০০৭-২০০৮

১। স্নাতক ও স্নাতকোত্তর পর্যায়ের মেডিক্যাল (Test/Reference) বই সরবরাহের জন্য প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারীদের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্র-এর সিডিউল নির্ধারিত নগদ মূল্যে (অফেরতযোগ্য) অফিস চলাকালীন সময় নিম্নরূপভাবে আর্মড ফোর্সেস মেডিক্যাল কলেজ, ঢাকা সেনানিবাস হতে সংগ্রহ, জমা এবং দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকে) নিম্নলিখিত সময়সূচি অনুযায়ী খোলা হবে। দরপত্র যথাযথ যাচাই-বাছাই পূর্বক সঠিকভাবে দাখিলকৃত দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবেঃ

ক। দরপত্র-এর সিডিউল সংগ্রহের তারিখ ও সময়ঃ ০৪ মার্চ ২০০৮ হতে ২৫ মার্চ ২০০৮ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় ০৯০০ ঘটিকা হইতে ১৩০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

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গ। দরপত্র-এর সিডিউল খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়ঃ এএফএমসি, ঢাকা সেনানিবাস মেইন অফিস কক্ষে ৩১ মার্চ ২০০৮ইং ১২০০ ঘটিকায়।

২। নিরাপত্তা জামানতঃ দরপত্র জমা করার সময় অধ্যক্ষ, এএফএমসি এর অনুকূলে ২৫,০০০.০০ (পঁচিশ হাজার টাকা) মাত্র টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট নিরাপত্তা জামানত হিসেবে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে (যাচা ফেরতযোগ্য)।

৩। অধ্যক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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