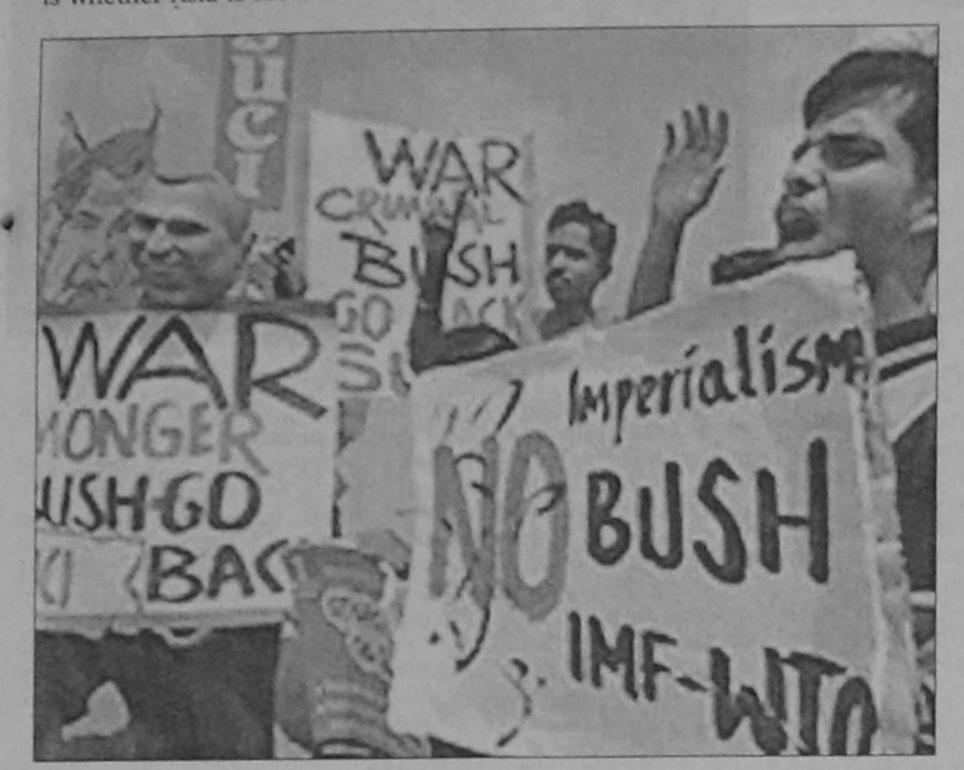
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Emerging Asia vs. US recession

is whether Asia is recession immune.

With the US economy sinking into Many had thought that the "decouprecession, the question, which arises, ling" theory would work i.e. the theory



affected by US recession. While it is true that the "decoupling" theory may that Asian economies are unlikely to be not have worked as was expected October high, this week), one can still say that this time around the emerging economies would be in a much better downturns.

It is true that exports and profits would be hurt and it is also true that Asia is also exposed to the sub-prime mess. Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia have exports to US accounting for 20% or more of their GDPs. Singapore's exports to US fell by 11% and Malaysia's by 16%. Despite all this one can still be optimistic because China's, and India's exports to USA are equivalent to 8% and 2% of their GDPs respectively. And other important factors are that in East Asia, the macroeconomic fundamentals are strong i.e. they have huge foreign exchange reserves, current account surpluses, strong economic growth rates. In addition, their domestic demand is also

very strong and governments have more flexibility. And some economies have already decoupled. For instance (since the MSCI Emerging Asia Index Malaysia's exports to the USA fell but was down by 25% at one point from its still their GDP increased from 5.7% to 6.7% in the third quarter of last year. Many analysts now say that in 2001 Asian economies were affected not position compared to previous US only due to declining exports, but mainly because investment fell sharply. But today firms are in a much better position; capacity utilisation is high across the region, corporate balance sheets are stronger and real interest-rates are low, thereby indicating that investment is unlikely to fall. They can also implement fiscal stimulus measures to boost growth since they are facing budget surpluses.

So, it would be unwise to say that Asian economies will be badly affected. They will be affected but by much less than in the past. That is, the "decoupling" theory may still be alive and well.

Wasif Wahed Old DOHS, Dhaka

Our postal service

Thanks to Mr. Ihsanul Haq for his brilliant suggestion regarding improving the postal services in Bangladesh. Mr Haq perhaps does not know that we Bangladeshis earn billions of dollars working as expatriates and in this situation do we still need to hire technical experts for improving our postal services?

We use our brain to maximise corruption but if we use it to enrich our dear motherland, we can build a better Bangladesh. It is already too late for our people to think how to improve the overall situation and stop nasty politics of corruption. We should think how to provide bread, butter and jam to the poor post office employees by guiding them to improve our postal services to global standards, instead of providing them with old panta and onions.

In many cases, we have the experience and expertise to improve our products and services, but we either aim to maximise corruption or to profiteer and send billions of dollars abroad to develop hidden wealth.

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giving junk lectures.

So, will the adviser concerned be kind enough to consider improving our postal services? Ruhul A. Chowdhury Dhanmondi, Dhaka

Of sledging and bullying

Indian Board and players did after sknowing that it was just another the Test just revealed that maybe effect of being cricket's minnows, the ICC is not cricket's supreme demonstrating true cricketing authority after all.

Sack Buckner and Benson from Indian batting maestros, but because of wrong umpiring decisions? Well, I agree that Sydney was from us. We need to change our attitude not their greatest moment. But

claims? If they thought Buckner was too old to stand over Test matches, they did not object at the beginning of the Test. So, were they claiming that Buckner was partisan? That umpiring mistakes were not part of the game? Not only is that a serious accusation on a cricket's eminent personality, but that harmed cricket as a whole. It appears that the Indian Cricket Even that is eclipsed by their threat Board is intent on exercising the to boycott the series unless their same control outside the field as demands were complied with. Australian players are exercising Come on, look at Bangladesh. inside. Moreover, their methods of Since the beginning, our quest for doing so are surprisingly similar. respect from the cricket elite has Much sympathy has been spared been derailed by umpiring decifor India after a few umpiring sions which have gone almost mistakes cost them dearly. The always against us. If we protested in Australian squad has been chas- the same manner, we could not tised for their on-field antics and have completed any series or any their furious desire to win at all umpire of the ICC's elite panel costs. They were also imprudent could not have presided over our not to defuse on field tensions Test matches. Nevertheless, we between themselves. But what the have complied with everything, spirit. We may have a lot to learn

The ICC as usual bent to BCCI's government office concerned, and AFreedom Fighter and value orientation and stop what were they implying by their appeal, though appearing stern at nobody would help me if they One-mail

they could learn sportsmanship

happened as during the last World Cup, they surrendered to Indian advertising desires. It is a fact that bargaining with them, but I could most of cricket's viewers are from not see any law enforcing person-India. However, that should not mean that they should be able to tant offices of the district headbend cricket's rules!

I should make it clear that I am not expressing solidarity with the Aussies. But India's stance on the Sydney Test match just demonstrated that they were determined One-mail to match the Australians in... Ananya Das

East Rajarbagh, Bashaboo, Dhaka

Criminals at work!

I would like to draw your kind a few days ago. Place: In front of Noakhali Sadar

Sub-register Office (Land). Date: 07/02/2008 (Thursday).

Time: about 4-30pm. day. After completing the registration when I was leaving that place some criminals blocked me in front of the office and asked for taken the land on lease from the party.

first. This is not the first time it has murdered me there, if I did not accept their demand.

As a law-abiding man I started nel around, though all the imporquarters were situated there!

I hope the authorities concerned will take note of the inci-

A citizen

AL's decision

We are pleased to hear that the AL is going to begin talks with other parties to form an electoral alliance like the previous "Moha Oikkyo attention to the danger that I faced Jote". We are also happy to note that this time the AL is not entering into any electoral alliance with Dr. Kamal's Gono Forum or with the fundamentalist parties.

We support the decision to I had a land registration on that keep Dr. Kamal Hussain away from

He has begged "forgiveness" for his association with Sk. Hasina. So, no true AL well-wisher would like donation saying that they had to see him in any alliance with the

Tourism

Reference is made to an article published in a daily newspaper.

I am an Italian Tour Operator and Travel Consultant and am touring Bangladesh since the 3rd of January and had a different welcome in St. Martin's island. I was lodged in a Guest house, recommended by the local Director of Water Disaster Department and while out for dinner, somebody entered my room, broke the lock of my luggage and took, money and credit cards, causing me to cut short my stay in the Republic and return home.

Both Police in St. Martin's and Cox's Bazar, after a week of investiare targeted.

I shall still recommend to my clients a short visit to Bangladesh but works produces astonishingly infrastructures and security are matters to be attended as an prior- tive therefore that they look into it ity if a sound tourist programme is seriously, rather than trying to

to be developed. As a trivial exam- styling themselves as : only 'conple, banks in Cox's Bazar do not exchange Euro, in St. Martin's you would not find, apart from coconuts a simple fruit, such apples, orange etc.... no money exchange, of course, no electricity, hence no fridge facilities etc.... I do not wish to comment further on other places visited.

Carlo Polla, One-mail

DU teachers

The caretaker government has shown its goodwill to the teaching community by securing presidential pardon for the convicted Dhaka University teachers. We just hope that they would now return the gation were unable to come to a gesture and the efforts of all others positive conclusion. It appears this to see them released by focusing on is not the first case of robbery along their paid-for primary the coast, where foreign tourists responsibilityteaching and scholarly research.

Web search on their published disappointing results; it is impera-

science' of society. Nayeem Jafar New York, Dhaka

EC's role

Since the inception of the reconstructed, independent and autonomous Election Commission, it has certainly taken some successful initiatives for which it really deserves credit. At least we now are hopeful about its mission of conducting a credible election. But what fills us with apprehension is the unwanted smack of procrastination in implementing the plans in accordance with the roadmap. It seems that still the Commission is waiting for the favourable moment, instead of creating it through its own efforts.

Why does the EC appear to be hesitant while it has the legal authority to do whatever is needed to speed up the process of election? Please show the courage!

Shahid, Jhawtala

Save Sundarbans

It has transpired from the recent round table conference held under the auspices of the daily Prothom Alo that indiscriminate cutting of trees as well as illegal collection of other forest resources and materials are the root causes for gradual extinction of the forest. The Sundarbans is one of the largest mangrove forests in the world having many rear species of animals and trees. Hundreds of canals and tributaries have passed through the forestland. Thousands of local inhabitants are mostly dependant on the Sundarbans for their livelihood. They collect honey, fish,

woods and other materials. Illegal collection, which is also rampant, in connivance with dishonest and corrupt officials of the forest department is putting tremendous pressure on the forests.

Sundarbans is our pride, our natural beauty and our glory and at the same time our lifesaver; we should very passionately nurture this forest for our future generations.

I strongly feel that the government should immediately take appropriate steps to overcome the problems that threaten the very existence of the forests. Nasar, One-mail



গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়

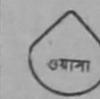
वनाथां वावशायां व अकृष्ठि সংরক্ষণ विভাগ, সিলেট সদর দপ্তর-মৌলভীবাজার

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00	দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা	যে কোন সরকারি/আধা-সরকারি ও স্বায়ন্ত্রশাসিত সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকাভুক্ত ১ম শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদার/নির্মাণ প্রতিষ্ঠান ও অনুরূপ কাজের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান।
06	দরপত্রের সিডিউল প্রান্তির স্থান	 বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, বন্যপ্রাণী ব্যবস্থাপনা ও প্রকৃতি সংরক্ষণ বিভাগ, সিলেট, সদর দপ্তর, মৌলভীবাজার। বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, সিলেট বন বিভাগ, সিলেট।
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		২। বন সংরক্ষক, বন্যপ্রাণী ও প্রকৃতি সংরক্ষণ অঞ্চল, বন ভবন, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকা।
		৩। জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, মৌলভীবাজার।
		৪। বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, বন্যপ্রাণী ব্যবস্থাপনা ও প্রকৃতি
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22	কার্য সম্পাদনের সময়	তফ্সিল অনুসারে।
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		২। নিম্নাক্ষরকারী যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
		ত। দরপত্রদাতা নিজে বা তাহার প্রতিনিধির মাধ্যমে তালিকাভুক্তির ও অভিজ্ঞতার মূল সনদপত্র প্রদর্শনপূর্বক নিজ প্যাডে আবেদনপত্রের মাধ্যমে ফ্রপভিত্তিক দরপত্রের সিডিউল ক্রয় করিতে পারিবেন।
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ঢাকা পানি সরবরাহ ও পয়ঃ নিস্কাশন কর্তৃপক্ষ



বোতলজাত পানি উৎপাদন, প্ল্যান্ট প্রট নং-৮, সেকশন নং-১০ মিরপুর, ঢাকা

পরিবেশক নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা ওয়াসা কর্তৃক আমেরিকান প্রযুক্তিতে স্বয়ংক্রিয় প্লান্টে উৎপাদিত "শান্তি" ব্রান্ডের বিভিন্ন পরিমাপের বোতলজাত বিশুদ্ধ পানি সুষ্ঠভাবে বাজারজাতকরণে পরিবেশক নিয়োগ আবশ্যক। এ প্রেক্ষিতে পরিবেশক নিয়োগের নিমিত্তে (বিভাগ/জেলা/উপজেলা/থানা ভিত্তিক) পরিবেশক/ব্যবসায়ীদের নিকট থেকে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা याट्छ। व्याद्यमनकाती थार्थी/व्यवनात्री थिर्छान्तक जाका ওয়াসা বোতলজাত "শান্তি" ব্র্যান্ডের বিশুদ্ধ সুপেয় পানি বাজারজাত করতে হবে। পরিবেশকদের আকর্ষণীয় কমিশন প্রদান করা হবে।

আগ্রহী ব্যবসায়ীদের (পরিবেশকদের) নিজ নিজ ব্যবসা প্রতিষ্ঠানের অবস্থান ও ব্যবসায়ের ধরণ উল্লেখ পূর্বক সদ্য তোলা ২(দুই) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি, হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও ব্যাংক সচ্ছলতার সনদপত্রের কপি (সত্যায়িত) সংযুক্ত করে আগামী ৫ইং মার্চ ২০০৮ইং তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর বরাবরে আবেদনপত্র পাঠাতে হবে।

কেন্দ্রের লোকেশন, জনবলের আবেদনপত্রের সঙ্গে দাখিল করতে হবে এবং কোন এলাকার জন্য পরিবেশক হতে আগ্রহী তা উল্লেখ করতে र्दा।

এ বিষয়ে প্রয়োজনীয় যে কোন তথ্য নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর হতে জানা যাবে।

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Sylhet City Corporation

Nagar Bhaban, Sylhet

Invitation of Tender No. 12/2007-08

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4.	Procuring entity district	:	Sylhet.					
5.	Invitation for	1	Works.					
6.	Procuring method	1	Open tendering metho	od.				
7.	Budget & source of fund	:	GOB, grant/own fund of SCC.					
8.	Eligibility of tenderer		 a) The tenderer shall have the experience for successful completion of similar type of work. b) According to PPR-2003 & update trade licence, Income Tax certificate, VAT shall be included (attested copy). c) Bank solvency certificate from any schedule bank. d) Annual average turnover. e) Liquid asset/credit facilities. 					
9,	Selling of tender document	:	 a) Office of Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet Division, Sylhet. b) Office of Deputy Commissioner, Sylhet. c) Office of Zila Parishad, Sylhet d) Chamber of Chief Engineer (In-charge), Room No-210, Nagar Bhaban, Sylhet. 					
10.	Receiving of tender document	:	a) Office of Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet Division, Sylhet. b) Office of Deputy Commissioner, Sylhet. c) Office of Zila Parishad, Sylhet d) Chamber of Secretary, Room No-203, Nagar Bhaban, Sylhet.					
11.	Opening of tender document	1	Chamber of Secretary, Room No-203, Nagar Bhaban, Sylhet.					
12.	Tender last selling date & time	:	23/02/2008 at 3.00pm.					
13.	Tender receiving date & time	1	24/02/2008 at 1.30pm.					
14.	Opening tender document	:	24/02/2008 at 2.00pm.					
15.	Contact details of official inviting tender		Tel No. 0821-718534, Fax No. 0821-719336.					
16.	Description of works:							
SI. No.	Name of work		Tender security amount of Tk.	Price of tender document	Completion time of works/month	Source of fund		
(1)	(2)		(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		
1	Supply of one number of 8-12 tons static three wheel Road Roller		90,000/-	3000/-	12 weeks	GOB's fund		
2	Development of Baroth Khana Road, Lalbazar Road & different		76,000/-	1500/-	10 weeks	GOB's fund		

System of SCC. Conditions Tender security amount in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any schedule bank submitted in favour of honourable Mayor, Sylhet City Corporation.

Tenderer/representatives of tenderer may be present during opening of tender. 10% performance security in form of Pay Order/Bank Draft have to be submitted in favour of honourable Mayor.

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Validity of tender-120 days. Standard tender documents PW1 & PW2 are eligible to participate in the tender. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

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