

No portrait of Bangabandhu at RU archive

RU CORRESPONDENT

University Grants Commission (UGC) chairman Prof Nazrul Islam yesterday criticized the Rajshahi University (RU) authorities for not displaying the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Martyred Memorial Archive.

The UGC chairman was addressing as chief guest the graduation ceremony of second and third batches of students of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) at the Senate building.

Terming Bangabandhu as a great leader, the UGC chairman said he played a pioneering role in independence of the country in 1971. "We all should honour the great leader with due respect," he said.

Prof Nazrul asked the university authorities to display a big portrait of Bangabandhu within seven days of this instruction.

He warned the teachers who take classes and examination at private universities instead of taking classes and examinations at public universities.

Vice chancellor (VC) Prof Altaf Hossain presided.

Prof Maja Tajul Islam, member of UGC and Pro-VC Prof Mamunul Keramat were special guests.

A total of 62 graduates got medals and certificates.

Repair of Sidr-damaged dams in Patuakhali uncertain

WDB gets Tk 1.88cr against proposal for Tk 110cr

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Repair of Sidr-damaged flood control dams in seven upazila of Patuakhali district has become uncertain due to fund constraints.

Water Development Board (WDB) has allotted only Tk 1.88 crore while the local authorities sought Tk 110 crore for renovation of the badly damaged embankments that pose a threat to prospective Irri-Boro crops in vast areas.

If the damaged dams are not repaired before rains, farmers may lose Boro, the lone rice crop for them for the whole year, WDB officials told this correspondent.

"We submitted an emergency project proposal (PP) involving Tk 110 crore to higher authorities just after cyclone Sidr, but they allotted only Tk 1.88 crore," Patuakhali WDB executive engineer Md. Jahir Uddin said.

"More Tk 5 crore might be allotted, but that would be a drop in the sea", he added.

With this money, we have prepared some priority projects for renovation of some of the damaged embankments in Kalapara, the area worst affected by the Sidr, the WDB executive engineers said.

Tender will be floated soon for the projects, he added.

According to WDB officials, 645 kilometre flood control embankments out of 1,209 kilometres were damaged by the November 15 Sidr last year.

Of these, 83 kilometre dams were damaged totally and 562 partly. The Sidr also damaged 355 sluice gates out of 412, 612 inlets and 362 irrigation canals in the seven upazilas.

The Sidr also damaged Amon paddy on about 1.70 lakh hectares as the flood control embankments damaged earlier were not repaired, sources in district Agriculture Extension Department (AED) said.

Talking to this correspondent during a recent visit, farmer Nur Mohammad of Charkhali village in Mirzaganj upazila said, "My Amon paddy on three acres were lost due to Sidr. We will also lose the up coming Irri-Boro if the damaged flood control embankment is not repaired immediately."

Shahjalal of the village said, "Our lands with crops will be flooded by salty water as the Payera river embankment has not yet been repaired."

"We do not need relief. We need repair of dams, which will protect our crops in the coming rainy season," said Abdul Kader Howlader.

World Bank (WB) vice-president for South Asia Pratul Chandra Petel during his visit to Aneepara in Kalapara upazila on December 13 last year assured of WB assistance in renovation of damaged embankments, the WDB officials said.

Mother, daughter acid-burnt

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

A woman and her daughter became victim of acid violence at village Jalirpar under Maksudpur upazila in Gopalganj district on Friday night.

Milan Rani Bagchi, 45, and her daughter Laxmi Rani Bagchi, 23, got burn injuries on the faces as their neighbour Tulu Bagchi threw acid on them at about 10:00pm on Friday, police said, adding that the incident occurred as a sequel to previous enmity.

The victims were admitted to Rajoir Upazila Health Complex. Tulu Bagchi went into hiding after the incident.

Soya bean Tk 125 per litre in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Soya bean was sold at Tk 125 per litre in Khulna city yesterday.

The price may soar further in two-three days, retailers at kitchen markets said.

Most of the retailers said that this popular edible had already gone beyond purchasing capacity of the common, particularly low income group of people. Talking to this correspondent, some retailers said they will be compelled to stop sale of soya bean as buyers abuse them for its abnormal price rise.

There are two different versions of wholesalers. One group alleged that some of wholesalers were hoarding soy bean to create an artificial crisis to earn more profit.

Another group blamed inadequate supply for the price hike.

3 robbers held with vehicle

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Police yesterday arrested three armed robbers from a microbus on Mitora-Borundi road here and seized the vehicle along with a pipe gun and a sharp weapon.

The arrestees are Babu Mia, 20, and Sudeb Chandra Sutradhar, 24, of Mitora village and Aherud, 22, of Datta Khanda village in Nababganj police station in Dhaka district.

When contacted, Manikganj police station officer-in-charge (OC) Md Yasin Ali said a police patrol team stopped a blue colour microbus at around 3:00 am and arrested them.

Birshrestha Hamidur museum opens today

Misspellings on plaque alleged

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

All is set to open Birshrestha Sipahi Hamidur Rahman Smriti Granthagar O Jadughar at Hamidur's home village Khordo Khalishpur (recently named Hamid Nagar after the martyr's name) in Moheshpur upazila in Jhenidah today.

Maj Gen (Retd) CR Datta Bir Uttam, commander of Sector No 4 during the Liberation War, will inaugurate the library and museum complex built in memory of Hamidur Rahman.

Hamidur Rahman, while serving East Bengal Regiment in 1971, joined the Liberation War and borrowed martyrdom during a fight with the occupation forces on October 28.

He was later awarded the title Birshrestha, the highest gallantry



Birshrestha Sipahi Hamidur Rahman award for his heroic role in the Liberation War.

Meanwhile, Hamidur's brother Hamzur Rahman said the plaque, containing the martyr's

biography that has been set in front of the complex, bears wrong information about his brother's year of birth. Actually he was born in 1954, he said.

Besides, a conscious viewer would be taken aback to see wrong Bangla spelling of Birshrestha on the plaque.

It mentions his mother's name as Kaisunnesa whereas it is written as Kaidasunnesa in their home documents.

Furthermore, it has been inscribed bib (in Bangla spelling) on the plaque in place of bir.

Contacted, Moheshpur Upazila Nirbahi Officer Abi Abdullah said the year of birth was written following information from the ministry.

He admitted the mistakes regarding the name of the martyr's mother and a few spellings on the plaque.



Birshrestha Sipahi Hamidur Rahman Smriti Jadughar and Pathagar at Hamid Nagar village in Moheshpur upazila in Jhenidah awaits inauguration today.



Processions brought out by Women's Affair Directorate and Amrai Pari in Pabna town, left, and Abima Michik Association, an organisation of indigenous women, in Madhupur in Tangail on International Women's Day yesterday.

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9512 fowls culled in Ashuganj

Transportation banned in 10km area

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Livestock officials yesterday banned movement of fowls to and from 10 kilometre area in Ashuganj

Poet Obaidullah remembered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A daylong programme recalling poet Abu Zafar Obaidullah was observed to mark his birth and death anniversaries at his native village Baherchar under Babuganj upazila in Barisal district yesterday.

Organised by Poet Abu Zafar Obaidullah Smriti Pathagar (memorial library) on the premises of Baherchar Primary School, the programme included discussion on life and works of the poet, competitions on recitation of his poems, prize-giving, and cultural functions.

Poets Belal Chowdhury and Asad Chowdhury, Jugantor Editor Golam Sarwar, television personality Nawajesh Ali Khan, former secretary Sirajuddin Ahmed, the poet's sister Selima Rahman and brothers Rashed Khan Menon and ASM Shahidullah Khan Badal, attended, among others.

after they culled 9512 fowls and eggs of four farms there Thursday and Friday nights.

According to Brahmanbaria district livestock department officials, broiler poultry birds of Ashuganj Poultry Farm at Khoriala village were dying for few days. But the farm owner concealed it to continue the business.

On Wednesday, 400 birds died at the farm. The news spread in the area, which drew the authorities' attention.

Ashuganj Upazila Livestock Department collected sample of dead birds and sent those to Dhaka for test.

On Thursday, test results received from Dhaka showed bid flu infection in the birds, officials said. A team headed by district livestock officer Md. Shahidul Islam, culled all the fowls including domestic ones and destroyed 4500 eggs in Khoriala and nearby Khilala villages. Pigeons were also culled.

The officials declared the one kilometre area as 'severely infected area'.

A team from the livestock department is now spraying insecticide in the infected areas, which will continue for three months, they said.



Jagadish Das

Sylhet Jubo League chief arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Joint forces caught Sylhet district chief of Awami Juba League and ward commissioner Jagadish Das yesterday.

He faces a number of allegations for extortion, land grabbing, vandalism and other criminal acts. Jagadish was held as he was returning home from voter registration centre at Rikabibazar in the city.

Police said Jagadish had been hiding since declaration of emergency. He was being interrogated when the report was filed in the evening.

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বিষয়: টাংগাইল জেলার ভূয়পুর উপজেলা সদরে রেস্ট হাউজ কমপ্লেক্স-এর ৩ (তিন)টি ভবনসহ কম-বেশী ১.১৮ একর জমি ভাড়া/লীজ প্রদানের জন্য প্রস্তাব আহবান সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি।

টাংগাইল জেলার ভূয়পুর উপজেলা সদরে বাংলাদেশ সেতু কর্তৃপক্ষ (বাসেট)-এর মালিকানাধীন রেস্ট হাউজ কমপ্লেক্সে ৬২৫০ বর্গফুট বিশিষ্ট ৩ (তিন)টি ভবনসহ কম-বেশী ১.১৮ একর জমি (বিদ্যমান গাছপালা ব্যতীত) প্রাথমিকভাবে সর্বোচ্চ ৩ বছরের জন্য (নবায়নযোগ্য) ভাড়া দেয়া হবে। ভাড়া গ্রহণে অগ্রহী সরকারি, অধা-সরকারি, স্বায়ত্বশাসিত সংস্থা, ব্যাংক, বীমা এবং বেসরকারী উন্নয়ন প্রতিষ্ঠান (এনজিও)-এর প্রিন্সিপাল পায়ে প্রস্তাব আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। অগ্রহী সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রস্তাবে নিম্নোক্ত তথ্যসমূহ উল্লেখ করতে হবে:

- কি কাজে বা কি উদ্দেশ্যে ভবনগুলো ভাড়া নিতে ইচ্ছুক তার পূর্ণ বিবরণ;
- ভবন সংলগ্ন জায়গা/আসিনা কি কাজে ব্যবহার করা হবে তার বিবরণ;
- কত বছরের জন্য ভাড়া নিতে ইচ্ছুক;
- ভবনের প্রতি বর্গফুটের বার্ষিক ভাড়া (ভাট ও উৎসে করা ব্যতীত);
- ভবন সংলগ্ন জায়গা/আসিনার প্রতি শতাংশের বার্ষিক ভাড়া (ভাট ও উৎসে করা ব্যতীত);
- উন্নয়ন ক্ষেত্রে (যে ও ৩) বার্ষিক শতকরা কত টাকা হারে ভাড়া বৃদ্ধি করতে ইচ্ছুক;
- অন্যান্য আনুষঙ্গিক/প্রাসঙ্গিক তথ্য (আবেদনকারী ইচ্ছা অনুযায়ী)।

শর্তাবলী:

- আবেদনপত্রের সঙ্গে নিয়োগের জামানত বাদে ৫০,০০০.০০ (পঞ্চাশ হাজার) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার "সেতু ভবন" সেতু কর্তৃপক্ষ" এর অনুমোদিত জমা দিতে হবে, যা চুক্তি অনুযায়ী যেমত শেষে ফেরতযোগ্য;
- নির্বাচিত সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠানের মোট প্রদেয় বার্ষিক ভাড়ার উপর সরকার কর্তৃক আরোপিত ভাট ও উৎসে করা আদানাতের পরিচয় করতে হবে;
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- নির্বাচিত সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠানের সঙ্গে চুক্তি সম্পাদন করা হবে। চুক্তির শর্তাবলী প্রাপ্তি নিম্নে আর কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক নির্ধারণ করা হবে, যা নির্বাচিত সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠান কর্তৃক আবেদনকারীকে প্রতিপাদনযোগ্য; এবং
- অসম্পূর্ণ প্রস্তাব বিবেচনা না করে সরাসরি বাতিল করা হবে।

অগ্রহী সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠান ইচ্ছা করলে প্রস্তাব দাখিলের পূর্বে রেস্ট হাউজ কমপ্লেক্স/ভবনসমূহ পরিদর্শন করতে পারবেন। পরিদর্শন সেক্টরে তথ্যের জন্য ৯৮৬১৭৫৫, ৯৮৬২১১১ এবং ০১৭১৫৫৬১৯৩০ নম্বরে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে। এতদসংক্রান্ত প্রস্তাব আগামী ২৫/০৩/২০০৮ তারিখ বেলা ২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত উপরোক্ত ঠিকানায় নিম্নাধিকারকারী কর্তৃক গ্রহণ করা হবে এবং এ দিন বেলা ২-০০ ঘটিকা প্রস্তাবদাতাদের সামনে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।

অত্র কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল প্রস্তাব বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।

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Time Extension Notice

Int'l Tender No. BGSL/FP/CFE-01/2008 dated 09-01-2008 for procurement of Skid Mounted Regulating & Metering Station on Turn-Key Basis

This is in reference to the captioned International Tender Notice published in the Bangladesh Observer, The Daily Star, New Age on 18-01-2008 and the daily Ittefaq on 13-02-2008. In consideration to the request of the bidders and in order to have wider participation the last date of selling tender document submission and opening date of the aforementioned tender is hereby extended as under:

AA) Last date for selling tender : Extended up to 13-04-2008 during office hour.

BB) Last date & time for submission of : Extended up to 15-04-2008 at 11:30

CC) Date & time for opening of tender : Extended up to 15-04-2008 at 11:45

All other information as contained in the said tender notice as well as tender document shall remain unchanged.

BG-853/March-2008
GD-1102

Office of the Project Director
Construction of Airport Road-Rokeya Sarani Link Road Project
Dhaka City Corporation
Level-14, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka-1000

Invitation for Tenders
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Co-operatives.
2	Agency	Dhaka City Corporation.
3	Procuring entity name	Dhaka City Corporation.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	i) Contract Package No WD1-Construction of Airport Road-Rokeya Sarani Link Road (Eastern Part) & ii) Contract Package No WD2-Construction of Airport Road-Rokeya Sarani Link Road (Western part).
7	Invitation Ref No	SE/TEO-31
8	Date	04/03/2008
KEY INFORMATION		Open Tender Method.
FUNDING INFORMATION		GoB.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
11	Tender Package No	Contract Package No WD1 & Contract Package No WD2.
12	Tender package name	i) Contract Package No WD1-Construction of Airport Road-Rokeya Sarani Link Road (eastern part) & ii) Contract Package No WD2-Construction of Airport Road-Rokeya Sarani Link Road (western part).
13	Tender publication date	Within 09/03/2008.
14	Tender last selling	08/04/2008.
15	Tender closing date & time	08/04/2008 & 12:00noon.
16	Tender opening date & time	08/04/2008 & 12:30PM.
17	Name & address of the office(s)	Project Director, Construction of Airport Road-Rokeya Sarani Link Road Project, Dhaka City Corporation, Room No-1202, Level-14, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka.
	- Selling tender document (principal)	Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineer (Circle-12/Environment) & Chief Accounts Officer, Dhaka City Corporation.
	- Selling tender document (others)	Project Director, Construction of Airport Road-Rokeya Sarani Link Road Project, Dhaka City Corporation, Room No-1202, Level-14, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka.
	- Opening tender document	Project Director, Construction of Airport Road-Rokeya Sarani Link Road Project, Dhaka City Corporation, Room No-1202, Level-14, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka.
18	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Project Director, Construction of Airport Road-Rokeya Sarani Link Road Project, Dhaka City Corporation, Room No-1202, Level-14, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka. Date: 31/03/2008 & Time: 11:00AM.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
19	Eligibility of tenderer	For each contract package: The minimum period of general experience of the tenderer in the construction works shall be 5 years. The required number of similar contracts completed shall be minimum 2 of which at least 1 in Dhaka City over a period of 5 years.
20	Brief description of works	Construction of Airport Road-Rokeya Sarani Link Road including Electrification of Street Light, Road Furniture, Intersection Improvement, Drainage & Necessary Traffic Signaling, etc.
21	Price of tender document	Tk. 5000/- each contract package.
22	Tender security amount	For Contract Package No WD1: Tk. 38.00 lac. & WD2: Tk. 36.00 lac.
23	Completion time	6 months for each contract.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
24	Name of official inviting tender	Syed Quadrulhah, Project Director, Construction of Airport Road-Rokeya Sarani Link Road Project, Dhaka City Corporation.
25	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director, Construction of Airport Road-Rokeya Sarani Link Road Project, Dhaka City Corporation.
26	Address of official inviting tender	Project Director, Construction of Airport Road-Rokeya Sarani Link Road Project, Dhaka City Corporation, Room No-1202, Level-14, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka.
27	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone-9564436
The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.		

Syed Quadrulhah
Superintending Engineer, TED
&
Project Director
Construction of Airport Road-Rokeya Sarani Link Road Project
Dhaka City Corporation

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