

# Sanitation, safe water projects fail in Dakop upazila

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Two projects for sustainable sanitation and safe water supply systems in Dakop upazila of Khulna district have flopped due to use of low quality equipment, installation of improper equipment, water crisis and lack of training for using the new sanitation system.

Modus operandi to implement the two projects is not favourable to reach the goal, says a report of Media Cell on Coastal Region of Bangladesh.

Lack of knowledge for proper maintenance of latrines and toilets is another reason for collapse of a sustainable sanitation system, said Shamim Afrin, executive director of NGO 'An Organisation for Social-Economic Development (AOSED)'.

Awareness among the people is needed to make sanitation system in the coastal belts in Khulna district effective, he said.

As sanitation is crucial for health, dignity and development, access to sanitation system, especially for poor people, is very important, he said.

In the coastal belts of Khulna district, most of the ponds having water worth drinking have been grabbed by shrimp cultivators and it has led to acute crisis of pure drinking water, said the report of Media Cell. Sand filters set up to purify water from salinity are also lying inactive, it added.



A woman taking rainwater stored in a large jar in Dakop upazila in Khulna where crisis of drinking water is acute.

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## B'baria teachers vow to resist crimes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

About 75 teachers of 30 colleges and schools in the district took a vow to resist crime at a seminar held here yesterday.

Transparency International in Bangladesh (TIB) organised the seminar titled, 'Role of Teachers in Resisting Corruption.' Held at the Zila Parishad auditorium, the seminar was presided by Brahmanbaria Sachetan Nagorik Committee member Prof Shafiqul Bari.

Sarail Degree College teacher Prof Manab Bardan Pal read out the key-note paper while Brahmanbaria Sachetan Nagorik Committee convener Advocate Abu Taher delivered the welcome address.

Among others, Brahmanbaria Sachetan Nagorik Committee president Prof Muhammad Mukhlesur Rahman Khan, district education officer FA Abdul Jabbar, Principal Enamul Kanir, Principal Hafez Muhammad Saifur Rahman, Brahmanbaria Annada Government High School head master Gopal Chandra Bhoomik, Nihar Ranjan Das, Lecturer Md Nurul Islam, Md Abrur Rahim and Advocate Amirul Haque Taher attended.

## Voter listing begins in Dighinala

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Work on voter registration with photographs began in remote Dighinala upazila yesterday.

Dighinala Zonal Commander of Bangladesh Army Lt Colonel Shamsul Islam formally inaugurated the voter registration process at a function held at Babuchhara Government Primary School ground in the morning.

Election Commission (EC) has appointed 229 data collectors, 30 computer operators, 56 supervisors and five AROs.

Dighinala upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) Mohammad Moniruzzaman Mia and other officials were present.

## RICE THEFT FROM MULADULI CSD 3 food officials, an SI held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Three food officials and a police sub-inspector were arrested yesterday for their alleged involvement in misappropriation of 158 tonnes of rice from government's Muladuli CSD (Central Supply Depot) godowns in Ishwardi upazila in Pabna district.

They are Muladuli CSD godown manager Md Sirajul Islam, godown in-charge Rafikul Islam, block supervisor Md Hafizul Haque Khan Mojib, sub inspector of Muladuli police outpost Sayed Halim Kabir.

They were sent to jail yesterday while another accused in the same case, Muladuli labour union leader Akhter Hossain has remained absconding, police said.

District controller of food (DC Food) Md Jahangir Alam lodged a case with Ishwardi Police Station

against them on Thursday as investigation committee found their involvement in misappropriation of 158 tonnes of rice in Muladuli CSD godown. Police framed an FIR on Saturday.

The four accused officials have also been suspended from their posts and departmental case will be filed against them, the DC (Food) said.

"It is true that some corrupt officials are involved with the misappropriation. We are trying to tackle the situation and taking initiatives to prevent such incidents," he said.

Recent inquiries revealed misappropriation of 158 tonnes of rice worth about Tk 35 lakh from the CSD (Central Supply Depot) godown in Muladuli.

In the wake of allegations of rice misappropriation in CSD (Central Supply Depot) godown in Muladuli,

the district food office formed a three-member committee headed by Assistant Food Controller Md Abdul Mannan for departmental inquiry while another inquiry committee headed by Magistrate Maniruzzaman was formed after sealing the godowns.

The two investigation committees found involvement of the alleged officials with misappropriation of the government rice, officials said.

Through the official inquiries it was learnt that 57 tonnes of rice (in 668 sacks) went missing from godown No. 13 and about 101 tonnes of rice from godown No. 21, 22, 23, 35 and 36," a food official said.

Muladuli CSD godown, the second largest depot of food items in the country, earlier saw a wheat scam in 2002. Now the rice scam has become talk of the town.

## Gaibandha BNP chief gets 3-yr RI in another case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Gaibandha BNP president Hamidul Haq Channa and seven others were given two year's rigorous imprisonment yesterday in an extortion case.

Rajshahi Speedy Trial Tribunal (STT) Judge ATM Meshbaudulla pronounced the verdict in presence of Channa, serving three years' RI in another extortion case. The other accused given two years' RI yesterday are Gaibandha Jatiyotobadi Sechasebak Dal president Sumon Dey, BNP leader and former municipality ward commissioner Azhar Ali, and BNP activists Mahbub Rahman, Rafiqul Islam, Jamirul Islam, Arifuzzaman Raihan and Saidur Rahman.

Gausul Azam Dollar, a contractor of Gaibandha town, filed an extortion case with Gaibandha Sader police station against the eight BNP men on April 22 last year.

It was stated in the case that Channa, together with other BNP



Hamidul Haq Channa

men, intercepted Dollar in front of BNP office at Circular Road and demanded Tk 50,000 as toll and threatened of dire consequence for non-compliance.

Earlier, on March 13, Hamidul Haq Channa and three other BNP leaders were sentenced to three years' RI by Rajshahi STT for extortion.

## Indian HC visits RU, donates books

RU CORRESPONDENT

Indian High Commissioner (HC) Pinak Ranjan Chakrabarty yesterday visited Rajshahi University (RU) and donated books, campus sources said.

His wife Dr Radha Rani Chakrabarty and Deputy Indian High Commissioner Tarun Kumar Chakrabarty accompanied him.

The Indian high commissioner visited Rajshahi University Martyred Memorial Archive, mass grave and Sabas Bangladesh sculpture.

He met vice chancellor (VC) Prof Altaf Hossain at his office and discussed with him various issues including education and research activities going on in the university. At that time he donated books to the university. Pro-VC Prof Mammunul Keramat and Acting Registrar Prof Muhammad Shafi were also present. The VC handed over a crest to him.

Later, the envoy visited Barendra Research Museum, campus sources said.

## Hill people fear food crisis as bamboo clusters flowering

### Locals in Khagrachhari say the 'ominous sign' will cause massive rat invasion

JASHIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

Bamboo clusters in Khagrachhari are flowering and fruiting in a massive scale, giving an ominous sign of food crisis in the hills.

Elders said flowering and fruiting of bamboo takes place at an interval of 40 to 50 years. The fruits draw rats in a massive scale, which also eat up rice and other food crops. Locals call it idur banya (invasion by rats), which also cause other calamities.

After fruiting, the bamboos wither away.

Once it appears, the menace normally persists for three years, the elders said.

Bamboo clusters in about 45 villages in eight upazilas have been affected with the natural phenomenon, according to forest officials and locals.

Of these, 15 villages are in Dighinala, 10 in Laxmichhari, 5 in Matiranga, 10 in Mohalchhari and five in remote Panchhari upazila.

Two-thirds of bamboos grown in Khagrachhari are in Dighinala, Mohalchhari, Panchhari, Laxmichhari and Matiranga upazilas.

If withering of bamboo forests continues, supplies to Karnaphuli Paper Mill (KPM) may be affected, KPM sources told this correspondent.

This correspondent visited Semina Para, Kalidaskarbari Para, Kongchairi Para and Panchhari in Dudukchhari, and Kestamoni Para, Durgamoni Para, Haduk Para and Headman Para, Juniara, Alutilla, Gagrachhari, Buyachhari, Bichitala, Doilla, Shantipur and Datkupa villages in other upazilas where bamboos are dying after flowering and fruiting.

Challapure Marma, chairman of Golabari Union Parishad (UP), said he will send a letter to higher authorities seeking food assistance for people and steps to protect bamboo

forests.

Kamalchhari UP chairman Sa-U. Prue Marma said bamboo is the main source of livelihood for most indigenous people in remote hills. About 7000 families in his union may face food crisis.

Babuchhara UP chairman

Paritosh Chakma said many people died in Mizoram of India in 1959 due to food crisis after flowering of bamboos.

An official of KPM seeking anonymity said he heard about flowering of bamboos in Khagrachhari and other remote areas of Rangamati.

KPM may face crisis of raw materials of bamboo clusters wither away.

Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Mohammad Ali Kabir said this is a natural phenomenon. A proposal has been given to the forest department to take immediate steps to preserve the dying bamboo clusters, he said.

Biddya Binod Chakma, a Karbari (village chiefs) from remote Maidda Karallachhari village in Mohalchhari upazila said people killed a large number of rats in the area as they destroy jumma paddy.

Quoting indigenous jhum farmers, sources claimed that around two-thirds of paddy has been eaten up by rats in hilly terrains of Rangamati and Bandarban.

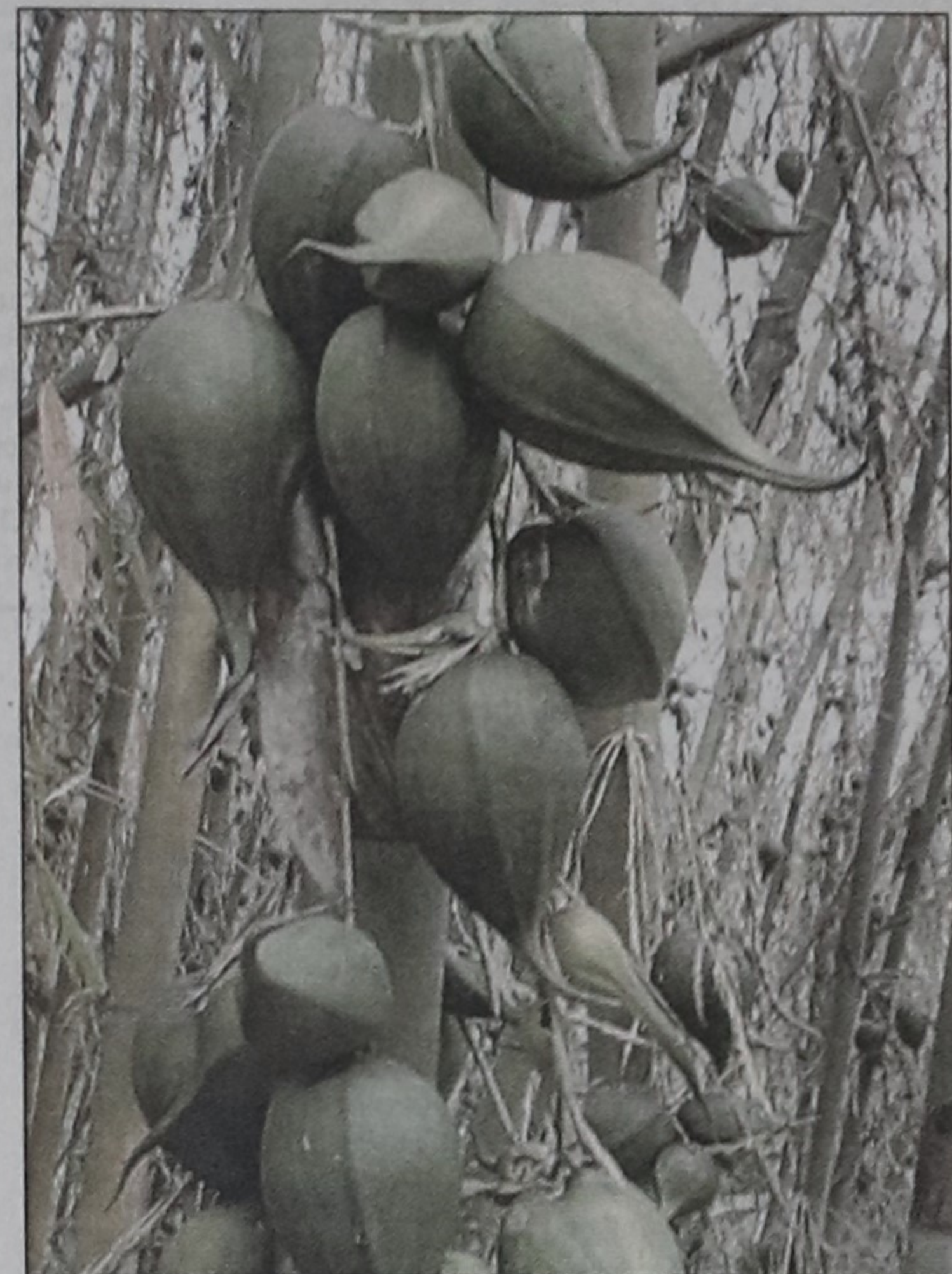
The remote hilly areas are not covered under development programmes of government or NGO sources said.

Dr. Habibur Rahman, associate professor of Botany at Matiranga Degree College, said bamboo clusters die and disappear whenever they bear flowers and fruits.

This happens at an interval of 25 to 40 years. Such phenomenon occurred in 1943 and in 1980 in CHT, he said.

Deputy director of district Agriculture Extension Department (DAE), TMMonzurul Islam, said upazila agriculture officers will be sent to affected areas to estimate the crop damage.

When contacted, Khagrachhari Hill District Council chairman Monindra Lal Tripura said, "We are thinking to launch a package programme from the district council fund for the affected people".



A bamboo cluster with unusual fruits in Matiranga upazila.

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## UNDP team visits projects in Barisal slum

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

An eight-member UNDP team led by administrator Kemal Dervish yesterday visited Balur Math Bosthi, a slum area of Barisal city, and inspected different slum development projects funded by the UNDP.

Cathy Dervish, UN resident coordinator, Renata Dessallien, UNDP resident representative, Tegengnew Gettu, UNDP director of the office of the administrator and chief of staff, Rosemary Nuamah, special assistant and policy adviser of the administrator, Manoj Basnyat, UNDP country director, Boaz Paldi, UNDP media producer and Johannes Jacobus Van Der Merwe, regional security specialist, were other members of the visiting team.

The UNDP team participated in view exchange programmes with the stakeholder slum dwellers at the newly constructed slum community centre and assured them continuation of help for development of living standard of the slum dwellers.

## 2 policemen hurt in Satkhira shootout

### 2 criminals held, arms recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Two policemen were injured in an exchange of fire with drive-by criminals on board a Pajero jeep at Itagachha intersection in the town Saturday night.

Police arrested two criminals and recovered two firearms and 20 bottles of phenisidyl from the jeep.

Injured SI Jasim and constable Lokman Hossain of Satkhira Sadar police station were admitted to the Sadar hospital, police sources said.

The arrested criminals are Mashfiar Rahman Sabuj, 28, son of shrimp trader Fashiar Rahman of Saral village in Paikgachha upazila and Tanvirul Islam, 25, son of Manirul Islam of Munshipara in Khulna.

Tipped-off, a police team led by Sadar thana OC Abdul Kader Beg signaled a Pajero jeep to stop at the intersection. The jeep was coming from Pushpakanti in Debhata upazila.

As the jeep ignored the signal, a police team chased it. The fleeing criminals on board fired five shots at police.

Another police team led by police superintendent Abdullahel Mirza also followed and intercepted it.

Later police recovered a pipe gun, a revolver, five bullets and 20 bottles of phenisidyl from the jeep and arrested the criminals. Police also seized the car.

Two cases were filed with the Sadar police station—one under the Arms Act and the other under the Narcotics Act.

Yesterday, police produced the accused before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's court here with a prayer for remand.

Judge Ranu Bilkis Banu fixed March 17 for hearing of remand prayer and sent the two arrested persons to jail, rejecting their bail prayer.

On contact, the police superintendent confirmed the incident.

## Anti-graft rally held at Kulaura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Kulaura upazila unit of 'The Social Movement against Corruption', a social organisation working for creating awareness against corruption, formed a human chain and held rally at Kulaura upazila town yesterday.

Students and Teachers of different schools of Kulaura upazila, members of different professional bodies and people from different walks of life took part.

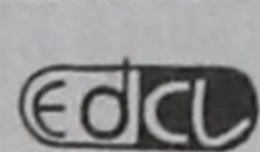
Upazila nirbahi officer and other officials attended the programme.

## Grameenphone holds eye camp

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Grameenphone organised a free eye camp in Gourmudi upazila in Barisal district recently, says a press release.

More than 3,000 patients were examined at the camp. Of them, prescriptions for refractive error were given to those who required it, while 150 others were referred for cataract surgeries.



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মহাখালী, ঢাকা-১২১২

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রোগতত্ত্ব, রোগ নিয়ন্ত্রণ ও গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট (আইইডিসিআর), মহাখালী, ঢাকা-১২১২ অফিসের ২০০৭-২০০৮ই অর্থ বৎসরের এমএসআর সামগ্রী (যন্ত্রপাতি ও কেমিক্যাল ই-এজেন্ট) সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে অত্র ইনস্টিটিউটে এবং কেন্দ্রীয় ঔষধাগারে বর্তমান আর্থিক বৎসরে তালিকাভুক্ত সরবরাহকারী/প্রকল্পকারী/ব্যবসায়ী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট ইতিবে সীলমোহরকৃত বামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইবে। দরপত্রের সহিত দরপত্রদাতাকে চলতি আর্থিক বৎসরের (১) ট্রেড লাইসেন্স (২) আয়কর পরিশোধের প্রত্যয়পত্র (৩) ব্যাংক এর আর্থিক স্বচ্ছলতার সার্টিফিকেট প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড অফিসার কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত করে দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

কোড নং-১-২৭১১-০০০০-২০০৬ খাতে পরিচালক, রোগতত্ত্ব, রোগ নিয়ন্ত্রণ ও গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট (আইইডিসিআর), মহাখালী, ঢাকা-১২১২ এর ব্যবসার বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক ট্রেজারী চালানের মাধ্যমে ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা দিয়া বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের চালানের মূলকপি দাখিল করতঃ হিসাব শাখা ইতিবে আগামী ০৬/০৪/২০০৮ই তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত দরপত্রের সিডিউল ও নিয়মাবলী সমগ্র করা যাইবে (ছুটির দিন বাতীত)। দরপত্র আগামী ১০/০৪/২০০৮ই তারিখ বেলা ৯.০০ ঘটিকা ইতিবে ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত পরিচালকের কার্যে রক্ষিত টেজার বাক্সে জমা দিতে হইবে এবং এ দিনই বেলা ১.১৫ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রদাতা বা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধির উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলা হইবে।

দরপত্রের সহিত ৭,৫০০/- (সাত হাজার পাঁচশত) টাকা বায়না (আর্নেস্টমনি) হিসাবে এবং সফল দরপত্রদাতাকে কার্যবিশেষ প্রস্তির ৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে কার্যাদেশকৃত মূল্যের ১০% টাকা ব্যাংক ড্রাফট এর মাধ্যমে জামানত হিসাবে পরিচালক এর অনুকূলে অবশ্যই জমা দিতে হইবে। দরপত্রের টাকার পরিমাণ অর্কে এবং কথায় পরিস্কারভাবে লিখিতে হইবে।

উল্লেখ্য, কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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The Security Printing Corporation

(Bangladesh) Ltd

Gazipur

Tender for Supply of 4256 Pound  
Medium Yellow Ink

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the competent Bangladesh supplier/manufacturer/dealer for supply abovementioned material as per undernoted schedule. The tender(s) addressed to the Managing Director, The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd, Gazipur shall have to be dropped in the tender box kept in Corporation's Office at Gazipur and its Liaison Office at Annex Building-1, 6th Floor, Bangladesh Bank, Dhaka on 15.04.2008 up to 4.00pm. Tender may also be sent to Corporation Office at Gazipur through postal/courier services which must reach within the scheduled deadline mentioned above. Submission of tender after the abovementioned time shall be returned unopened. Tender(s) will be opened together only at Corporation's Office, Gazipur in presence of tenderer(s) if any on the next office day at 11.00am. 1 (one) tender schedule is applicable only for one supplier/dealer/manufacturer for submitting one offer along with earnest money. Tender paper showing terms and conditions with specification will be available up to 17.03.2008 to 31.03.2008 from the abovementioned two places against payment of Tk. 100.00 (one hundred) only during Sunday to Thursday between 9.00am to 4.00pm. An application for the schedule in the letterhead pad from the respective firm will be needed. Earnest money at 3% (three percent) of the total quoted amount shall have to be submitted in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order along with the tender in favour of The Security Printing Corporation (Bd.) Ltd., Gazipur. Tender without earnest money shall not be acceptable.

Zeauddin Ahmed  
General Manager

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