

FBCCI polls today

49 vie for 24 directorships



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The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) goes into polls today to elect 24 directors, 12 each from both chamber and association groups.

The election, which was stuck for several months in a legal battle, will start at 9:00 am and continue until 4:30 pm in which a total of 1230 voters, 316 from chamber group and the rest from association group, will exercise their rights.

Forty-nine candidates -- 27

from chamber group and 22 from association group -- are in the run for directorship.

The results of the election will be announced today.

Seven directors, one from each of the country's seven leading chambers, have already been nominated. They are: Aftab-ul-Islam of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, AK Rafiqul Islam of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Amirul Haque of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Md Hasen Ali of Rajshahi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Junnan Mahmud Khan of Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Saharuzzaman Murtaza of Khulna Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Md Ebaul Hoque Chand of Barisal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Seven others from the country's seven leading associations have also been nominated. They are Abdul Hai

Sarkar of Bangladesh Textiles Mills Association, Annisul Huq of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association, Abdul Matlub Ahmed of Bangladesh Insurance Association, SM Shafiuzzaman of Bangladesh Association for Pharmaceutical Association, AKM Nurul Fazal Bulbul of Bangladesh Bankers Association, Kazi Belayet Hossain of Bangladesh Frozen Foods Exporters Association, and Kamran Tanvirur Rahman of Bangladesh Jute Mills Association.

The 38 directors, nominated 14 and elected 24, will elect president, first vice-president and vice-president of the FBCCI for 2007-09 term the day after tomorrow.

Annisul Huq, nominated director from the BGMEA, and MA Rouf Chowdhury, a candidate for the post of director from association group, declared their candidature for the top post of the

FBCCI.

Both of the presidential candidates were busy campaigning yesterday.

Both Annisul and Rouf introduced their panel candidates to media during two separate press conferences in Dhaka yesterday.

Annisul is leading a 24-member panel, while Rouf's panel consists of 21 members. Speaking at the press conference, Annisul Huq said he, as a president of FBCCI, wants to work for the country's economic development with a consolidated plan.

Addressing another press conference, Rouf Chowdhury said if elected as president, his roadmap will include holding a series of open dialogues, in the presence of media, with the stakeholders and government on prices of essentials, formation of a price commission, business confidence, investment and interest rates, and restructuring and empowering FBCCI secretariat.

Citigroup, JPMorgan, Morgan Stanley unveil 'carbon principles'

Three of the world's leading financial institutions -- Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase and Morgan Stanley -- have announced the formation of the carbon principles, climate change guidelines for advisors and lenders to power companies in the US, says a press release.

These principles are the result of a nine-month intensive effort to create an approach to evaluating and addressing carbon risks in the financing of electric power projects.

The need for these principles is driven by the risks faced by the power industry as utilities, independent producers, regulators, lenders and investors deal with the uncertainties around regional and national climate change policy.

The principles were developed in partnership by Citi, JPMorgan Chase and Morgan Stanley, and in consultation with leading power companies American Electric Power, CMS Energy, DTE Energy, NRG Energy, PSEG, Sempra and Southern Company.

Tea prospect shines on favourable weather

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet.

Endowed with a favourable weather, the prospect of tea production seems better this year than that of last year, according to tea experts and producers.

An official at the Bangladesh Tea Research Institute (BTRI) said after the last year's good yield of 57.96 million kg, the target of the country's tea production has been fixed at 60 million kg this year. The production was 53.41 million kg in 2006.

In 2005 the country had the highest ever production at 60.14 million kg since the crop got most favourable weather almost whole the season.

Md Shahjahan, manager of state-run Sombonbhag Tea Estate of Juri valley, said the tea producing regions this year have been getting better rains from the beginning of March.

Moreover, the gardens experienced favourable temperature and sunshine, which are very important factors for the sensitive crop, Shahjahan added.

"We started tea plucking on March 10 this year, whereas plucking began on March 15 last year," he said, adding that it is a good sign.

However, experts said fertilisation is a regular practice for tea gardeners and hence short

Year	Production in kg
2007	57.96 million
2006	53.41 million
2005	60.14 million
2004	55.62 million
2003	58.29 million

and delayed supply of fertiliser may play a havoc with the crop.

Timely fertilisation is very important for tea production during March-April period. High prices of fertilisers may hit output, they hinted.

Normally tea needs 120 to 150 inches rainfall per year. Last year the average rainfall stood at around 100 inches at Juri valley and the other regions also experienced a little more.

Humayun Kabir, manager of the Habibnagar Tea Estate in Sylhet, said tea plucking started a little earlier this year since there had been a favourable weather. In Sylhet rainfall was good enough this year compared to that of last year, he said.

Despite fertiliser crisis and other problems, there was a good crop last year mainly due

to favourable weather, he added. "This year we also expect so as there had already been a good start."

Numan Haider Chowdhury, general manager of Khadim Tea Estate in Sylhet, said tea is a very sensitive crop, which needs uniform rainfall and sunshine especially during the period from March to September-October.

In 2004, the country's tea production was 55.62 million kg, while in 2003 it was 58.29 million kg.

Bangladesh has 160 tea estates that produce 55 million kg to 60 million kg tea per year. Roughly two thirds of the produce are consumed locally, while the rest is exported.

According to the Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh earned US \$ 6.94 million from tea export in 2006-07 fiscal year.



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Ctg Customs auctions off fishing boats after decade of seizure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong Customs yesterday auctioned off around 180 fishing boats and sampans (local country boat), which had been seized by the authorities over the last few years.

A total of 164 boat engines were also on for auction at the fishing division premises of Chittagong customs at city's Patenga area.

This was the first auction of boats in the history of Chittagong Customs, sources said adding that many of these boats and engines have been sitting abandoned for over a decade and went out of order.

Customs officials said due to long-pending cases, the boats couldn't be auctioned off until recently when the task force

here came forward to resolve the matter.

"We were unable to auction the seized boats and sampans because of the cases filed by the respective owners. When informed, the Task Force here initiated to dispose of the cases paving way for the auction," Shafiuzzaman, assistant commissioner of Customs, said.

According to sources, the engine boats and sampans would be used by the smugglers' syndicates in smuggling goods in the coastal areas along the Bay of Bengal.

The boats and sampans were put on display in seven lots for auction, which started at around 2.00pm. Accurate information on the value of the auction was not found while filing this report.

Automobile sector demands lower duty on car import

Lukas Dhaka Motor Show on March 20-22

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Local automotive dealers and distributors have demanded lower tax on car import and easy bank loans to make automobiles more affordable to the middle class.

"As the motor vehicle users in the country grow every year, the whole sector should be more supportive to the people of different classes," said Kazi Javed Islam, general manager, automotive marketing and international sales, Rahimafrooz Batteries Ltd at a press conference in Dhaka yesterday.

Islam also sought more government patronisation for the automotive sector.

The press was told that the third Lukas Dhaka Motor Show would take place at the Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Center on March 20-22.

"The aim of arranging the show is to provide a platform for the country's automotive industry to showcase new products to consumers and enhance trade," said Islam.

Rahimafrooz and CEMS, an exhibition organiser and event management company, will jointly organise the show.

Leading car and motorcycle distributors and dealers, lubricant and CNG conversion companies, local banks and financial companies and auto-

mobile parts manufacturers and importers from home and abroad will participate in the show.

Rahimafrooz Distribution Ltd. (Lukas) is the title sponsor of the show, where Dunlop Tyres, Castrol, RZ Tyre and Rahimafrooz CNG are partners. The Daily Star, ATN Bangla, the Samokal and Radio Foorti are the media partners.

The show will be open to traders and members of the public everyday from 10 am to 8pm.

Heathrow Airport's Terminal 5 opens

The British queen on Friday officially opened British Airways' exclusive new £4.3 billion home, Heathrow Airport's Terminal 5, says a press release.

Built on time and on budget by airport operator BAA, the new terminal will open for business for up to 30 million passengers a year in thirteen days time on March 27, 2008.

The queen, who has a long association with Heathrow, opened the airport's first passenger terminal, the Europa Building (now called Terminal 2), over half a century ago in 1955.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the AIG (Telecom)
Rajbari, Dhaka.

RE TENDER NOTICE

01. Ministry	Ministry of Home Affairs		
02. Agency	Bangladesh Police		
03. Procuring Entity Name	AIG (Telecom) on behalf of Inspector General, Bangladesh Police.		
04. Invitation for	Tender /	Goods /	Single lot /
05. Invitation Ref No	S-655/04-2006/2007-2008/VHF / 682 /Bettar		
06. Date	16-03-2008		

KEY INFORMATION

07. Procurement Method	ICT (International)	Open /
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FUNDING INFORMATION

08. Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget		
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

09. Tender Package No.	GIV-R 6825		
10. Tender Package Name	GIV-R 6825		
11. Tender Publication Date	17-03-2008		
12. Tender Last Selling Date	16-04-2008		
13. Tender Closing Date and Time	17-04-2008	11.00	
14. Tender Opening Date and Time	17-04-2008	11.30	

15. -Selling Tender Document

Address(es)	AIG (Admin), Police HO, Dhaka, DC (HO), DMP, Dhaka, Addl. SP (Training) Telecom, Rajbari, Dhaka-1217.		
-Receiving Tender Document	Police Telecom, Rajbari, Dhaka-1217		
-Opening Tender Document	Police Telecom, Rajbari, Dhaka-1217		
Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Place/Address	Date	Time
	Police Telecom, Rajbari, Dhaka-1217	N/A	N/A

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

16. Eligibility of Tenderer	The Bidders should have valid Trade License, financially solvent, Income Tax payee, The legal capacity to enter the contract, Qualified staff and equipment, Are not Blacklisted and Bankrupt etc. as mentioned in the Tender document. The tenderer should have minimum 3 (Three) years supply experience of similar nature of goods and having experience similar nature of goods under a single contract amount Tk.100.00 Lac or more in the last 5 years.		
17. Brief Description of Goods or Works	Supply of VHF Repeater with Other Accessories		
18. Tender document price & Type of Payment	=1,500.00 (One thousand Five Hundred) cash only.		
19. Type of Payment for Security Amount	The form of Bank draft/Pay Order or irrevocable Bank guarantee from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh. (Amount stated in the Tender document)		

LOT INFORMATION

20. Lot No.	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount in Taka	Completion Time in month
21. Package NO- GIV-WMR 6825				
Lot-2	VHF Repeater With Other Accessories	Zia International Air port, Dhaka.	Lot 02 -US\$ 4,000 or BDT 2,80,000/-	13 Weeks.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

22. Name of Official Inviting Tender	MD. Feroz Al Mozahid Khan		
23. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	AIG Telecom, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka-1217		
24. Address of Official Inviting Tender	Police Telecom, Rajbari, Dhaka-1217		
25. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone-9332395	Fax-9344504	E-mail: policetelecom@galbd.net
26. Special instructions	The procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders prior to acceptance		

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Invitation for Tender

1. Ministry	Ministry of Expatriates Welfare & Overseas Employment	
2. Agency	Bureau of Manpower, Employment & Training	
3. Procuring Entity Name	Bureau of Manpower, Employment & Training	
4. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh	
5. Invitation for	Tender for procurement of Computer's Toner(Cartridge) for the Laser Printer, Computer, Computer Accessories, & Emigration Clearance Card	
6. Invitation Ref No. & Date	Kallayn Tahbil 13654/2008/3046	Date : 13/03/2008
7. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method	
8. Budget and Source of Funds	Wage Earners Welfare Fund	
9. Tender Package No.	1 Package (Lot-3)	
10. Tender Package Name	Tender for procurement of Computer's Toner(Cartridge) for the Laser Printer, Computer, Computer Accessories, & Emigration Clearance Card	
11. Tender Last Selling Date	08/4/2008, Time : 5.00 PM.	
12. Tender Closing Date and Time	09/04/2008, Time : 2.00 PM.	
13. Tender Opening Date and Time	09/04/2008, Time : 2.30 PM.	
14. Name & Address of the office	Bureau of Manpower, Employment & Training, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.	
Selling Tender Document	Accounts section, Wage Earners Welfare Fund 3 rd floor, Briefing Center, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.	
Receiving Tender Document	Additional Director General (ES), 4 th floor, BMET, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.	
Opening Tender Document	Additional Director General (ES), 4 th floor, BMET, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.	
15. Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	06/04/2008, Time : 11.00 AM (if necessary)	
16. Eligibility of Tender	The Tenders Should have the following requirements. 1. Valid Trade License 2. Experience of supplying similar types of goods (five years of overall experience & 3 years specific experience). 3. Up to date income Tax Certificate and VAT registration certificate. 4. Bank solvency certificate & credit facilities certificate 5. Affidavit in support of ownership of the firm. 6. Other conditions as per STD	
17. Brief Description of Goods or Works	Tender for procurement of Computer's Toner, (Cartridge) for the Laser Printer, Computer, Computer Accessories, & Emigration Clearance Card.	
18. Price of Tender Document	1,000/- (One Thousand Only) per lot	

Lot No	Description	Location	Tender Security Amount (In Tk)	Completion Time
1.	Computer's Toner (Cartridge) for the Laser Jet Printer	BMET, Head Quarter	22,500/- in the form of Bank Draft/Pay order (in favour of wage Earners welfare fund)	15 days from date of notification of Award.
2.	Computer & Computer Accessories.	BMET, Head Quarter	13,500/- in the form of Bank Draft/Pay order (in favour of wage Earners welfare fund)	
3.	Emigration Clearance Card	BMET, Head Quarter	18,000/- in the form of Bank Draft/Pay order (in favour of wage Earners welfare fund)	

19. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Dr. Md. Kawsar	
20. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director (Welfare)	
21. Address of Official Inviting Tender	Bureau of Manpower, Employment & Training, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.	
22. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel : 9361820	Fax :
The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without any cause notification.		

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