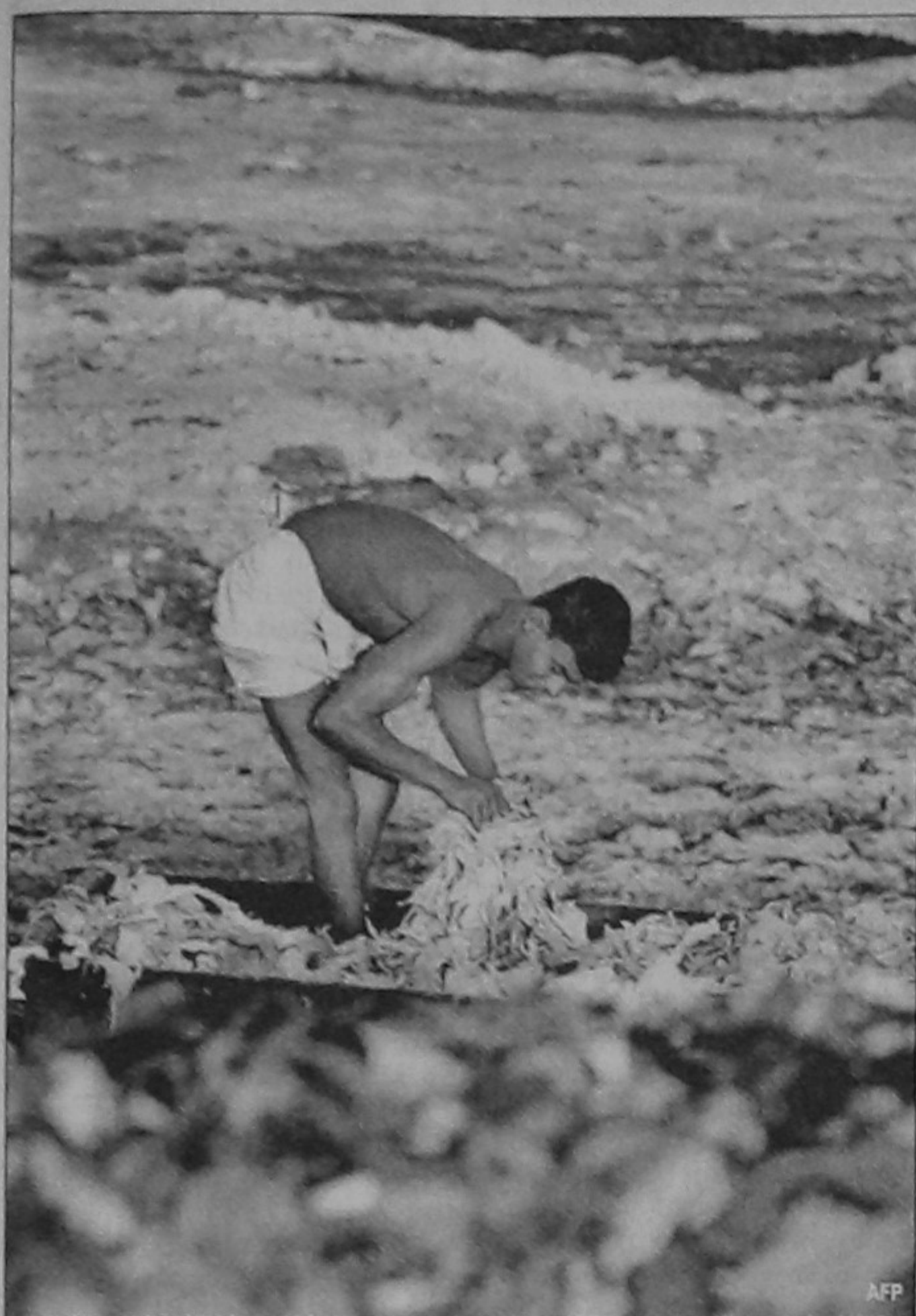


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Environment pollution



Polluted environment means pollution of water, food and air, which are the most important elements for all living beings. In this polluted environment babies are born crippled, blind, dull etc. People cannot get fresh air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat.

Nowadays Dhaka is the most polluted city. Everywhere there are the heaps of dirt. People cover their mouths and noses with masks. If such condition continues, people will die of different kinds of fatal diseases.

To eliminate pollution from the cities, all the citizens should be conscious. The government should make strict rules and punish people if they break the same. Everywhere, there should be dustbins.

The government should encourage people to plant more trees and to preserve the sources of water.

Mohammad Rajja
Gono Bishwabidyalay, Savar

US preaching democracy!

Although not parliamentary type, the USA obviously practices democracy in its own politics. But when this "police state" tries to impart democracy to others, I feel irritated. Why? Because in world politics, now the US administration is the number one culprit that is crossing every border of decency and is acting against the very core of diplomatic norms. So the DS editorial of March 11 rightly termed the ongoing talks by US charge d'affaires - Geeta Pasi as "evincing more than normal diplomatic interest".

The BBC website shows that Geeta Pasi is "calling" for following the election roadmap declared by both our CTG and EC. Our own

print media writes "US wants to see..." Why should the US express implicitly or explicitly any doubt on our benevolent government's following its own schedule? I find no reason. Is it because some parties express doubt since if no early election is held, their accession to the "throne" would be delayed?

What moral authority does the US hold to "call" or to "want to see"? If it feels very inclined, it must "request" our government. We are fully able to deal with our democracy. If we need help, we can have that from the United Nations. We can regard the UN as the "world leader" - no single state can have such extra privilege to give lessons to others. Please mind your own business.

MAS Molla
BAAS, Dhaka

Exporting mangoes to Japan

Recently, Bangladesh requested Japan to lift the ban on export of mangoes from Bangladesh.

Bangladesh being a producer of high quality mangoes is capable of exporting mangoes to Japan by maintaining export standards.

We sincerely hope that the Japanese authorities would take urgent measures to lift the existing ban on mango export to Japan and help Bangladeshi mango farmers enter into the Japanese fruit market.

Professor M Zahidul Haque
Chairman
Department of Agricultural
Extension & Information System
Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural
University

NSC

It is reported in the media that the cabinet has approved a draft ordinance for the "National Security Council" (NSC). A brief and unconfirmed outline has also been mentioned in the report. The NSC is not a new idea. It exists in many countries and operates under the control and guidance of the elected government. We only hope our NSC would follow the same principle and shall not emerge as a "Super Government" to handle day to day internal crisis in political and economic fields. The NSC has two important aspects-- political aspect and national security aspect. I hope the latter would get more attention in the law in the making.

In this regard, I hope our national security experts and strategists, in public and private sectors, would upgrade their professional knowledge and skills to contribute to our national security, and be very objective, non-partisan in their analysis of the national security issues. I do not know how much impact our foreign policy would make on our national security matters. It would be appropriate not to create any scapegoat and hypothetical enemy to keep the citizens under a permanent fear syndrome. Be realistic and do not bypass the democratic principles for "narrow political interest" of vested groups. We hope the nation would not be presented with a hybrid model of the "Special Powers Act" of 1974. This is very unpopular(?) but a political necessity of every ruling party!!

Finally, I would request the government to provide a clear vision about our national security and define the same in understandable terms for our citizens who are the front workers and defenders of our national security, not any particular organisation/institution. The government should make this NSC draft act public without delay and seek public opinion on it.

Areader
One-mail

Our cricket selectors

It is said that our selectors don't know the basic things of Test cricket. No one (except our selectors of Test players) would disagree with the well known fact that Test

cricket is a game of patience, experience, form & fitness. When these basic things are remembered, no one would adventure to select our Test team excluding Javed Omar, Belim Golla, Khaled Mashud Pilot, Rajin Saleh & Aloke Kapali. But our selectors went for that adventure!! This is because of their inefficiency. And they should pay for it. They should resign admitting their guilt & inefficiency. They forced many of the ODI players to play Test cricket. This is the main cause of our shameful failure in Test cricket in the recent past. If Javed Omar, Belim Golla, Khaled Mashud Pilot, Rajin Saleh and Aloke Kapali were to play in the first Test against South Africa, the story could have been different.

ABM Moniruddin
One-mail

US and human rights abuses

On 11-03-2008, the United States released its State Department's 2007 Human Rights Report on Asia where North Korea and Myanmar have been ranked the world's worst violators of human rights and condemned other Asian countries, including Bangladesh for alleged human rights abuses. But the report has dropped China from the category of worst violators, noted progress in Thailand's return to democracy and hailed India and Indonesia for generally respecting citizen's rights. However, the government of Bangladesh has termed the report disappointing for its "lack of balance" in presenting the country's ground realities.

But what is about the United States and its number one friend Israel? What are they doing themselves in Palestine, Iraq and Afghanistan? What is the definition of human rights abuse? Don't activities like occupying and destroying other countries, killing innumerable number of people, detaining and torturing thousands of human beings, violate human rights? The United States and Israel are protecting the rights of their own citizens and showing utter disrespect to that of the people of other countries, particularly those who do not blindly obey them. The US should stop playing this double standard game and end the injustice before judging others for human rights abuses.

Engr. Md. Aminul Haque
Khalishpur, Khulna



Politics

During the last few days, there have been doubts and disbelief among the politicians about holding of national election on time. Some of the leaders are very much sceptical about the sincerity of the present EC, despite the fact that the Hon'ble Chief Adviser and the Army Chief are repeatedly saying that the national election will be held as per the roadmap and definitely within 2008. The international community, especially the USA, EU and other donors and development partners are pressing this government to hold election with participation of all major parties. The present CTG has also appraised the international community of its positive intentions.


Why then the country's leaders are so much sceptical about it? What do they want then?

Instead of assisting the present CTG for creating the atmosphere for a peaceful election, some of these leaders are talking about a non-elected national government, boycott, agitation etc. and some are demanding resignation of the present EC. We are confused about our leaders. These leaders are more comfortable in troubled election than a free and fair election because they are doubtful about their own acceptability among the people and prefer chaos, not peaceful election.

We observe that some leaders are demanding the release of the leaders of their rival parties who were their arch enemies a few days ago and were trying to annihilate them by throwing bombs. What a change of attitude of these leaders and politicians? We heard the clarion call of their leader saying in a public meeting just before the "one-eleven" change-- "Break the hands of those opposition leaders so that they can never ask for votes from the people". As if they were the sole owners of the 15 crore people! What are they doing now? Now we find them helpless and feeble. They want to go back to their own brand of days where unlimited corruption, extortion, grabbing of land, commissions from foreign investors could go their way. The people have seen the real faces of these leaders and will not join them for any sort of agitation or hartals, at least in the near future.

The leaders of all political parties, irrespective of size, should lend their support to the present CTG to hold a free, fair and credible election for a better future of our motherland.

Shafiqul Islam
One-mail



Bangladesh Bank

(Central Bank of Bangladesh)
Common Services Department
Head Office
Motijheel, Dhaka-1000
Bangladesh

Ref. Tender No. CSD(EQUIPMENT)69(3)/697/2008 Date: 12-03-2008

Tender for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of PC, Laptop, Printers, Multimedia Projector, Scanner, Direct Overhead Projector & Off-Line UPS.

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide local agents/suppliers/dealers/distributors/retailers and manufacturers for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of PC, Laptop, Printers, Multimedia Projector, Scanner, Direct Overhead Projector & Off-Line UPS at for Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, BBTA, Dhaka, Motijheel Office, Chittagong Office & Rajshahi Office, necessary information are given below:

01.	Source of funds	Bangladesh Bank.
02.	Invitation for tender No.	CSD(EQUIPMENT)69(3)/697/2008 Dated: 12-03-2008.
03.	Eligibility of tenderers	a) Tenderers or their principals from all countries except Israel having experience in successful supply, installation, testing & commissioning of PC, Laptop, Printers, Multimedia Projector, Scanner, Direct Overhead Projector & Off-Line UPS in any gov't/semi-gov't/autonomous organizations or Registered Companies in Bangladesh. b) Tenderers having distributorship/agencyship from reputed PC, Laptop, Printers, Multimedia Projector, Scanner, Direct Overhead Projector & Off-Line UPS and software manufacturers.
04.	Name & address of the office selling tender document	Common Services Department (Equipment Section, 6 th Floor of 30-Storeyed Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
05.	Name & address of the office receiving tenders	Common Services Department (Equipment Section, 6 th Floor of 30-Storeyed Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
06.	Name & address of the office opening tenders	-do-
07.	Last date & time for selling tender documents	07-04-2008 up to normal office hours.
08.	Last date & time for submission tenders	08-04-2008 on or before 11:30am.
09.	Date & time for tender opening	08-04-2008 at 11:35am (intending tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the tender opening).
10.	Brief description of the goods and services	Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of 01(one) PC, 04(four) Laptop (Notebook Computer), 07 (seven) Dot-Matrix Printers, 15 (fifteen) Laser Printers, 01 (one) Color Printer, 06 (six) Multimedia Projectors, 01 (one) Scanner, 03 (three) Direct Overhead Projectors & 07 (seven) Off-Line UPS at Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka, BBTA, Motijheel Office, Chittagong Office & Rajshahi Office.

Lot No.	Identification of lot	Price of tender	Tender security	Time for completion in months
01.	Personal computer	Tk. 2,000/-	Tender security amount will be Tk. 1,500/- (one thousand five hundred) only	01 (one) month.
02.	Laptop (notebook computer)	Tk. 2,000/-	Tender security amount will be Tk. 12,000/- (twelve thousand) only	01 (one) month.
03.	Dot-Matrix Printer	Tk. 2,000/-	Tender security amount will be Tk. 11,000/- (eleven thousand) only	01 (one) month.
04.	Laser Printer	Tk. 2,000/-	Tender security amount will be Tk. 12,000/- (twelve thousand) only	01 (one) month.
05.	Off-Line UPS	Tk. 2,000/-	Tender security amount will be Tk. 1,100/- (one thousand one hundred) only	01 (one) month.
06.	Color Laser Printer	Tk. 2,000/-	Tender security amount will be Tk. 2,000/- (two thousand) only	01 (one) month.
07.	Multimedia Projector	Tk. 2,000/-	Tender security amount will be Tk. 16,000/- (sixteen thousand) only	01 (one) month.
08.	Scanner	Tk. 2,000/-	Tender security amount will be Tk. 1,100/- (one thousand one hundred) only	01 (one) month.
09.	Direct Overhead Projector	Tk. 2,000/-	Tender security amount will be Tk. 9,000/- (nine thousand) only	01 (one) month.

Bangladesh Bank reserves the right to accept any tender in full, in part or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
PRPD: 48/08-516
Date: 13/3/08
GD-1263

AKM Fazlur Rahman
General Manager
Tel: 7120959

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়
শাখা-১৯
বিজ্ঞপ্তি

শা:১৯/১-৭/(নিজিলায় বৃত্তি)/২০০৫/৬২৮ তারিখ: ১২.০৩.০৮

New Zealand Agency for International Development (NZAID) বাংলাদেশী শিক্ষার্থীদের জন্য Ph.D প্রোগ্রামে ১টি এবং Masters/PGDiploma প্রোগ্রামে ২টি বৃত্তির প্রস্তাব দিয়েছে। সে লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশী অগ্রাধী প্রার্থীদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

Priority Sector সমূহ নিম্নরূপ:
Sustainable rural livelihoods (including Livestock, Forestry and Fisheries and Horticulture), Education (including early Childhood Education, Bilingual Education, Education Management), Primary Health, Governance (including Public Administration, public sector management), Trade and Development, Conflict prevention and reconstruction, Environmental Studies, Biosecurity, Quarantine, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards, Plant and Animal Health, Food safety, food quality and food technology, Tourism Management, Ecotourism, Agribusiness Development (income generation, market chain interventions, production processes and rural services).

প্রার্থীদের নিম্নলিখিত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন হতে হবে:

- Ph.D এর জন্য ১ম শ্রেণীর মাস্টার্স ডিগ্রি।
- Masters/PGDiploma এর জন্য ১ম শ্রেণীর ব্যাচেলর ডিগ্রি।
- বিগত ২ বছর দেশে অবস্থান করতে হবে এবং Public/Private/Community Sector এ চাকরীর হতে হবে।
- আগামী ২৪ মাসের মধ্যে New Zealand/Australia অথবা অন্য কোন উন্নত দেশের সরকারের কোন বৃত্তি এর সুযোগ গ্রাণ্ড করেন না।

প্রার্থীদের নিম্নলিখিত ডকুমেন্টসসমূহ দাখিল করতে হবে:

- জন্ম সনদ এর সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি।
- পাসপোর্ট এর সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি।
- সকল পরীক্ষার সার্টিফিকেট ও ট্রান্সক্রিপ্ট এর সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি।
- বিগত ২৪ মাসের মধ্যে সম্পন্ন TOEFL/IELTS এর মূলকপি।
- এক কপি CV (including a brief history of the applicant's tertiary education background, publications, job skills and paid & unpaid work experience current job description confirming position and responsibilities and duties).
- ডিনারি রেফারেন্স লেটার (On official letterhead supporting the application to study in New Zealand, these must be relevant to the scholarship and study programme. 01 reference from current employer and 02 from former lecturer or academic supervisor) (২৪ মাসের মধ্যে গ্রাণ্ড)।
- পাঁচ শব্দের মধ্যে রিসার্চ স্টাডিজ গ্রান্ড (রিসার্চ প্রার্থীদের জন্য)।
- বিবাহের সার্টিফিকেট/নির্ভরশীল সন্তানের জন্ম সনদ (if applying for the accompanied stipend).
- নাম পরিবর্তনের ক্ষেত্রে অফিসিয়াল প্রমাণপত্র।

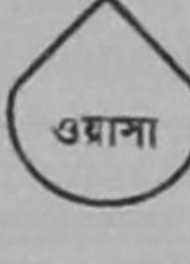
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- আগামী ৩০.০৪.০৮ইং তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নাধিকারীর নিকট পূর্ণকৃত আবেদন ফরম (বর্ণিত ওয়েবসাইটে হতে ডাউনলোডকৃত) প্রয়োজনীয় ডকুমেন্টসসহ (ফিন স্টেট) সরাসরি অথবা ডাকযোগে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। সকল ডকুমেন্টস ইংরেজিতে অনুবাদকৃত হতে হবে।

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Office of the Superintending Engineer

Drainage (R&D) Circle & Project Director
Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City Project
Dhaka WASA, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000

Memo. No: 163/DC (R&D)/DD(R&D)-2 Date: 09/03/2008

Invitation for Tender

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Local Government Rural Development and Co-operative
Dhaka WASA

1	Ministry/Division	Local Government Rural Development and Co-operative
2	Agency	Dhaka WASA
3	Procuring entity name	PD., Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City Project (RWLP)
4	Invitation for	Manufacturing & supplying of machine made RCC pipe for construction of storm sewer line at Road No-20, Sector-11 & Road No-12, Sector-13 to Abdullahpur Khal via Sonargaon Janapath, Uttara. (Job No. D-124/07), (Package-1)
5	Invitation Ref No	Memo No: 163/DC (R&D)/DD (R&D)-2
6	Date	09/03/2008

KEY INFORMATION

7	Procurement method	National Open Tendering Method (NOTM)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

8	Budget & source of funds	The Government of Bangladesh (GOB)
9	Project/programme code	N/A
10	Project/programme name	Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City Project (RWLP)
11	Tender publication date	
12	Tender last selling date	During office hours from 18/03/2008 to 06/04/2008. No tender document will be sold on the day of opening of tender.
13	Tender closing date and time	On 07/04/2008 up to 12.00 noon.
14	Opening date and time	On 07/04/2008 at 1.00PM.

Name and address of the offices:

15	Selling tender document	1. Janata Bank, Kawan Bazar Corporate Branch/Fakirapool Branch/Posta Branch/Mohammadpur Corporate Branch/Mirpur Section-1/Mohakhali Corporate Branch, Dhaka. 2. Agrani Bank, WASA Branch, Dhaka. 3. Uttara Bank, Kawan Bazar Branch. 4. HSCB, Gulshan Branch/Motijheel Branch/Dhanmondi Branch, Dhaka. 5. One Bank Ltd, Kawan Bazar Branch, Dhaka.
	Receiving tender document	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Drainage (R&D) Circle & Project Director, Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City, Dhaka WASA, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000
	Opening tender document	Same as above

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

16	Eligibility of tenderers	1. Manufacturing Licence from the Ministry of Industry/Board of Investment. 2. Tenderer must have a minimum value of machine made RCC pipe supply works under a single contract in the last five years should be of 2.0 (two) millions to any gov't/semi-gov't/autonomous bodies supported by certificate from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer.
17	Brief description of goods	Manufacturing & supplying of 1200, 900, 600 & 450mm diameter machine made RCC pipe according to BS-556.
18	Brief description of related services	N/A

Sl.	Name of tender	Location	Tender document price (Tk)	Tender security price (Tk)	Completion time (days)
(A)	Manufacturing & supplying of machine made RCC pipe for construction of storm sewer line at Road No-20, Sector-11 & Road No. 12, Sector-13 to Abdullahpur Khal via Soargaon Janapath, Uttara. (Job No-D-124/07), (Package-1)	Factory premise or stackyard which will be used in different places in Dhaka city	2000/- (two thousand)	1,60,000/- (one lac sixty thousand)	60 (sixty)

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

19	Name of the official inviting tender	Engr. Md. Waliullah Sikder
20	Designation of the official inviting tender	Superintending Engineer, Drainage (R&D) Circle & Project Director, Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City Project (RWLP).
21	Address of the official inviting tender	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Drainage (R&D) Circle & Project Director, Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City, DWASA, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000
22	Contact details of official inviting tender	9559142
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject or accept all tenders.	

Engr. Md. Waliullah Sikder
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