

## 129 polling centres in Rajshahi city announced

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi election office yesterday published a list of 129 probable polling centers in Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) areas. There were 130 centers in the previous list.

In the new list, earlier two polling centers at Rajshahi University School have been merged into one. The earlier center at Madar Bux Home Economic College has been shifted to Chandipur Government Primary School.

According to sources at election office, the list will be hung at election offices at divisional, district and upazila levels and at the office of RCC executive officer till May 19.

Within the period, people can lodge their objections, if any, regarding the vote centers, the sources said.

The number of voters in RCC area now stands at 2,58,650-15,478 less than 2,74,128 in the earlier voter list.

Deputy Election Commissioner Sayed Muhammad Musa said Rajshahi is the first metropolitan city in the country to have a list of probable polling centers.

## PRICE HIKE OF MATERIALS

## Contractors seek more fund for govt projects in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A large number of contractors enlisted with government departments in Rangpur yesterday demanded allocation of additional funds to complete construction projects.

Most of the projects were approved before December last year. Prices of all construction materials almost doubles over the period, they told a press conference.

Work on construction projects involving about Tk 1000 crore in Rangpur is suspended for about one year due to price hike of materials and these can not be completed with earlier allocated funds, they said.

The projects are not included in the compensation scheme announced by the government recently, they said.

Contractor Rafiqul Islam Dulal read out a written statement at the press conference, attended by about 200 contractors.

They also demanded inclusion of projects approved in 2005-005 and 2006-007 financial years in the compensation scheme.

# Power plant crippled, waterways snapped in Rangamati

4 of 5 KHPP units silent as Kaptai water level falls



Large shoals have emerged with lowering of water level on Kaptai Lake as there has been little rain during the last two months.

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

Absence of rain for a couple of months in Rangamati has kept the Karnaphuli Hydroelectric Power Plant (KHPP) crippled, snapped the tourist town's water way links with six out of 10 upazilas and sent townspeople clamouring for water.

Jum cultivation in the hills is also being affected.

Four out of five units of KHPP are now silent for lack of water in Kaptai Lake. Only one unit operates and another runs from 6pm till about midnight, KHPP sources said.

In the scorching heat, frequent power outage makes life miserable in the hill town. At times the townspeople have to go without power for the whole day and night, residents said.

Generally, water level in the lake falls in the middle of summer. But this year, the level has fallen rapidly due to lack of rain, KHPP sources said.

The lone power unit now gener-

ates up to 73 MW a day against earlier production of 230 MW. In last winter, it generated 242 MW against its capacity of 230, they said.

The lake water level is now at 75.36 MSL (Means Sea Level) against 88.80 MSL during winter when the lake remains full. If the water level comes down below 68 MSL, power generation will be completely stopped, the sources said.

The water level should be at least 88.82 MSL in Kaptai Lake for normal generation of power.

When contacted, Deputy Director Surajit Kumar Saha at Chittagong meteorological office said heavy rain is still about a month away. The rainy season may set in on June 12, he said.

"We may face a cyclone this month as a low persists on the Bay", Surajit added.

Plying of water transports from Naniachar, Baghaichhari, Longudu, Barkal, Jurachhari and

Bilaichhari upazilas is suspended, resulting in miseries of commuters. This is affecting official activities also.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) also stopped plying of big launches in the lake. Only small engine boats now play on six water routes in the district.

Launch owner Rokeya Begum said the lake is losing navigability due to continuous deposit of silt from upstream areas and hills during rainy season.

The Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) now supplies only 11 lakh to 12 lakh gallons of water in Rangamati town against a demand for 18 lakh gallons, said sub-divisional engineer Md. Firoz Ahmed.

"The machine of our water treatment plant is only two feet under water. If there is no heavy rain in 15-20 days, water supply in the town will be totally disrupted," he said.

## VIOLENCE AT KUET Vested quarters were behind incidents, VC says

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (KUET) vice chancellor (VC) Prof Dr M Nawsher Ali yesterday said steps have been taken to stop recurrence of unpleasant situation like Sunday's violence on the campus.

The VC said this after holding a meeting of the teachers' council of KUET.

Presided by the VC, the meeting was attended by heads of all departments and provosts of all the six residential halls of the university.

The VC admitted that a group of vested interest was out to vitiate peaceful academic atmosphere on the campus.

The meeting unanimously resolved that necessary steps would be taken against persons involved in Sunday's violence forcing the VC to declare the university closed till May 31 asking resident students to vacate the halls.

It was also resolved that steps would also be taken to remove credibility gap between teachers and students.

Meanwhile, majority of teachers accused Shimul Das, a student of the Mechanical Department for organising violence on the campus by hiring hoodlums from outside.

The VC said that he would go into action after getting report on findings of the seven-member probe committee.

## ACC CASE AGAINST ARIFUL

## Complainant's deposition ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Argument of the complainant in the case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) against Sylhet city BNP chief Ariful Haque Chowdhury and his wife Shyama Haque Chowdhury (absconding) ended yesterday in Sylhet District and Sessions Judge's Court, also the special tribunal.

It was held yesterday for the 4th day. Deposition and argument of the other prosecution witnesses, including five engineers of Public Works Department (PWD) will start today, court sources said.

The court on April 22 framed charges in the ACC-filed case against Ariful.

As many as 27 persons including the complainant were made witnesses in the case.

On the basis of specific documents, the ACC had brought specific allegations of illegally accumulating property against the accused couple, complainant, the then deputy director, ACC, Sylhet region -- Md Nasir Uddin said during the argument.

# Sust authorities again suspend English honours exams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The authorities of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) in a dramatic move yesterday afternoon decided to postpone their Sunday night's decision about holding of two suspended honours final semester examinations of English department on May 13 and 14.

The decision following insistence from a group of teachers from other departments under social science faculty has frustrated the English students, who had become happy over realisation of their demand for holding the suspended examinations.

A letter will be sent to the head of the Department of English for postponing the examinations, which were scheduled to be held on May 13 and May 14, Sust Registrar Zamil Ahmed Chowdhury told The Daily Star yesterday afternoon.

An emergency meeting of the Academic Council has been called

today and the whole matter would now be decided at the meeting, he added.

English department students of SUST called off their hunger strike at 9:30pm on Sunday as the authorities told the agitating students that the suspended examinations of Honours final semester students will be held on May 13 and 14.

The students had been pressing for their demand for holding the two examinations that has been postponed as per decision of the Academic Council meeting held on May 4.

The English students' three-point demand also included appointment of two permanent professors in English department and creation of Arts Faculty comprising the departments of English and Bangla.

They alleged that social science faculty Dean Dr Khondker had managed postponing the two examinations as there had been serious session jam in two other departments under his faculty.

## BDR returns snatched rifle to BSF

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) yesterday returned a snatched rifle to Indian Border Force (BSF) at a flag meeting, BDR sources said.

Villagers at Thotarpara in Bangladesh snatched the rifle from BSF men when they illegally entered Bangladesh territory on Saturday.

Later, local people handed over it to BDR personnel. After the incident, BSF sent a letter to BDR requesting a flag meeting.

## Skeleton of abducted youth found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Police yesterday recovered the skeleton of a youth who was murdered after he had gone missing on April 20 from the deep jungle at Alutilla under Sadar upazila in Khagrachhari hill district.

The deceased, Abdul Ali 29 of Tabalchhari under Matiranga upazila, went missing on April 20 when he was returning home from the district town, police said.

The skeleton was found on the basis of confessions of two persons Zahanghir and Riaz-arrested yesterday and the night before. They told police that they, along with some others killed Ali and snatched Tk 70 thousand from him.



Awami League leaders and activists at a party office in Rajshahi city yesterday after the Chief Adviser's address to the nation.



# Telephone Shilpa Sangstha Limited

Tongi, Gazipur, Bangladesh

## Expression of Interest (Eoi) for joint collaboration/partnership with TSS

Proposal for invitation from interested investors for submitting offer of joint collaboration/partnership with Telephone Shilpa Sangstha (TSS) Limited.

- Background:** Telephone Shilpa Sangstha (TSS) Ltd. was established in the year 1967 with the nomenclature of "Telephone Industries Corporation" under a joint venture agreement between the then Government of Pakistan and M/S Siemens AG, West Germany, now Nokia Siemens Networks GmbH Co. & KG, Germany. After the independence, Telephone Industries Corporation was incorporated as limited company with its present name Telephone Shilpa Sangstha (TSS) Ltd. under the Companies Act, 1913, and under a fresh agreement with the other part of the joint venture M/S Siemens AG, West Germany in the year 1973.
- Highlights:**
  - Authorised capital : Tk. 120.00 million.
  - Paid up capital : Tk. 86.824 million.
  - Total No. of shares of Tk. 1,000/- each : (79,550+7,274) = 86,824 shares.
  - Shares held by the Govt. of Bangladesh through BTB, 79,550 No. of shares (7,274 No. of shares of M/S Nokia Siemens Networks is under process of transfer in favour of the Govt. of Bangladesh)
  - Building area : 60,800sqft.
  - Total floor area (shed hall & others) : 1,16,680sqft.
  - Total land : 29.03 acres (Uttara and Tongi).
  - Machineries/equipments : About 200 workshop machineries for manufacturing fabricated parts of telephone exchange equipment. These can be converted for other productive purposes.
  - Total employees : 300 (three hundred)
  - Board of Directors : Male: 260, Female: 08, Officers: 32.
  - Consists of eight members of which currently six nominated by the Bangladesh Govt. and two from Nokia Siemens Networks GmbH Co. & KG.
- Expression of Interest (Eoi):** With the approval of Board of Directors, Managing Director, TSS Ltd. is pleased to invite applications from interested investors both local/foreign for joint collaboration/partnership with TSS by using its existing infrastructure i.e. land, buildings and manpower.
- All interested parties are invited to submit a preliminary proposal preferably from telecom related companies both local and foreign. The proposal should include brief information about the following:
  - Company profile of the applicant and all its partners or joint venture associates.
  - Company profile of the consortium members (if any).
  - Company profile of the telephone equipment producing company.
  - Ownership arrangement.
  - Business proposal with prospects.
  - Management structure.
  - Sales and marketing strategies.
  - Tentative time frame.
  - Launching (MoU, contracts, etc.)
- Proposal should be submitted to the Managing Director, TSS in duplicate at the latest 15 June, 2008 at 12:00 hours (Bangladesh Time). Final proposals will be invited after the evaluation of the Eois. All interested parties are requested to contact for any query by e-mail to md@tss@btb.net.bd or by phone +880 2 9814747 or by fax +880 2 9812700.
- All interested parties may physically visit Telephone Shilpa Sangstha Ltd. before submitting the Expression of Interest (Eoi).
- Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

Managing Director  
Telephone Shilpa Sangstha Ltd.  
Tongi, Gazipur, Bangladesh

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## Gatco case

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include former finance minister M Saifur Rahman, former LGED minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, former land minister M Shamsul Islam, former agriculture minister MK Anwar, former commerce minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, and former industries minister and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Motiur Rahman Nizami.

Others who are not arrested yet are former shipping secretary Zulfikar Haider Chowdhury, former member of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) AK Rashid Uddin Ahmed, Gatco directors Shahjahan M Hasib, AKM Musa Kajol, Ehsan Yusuf and former shipping minister and BNP leader Col (ret'd) Akbar Hossain's wife Jahannara Ansar.

ACC Director General (Admin) Col Hanif Iqbal during a routine press briefing told the press about the situation while replying to a question about those indicted in the charge sheet and not arrested yet.

"The persons who are already detained and currently in jail will be shown arrested in connection with the case. Those who are not arrested will be shown as fugitives," said Hanif.

"Graft is a cognisable offence and there is provision for arresting accused in a graft case after submission of charge sheet. And you know what would be the next steps after submission of the charge sheet," Hanif added.

Replying to another question Hanif said submission of the charge sheet is being delayed for routine work.

Sources in ACC said those not arrested yet would be mentioned as people who are not arrested yet in the charge sheet before submission.

The persons already detained include former state minister for energy AKM Mosharraf Hossain, former agriculture minister MK Anwar, former CPA chairman Commodore (ret'd) Zulfikar Ali, AMM Shahadat Hossain, former CPA director (transport) AM Sanwar Hossain, former chief finance and accounts officer Ahmed Abul Qasem, former director Luthful Kabir, Ismail Hossain Simon--son of former shipping minister and BNP leader Col (ret'd) Akbar Hossain, Gatco directors Syed Galib Ahmed, and Syed Tanveer Ahmed.

The ACC approved the charge sheet in the case on May 8, more than six months after the probe report was submitted. Seven names were dropped from the investigation report.

ACC Deputy Director Johirul Huda is expected to submit the charge sheet today. The charge sheet will be submitted to the trial court soon under sections 409 and 109 of the penal code, section 15 of the Emergency Power Rules 2007, and section 5(2) of the Corruption

Prevention Act 1947.

The ACC filed the case on September 2 last year against Khaleda, Koko and 11 others. Khaleda and Koko were arrested by joint forces the following day.

## Delwar

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BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, Sunday night over his recent move to sit with dissident leaders without Delwar's consent.

During the argument over telephone, Hannan claimed he received a message from the detained chairperson for taking initiative to reunite the party, the leaders added.

A number of pro-Khaleda faction leaders alleged that Hannan during the last few days sat with pro-Saifur faction leaders at different places in the city without consulting Delwar about it.

Meanwhile, Maj (ret'd) Hafizuddin Ahmed, acting secretary general appointed by the party's standing committee, yesterday said the party would be united by May 30 and there is no doubt about it.

"We already held several meetings with leaders of the other faction and the process [unification] is going on," he said at a press briefing at his Banani home.

On acting BNP Chairperson M Saifur Rahman's recent comment about the effectiveness of his leadership, Hafizuddin said it is Saifur's personal opinion and personal opinions do not change any decision.

Replying to a query whether his faction has become ineffective, he said, "I do not know what he said but we will ask him [Saifur] about his remark but a decision cannot be changed due to somebody's personal opinion expressed before the media or court."

"I do not have any desire for any post. I will step down if it is required to unite the party," he replied when asked whether he will quit the post of acting secretary general if BNP is united.

He said they want a respectful unity of the party and the party would be united at any cost before May 30, the death anniversary of its founder late president Ziaur Rahman.

Hafizuddin Ahmed hoped a united BNP would participate in the upcoming dialogue with the government as well as the parliamentary elections.

Termining the ACC's approval of the Gatco case charge sheet unfortunate, he said one cannot be an accused just because he or she was a member of the purchase committee.

Anti-corruption Commission (ACC) recently approved the charge sheet of Gatco case accusing BNP leaders Saifur Rahman and Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan among others. Opposing the re-demarcation of the parliamentary constituencies, he said the Election Commission does not need to do it before this election since all political parties have opposed it.



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Memo No. APSCL/Pro-02/2008/609

date: 11/05/2008

## "Invitation For Tender"

01. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Power Division
02. Agency	: Ashuganj Power Station Co. Ltd.
03. Procuring Entity Name	: Convener, Procurement Committee, APSCL, Ashuganj, B-Baria.
04. Procuring Entity District	: Brahman Baria, Bangladesh
05. Invitation for	: 1. Supply of Electrical Goods for Sub-Station of APSCL 2. Supply of Miniature Circuit Breaker (MCB) for Generator Division of APSCL
06. Invitation Ref No	: Memo No. APSCL/Pro-2/2008/609
07. Date	: 11/05/2008
08. Procurement Method	: Open Tendering Method.
09. Source of Funds	: APSCL'S Own Fund.
10. Tender Publication Date	: 11/05/2008
11. Tender Last Selling Date	: 02/06/2008 during office hours
12. Tender Closing Date and Time	: 03/06/2008 at 12:00 Noon
13. Tender Opening Date and Time	: 03/06/2008 at 12:30 PM
14. Name & Address of the Office	:
a. -Selling Tender Documents.	: (i) Asstt. Chief Engineer (Generation), Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Bhavan, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. (ii) Deputy Director (Finance), APSCL, Ashuganj, B-Baria.
b. Receiving & Opening Tender Documents	: Office of the Convener, Procurement Committee, APSCL, Ashuganj, B-Baria
15. Eligibility of Tenderer	: Renowned Manufacturer / Supplier having experience of supply as specified in the Tender Document.
16.	:

Sl. No	Name of Item	Price of Tender Documents	Amount of Tender Security	Delivery time
01.	Supply of Electrical Goods for Sub-Station of APSCL	Non refundable Tk. 300/- In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh	BDT 5,000/- In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft/ Bank Guarantee from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh	30 days from the date of contract signing
02.	Supply of Miniature Circuit Breaker (MCB) for Generator Division of APSCL	Non refundable Tk.300/- In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh	BDT 2,000/- In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft/ Bank Guarantee from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh	15 days from the date of contract signing
17.	Name of official Inviting Tender	Md-Abdus Samad		
18.	Designation of official Inviting Tender	Convener, Procurement committee		
19.	Address of official Inviting Tender	Ashuganj Power Station Co. Ltd. Ashuganj,B-Baria,Bangladesh.		
20.	Contract details of official Inviting Tender	Tel : 08528-74033 Fax : 08528-74044, E-mail: proc.aps@btbt.net.bd, Website : www.apscl.com		
21.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders			

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