

Voting starts in key Indian state election

AFP, Bangalore

Voters started turning out under heavy security yesterday in a crucial southern Indian state election, hours after suspected Maoist rebels shot dead two men, officials and news reports said.

Ten hours of polling began at 7:00 am (0130 GMT) in the second phase of the election, covering 66 seats spread across the central and coastal regions of Karnataka state, election commission officials said.

More than 10 million people are eligible to cast their ballots, choosing lawmakers from among about 590 candidates.

The first phase of polling to the 224-member assembly was held May 10, and the final round is due May 22, in the election pitting Sonia Gandhi's Congress party against the Hindu-nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Myanmar won't budge on foreign relief: EU envoy

AFP, Yangon

The European Union aid chief said yesterday that Myanmar's junta still would not budge on accepting foreign relief workers, two weeks after the cyclone tragedy that has left more than 71,000 dead or missing.

Heavy rains again pounded the devastated southern Irrawaddy Delta region, compounding the misery for many of the estimated 2.5 million people in need of immediate food, water, shelter or medical care.

The junta's refusal to allow in expert teams to help oversee the massive relief effort since the May 2-3 storm has angered the international community, which has nevertheless been sending in hundreds of tonnes of supplies.

Louis Michel, the EU's humanitarian aid commissioner, was due

to leave the secretive nation later in the day after failing to get permission to visit the delta, which has been all but sealed off to journalists and outsiders.

He said the regime, which has long been suspicious of the outside world and any influence which could weaken its control on power here, would not explain why they refused to issue visas for disaster emergency experts.

"They didn't answer the question, and they did not give any reason," Michel told AFP.

Western diplomats who declined to be named said the regime was taking them to the delta on Saturday, but have no further details about where they would be going.

Michel said he had been taken to "a rather perfect, organised camp" outside the main city of Yangon, far from the flooded and

devastated delta region where aid groups say many survivors have still not received help.

Amid a report from the World Health Organisation that there are cases of cholera in the delta, an AFP reporter who managed to reach the region spoke to a man who said his wife died in the storm's aftermath.

Ohn Kyi, 57, said his wife perished after spending two nights -- cold, wet and hungry -- clinging to an embankment in the rain.

"She had no warm clothes to change into," he said. "She survived the storm, but she could not recover from the cold."

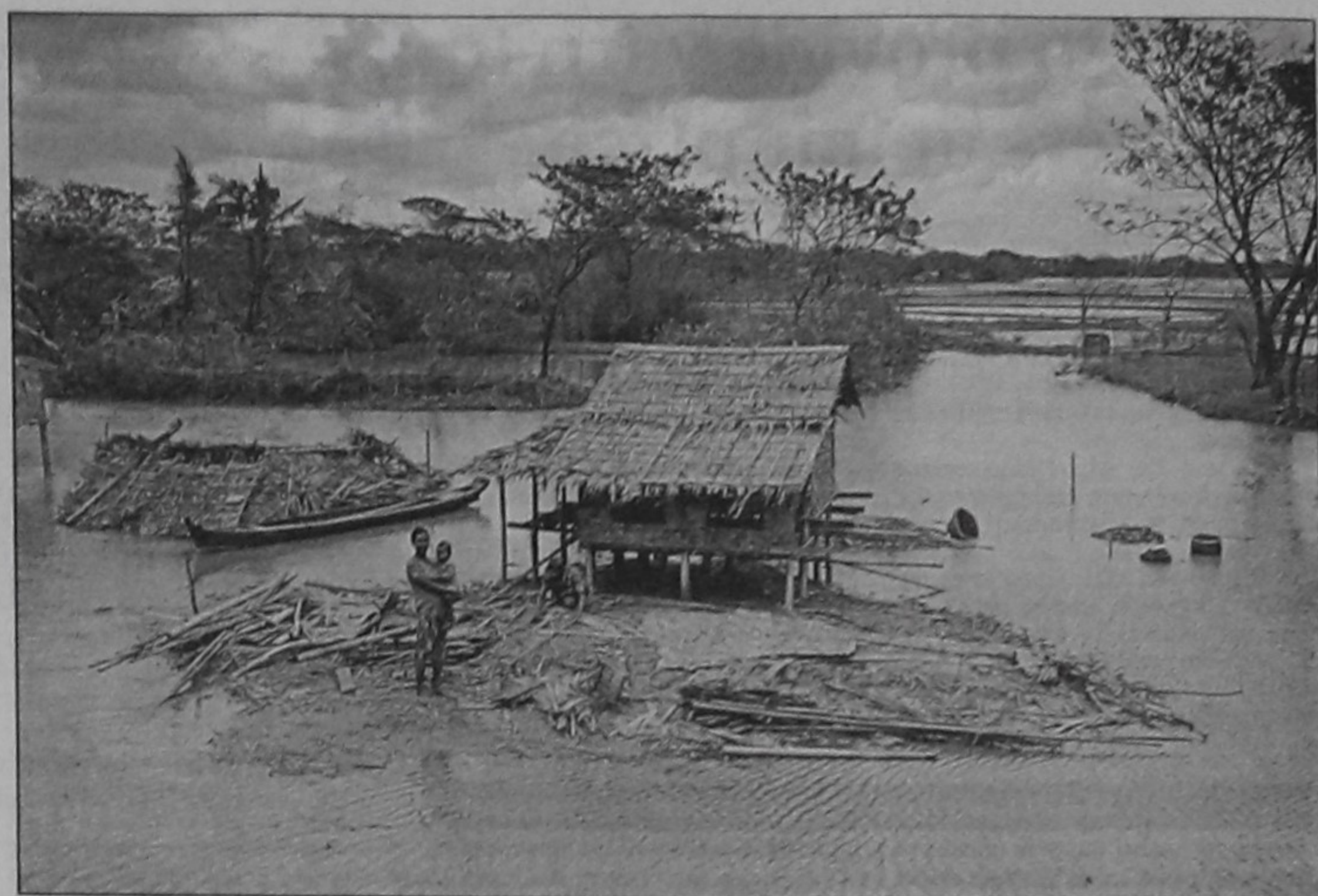
As state media raised the official death toll to 43,318, with nearly 28,000 still missing, Myanmar's southeast Asian neighbours geared up for talks in Singapore on Monday aimed at convening a high-level donors meeting.

A UN source said a donor meeting would likely take place in southeast Asia, probably Bangkok, with May 24 suggested as a possible date.

The junta has said that the country will welcome aid shipments but has steadfastly refused to bow to international pressure to let in most outside workers, saying it can manage the disaster on its own.

Michel has warned that the impoverished country, once a rich British colony known as Burma, is at risk of famine after Cyclone Nargis wiped out vast swathes of the country's rice-growing delta region.

Despite the humanitarian emergency, the government announced victory in a national referendum on a new constitution, held last Saturday with parts of the country still underwater and tens of thousands of people unaccounted for.



A survivor of the cyclone Nargis stands by a house rebuilt next to the wreckage of a destroyed one in Thetkala on the outskirts of Yangon yesterday. The Red Cross on Friday launched an appeal for victims of the devastating cyclone in Myanmar and warned that delays in providing emergency aid would exacerbate an already dire situation.



Sri Lankan police officials conduct investigations at the site of a suicide attack in which a motor-bike rammed into a bus carrying policemen in Colombo yesterday. At least 10 policemen were killed and over 90 people injured.

Militants behead Pakistani soldier to avenge US missile strike

AFP, Khar

Pakistani authorities Friday found the body of a paramilitary soldier beheaded by Taliban insurgents in a tribal area where a suspected US missile strike left 12 people dead, an official said.

A note left on the corpse said the soldier had been killed in revenge for Wednesday's missile massacre in Damadola village in Bajaur tribal district near the Afghan border.

The soldier was kidnapped overnight and his decapitated body dumped on the roadside some eight kilometres (five miles) from a paramilitary post near the main town of Khar, local official Mowaz Khan said.

"This is our revenge for the US missile attack," the note signed by militant group Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, said.

Militants in the troubled semi-autonomous region have in the past kidnapped and killed soldiers, officials and pro-government figures, accused of working with the Americans, as part of a campaign to maintain their stronghold.

US toughens stance on Pak govt's talks with militants

THE DAWN, Washington

The United States is refusing to comment on the missile attack on Damadola but has toughened its stance on a proposed agreement with the militants, saying that any deal Pakistan reaches with them should be "worth more than the paper it is written on".

A number of people were killed in a missile attack on Damadola, a village in the Bajaur Agency, on Wednesday. The blast, which locals and some officials blamed on a US missile strike, could affect ongoing peace talks between pro-Taliban militants and government officials.

A US State Department official, when contacted by Dawn for comments, advised this correspondent to contact Pakistani authorities.

"We saw the reports. We are basically referring people to Pakistani authorities," he said.

Asked why should Pakistani authorities talk about an attack which was reportedly carried out by a US drone, the official said: "We do not have any details about it. We have

seen press reports. This is something Pakistani authorities would know more about than we do".

Also on Thursday, a Pentagon official urged Pakistan to make sure that whatever deal they sign with the militants in Fata "is worth more than the paper it is written on".

US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher has also expressed concern over Islamabad's efforts to sign a peace deal with tribal militants.

"You can't put restrictions on the military and let militants go free," said Mr Boucher, referring apparently to a similar agreement in 2006 which led to Pakistan stopping military operations against the militants.

The United States says that the militants did not respect their part of the agreement, which required them to lay down arms, stop cross-border operations into Afghanistan and cease terrorist activities. Instead, they exploited the peace deal to regroup and rearm.

At the Pentagon, Press Secretary Geoff Morrell expressed similar concerns.

9 killed in Philippines during bank robbery

AP, Manila

At least eight bank employees and a security guard were lined up and shot dead in the head Friday in a bloody Philippine bank robbery, police said. Another employee was in critical condition at a hospital.

The victims were found sprawled out on the floor of a branch of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. in the town of Cabuyao in Laguna province, south of Manila, after customers alerted

authorities when the bank failed to open as scheduled, said chief police Superintendent Ricardo Padilla.

"This is the handiwork of the devil and we will not let this pass," Padilla said. "They were killed in a gangland-style execution. Each of the victims shot in the head while lined up."

He said two security guards were missing, leading authorities to suspect they were involved in the robbery. It was not immediately clear how much money was stolen.

Pakistan optimistic about progress in India talks

THE DAWN, Islamabad

Pakistan has said it is optimistic about progress in the peace process with India when the two countries resume their dialogue next week.

Indian allegations of firing across the Line of Control and the recent blasts in Jaipur would not affect the spirit of the dialogue, said Foreign Office spokesman Mohammad Sadiq at his weekly briefing on Thursday. "Progress has already been made over the past four years and we hope to make further progress."

Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee will hold meetings to wrap up the fourth round of the Composite Dialogue with Shah Mehmood Qureshi here on May 21. The ministers will review the progress made and set the tone for the next round of talks expected to commence later this year.

The political review will be preceded by a meeting of the foreign secretaries of the two countries on May 20.

The spokesman said the two sides would deliberate on how to address the outstanding issues in a more meaningful way.

Pakistan intends to put forward a set of proposals to give fresh impetus to the Composite Dialogue started in February 2004.

Sadiq said: "We are committed to the peace process and seek peaceful resolution of all issues, including the Jammu and Kashmir dispute."

The eight-point agenda for the talks comprises peace and security, including confidence-building measures; Jammu and Kashmir, Siachen, Sir Creek and Wullar Barrage; terrorism and drugs trafficking; economic and commercial cooperation; and promotion of friendly exchanges.

About Indian allegations of firing across the LoC, the spokesman denied that there had been any firing from the Pakistani side. This, he said, had been communicated to India at the battalion

commanders' flag meeting.

Sadiq said Pakistan condemned the recent terrorist acts in Jaipur. Being a victim of terrorism itself, it denounced terrorist acts all over the world.

Meanwhile, the spokesman said Pakistan was investigating the Damadola incident of Wednesday in which at least 12 people were killed. "It is not clear whether it was a missile attack, rocket attack or internal explosion."

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani will visit Egypt from May 17 to 20 to attend the World Economic Forum on the Middle East in Sharm El Sheikh. This will be the prime minister's first overseas trip.

"On the sidelines of the forum, he is expected to meet US President George W. Bush, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Nazif and Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad," the spokesman said.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar PWD Division-1
Dhaka

Invitation for Tenders

01.	Agency	Public Works Department.
02.	Procuring entity name	Executive Engineer, SB Nagar PWD Division-1, Dhaka.
03.	Tender name	As below:
Lot No.	Tender name	Tender security Time for completion of work Price of tender documents (Taka) (non-refundable)
১।	২০০৭-২০০৮ইং অর্থ বৎসরে শেরে বাংলা নগরস্থ জাতীয় হ্রদরোগ ইনস্টিটিউট ও হাসপাতালের ৭ হইতে ১৩ পর্যন্ত কেবিনগুলির রং, স্যানিটোরী, ফ্লোর টাইলসকরণ, এবং দক্ষিণ রকের দক্ষিণ বারান্দার ওয়ার্ড নং-৪ ও ওয়ার্ড ব্যাংক এর আর্চের এ্যালুমিনিয়াম জানালা ও গ্রীল স্থাপন কাজ (অবশিষ্ট অংশ)।	Tk 12,000/- 30 (thirty) days Tk 500/- (five hundred) only
২।	২০০৭-২০০৮ইং অর্থ বৎসরে শেরে বাংলা নগরস্থ জাতীয় হ্রদরোগ ইনস্টিটিউট ও হাসপাতালের ২০ হইতে ২৬ পর্যন্ত কেবিনগুলির রং, স্যানিটোরী, ফ্লোর টাইলসকরণ, এবং দক্ষিণ রকের দক্ষিণ বারান্দার ওয়ার্ড নং-৫, ৬ ও ৭ এর আর্চের এ্যালুমিনিয়াম জানালা ও গ্রীল স্থাপন কাজ (অবশিষ্ট অংশ)।	Tk 12,500/- 30 (thirty) days Tk 500/- (five hundred) only
৩।	২০০৭-২০০৮ইং অর্থ বৎসরে শেরে বাংলা নগরস্থ জাতীয় হ্রদরোগ ইনস্টিটিউট ও হাসপাতালের রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ ও মেরামত কাজ। উপর্যুক্ত-৩ জরুরি বিভাগের পরিবর্তন, পরিবর্তন ও সংস্কার কাজ (অবশিষ্ট অংশ)।	Tk 11,000/- 30 (thirty) days Tk 500/- (five hundred) only
৪।	২০০৭-২০০৮ইং অর্থ বৎসরে শেরে বাংলা নগরস্থ জাতীয় হ্রদরোগ ইনস্টিটিউট ও হাসপাতালের দক্ষিণ রকের বেইজমেন্টে নির্মিত কেবিনে প্রবেশের জন্য সংযোগ করিডোর নির্মাণ সহ অন্যান্য আবাসিক মেরামত কাজ।	Tk 12,000/- 30 (thirty) days Tk 500/- (five hundred) only
৫।	২০০৭-২০০৮ইং অর্থ বৎসরে শেরে বাংলা নগরস্থ জাতীয় হ্রদরোগ ইনস্টিটিউট ও হাসপাতালের দক্ষিণ রকের বেইজমেন্টে নির্মিত কেবিনের ফ্লোরে মোজাইককরণ কাজ।	Tk 12,500/- 30 (thirty) days Tk 500/- (five hundred) only
৬।	২০০৭-২০০৮ইং অর্থ বৎসরে শেরে বাংলা নগরস্থ জাতীয় হ্রদরোগ ইনস্টিটিউট ও হাসপাতালের লাইব্রেরীতে জিপসাম বোর্ড সিলিং ও দেয়ালের এটেন্ডেন্টদের জন্য রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ কাজ (অবশিষ্ট অংশ)।	Tk 9,000/- 30 (thirty) days Tk 500/- (five hundred) only
04.	Source of fund	Government of Bangladesh (GOB).
05.	Tender No.	M-III/30/2007-2008, Memo No-851 dt. 12-5-08.
06.	Tender package No.	W (PWD) NICVD.
07.	Time for completion of works	As mention in serial number-3.
08.	Tendering method	Open tendering method (OTM).
09.	Eligibility of tenderers	This invitation for tenders is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned below: a) Reputed contractors/construction firms who have minimum 3 (three) years of general experience in building construction works. b) Having experience in successful completion of at least 1 (one) number of similar type of works in a single tender in government/semi-government/autonomous organisation of Bangladesh during last 3 (three) years for each lot. The work certificate should be endorsed by an officer not below rank of Executive Engineer. c) The tenderers shall have a minimum average annual construction turnover during last 5 (five) years of Tk 10.00 (ten) lac for each lot. d) Liquid assets/cash flow is not less than Tk 5.00 (lac) for each lot. e) Other required eligibility and conditions of the tenderer are shown in tender data sheet of tender documents.
10.	Price of tender documents	As mention in serial number-3.
11.	Amount of tender security	As mention in serial number-3.
12.	Name and address of the office(s) selling tender documents	(a) Office of the undersigned. (b) Sher-e-Bangla Nagar PWD Division-1/III & Mohakhali PWD Division, Dhaka. (c) Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division No-V under PWD Division No-IV, Pura Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
13.	Name and address of the office(s) receiving tenders	Office of the Executive Engineer, SB Nagar PWD Division-1, SB Nagar, Dhaka.
14.	Name and address of the office opening tenders	Office of the Executive Engineer, SB Nagar PWD Division-1, SB Nagar, Dhaka.
15.	Last date and time for selling tender documents	During office hour up to 26-05-2008.
16.	Last date and time for submission of tender documents	Up to 12:00 noon of 27-05-2008.
17.	Date and time for opening tenders	Tender will be opened on 27-05-2008 at 3:00pm in the Office of the Executive Engineer, SB Nagar PWD Division-1, SB Nagar, Dhaka. Intending tenderers or their authorised representatives may remain present during opening of tenders.
18.	Special instruction	a) The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. b) This tender notice is brief and the details of the tender can be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours. c) If the tenderer submits any false/incorrect or forged certificate the tender security may be forfeited.

Md Ashraf Alam
Executive Engineer
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Legal Notice

In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh
High Court Division
(Special Statutory Jurisdiction)
Matter No. 69 of 2008

An application under Section 228 read with Section 229 of the Companies Act, 1994.

And

In the Matter of:
Square Spinings Limited, Square Centre, 48, Mohakhali Commercial Area, Dhaka-1212
.....Petitioner

-Versus-
Square Textiles Limited, Square Centre, 48, Mohakhali Commercial Area, Dhaka-1212 and another

... Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 228 read with 229 of the Companies Act, 1994 for sanctioning the Scheme of Amalgamation of Square Spinings Limited (the "Petitioner Company") with Square Textiles Limited ("Respondent No. 1") whereby the entire undertaking of the Petitioner Company as a going concern is proposed to be transferred and vested in the Respondent No. 1, was filed on 19.03.2008 and admitted by the Hon'ble Company Judge of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, who was pleased to admit the said application vide order dated 25.03.2008 and consequently notices were duly published in two national newspapers as directed by the Hon'ble Company Judge and listed for hearing. Upon hearing the matter and perusal of the said application and affidavit-in-compliance affirmed on 07.04.2008, the Hon'ble Company Judge vide an order dated 14.05.2008 was pleased to further direct the Petitioner Company to convene a meeting of all its creditors and members at the registered office of the Petitioner Company on 24.05.2008 at 10:00am for the purposes of considering, and if thought fit, approving with or without modifications the Scheme of Amalgamation proposed to be made between the Petitioner Company and the Respondent No. 1. All members and creditors are requested to attend the said meeting either in person or through a duly appointed person by completing a proxy form.

A copy of the Scheme of Amalgamation of Square Spinings Limited is available to be seen or inspected from the offices of the undersigned.

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ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
টেন্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় নিম্নে বর্ণিত টেন্ডারের দ্বারা ও কাগজ (১২টি আইটেম) সরবরাহ কাজের জন্য অনুরূপ কাজের অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রকৃত টেন্ডারী দ্বারা ও কাগজ সরবরাহকারী ঠিকাদারদের নিকট থেকে "দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট রেকর্ডেশন ২০০৮" অনুযায়ী সীলমোহরকৃত খামে টেন্ডার আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দোকান বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রমাণপত্র, চলতি সনের ট্রেড লাইসেন্স (ব্যবসার ধরণ- টেন্ডারী দ্বারা ও কাগজ) নবায়নের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি, ব্যাংকের নাম ও ঠিকানাসহ আর্থিক লেনদেনের সার্টিফিকেট, ব্যাংক স্ট্যাটমেন্টসহ ভাট রেজিস্ট্রেশনের সত্যায়িত কপি ও পূর্ববর্তী বছরের আয়কর পরিশোধের সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত কপিসহ দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে। প্রতিটি সিডিউলের মূল্য ৫০০/- (মাত্র পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফিসের অফিস) জনতা ব্যাংক, টিএসসি, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখায় বিধি খাত ২৬২৪-এ জমা দিয়ে জমার রশিদ সহকারী রেজিস্ট্রার (টেন্ডার) এর নিকট জমা দিলে সিডিউল দেয়া হবে। ঠিকাদারগণকে খামের উপর দ্রব্যের নাম ও তাদের ফার্মের নাম স্পষ্টাক্ষরে লিখতে হবে। প্রতিটি দ্রব্যের নমুনা দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দেয়ার দিন দাখিল করিতে হবে। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা প্রত্যাখ্যান করার অধিকার কমিটির সংরক্ষিত রয়েছে। দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রি করা হবে না। দ্রব্যের বিবরণ নিম্নে দেয়া হলো:

ক্রঃ	কাজের নাম	বায়নার টাকা (পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে)	সিডিউলের মূল্য	মালামাল সরবরাহের সময়সীমা কার্যাদেশ দ্বারা তথ্য থেকে
১	২	৩	৪	৫
	৬	৭	৮	৯
	১০	১১	১২	১৩

১। ঠিকাদারদের যোগ্যতা : বিগত ৫ বছরের মধ্যে অনুরূপ কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।
২। যে অফিস হতে টেন্ডার সিডিউল গ্রহণ করা যাবে : রেজিস্ট্রারের অফিস (কেন্দ্রীয় স্টোর থেকে)।
৩। যে অফিসসমূহে সংরক্ষিত বাসে টেন্ডার দাখিল করা যাবে : রেজিস্ট্রারের অফিস (রেজিস্ট্রারের ব্যক্তিগত শাখা)।
৪। দরপত্র ক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ : ০১-০৬-০৮ইং।
৫। দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় : ০২-০৬-০৮ দুপুর ১২টা পর্যন্ত।
৬। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় : ০২-০৬-০৮ দুপুর ১২.৩০ মিঃ।

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