

Let elected govt decide on Phulbari coalmine

Leaders of national oil, gas protection committee say at Dinajpur meet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Leaders of National Oil, Gas, Power, Mineral Resources and Port Protection Committee yesterday urged the caretaker government to leave the decision about Phulbari coalmine for next elected political government.

Emphasising extraction of the coal with domestic efforts, they urged the government to ensure its uses for domestic purpose instead of exporting.

The caretaker government should respect the will of Phulbari people about implementing coalmine project, they said at a discussion on 'Development of north using mineral resources and national interest'.

Dinajpur unit of National Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources and Port Protection Committee organised the discussion at Dinajpur Natya Samity Auditorium.

The people of Phulbari are yet to recover from the shock they received during the Phulbari carnage on August 26, 2006. Asia Energy is still optimistic to extract coal from Phulbari, said Prof Anu Muhammad, general secretary of National Oil, Gas, Power, Mineral Resources and Port Protection Committee.

The nation will decide about utilisation of the underground resources of the country, Md Saiful Islam Jewel, convener of Phulbari Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources and Port Protection Committee, told the meeting.

Phulbari people will thwart any conspiracy against them, he said. He said open pit mining will damage 1,00,000 acres of cultivable land in four upazilas and displace about 50,000 people.

Gono Sanghat Andolon leader Junayed Saki blasted World Bank, IMF and Asian Development Bank for giving green signal to invest in Bangladesh for a project that would bring in 'humanitarian disaster'.

Gono Front leader Tipu Biswas observed that strong political will is needed to resolve the issue about Phulbari coalmine project. He also condemned the illegal steps of certain quarter to draw supports regarding Phulbari Coalmine mobilising hundreds of people in the affected four upazila of Dinajpur.

Nur Muhammad criticised the role of Dr Tamim, special assistant to chief adviser, about Phulbari coalmine.

The government is facing trouble to tackle the recent disaster due to underground mining of Barapukuria Coalmine Company Ltd (BCMCL) and open pit mining is much more dangerous, engineer Sheikh Muhammad Shahidullah, convener of National Oil, Gas, Power, Mineral Resources and Port Protection Committee, said.

Phulbari coalmine project, if implemented, will bring the government about Tk 25,000 crore while it will eventually lead to loss of Tk 1,00,000 crore, he said.

Md Mosaddeque Hossain Labu, convener of Dinajpur unit National Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources and Port Protection Committee, read out the keynote at the meeting.

At least 572 million tonnes of coal is reserved in Phulbari coal bed. If Bangladesh Government signs deal with a company then the coal extraction will last for 30 years while about 50,000 people will be relocated, according to the officials of Asia Energy.

Haidar Akbar Ali Khan Rono of Workers Party and Chitta Ghosh also spoke at the meeting. Later the leaders of National Oil, Gas, Power, Mineral Resources and Port Protection Committee answered questions from the audience.

Birshreshtha Abdur Rouf Museum opens tomorrow

A CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A library and a memorial museum named after Birshreshtha Lance Nayek Munshi Abdur Rouf will be inaugurated tomorrow at the martyr's village Roufnagar (former Salamampur) in Modhukhali upazila of the district.

Lt Col (ret'd) Mir Sawkat Ali, Bir Uttam, a sector commander during the Liberation War, will address the function as chief guest.

Sheikh Khurshid Alam, secretary, local government department, Nasiruddin Ahmed, secretary, ministry of Liberation War, Col AKM Ohiduzzaman, PSC, BDR commander in Khulna and martyr Abdur Rouf's mother Mokidunessa will attend as special guests at the function with Faridpur Deputy Commissioner Yahya Bhuiyan in the chair.

Faridpur Shilpakala Academy and local artistes will render cultural function at the inauguration programme.



Birshreshtha Munshi Abdur Rouf Library and Museum at Roufnagar in Modhukhali upazila of Faridpur awaits inauguration tomorrow.

Complainant of case against KCC mayor sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The complainant of the first extortion case filed against Khulna City Corporation (KCC) mayor was sent to jail yesterday on charge of forgery.

He was sent to jail as chief metropolitan magistrate (CMM) Mahabubur Rahman rejected his bail prayer.

Bail prayer of the complainant, SM Hafizur Rahman was filed after his surrender to court in connection with a case filed with the CMM court on March 20 under section 138 of Negotiable Instrument (NI) Act.

The court fixed July 30 as the date for hearing of the case.

In the case, prominent businessman Khan Kamal Pasha of South Central Road here alleged that the accused had borrowed Tk 3 lakh from him about five months ago.

2 BNP leaders get bail in Khagrachhari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Two BNP leaders yesterday got bail and were released from Khagrachhari district jail, jail sources said.

They are Khagrachhari district BNP organising secretary Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman alias Millat and Khagrachhari district BNP press secretary Mohammad Nazrul Islam.

Millat is an accused in four cases and Nazrul is an accused in cases including bribery, robbery and misappropriation of government fund, jail authorities said.

Additional Sessions Judge Mohammad Mohiuddin Ahmed approved the bail on May 25, jail sources said.

Chief Judicial Magistrate of Khagrachhari sent Nazrul to jail on surrender before court on March 3 and Millat was sent to jail on March 10, court sources said.

Agriculture research

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Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council in the capital, he said, "We need to focus more on research and extension considering the global food situation and impact of climate change... It is time for researchers to develop technologies so that our agriculture can face the challenges."

Country Director for Bangladesh Xian Zhu also spoke at the workshop. Under the project, some 18,000 farmers' organisations called Common Interest Groups (CIGs) will be provided training to improve farmers' efficiency in raising production.

Moreover, information and advisory centres will be set up at union levels to enable farmers to get solution to their problems.

Xian Zhu said, "After years of benign neglect of the agricultural sector, the food security issue has taken a centre stage in the national as well as global dialogues on security, stability and development."

Over the last decade, agricultural research and extension have not received adequate funding from the government and donor agencies although it was necessary boost to farm productivity amid deepening trend of cultivable land due mainly to growing habitats and urbanisation, said the WB country director.

"Increased investment in agricultural research is important for Bangladesh where agricultural land is shrinking."

Bangladesh, by virtue of High Yielding Variety (HYV) technology, has been able to reach a 'near food sufficiency' to feed its about 150 million people over the last couple of decades, he said. But the rate of growth in farm productivity is declining against the backdrop of addition of some 20 lakh new faces every year, pushing up the demand for staple rice by about 3.5-4.0 lakh tonnes a year.

Xian Zhu said the share of total expenditure on agricultural research in Bangladesh is not very small by international standards but it declined from 0.29 percent of agricultural GDP in fiscal 1997-98 to 0.22 percent in 2004-05.

"However, since then there is slight improvement," he said.

BARC Executive Chairman Md Abdur Razzaque said research, extension and supply chain development under the project will be done through public-private sector partnership. Research projects will be based on Sponsored Public Goods Research (SPGR) and Competitive Grants Programme (CGP).

Krishni Gobeshona Foundation, run by Endowment Fund, will conduct research activities.

More protests against attack on Star reporter

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Journalists in Mymensingh, Dinajpur and Satkhira yesterday protested against the attack on The Daily Star Tangail Correspondent Mirza Shakil while performing duty on Tangail jail compound on Saturday.

They demanded immediate arrest and punishment to the culprits involved in the attack.

Our Mymensingh Correspondent reports: Journalist leaders termed the attack barbaric saying the attack is a violation of human rights.

Our Dinajpur Correspondent reports: A protest meeting was held at Dinajpur Press Club in the afternoon. Press Club president Chitta Ghosh presided.

Our Satkhira Correspondent reports: Local newsmen at a statement issued here in the afternoon demanded judicial inquiry into the incident and arrest and punishment to the culprits.

RU IRREGULARITIES UGC begins investigation

RU CORRESPONDENT

A probe team comprising officials of University Grants Commission (UGC) and education ministry on Sunday began investigation into alleged irregularities and corruption at Rajshahi University (RU).

The probe team interviewed a good number of officials and employees at RU VC's room yesterday and the day before, sources said.

The two-member team comprising UGC assistant director Rezaul Karim Hawlader and government audit officer Delwar Hossain will mainly focus on irregularities, RU budget deficit in previous years and its demand for the current financial year.

The RU has Tk 20 crore deficit budget, the sources said.

When contacted, the acting vice-chancellor said the investigation is a routine work by the government.

Khaleda not taken to court

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presence of an arrested accused. He also said the court took the case into cognisance on May 7.

As Judge Khondker Kamal Uz-Zaman did not show up to conduct the court proceedings, judge Sirajul Islam was there as acting judge of the court. The session began around 11:00am, nearly an hour and 30 minutes behind schedule.

Khaleda's counsel Abdur Razaque Khan told the court that the jail authorities have to show medical certificates if Khaleda was indeed ill. He said the jail authorities failed to produce any such documents.

He told reporters that he asked the court to issue a notice against the jail authorities ordering them to explain in details as to why Khaleda was not produced before the court yesterday.

The court did not pass any order in this regard.

Meanwhile, BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain, as a counsel for Khaleda, submitted a petition to the court asking permission for defence lawyers to meet Khaleda at the sub-jail.

The judge did not pass any order in this regard either.

The court set June 1 for the hearing after defence lawyers mentioned that slain president

Ziaur Rahman's death anniversary is on May 30. Seven other accused in the case were produced before the Special Court-9 set up on the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban premises.

The accused produced before the court yesterday are former law minister Moudud Ahmed, former state minister AKM Mosharraf Hossain, former BNP secretary Khandaker Shahidul Islam, former Bapex managing director Mir Moynul Hoque, former Bapex secretary Md Shafiqur Rahman, controversial businessman Giasuddin Al Mamun and former Dhaka Club president Selim Bhuiyan.

Over 100 lawyers, led by Delwar Hossain and former BNP lawmaker advocate Khandaker Mahbub Uddin Ahmed, were present at court yesterday.

Security was beefed up around the court in anticipation of the BNP chairperson's appearance. BNP leaders and supporters thronged the Sangsad Bhaban area.

Assistant Director of the Anti-corruption Commission (ACC) Mahbubul Alam filed the case with Tejaon Police Station on December 9 last year. The ACC submitted a charge sheet against Khaleda and 10 others on May 5.

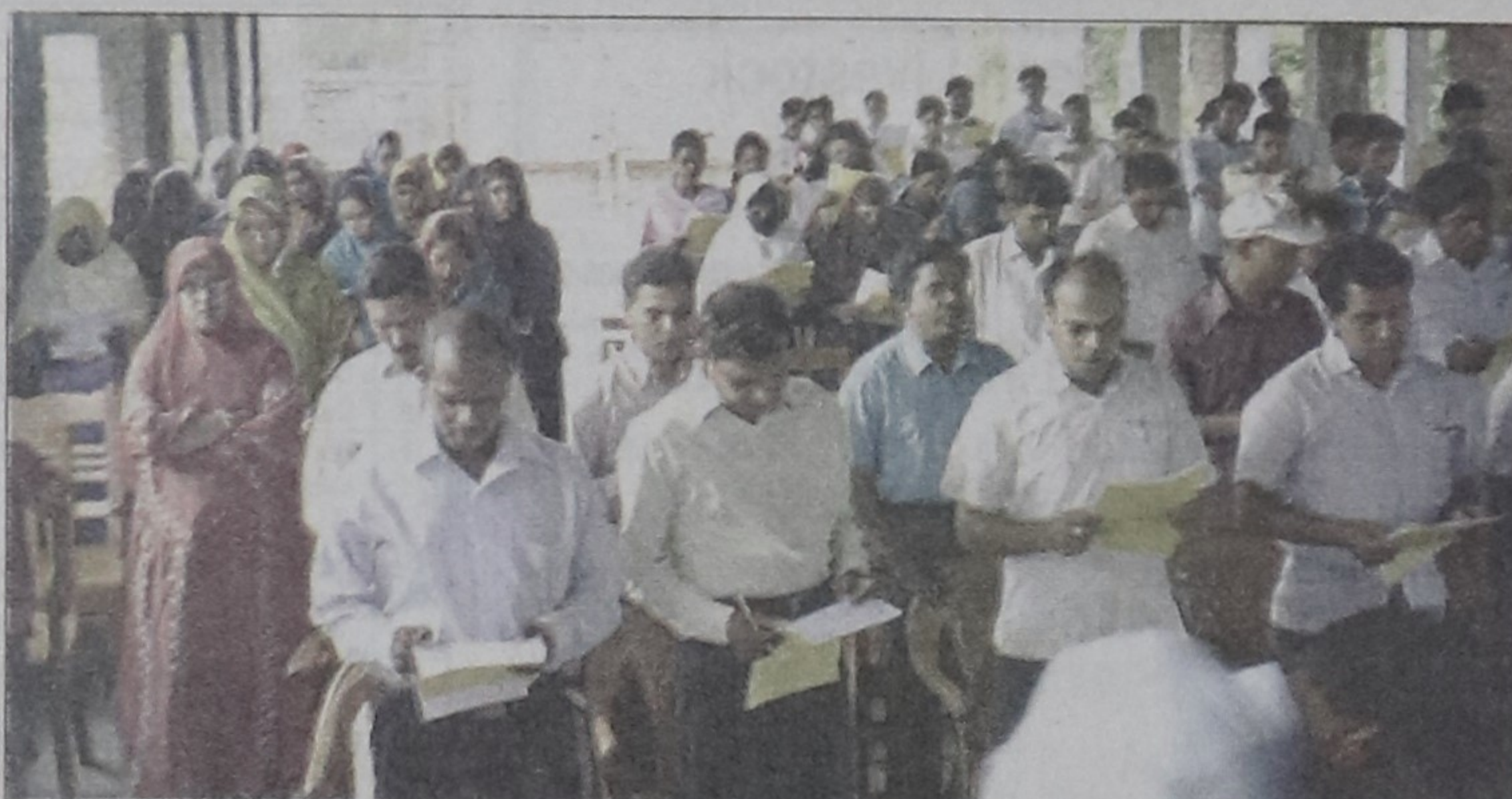
Kumbha Mela starts today

A CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

With the expected participation of over 15 lakh pilgrims from different countries, the second largest Kumbha Mela in the sub-continent begins today at village Kadombari under Rajoir upazila in the district.

Ganesh Pagol Sebasaham arranges the fair that has been held every year on 13th of Bengali month Joistha for 130 years.

Different programmes, including discussions, rituals and cultural function, will be held.



Teachers and students of Chapainawabganj Namoshankarabi College taking oath against corruption yesterday.

BCIC International Tender Notice

- 01 Name of organization: Chhatak Cement Co. Ltd, Chhatak, Sunamgonj.
- 02 Invitation for tender Ref. & date: CCCL/PD/F/3 & 6/07-08 dt 17-05-2008.
- 03 Brief description of goods: Magnetic Flow Transmitter & Wafer Type Butterfly Valves.
- 04 Source of fund: Company's own fund.
- 05 Time for completion of delivery: Within the validity of LC.
- 06 Eligibility of tenderers: Attested photocopy of a) Trade licence, b) TIN certificate, c) Agency certificate (if agent), d) VAT registration certificate, e) Photocopy of indenter registration certificate issued by CCI&E, (f) Photocopy of Bangladesh Bank permission of certificate.
- 07 Price of tender documents: Tk 750.00 (seven hundred fifty) for each set.
- 08 Amount of tender security (Earnest Money): Tk 20,000.00 or its equivalent USD.
- 09 Name & address of the office(s): Selling tender documents: (a) Controller of Accounts, BCIC Head Office, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (b) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong, (c) Accounts Deptt., Chhatak Cement Co. Ltd, Chhatak, Sunamgonj.
- 10 Name & address of the office of receiving & opening of the tender: Office of the Addl. Chief Manager (Comm), Chhatak Cement Co. Ltd, Chhatak, Sunamgonj.
- 11 Last date & time for selling of tender documents: 08-07-08 at office hours.
- 12 Last date & time for submission of tender documents: 09-07-08 up to 3.00pm.
- 13 Date & time for opening of tender: 09-07-08 at 3.15pm.
- 14 Special instructions: The CCCL management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offer without assigning any reason.

Md Kamal Uddin
Asstt. Manager (Pur)
For Managing Director

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(Office of the Project Director (DGM), NLDC Project)
Institution of Engineers (IEB) New Bhaban (4th floor) Ramna, Dhaka-1000

নং- পিজিসিবি/এনএলডিসি/৩.০৬/২০০৮/৩০৭ তারিখঃ ২৫/০৫/২০০৮ইং

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

- ১। কাজের নাম : এনএলডিসি প্রকল্প দরপত্রের জন্য গাড়ী (Double Cabinet Pic-up & Car) সরবরাহ।
- ২। দরপত্র দলিল প্রাপ্তির স্থান : দরপত্রাদিগকে লেটার হেড প্যাডে আবেদনের মাধ্যমে (ক) প্রকল্প পরিচালক (ডিজিএম), এনএলডিসি প্রকল্প, বাড়ী নং-৬ (৩য় তলা), রোড নং ২৩/এ, গুলশান-১, ঢাকা-১২১২।
(খ) কোম্পানী সচিব, পাওয়ার গ্রীড কোম্পানী অব বাংলাদেশ লিঃ (পিজিসিবি), আই ই বি নতুন ভবন, রমনা, (৪র্থ তলা), ঢাকা-১০০০।
(গ) প্রকল্প পরিচালক (ডিজিএম), প্রকল্প-২, বাড়ী নং-৬ (৩য় তলা), রোড নং ২৩/এ, গুলশান-১, ঢাকা-১২১২।
- ৩। দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য : পাওয়ার গ্রীড কোম্পানী অব বাংলাদেশ লিঃ (পিজিসিবি) এর অনুকূলে ২,০০০.০০ (দুই হাজার) টাকা মাত্র (অফেরৎ যোগ্য) পে-অর্ডার/ ব্যাংক ড্রাফট এর মাধ্যমে পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে।
- ৪। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় : ২২/০৬/২০০৮ইং বিকাল ৩:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
- ৫। দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান : এনএলডিসি প্রকল্প, বাড়ী নং- ৬ (৩য় তলা), রোড নং ২৩/এ, গুলশান-১, ঢাকা-১২১২।
- ৬। দরপত্র জমাদানের শেষ সময় : ২৩/০৬/২০০৮ইং দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
- ৭। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান : ২৩/০৬/২০০৮ইং দুপুর ১২:৩০ ঘটিকা।
- ৮। জামানত (ফেরতযোগ্য) : দরপত্রের সহিত টাঃ ৭৫,০০০/- (পঁচাত্তর হাজার) মাত্র পাওয়ার গ্রীড কোম্পানী অব বাংলাদেশ লিঃ (পিজিসিবি) এর নামে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/ পে-অর্ডার দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
- ৯। ঠিকাদানের যোগ্যতা : বিউবোর্ড/আইবি/ডেসায় তালিকাভুক্ত ১ম শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদার/প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী।
- ১০। বিশেষ শর্তাবলী : দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয়ের সময় নিম্নবর্ণিত কাগজপত্র/ দালিলাদির মূলকপি প্রদর্শন করিতে হইবে এবং সত্যায়িত কপি দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করিতে হইবেঃ
(ক) বৈধ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও বিউবোর্ড/ডেসা/পিজিসিবি-এর তালিকাভুক্ত বহিঃ প্রকৃত গাড়ী সরবরাহকারী স্বাক্ষর দলিলাদি।
(খ) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্র।
(গ) টি আই এন নম্বর সম্বলিত হাল নাগাদ আয়কর সনদ।
(ঘ) গাড়ী সরবরাহের পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ।
- ১১। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন/সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিলের পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন এবং যে কোন সর্বনিম্ন দরপত্র গ্রহণে বাধ্য নহেন।
- ১২। এই দরপত্রের ব্যাপারে যে কোন পরিবর্তন স্থানীয় বিজ্ঞপ্তির মাধ্যমে জানানো হইবে। যথা সংশ্লিষ্ট ঠিকাদারকে নিজ উদ্যোগে জানিয়া নিতে হইবে।

(এস কে দাসগুপ্ত)
প্রকল্প পরিচালক (ডিজিএম)
এনএলডিসি প্রকল্প

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Secretariat Link Road, Dhaka-1000

Tender Notice No. 962/10/2008-467

Date: 22 June 2008

Sub: International Re-Tender Notice for Sale of State Owned Enterprises

International Re-Tenders are hereby invited from both local & foreign buyers (individual, company, co-operative body, employees' association) for the sale of the following state owned enterprises on 'as is where is' basis:

Sl No.	Name of the enterprise for sale	Land particulars
1.	Particle Board & Veneering Plant, Kalurghat, Chittagong	The mill is situated at Kalurghat Industrial Area (beside the road of Kalurghat) 03 (three) kilometer away from the Chittagong city. The mill is under control of the Ministry of Environment and Forest and operated by Bangladesh Forest Development Industries Co-operation (BFIDC). Salable land: More/less 7.8 acres and established at 1968-1981. Product: Plain Wood-Tex & Veneering Wood-Tex. Annual production capacity: Plain Wood-Tex-87 lac SFT and Veneering Wood-Tex-64 lac SFT. The mill has been closed down since 31 March 2003.

Terms and conditions:

- (1) The buyer shall submit Demand Draft/Pay Order equivalent to 2.5% of the quoted price either in terms of BDT or in US dollar or in pounds in favour of The Secretary, Privatization Commission (Account No. STD-004001487, Janata Bank, Nabb Abdul Gani Road Branch, Dhaka) encashable in any scheduled bank located in Dhaka city. Earnest money shall not be received in any other mode of payment.
- (2) The buyer shall not be required to inherit any liability regardless of any long term loan or restructured loan of jute mills or in cases where applicable and short-term or current liability of the enterprise, under sale.
- (3) Tender shall be submitted strictly based on the tender documents. Intending buyers shall submit tender in prescribed forms, duly filled-in along with the requisite tender documents.
- (4) The successful bidder shall pay 32.50% of the sale price (quoted price) as down payment plus 2.5% of the quoted price as earnest money totalling 35% (thereby meaning total down payment = 32.5% + 2.5% = 35%) within 30 (thirty) days from the date of the issuance of the letter of intent (LOI).
- (5) 15% rebate on the total sale price (quoted price) shall be granted if the buyer pays off the 75% of the selling price within 30 days from the date of the issuance of Letter of Intent (LOI). Similarly, a rebate of 20% on the total sale price (quoted price) shall be allowed if the buyer makes the full amount of selling price 'at a time' within 30 days from the date of the issuance of the Letter of Intent (LOI). An extra 5% rebate on the total sale price i.e. a rebate of 25% of the quoted sale price shall be granted as rebate if the buyer pays off the price 'at a time' in a freely convertible foreign currency.
- (6) The land of the Privatized enterprise or any part belonging to it thereof, may be used for the establishment of industry or for its expansion. The Buyer shall not use such land for any commercial purpose viz. the establishment of real estate, making of commercial/residential plots for sale.

Tender submission and acceptance:

- (7) After the publication of the 'Tender Notice,' interested foreigners, Bangladeshi citizens living abroad and overseas commercial firms etc. willing to procure the tender forms or relevant particulars, may contact Bangladesh High Commissions/Embassies in London, Washington, Ottawa, Brussels, Kuala Lumpur, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Islamabad, New Delhi, Tokyo, Singapore, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Seoul and Consulate General at New York and Jeddah.
- (8) Bangladeshi citizens living abroad or foreigners may procure tender forms and tender conditions downloading them from the website of the Privatization Commission (www.pc.gov.bd) or from any other country of their choice and submit it duly filled-in. But the 'payment-receipt' of US\$ 100 (one hundred) or £ 70 (seventy) collecting it from the website of the Privatization Commission (www.pc.gov.bd) shall be submitted along with the tender.
- (9) Each set of tender form, tender conditions and enterprise-profile etc can be procured from the Office of the Secretary, Privatization Commission in all working days during office hours on non-refundable cash payment of Tk 5,000/- (five thousand) only or US\$ 100 (one hundred) or £ 70 (seventy).
- (10) Tenders shall be dropped in the tender boxes placed at the office premises of the Privatization Commission, Transport Pool Bhaban (9th Floor), Secretariat Link Road, Dhaka-1000 and Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), Federation Bhaban, 60, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
- (11) Based on the terms & conditions specified herein, intending buyers & their representatives shall be able to collect tender form, tender conditions, enterprise-profile & other relevant papers etc till 29 June 2008 and submit the tender latest by 30 June 2008 within 12.00 noon. The tender shall be opened on the same day at 1:30pm in presence of the bidders or their representatives (if they are present) at the conference room of the Privatization Commission. The tenders dropped by any bidder living abroad must reach the commission within the deadline, set forth.
- (12) Incomplete and erratic tenders shall be considered 'cancelled'.
- (13) The Privatization Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all of the tenders, dropped without assigning any reason thereof.
- (14) An introductory brief necessary to get understanding about the industrial enterprise, enterprise profile, tender conditions and tender circulars etc. can be checked, visiting the website of the Privatization Commission: www.pc.gov.bd.
- (15) Bidders are free to consult the concerned officials of the Privatization Commission for any clarification or narrations of the tender they need for clarity.

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