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Constitution

I watched BBC Songlap on 10 May, 2008. There was a discussion on Article 70 of our constitution. We know that Article 70 is very important. It is Anti Defection Law.

Article 70 is concerned about "Vacation of Seat on registration". It is stated in Article 70 that the seat of a person, elected as a member of parliament by election in which he was nominated on behalf of a political party, will be vacant if he votes against his party. It is noticeable that the leader or prime minister has exclusive power over the members of his party. S/he can

exercise this power whenever she wants.

From overall discussion, we can say that Article 70 of our constitution should be amended but not totally abolished. If Article 70 is totally abolished, then we may not have a stable government.

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Nepal

Such a day comes but once in a century. There were the triumphant chants of the jubilant crowd cheering "GONOTANTRA

ZINDABAD". A dream that came true--- "The Republic of Nepal".

It is a great event in the history of Nepal.

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Tales of power

Realities of power aside; people in power have the power to tell tall tales of power, despite the frontpage report of your correspondent on June 10 titled "Power sector ignored". How can it be ignored with such a nice tale being told! Imagination and power of tall tales have not been ignored, as evident from your correspondent's report.

The first tale is about "power shortfall"; the tale is of only 900MW average shortage; the reality around 2,000MW--2.2 times higher than the tale told! Do we know that the tale is probably based on day-time data when power demand is low and in any case most industries generate their own reliable and quality power with PDB on standby only!

The next tale is gas based, the word used is meeting "emergency" (!) Is it emergency or just normal consumer demand? The climax is "shortage of gas".

There lies the tail in the tale! Generation has increased by 318MW, as told in the tale. Facts of life are that the frequency and duration of load shedding has doubled, since the CTG took over power, with grandiose talks and promises of better power availability! The culprit, or villain in the tale is "inadequate gas supply"--a nice way to pass the buck on! Or is it "inadequate well-head gas compression facility" to overcome the reducing gas flow, due to inadequate well-head pressure. Will the powers be, to clarify this fact of life or is it a state secret?

The third tale-- claims of four private power projects of 450MW capacity being built to come on stream by end December 2010. Also, three public sector units of 380MW capacity! The tale according to the Ministry of Power is: "no private power projects is being built". The Power Cell is now conducting tenders for two 450MW projects, and is far from awarding contracts", as reported! So, in two and a half years from now in December 2010, will the teller of tales be to wave his "magic wand"?

Another tale is: 43 percent of our

population enjoys electricity facility.

The tail of this tale is that never "full time, only 'part time'! May be twelve hours out of twenty four, if very lucky! Part-time power supply covers part of the daylight hours, and very little between 6.00 to 9.00pm; when most needed! After dusk, private residences and shops have to generate their own power, or fall back on UPS to meet only a part of their needs.

I will now conclude with the final tail of the tale, quoting Shakespeare's lines from "Hamlet": "It's a tale, told by an idiot, full of sound and fury; signifying nothing!"

Tale critic

Dhaka

Bangladeshis in Bahrain

We have been hearing news pouring in of the plight of Bangladeshis in Bahrain. Many of us have our relatives and friends as engineers, doctors, or teachers who have been residing in Bahrain for more than fifteen years. Bahrain does not have the expertise that Bangladesh has and, therefore, recruits professionals from our country who have contributed immensely to the development of Bahrain. What strikes me most are the abuses they are nowadays hurling on our professionals which are against human rights. For example, "You are a Bangladeshi. So you are a killer." The fact is that there are murderers and criminals in every country. The law and order will deal with those lawbreakers. However, if you see a black crow, you cannot assume that all crows are black. Once, Mr. Gaddafi had a sour relationship with the white leadership and he went retorting that all French books must be burnt. The hazards that the innocent Bangladeshis are facing now must be handled peacefully and efficiently by the Bahrain government. Also, our government should extend its helping hand to resolve this problem.

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Crime and punishment

Many years ago in the USA a man was given capital punishment and executed on murder charges. But

the man was not involved in that murder and his family knew about his innocence. However, after a long time when his children became adults, they appealed to the court for retrial of the case. Their appeal was accepted and the case was reviewed. After long hearing and re-examination the court found him "NOT GUILTY".

When this Not Guilty verdict was pronounced the family requested the court to place an official placard on the man's grave saying that the man was innocent and he was wrongly executed. Accordingly, the court ordered the government to implement it and it was followed.

Here in our country if a criminal is dead his name is dropped from the list of the accused. I put some examples-- Khondaker Mustaque Ahmed, the mastermind behind jail killings. He plotted to kill the father of the nation. Some killers of Bangabandhu are dead, their names have been dropped from the list of under trial accused. I believe, this is not correct.

A man who committed crimes against humanity, betrayed the nation, should not go unpunished. I believe they should not be dropped, they should remain as co-accused, tried along with the living ones. If found guilty a placard should be placed on their graves to give message to others that one cannot escape justice even after death. If there is no such law in our country, we should make one to deter people from committing such heinous crimes.

Shafiqul Islam
One-mail

Habiganj-Hiala road

The demand for the proposed Habiganj-Sujatpur road via Hiala and Ikram Bazar is a longstanding. During the tenure of the BNP and the AL government the road was started but for unknown reasons it was left half done. But the present CTG was kind enough to start building the proposed road which raised our hopes. But during my last visit to my own village Hiala Shaheb Bari in March 2008, I saw that there was none to look after the works of the Habiganj-Hiala road.

So, I would request the LGED to kindly look into the matter.
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Hiala Shaheb Bari, Habiganj

Bangladeshis abroad

Thanks to Dr. Farid Majumdar from Germany for his letter "Workers in the Middle East" in DS on 9 June 2008. I salute him, especially for finding out such important causes of miserable, inhuman and unacceptable condition of our people abroad who earn foreign currency. Undoubtedly, we are proud of them because they have to bear with the so called inhuman life in the Middle East or other countries to help our land. I think they are priceless diamonds! So we should care about them. The authorities should take adequate steps to

solve their problems.

I am sorry to say that I can't agree with Dr. Farid Majumdar's comment, "Without this income Bangladesh has no future". I can't imagine that Bangladesh is totally depending on foreign money. I think we have lots of areas to work on. So, we can live in the land with dignity without going abroad for livelihood or so called "future".

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Open biotechnology division

Recently agricultural experts urged the government to set up a biotechnology division to boost agricultural research with a view to enhancing food security in both quantity and quality. This suggestion was made in the inaugural session of a two-day 'International Biotechnology Conference' held at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) which was presided over by Dr. M A Razzaque, Executive Chairman, BARC and attended among others by eminent agricultural scientist Dr. Kazi M Badruddoza as the chief guest.

There is no doubt that biotechnology research can bring a revolu-

tionary improvement in our crop production and food security. It may be mentioned here that the Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka has already set up a separate department of biotechnology. Now the proposal for setting up a Biotechnology Division is quite logical and appropriate in the present context.
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Population

Population is a great resource to any country like land, oil and gold.

There is a misconception that the huge population that we have is a burden but I would like to differ, as I consider manpower as our prime asset. If we can educate a large segment of this population and can employ them by training, then they will never be a burden, rather they will be converted into the biggest asset. And for the development of the country, full participation of women in the economic activities is needed.

They have already proved their efficiency. We have thirty crore hands of fifteen crore people and we will have to train up all those hands for our own good.
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Budget



This is for the second consecutive year when we have the budget presented by a caretaker government and under the state of emergency. Budget is announced for 12 months and for all the people of the country. I wish to have views of different people regarding the budget. This year we are tired of listening to economic jargons. We want to know about the common people's position in the budget. Food security is a burning issue now. Is the government well aware of the facts and condition of food production at the grassroots level? We have seen enough effort by the government to handle the price hike situation. How will the government extend subsidies to the farmers and ensure reward for their production?

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
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Privatization Commission
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Tender Notice No. 962/12/2008-526

Date: June 15, 2008

Sub: International Tender Notice for Sale of State Owned Enterprise

International 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	Particulars	Comments
1.	Fish Landing Centre and Wholesale Fish Market, Daborgahat, Sunamganj (under the control of Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation).	The mill has 2.50 acres of land (more or less). The project is to control, preservation & wholesale distribution of the fish in the area.	The mill was established in 1987-88. Present status: Closed since 1997.

Terms and conditions:

- The buyer shall submit Demand Draft/Pay Order equivalent to 2.5% of the quoted price either in BDT or in US dollar or in British pound issued in favour of the Secretary, Privatization Commission (Account No. STD-004001487, Janata Bank, Nabab Abdul Gani Road Branch, Dhaka), encashable in any schedule bank located in Dhaka city. Earnest money shall not be received in any other mode of payment;
- The buyer shall not be required to inherit any liability regardless of any long term loan or restructured loan in case of jute mills and short-term or current liability of the enterprise under sale, if any;
- 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;
- 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);
- 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 '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' within the specified time in a freely convertible foreign currency;
- The land of the 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:

- 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 and Seoul and Consulate General at New York and Jeddah.
- 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.
- 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).
- Tenders shall be dropped in the tender boxes placed at the office premises of the Privatization Commission, Transport Pool Bhaban (8th & 9th floor), Secretariat Link Road, Dhaka-1000 and office of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), Federation Bhaban, 60, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 within the specified date and time. However, the tenderer may, also at his own responsibility, send the tender to the Secretary, Privatization Commission by post. If the said tender reaches before the specified date and time, that will be dropped in the tender box. If it does not reach within the specified time, it will not be accepted;
- 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 August 20, 2008 and submit the tender latest by August 21, 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.
- Incomplete and erratic tenders shall be considered 'cancelled';
- The Privatization Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all of the tenders dropped, without assigning any reason, whatsoever;
- 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
- 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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Invitation of Expression of Interest for Standardisation of Marine Generator

1. Bangladesh Navy has taken steps for standardisation of genuine manufacturer of 'Marine Generators' of (50 KVA and above) for Bangladesh Navy Ship. In this regards various datas on 50 KVA and above Marine Generators set and related parameters are invited from the qualified and genuine manufacturer.

2. Interested firms may collect relevant documents from this directorate in any working day and submit it directly to the Naval Headquarters, Logistic Branch, Director of Technical Stores, Banani, Dhaka-1213 by 15 July 2008.

3. It is to mention that after evaluation, recommended models and manufacturers will be standardised for Bangladesh Navy and procurement steps will be taken subsequently.

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Lt Commander BN
For Director General

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়
মানিকগঞ্জ

নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মানিকগঞ্জ জেলা পুলিশ লাইন ও শিবালয় থানার নিম্নবর্ণিত জরাজীর্ণ স্পীড বোট ও কান্ট্রি বোট (যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে) নিলামে বিক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে আগ্রহী ঠিকাদারগণের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আদান করা হইতেছে।

আগামী ২৪/৭/০৮ইং তারিখ অফিস চলাকালে সময়ের মধ্যে পুলিশ অফিস মানিকগঞ্জ হইতে দরপত্রের সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাইবে। প্রতিটি সিডিউলের মূল্য বাবদ ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা নগদে পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে। যাহা অফেরতযোগ্য। দরপত্র আগামী ২৪/৭/০৮ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত পুলিশ অফিসে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তবে ফেলিতে হইবে এবং এদিনই বেলা ১২.৩০ মিনিটের সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে। দরপত্রের নিরাপত্তা জামানত হিসাবে পুলিশ সুপার, মানিকগঞ্জের অনুকূলে ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট অবশ্যই জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে। যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী কর্তৃক সংরক্ষিত।

জলযানের বিবরণঃ

- ১। স্পীড বোট (ফাইভার বডিসহ ইঞ্জিন) ০১ (এক)টি, পুলিশ লাইন।
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- ৪। স্টীল বডি দেশীয় লৌকা ০১ (এক)টি, শিবালয় থানা।

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পুলিশ সুপার
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Bangladesh Bridge Authority
Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road
Banani, Dhaka-1212

Invitation for Tender (IFT)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Communications.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Bridge Authority.
3	Procuring entity name	Executive Director.
4	Procuring entity code	N/A.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Supply of stationary, electric, printing & miscellaneous consumable goods.
7	Invitation ref. No.	BBA/Sada/Pro/21-2/97 (Vol-IV)-628
8	Date	16/06/2008
9	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB
11	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A
14	Tender package No	N/A
15	Tender package name	Procurement of goods.
16	Tender publication date	22/06/2008
17	Tender last selling date	10/07/2008
18	Tender closing date and time	13/07/2008 3:00pm
19	Tender opening date and time	13/07/2008 3:30pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address Finance & Accounts Department, BBA, Setu Bhaban, 3rd Floor, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212 during normal office hour.
	-Selling tender document (principal)	N/A
	-Selling tender document (others)	N/A
	-Receiving tender document	Deputy Director (Admn. & Estate), BBA, Setu Bhaban, 2nd Floor, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212.
	-Opening tender document	Conference Room, BBA, Setu Bhaban, 2nd Floor, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212. Interested tenderers and their authorised representatives are allowed to attend.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Place: BBA Conference Room. Date: 03/07/2008, Time: 11:00am.
22	Eligibility of tenderer	Potential tenderers who have required similar experience supply of stationary, electric, printing & miscellaneous consumable goods. The intending tenderers shall have to apply in their letterhead pad to the designated officer to obtain permission for issuance of the tender documents.
23	Brief description of physical services	Supply of stationary, electric, printing & miscellaneous consumable goods during the financial year 2008-09 under the framework contract to be executed as per clause 16(3) of the PPR-2003 and clause 16(5) of the procedures for implementation of the said PPR.
24	Brief description of related services	N/A
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	300/- (three hundred only) non-refundable.
26	Lot No	Identification of lot
27	Stationary goods	Dhaka 16,000/-
28	Printing goods	Dhaka 500/-
29	Electric goods	Dhaka 2,000/-
30	Miscellaneous goods	Dhaka 4,000/-
31	Name of official inviting tender	Avijit Chowdhury.
32	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy Director (A&E).
33	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, 2nd Floor, New Airport Road, Banani Dhaka-1212.
34	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 9861755 Fax: 9888414
35	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	

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Deputy Director (Admin & Estate)

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