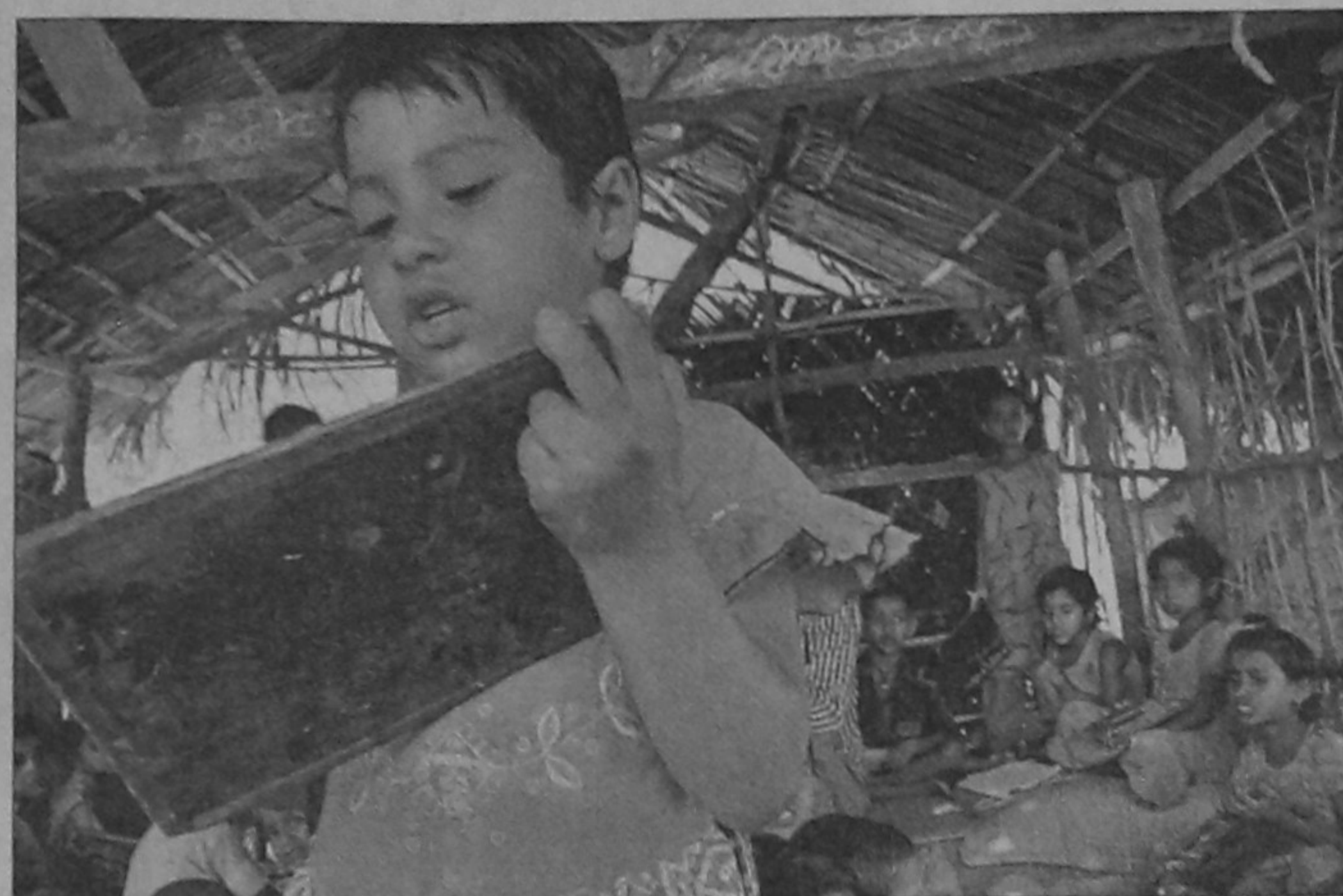




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AZIZUR RAHIM PEU/DRINKNEWS

Whither education?

A front-page report was published on June 21 in a local English daily on lack of funds for providing new books for primary education. It is sad news. It is unimaginable and unthinkable that this visionless CTG has knowingly ignored the first item needed for

the development of the nation's future generation! If we do not believe in the fundamental and basic truths, then we cannot perhaps attain anything. Very worried citizen, Dhaka

Then and now...

The country was going through a tough time, an intolerable political confusion. There seemed to be no way to get out of the situation that we've been through. Every party wanted power.

Look carefully at the people around you. See, people nowadays don't have many grudges and complaints like they had in those days. Even a chronic cynic would think twice before saying, "Ah, those were the days!"

Yes, the price hike is a bottleneck, we're coming to that. So far, in these days of the CTG there have been problems, and there have been some remedies. But some problems remained unsolved and the condition remained unchanged. Like, the problem of price hike which seemed to be an unending one.

And when you are in a situation

where the price hike and inflation are going on worldwide, it is impossible to change things overnight.

However, this letter is not for criticising or praising the CTG. It's just an attempt to draw a line between the two situations.

Honestly, When the CTG first came, it was like a relief. And it was a big time success to take the lead at that point of time. It seemed the government really wants to bring a change. People still like the CTG.

As citizens, we hope for a good and honest leadership to emerge in the days ahead.
Cantara Wali Ruhi
Faculty of Business Studies
DU

Girls doing well

This year a total of 10,13,301 students appeared in the SSC exams. Among the 7,47,545 school students, 3,83,770 were boys and

3,63,775 girls. I strongly believe that if our girls get the opportunity, their talents will bloom fully. No nation can make real progress keeping a full half of its population in the dark, so without the uplift of women the progress of the nation is not at all possible. So, education should be imparted to the women-folk so that they may come forward and work hand in hand with men in all development programmes.

They are joining a wide range of professions. Mothers play an important part in moulding the character of their children. Every woman is a potential mother. If there is an educated mother in every family, we will get an educated and healthy future generation that will help us build up a progressive and developed nation.
Md. Shariful Islam
Dept. of International Relations
University of Dhaka

The landmark!

It's indeed a soothing moment for the cricketers and the watchers that the Bangladesh Tigers have done it finally! They reached the 300 run landmark in ODI against the UAE in the Asia Cup cricket the other day.

It is indeed great news for all of us, for our cricketers have not been performing well recently. Their performance was so fluctuating that none could catch up with the varying sway in their performance --- now good; soon worse, and finally the third and final degree --- worst! The cricket lovers were greatly disappointed. Against this backdrop, their three hundred runs haul against the UAE is a great booster for their and our morale!

Now let us face it; let us grant them time and encouragement along with the required support. They'll indeed shine very soon!

Nobody knows which team is going to have the last laugh, but yet let us hope to see some more scintillating performance from our Tigers in the tourney.

Our cricketers, I am sure, are going to play top class cricket very soon, till then Cheers!
Rafiqul Islam Rime
Agrabad, Chittagong

Mobile phone

We do misuse the mobile phone, one of the wonderful inventions of science. It is a great device, but must be used according to our needs.

The companies have announced that everyone will enjoy the lowest call rate from midnight to early morning. Our young boys and girls enjoy such offers. But they should not overlook more important jobs.

Mishu Kutubi
Dept. of English
IUC, Chittagong

Cotton waste price

In your June 23 edition, you have reported that the government had already fixed the export price of cotton waste at \$1.60 per kg.

The reporter also added that the ministry of law had vetted the decision and a Statutory Regulatory Order (SRO) was being issued by the NBR within two days.

We have failed to locate the

source of the report from the NBR, the EPB and the Ministry of Commerce.

Please look into the matter and let the exporters know the facts and figures.

Syed Nazrul Islam (Faruque)
General Secretary
Bangladesh Textile and Garments
Waste Processors and Exporters
Association

A serious lapse

Our political parties like the AL and the BNP don't have any economic manifesto because of lack of consciousness. The parties don't understand the western economies which are trying to exploit our economy.

I urge our political parties, the CTG, and general people to remain informed about the global developments. Please be patriotic. No agreement should be signed with the multinational companies without debate in parliament and other forums.

Dr. Azizul Karim
GPAustralia

TIB and EC

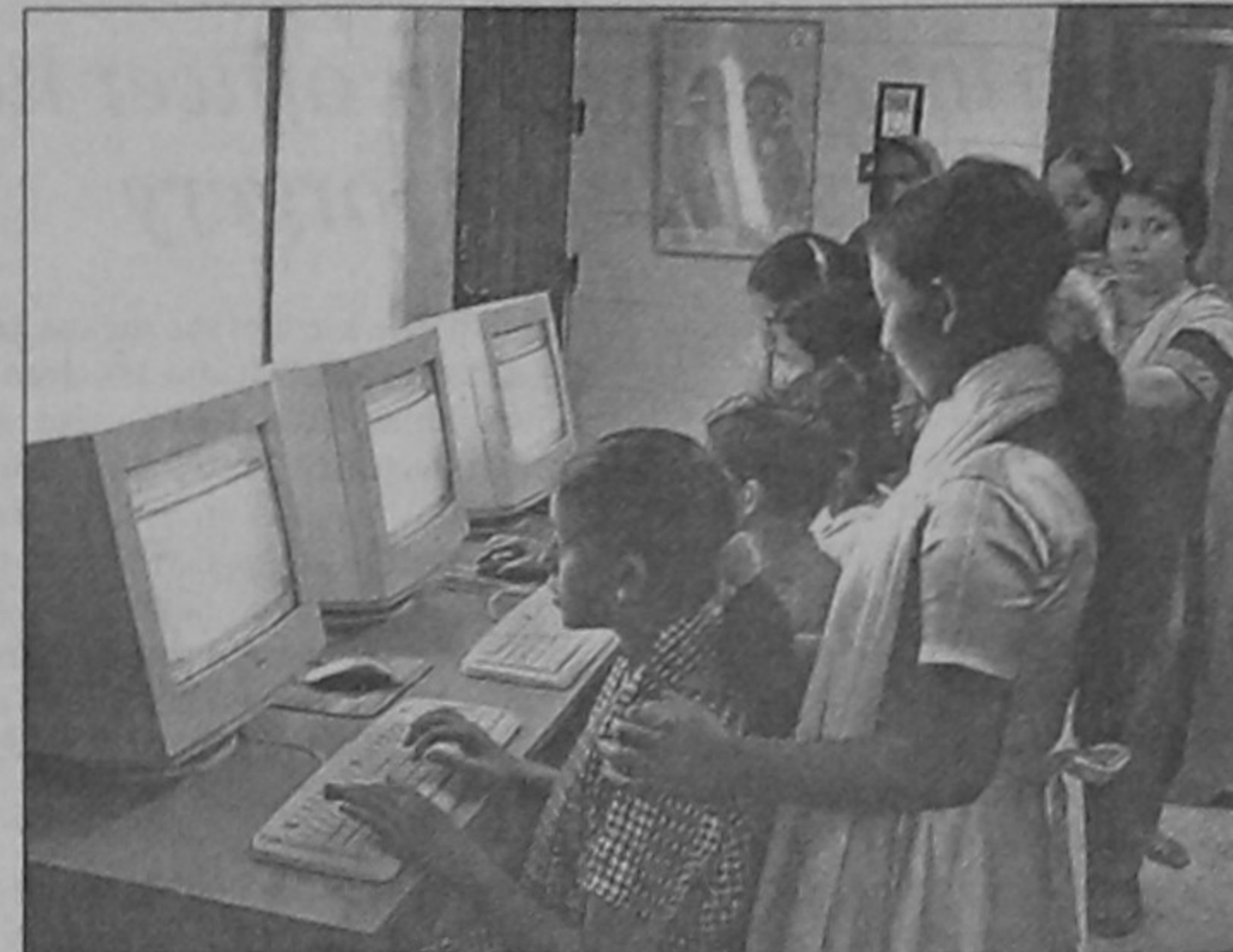
As expected the TIB is increasingly becoming controversial like our Election Commission. In my poor judgment, these two offices are turning into the most powerful political offices of our times. They are apparently engaged in a political game to achieve certain goals, not clear to any citizen of the country. Their credibility status can easily be marked "0".

The people have started opening their mind on the TIB reporting quality and purpose. They have successfully engaged the government and the ACC to deal with national level corruption, but the success remains to be evaluated by the independent organisation. The net result is: the country moved backward economically and politically. Instead of gaining confidence the stakeholders have lost initiative, creating a vacuum for progress and prosperity in Bangladesh.

The TIB has now moved the corruption issue to the rural areas. The ACC is actively considering to move there with necessary ammunition to create exactly the same situation as was created at the national level earlier. The result,

ICT based society

Although the core motto of our science and ICT ministry is to create a society run by ICT based knowledge, the situation prevailing in the country is not at all satisfactory. Needless to say, our budgets can never meet the demand for the research of science and ICT. When the world's ICT sector is booming at a geometric progression, we are advancing at a snail's pace, mainly because of our financial constraints and reluctance to do better in this sector. What shocked me a few days back is the website of the science and ICT ministry, with very little information provided in it. The condition of the website is also not worth mentioning. If it is the condition of the ministry of ICT, the overall situation of this sector in Bangladesh is anybody's guess. To achieve the desired targets, including



millennium development goals (MDGs), we cannot ignore the contribution of Information and Communication Technology. We dream of keeping pace with the fast world to prove

our efficiency. Will our dream of building an ICT based society remain only a dream?

Sarwar Hussain
Dept. of Computer Science
and Engineering
University of Chittagong

one can anticipate, would be the same-- the economy and politics will move backward and create a panicky situation for the local government election candidates to participate freely and openly. This will only ensure a very clean path for the "most fortunate" candidates having the blessings of the government and the Election Commission!

The major negative fallout of the anti-corruption drive is that it has made the judiciary controversial and paved the way for easy and irrational law making to defend government action against the high profile people. I would once again recommend promoting a local organisation to project independent findings about ups and downs of corruption in Bangladesh. This organisation can also offer professional views regarding the quality of reporting by the TIB including a framework for immediate legal remedy to address the issue of corruption. They should, not depend on emergency rules

forever to eradicate corruption. Be normal and look normal.

I have no intention to undermine the two most important institutions of the Republic plus the local outfit of an international organisation. The CEC in a projection meeting in Barisal said that those who would not participate in the local council elections would fall 5 years behind. What does it mean? Is it part of his duty to caution the candidates?

The everyday briefing by the ACC does not indicate any progress in their institutional development.
Areader
One-mail

Brave Young Turks

Despite the departure of Turkey from the Euro 2008 semis, they have left an indelible mark on European football. Their performance against the full strength German side with a makeshift XI was quite fabulous. If they got some favour from the lady luck,

they might have been in the final.

The night vigil to watch the Euro 2008 paid rich dividends. Though it was disrupted by load shedding, we were watching sublime football! We saw the rise & fall of the Dutch, Germany's resurgence, abrupt end of Croatia's dream run, Portuguese woes, Spain's smooth move & a new Russian revolution etc.

But the team that won our hearts is Turkey. The country of Kemal Ataturk, which was once considered the ailing person of Europe, has now established itself as a football superpower. How could we forget those thrilling matches where they came back astonishingly & put the opponents in despair. The stubbornness that makes them successful is quite laudable. We called Cameroon the indomitable Lion but the real indomitable team is Turkey.

The beautiful game came with all its glamour this time around.
Solaiman Palash
East Jurain, Dhaka

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Local Government Engineering Department
Small Scale Water Resources Development Project
RDEC Bhaban (Level-6), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar
Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh

Memo No: LGED/PD/SSWRDP-JBIC/2008/373

Date: June 30, 2008

Invitation for Tenders (Goods)

National Open Tendering Method

Tender Notice Number: OTM/02/2007-08

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received an ODA Loan from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "JBIC"), in the amount of yen towards the cost of Small Scale Water Resources Development Project (Loan No. BD-P57), and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of the loan to payments under the contract for supply the following office equipment (the "Goods"):

Tender package number	Name of goods	Quantity	Time for completion	Tender security (Taka)
LGED/SSWRDP/BD-P57/OTM/G-06	Lot No. 1: SSWRDP/BD-P57/OTM/G-06 Supply of Desktop Computers including UPS	40 Nos.	10 weeks	75,000.00
	Lot No. 2: SSWRDP/BD-P57/OTM/G-06 Supply of Laser Printers	19 Nos.	10 weeks	35,000.00

2. The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) now invites sealed tenders from eligible tenderers from eligible source countries for the supply of the goods for the purpose of the project.

3. Interested eligible tenderers may obtain further information on the tender from and inspect the tender documents at the Office of the Project Director, Small Scale Water Resources Development Project, Local Government Engineering Department, RDEC Bhaban (Level-6), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Telephone: +(88)-02 8143120, Facsimile: +(88)-02 8143119; E-mail: akazad60@yahoo.com on all working days during normal office hours up to August 4, 2008.

4. A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by any interested eligible tenderer on the submission of a written application to the above address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of (i) Tk 1000.00 (one thousand) for Tender Package No. LGED/SSWRDP/BD-P57/OTM/G-06 Lot No: 1; and (ii) Tk 750.00 (seven hundred fifty) for Tender Package No. LGED/SSWRDP/BD-P57/OTM/G-06 Lot No: 2 only.

5. All tenders must be accompanied by a tender security mentioned in Bangladesh Taka in the form of either Payment Order or Bank Draft in favour of the "Project Director, Small Scale Water Resources Development Project, LGED" and must be delivered in accordance with the Instructions to Tenderers on or before 12:00pm (local time) on August 5, 2008.

6. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of tenderers or their authorised representatives who choose to attend at 12:30pm (local time) on August 5, 2008 at the office of the undersigned.

7. The Project Director, Small Scale Water Resources Development Project, Local Government Engineering Department will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by tenderers in connection with the preparation or delivery of tenders including cost and expenses related to visit to the site of commissioning of the equipment.

8. The authority reserves the right to accept any tender, or to accept any part of the tender, or to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof and in such case no compensation will be entertained.

9. This invitation for tender is available at the website www.lged.gov.bd and www.cptu.gov.bd

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Abul Kalam Azad
Project Director

বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন

তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা

টেন্ডার নং-এফডিসি/উন্নয়ন-৪৯(অংশ-৩)/২০০৫-২০০৬/তারিখ: ০১/০৭/২০০৮খ্রিঃ

স্থানীয় বর্গী সংক্রান্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

০১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয়।
০২।	সংস্থা	বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন।
০৩।	কর্তৃপক্ষের নাম	নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী।
০৪।	কাজের স্থান	"জিয়া ফিল্ম সিটি" স্পট সফিপুর্, কালিয়াকৈর, গাজীপুর।
০৫।	কাজের নাম	৬০ (ষাট) বিঘা জমি ধান চাষের জন্য বর্গী সংক্রান্ত।
০৬।	টেন্ডারের রেফারেন্স নং ও তারিখ	এফডিসি/উন্নয়ন-৪৯(অংশ-৩)/২০০৫-২০০৬ তারিখ: ০৫/০৬/২০০৮খ্রিঃ।
০৭।	কাজের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
০৮।	বাজেট এন্ড ফান্ডের উৎস	এফডিসির রাজস্ব তহবিল।
০৯।	টেন্ডার দলিলের মূল্য	টাকা ৪৫০.০০ (চারশত পঞ্চাশ মাত্র)।
১০।	টেন্ডার নিরাপত্তা জামানত	টাকা ১,৫০০.০০ (এক হাজার পাঁচশত মাত্র)।
১১।	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির শেষ তারিখ	৩০/০৭/২০০৮খ্রিঃ বিকাল ৫:০০ ঘটিকা।
১২।	দরপত্র বাস্তব বন্ধের তারিখ ও সময়	৩১/০৭/২০০৮খ্রিঃ, ১২:০০ ঘটিকা।
১৩।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	৩১/০৭/২০০৮খ্রিঃ, ১২:৩০ মিনিট।
১৪।	টেন্ডার খোলার অফিস ও ঠিকানা	তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮।
১৫।	জমি চাষের সময়সীমা	১২ (বার) মাস।
১৬।	টেন্ডার দলিল বিজ্ঞপ্তি এবং অফিস নাম ও ঠিকানা	ক্যাশ কাউন্টার, হিসাব শাখা, বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮।
১৭।	টেন্ডার গ্রহণ অফিস ঠিকানা	তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮।
১৮।	টেন্ডার মিটিং এর স্থান	পরিচালক (কারিগরি ও প্রকৌশল) মহোদয়ের দপ্তর কক্ষ।
১৯।	দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণকারী ঠিকাদার প্রতিষ্ঠানের যোগ্যতা	নাগরিকত্বের সাটিফিকেট (স্থানীয় চেয়ারম্যান/পৌর কমিশনার)।
২০।	কাজের ধরণ	জমি বর্গী সংক্রান্ত।
২১।	টেন্ডার আহবানকারীর দাপ্তরিক নাম	মোঃ সাইফুল ইসলাম।
২২।	টেন্ডার আহবানকারীর দাপ্তরিক পদবী	নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী।
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২৫।	কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন কারণ দর্শালে ছাড়াই সকল টেন্ডার গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	

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মোঃ সাইফুল ইসলাম
নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bridge Division
Bangladesh Bridge Authority
Setu Bhaban
New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212
Website: www.jmba.gov.bd

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Communications (MoC)/Bridge Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA).
3	Procuring entity name	Deputy Director (Road), BBA, Dhaka.
4	Procuring entity code	Not available.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Protective Measures at the Northern Tip of West Guide Bund of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge.
7	Invitation Ref No.	Tech-14/2006(Vol-1)-303
8	Date	June 30, 2008

KEY INFORMATION

9 Procurement method Open tendering method (OTM).

FUNDING INFORMATION

10 Budget and source of funds BBA/GoB.

11 Development partners (if applicable) Not applicable.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14	Tender package No.	1 (one).
15	Tender package name	Protective Measures at the Northern Tip of West Guide Bund of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge.
16	Tender publication date	Date: July 06, 2008.
17	Tender last selling date	Date: July 27, 2008 Time: During office hours.
18	Tender closing date and time	Date: July 28, 2008 Time: 12:00 noon
19	Tender opening date and time	Date: July 28, 2008 Time: 12:30pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	

-Selling tender document (principal) Asstt. Director (F & A), Accounts Section, BBA, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka.

-Selling tender document (others) Not applicable.

-Receiving tender document Conference Room (2nd Floor), Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka.

-Opening tender document Conference Room (2nd Floor), Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka.

21 Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional) Chief Engineer's Room (3rd Floor), Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka on July 20, 2008 at 11:00am.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22 Eligibility of tenderer i) Potential tenderer who has general experience in construction/maintenance of river training work shall be at least 5 (five) years.
ii) The intending tenderers shall have to apply in their letterhead to the designated officer to obtain permission for the issuance of the tender documents.

23 Brief description of works Protective Measures at the Northern Tip of West Guide Bund of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge.

24 Brief description of related services Nil

24		Brief description of related services	Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge				
		Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
25		1	Protective Measures at the Northern Tip of West Guide Bund of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge	Sirajganj	1500.00	2,00,000.00	30 days

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

26	Name of official inviting tender	Md Liaquat Ali.
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy Director (Road).
28	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212.
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel No. 8854720 Fax No: 9888414
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	
31	In case, the work is become unnecessary (July-October 2008), the tender shall not remain valid and contractor shall not claim any compensation.	
32	The contractor shall do the work at their quoted price. The quantity may vary (increase or decrease) and the rate submitted by the contractor is valid up to next one year.	

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Md Liaquat Ali
Deputy Director (Road)