

BIWTC ship Masud adrift on Meghna again after repair

DELWAR AHMED, Chandpur

Khulna bound BIWTC steamer PS Masud from Dhaka is stranded on turbulent Meghna waters at Katakali, about 10 kilometres south of Chandpur town following a mechanical breakdown, BIWTC Manager at Chandpur Mohammad Zahir told this correspondent at about 8.15 a.m.

All about 500 passengers on board were rescued. Some of them were brought back to Chandpur and the rest sent to Khulna in other vessels boats, he said.

A BIWTC rescue boat-Tugboat 395 that started from Narayanjanj to salvage the vessel also went out of order and is now afloat at Baharia near Chandpur, he said.

Another rescue boat-Tugboat 390 sailed from Barisal and may reach stranded PS Masud by midnight (Saturday), he said. The two tugboats will try to tug the vessel towards Chandpur, the BIWTC manager said.

PS Masud went out of order at the confluence of Meghna and Dakatia rivers near Chandpur at around 12.30 a.m. Friday, according to passenger and BIWTC staff.

While trying to repair the steamer near the confluence of two rivers, where there is violent current and whirlpool, four mechanics of the steamer fell into Meghna at dead of night.



BIWTC passenger ship MV Masud drifting on the Meghna, about 10 kilometers off Chandpur town.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Three of them were rescued by fishermen at dawn yesterday, about 8 kilometres from the steamer, but another mechanic - Amir Hossain - is still missing, said Manager Mohammad Zahir. A general diary was filed with police here yesterday in this regard, he said.

Some rescued passengers told this correspondent that till dawn

yesterday, surging current drifted the steamer near Katakali Bazar, 10 kilometres south.

They sent messages to police superintendent Obaidur Rahman for rescue.

MV Al-Borak was sent to the spot. Meanwhile, Dhaka bound rocket steamer PS Turn from Barisal reached stranded PS Masud and took all the passengers

to Chandpur at 6 a.m. yesterday.

Another steamer, Shela, arrived Chandpur terminal at around 8 a.m. yesterday and took some of the passengers to their destinations in southern districts.

It was gathered from IWTC sources that PS Masud was on its first voyage after a major overhauling done at a cost of over Tk 4 crore.

ASSAULT ON BAU TEACHER Probe report submitted, show cause on two students

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The probe body formed to investigate the Monday night's assault on a teacher at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) yesterday submitted report to BAU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Md Akhtar Hossain, suggesting action against the culprits.

The authorities yesterday served show cause notices to two students - Dipak and Biman - as their involvement in the attack was primarily proved, said Prof Mohammad Shamsuddin, member secretary of the probe body.

Following assault on Wakilur Rahman, a house tutor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall, the authorities formed a three-member probe body on Wednesday. Protesting the incident, earlier 37 house tutors of different halls of BAU submitted resignation letters to the hall provosts on the night of the occurrence with a three-day ultimatum.

Prof Dr Md Shamsuddin, dean of Agri-Engineering and Technology Faculty, also BAU syndicate member, heads the probe body while two other members are BAU Proctor Prof Dr Mohammad Shamsuddin and Prof Dr Md Nazrul Islam of Agronomy Department of BAU Agriculture Faculty.

The committee recorded deposition of six alleged attackers - Dipak, Biman, Babu, Bashkar, Faruq and Kamrul on Thursday, Prof Mohammad Shamsuddin said.



Locals form a human chain yesterday protesting delimitation of Mymensingh-4 constituency.

PHOTO: STAR

পাওয়ার গ্রীড কোম্পানী অব বাংলাদেশ লিঃ POWER GRID COMPANY OF BANGLADESH LTD.

(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)
Institution of Engineers (IEB) New Bhaban (4th floor) Ramna, Dhaka-1000
IFB No.: 01/PGCB/Sec/2008/2787 Date: July 30, 2008

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE

DESIGN, SUPPLY, ERECTION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF 400KV TRANSMISSION LINES ON TURNKEY BASIS UNDER ADB'S SUSTAINABLE POWER SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Date: 30th July, 2008

Loan No.: 2332-BAN: Sustainable Power Sector Development Project

Contract No.: PGCB/SPSDP/400kVTL/M-A: Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of Meghnaghat - Aminbazar 400 KV Transmission Line on Turnkey Basis

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan under Sustainable Power Sector Development Programme from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the Contract No. PGCB/SPSDP/400kVTL/M-A for Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of Meghnaghat - Aminbazar 400 KV Transmission Line on Turnkey Basis.

2. The Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for design, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 400 KV transmission lines on turnkey basis as defined in the bidding document (hereinafter referred to as "the Works"). The Works include:

Design, supply, delivery, erection, testing & commissioning on turnkey basis of 400 KV double circuit transmission lines from Meghnaghat to Aminbazar (approx. 51km).

Details of the scope of work are specified in the bidding document.

A bidder may participate in the bidding by submitting appropriate amount of bid security.

International Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single Stage: Two-Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries.

3. Bidders shall meet the following minimum requirements along with other requirements as mentioned in the bidding documents:

(a) Bidders must have the project execution experiences including engineering, management, foundation, erection, stringing & commissioning (experience of partner in charge in case of Joint Venture) to demonstrate their capability in at least three(3) projects (double circuit overhead transmission line of 345 KV or higher voltage, of which route length should not be less than 30km) of which at least one installation shall be in successful operation for minimum of three years as on the date of opening of technical proposals.

Bidders (partner in charge in case of Joint Venture) must have project management experience of at least one (1) turnkey project (Contract amount should not be less than US\$ 8.0 million) outside their own country within the last ten (10) years as on the date of opening of technical proposals.

Each Partner of the Joint Venture other than the partner in charge must have successfully completed at least one Contract including engineering, foundation, erection, stringing & commissioning of 345 KV or higher voltage overhead transmission line as contractor or subcontractor within the last ten (10) years as on the date of opening of technical proposals.

(b) Bidders shall provide Audited Financial Statements or other forms of Financial Statements such as Balance Sheets/Financial Statements certified by a registered accountant and supported by copies of tax returns for the last 3 years as documentary evidence regarding Liquid Assets and Annual Turnover with their Bids. The minimum Liquid Assets for the last year & minimum average Annual Turnover for the last 3 years of the Bidder's organization or Joint Venture shall not be less than the following:

(i) Liquid Assets: US\$ 4.5 million

(ii) Average Annual Turnover: US\$ 10.0 million

The partner in charge in case of Joint Venture shall meet not less than 50% and each partner of the Joint Venture shall meet not less than 25% of the minimum criteria given above item (b) (i) & (ii).

4. The Works under this turnkey contract shall be completed within 24 (twenty four) months from effective date.

5. Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect and acquire the bidding documents at the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. (PGCB), IEB Bhaban (4th Floor), Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Tel: 880-2-9555475, 880-2-9550514, 880-2-9558054, Fax: 880-2-7171833.

6. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application to the Company Secretary, PGCB at the above address and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of USD 400.00 (United States Dollar four hundred only) or Tk. 28,000.00 (Taka twenty eight thousands only) in the form of Pay Order/ Demand Draft in favor of the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd.

7. Bidders are to submit simultaneously two sealed envelopes, one containing the technical bid and another containing the price bid. Initially only the technical bids will be opened. The price bids will remain unopened and will be kept in the custody of the Employer until the time of opening of the price bids.

8. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of US\$ 240,000 (United States Dollar two hundred forty thousands only) or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency and must be delivered to the Company Secretary, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd., IEB Bhaban (4th Floor), Ramna, Dhaka-1000 at or before 11:00am Bangladesh Standard Time on 30th September, 2008. The bid security must be included with the technical bid.

9. The technical bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

10. The price bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the time and date and at the address to be advised by the Employer after approval of the ADB of the evaluation of the technical bids.

11. In the comparison of bids, ADB's Domestic Scheme will be applied in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Bidding Documents.

12. PGCB will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids including costs and expenses related to visits to the sites of installation of the Works.

(Mohammed Salim)
Company Secretary

Oli wants JS polls before upazila election

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) president Oli Ahmed yesterday demanded holding of parliament election before upazila election to establish democracy.

"The duty of caretaker government is to hold parliament election as this will consolidate democracy", he said while addressing a meeting of Pabna LDP held at a community center in the town.

Upazila election can be held once democracy returns after parliamentary election, he said. Upazila election can be held 10-15 days after national election, he added.

The LDP president said the Election Commission's duty is to hold national election.

Oli said there has been some good moves during the caretaker government but some of its actions have raised questions in minds of people. "You have done reforms to election commission, Anti Corruption Commission and Public Service Commission."

"But some of the steps show that they have a plan. The caretaker government is doing many

things which it should not have done.

"You have to prove that you (caretaker government) have no political plan", he told the meeting.

He also criticised the government for what he said its failure to control prices of essentials and agriculture inputs. Prices of fertilizer have increased manifold and gone beyond reach of farmers. This will affect production, he added.

The more an unelected government will cling to power, the more there will be crisis in the country, Oli said.

Referring to government's drive against corruption, Oli said, "A few people are involved in corruption and they should be punished". Indiscriminate and abortive actions in the name of curbing corruption will shatter confidence of people and spoil trade and business. This will accentuate economic crisis, the LDP chief said.

With Pabna LDP president Ismat Zerin Khan in the chair, the meeting was also addressed by, among others, central leaders Prof Jahannara Begum, Barrister Jiaur Rahman and Sayed Deedar Bakht.

A few city corpn polls rules impractical

AMA Muhith says

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Awami League Advisory Committee member AMA Muhith yesterday said several provisions in the rules for the city corporation polls are misleading, impractical and inconsistent.

Barring election rallies on roundabouts on public roads and use of loudspeakers after evening are impractical decisions, he said at a press conference at Sylhet Press Club.

Nagorik Parishad, which fielded incumbent Sylhet mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran for the mayoral run, organised the press conference.

Questioning the justifiability of allowing 1100 election observers for 120 centres in Sylhet city, he said there is possibility of trouble in the polling centres due to the situation.

"Holding elections at an atmosphere of impunity and without human rights cannot be acceptable. The EC is showing negligence to take actions for breaking election rules by candidates," Muhith, also chief adviser of the Nagorik Parishad, said.

Fourteen candidates are on full-fledged campaign while the incumbent mayor had been kept behind bars without any trial for over a year and a government agency filed a

weak charge sheet against him and his wife only five days ahead of the city polls, he said.

"In the charge sheet, Kamran's wife has been shown absconding, whereas she is already in the custody. It shows how the Anti-Corruption Commission is working and what kind of integrity they have in launching drive against corruption," the former bureaucrat said.

Several candidates are running their campaigns even after 8:00pm violating the election rules but the EC has failed to follow its rules and regulations while the administration is also playing a very weak role, Muhith said.

He urged all to remain alert to foil any conspiracy.

Abdul Haque, convener of the Nagorik Parishad, detained mayor Kamran's wife Asma Kamran, and their son Arman Ahmed Shiplu also spoke at the press conference.

UGC today begins probing RU recruitment scam

RU CORRESPONDENT

A three-member probe committee of University Grants Commission (UGC) today begins probe into alleged irregularities and corruption in recruitment at Rajshahi University (RU) between 2005 and 2008.

The probe body led by UGC Deputy Director Mizanur Rahman will reach RU today, sources said.

Meanwhile, RU authorities led by acting registrar Prof Muhammad Shafi yesterday held a meeting with additional registrar, deputy registrar and heads of different sections.

Earlier, UGC sent a letter to the university registrar asking for files, papers and documents on manpower recruitment between 2005 and 2008, the sources said.

RU acting registrar Prof Shafi also asked deputy registrars and section heads to prepare for the UGC investigation.

RU authorities have formed a 10-member committee led by additional registrar Dr Sheikh Shad Ahmed to assist the UGC body in investigation.

When contacted, Prof Shafi, told this correspondent that the UGC team will reach RU today. RU teacher and UGC member Prof Zihadul Karim will join the probe team.

RU acting vice-chancellor Prof Mamunul Keramat also confirmed arrival of the UGC probe team today.

The Progressive Teachers Society (PTS) and different students organisations have demanded neutral investigation into irregularities and corruption in recruitment, done allegedly in violation of the University Act.

Five 'child traffickers' held in two dists in seven days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Five suspected child traffickers were arrested in Patuakhali and Barguna districts in seven days.

Joygun, 32, of Golakali village in Amtali upazila in Baruna was arrested from Hetalia village in Sadar upazila for her alleged bid to kidnap a 4-year-old girl named Nusrat, daughter of Nayan Sikder. Joygun allegedly entered Sikder's house to come closer with the inmates. At one stage, she left the house with Nusrat. As she put lotion to her eyes, the baby started crying. Then locals caught her and handed over her to police.

Sadar police, in collaboration with locals, arrested Laila Akhter Mala, 13, and recovered a 10-month-old baby named Jannatul Naim Tinni from Taltola slum in Patuakhali town on Thursday. Mala allegedly stole the baby on Tuesday from a residence at Hatirpool in Dhaka where she worked as a domestic help.

On information, Sadar police rescued the baby and arrested Mala. She was handed over to Ramna police in Dhaka.

Kalapara police arrested Reshma Akter, 27, for her alleged involvement in child smuggling at Nishanbaria village in Kalapara upazila on July 25. Locals caught her and handed over her to police. According to her confession, police arrested her husband Sagor, 40, on July 26.



Dumb woman finally sent to govt safe home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

The district administration yesterday sent the dumb woman, kept in the safe custody in Khagrachhari district jail from August 20 last year, to the safe home for women and children at Farhadabad in Chittagong.

Following the July 12 The Daily Star report titled 'Dumb woman in safe custody for a year', advocate Seema Zahur of Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association submitted an appeal to the High Court on July 13 mentioning that the dumb woman is not accused in any criminal case.

A High Court division bench comprising Justice Md Mozammel Hossain and Justice AB Mahmudul Huq on July 16 issued a suo moto rule upon deputy commissioner, superintendent of police, chief judicial magistrate and jailor of Khagrachhari, asking them why detention of the dumb woman should not be declared illegal.



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INVITATION FOR TENDER

01. Nomenclature of tender	: Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Ten ICU Electric Bed (Group-A) and Ten Bed Side Cabinet & Ten Over Bed Table (Group-B) for Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute.
02. Invitation Ref. & Date	: ICHRI-PUR/August/2008/32 Dated 03 August, 2008.
03. Procurement Method	: Open Tendering Method
04. Source of fund	: Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute
05. Tender package No.	: Group - A & B
06. Tender closing date	: 04 September, 2008 at 12.00 Noon
07. Tender opening date	: 04 September, 2008 at 12.30 pm (In presence of the tenderers or their authorized agent, if there be any)
08. Name & address of the office selling tender documents	: Cash Counter (3 rd Floor), Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute, 122 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbagh, Dhaka.
09. Name, designation & address of official inviting tender	: Prof. Dr. M.A. Rashid CEO, Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute.
10. Eligibility of tenderers:	The tenderers should be manufacturer or their authorized supplier/distributor or dealer of the brand (ii) Tenderers shall have a minimum three (03) years of specific experience in the supply of similar equipment in Bangladesh or in any country of Asia. (iii) The tenderers shall have valid trade license, TIN, VAT & Income Tax Certificate (iv) Other conditions are mentioned in the Tender documents.
11. Price of tender document	: Taka One thousand (Tk.1,000.00) only
12. Date of selling tender documents	: Tender documents are available from 07 August, 2008 to 03 September, 2008 on all working days (9.30 am - 12.30 pm)
13. Tender security	: 2% of quoted amount in favor of Chief Executive Officer, Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute (ICHR).
14. Time for completion of the supply	: Two (02) months.

Ibrahim Cardiac reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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Chief Executive Officer