

# Land reform seen key to ensuring food sovereignty

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Speakers at a discussion in Dhaka yesterday demanded land reform and formation of farmers' cooperative to ensure food sovereignty.

"We need an agricultural system that is supportive of feeding all the countrymen. We have problems in the system of food production. But the main problem remains in the distribution system as it fails to distribute the produced food

equally among all," said Serajul Islam Choudhury, professor emeritus of the University of Dhaka.

The discussion on the 'Existing Food Crisis and Issues of Agriculture' was organised by a local environmental activists group, Pratibesh Andolon (Ecological Movement) at the Moni Singh-Farhad Memorial Trust Building.

According to the Pratibesh Andolon, the existing production and distribution pattern is

the main cause of food crisis being faced by not only millions of poor people in Bangladesh but also others in different countries across the world.

A small section of people, mainly the owners of multinational companies and the middlemen, control the present food distribution and marketing chains and influence food prices to ensure their gains.

Pointing to the surge in food prices such as rice and edible

oil in Bangladesh, the speakers said the government has been passing on the burden of price increase to the international market due to its failure to ensure food at a cheaper price for all.

Anu Muhammad, who teaches Economics at the Jahangirnagar University, said the production of rice has become more than double over the last couple of decades. However poor and working class people are not getting food

to meet their needs, he said.

"We need an agricultural system where farmers, instead of working for ensuring corporate gains, will control the marketing and supply of their produce," Abul Hasan Rubel, coordinator of Pratibesh Andolon, said in his paper presented at the discussion.

"An all-out land reform and formation of farmers cooperatives should be put in place to ensure our food sovereignty," he said.

## Run fair price shops during Ramadan

Adviser urges business bodies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Commerce Adviser Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman yesterday urged the leading business bodies of the country to run fair-price shops of essential commodities during the month of Ramadan to keep the prices of such commodities under control.

He also made an assurance that the new coal policy would be formulated taking opinions from all stakeholders concerned to make it a more transparent one.

Zillur told reporters at the inauguration programme of a new BKMEA office in

Chittagong as the chief guest.

Later, he also addressed a seminar on 'BKMEA's Initiatives to Meet Global Compliance Requirement' with Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) President Fazlul Hoque in the chair at the conference room of Chittagong Chambers of Commerce and Industries (CCCI).

Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI) President Annisul Huq was the special guest at the ceremony.

Zillur said a positive change has already been brought up in

the country's economic sector with its inherent dynamism and competitive spirit despite many adverse situations and uncertainty.

BKMEA leaders claimed that they have already achieved almost all basic compliance requirements of the buyers including legal compliance, freedom of association and right to collective bargaining, prohibition of discrimination including gender and religion, workplace safety, child labour, forced labour, congenial environment and safety issues, compensation for wages and overtime.

## Develop more human resource personnel

Roundtable told

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Integration between the private sector and the business schools is necessary for developing human resource (HR) management in the country, said the president of Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) yesterday.

"We have a dearth of skilled and expert HR professionals in our country, which often leads to hiring from abroad," said Farooq Sobhan.

He was addressing a roundtable on 'Developing HR for the Future: Matching Demand and Supply', jointly organised by Junior Chamber International (JCI) and Renaissance Consultants Ltd in the capital.

He said the business schools of public and private universities could meet the huge demand for HR specialisation in the country by introducing HR as a major concentration.

He also said the government and the entrepreneurs of the country need to collaborate to develop the academic curriculum for HR in different business schools.

"Skilled professionals,

who have education especially in HR, can make a company successful by hiring the right people," he said adding that the private sector has become a major driving force contributing to the country's economy in recent years.

Professor GM Chowdhury, president of University and Industry Alliance, a centre of the University of Dhaka involved in delivering professional services to business and industry, stressed on taking necessary measures to encourage more people to join in HR profession.

"Companies should take some essential measures, such as to offer attractive remuneration and to develop an informative database to encourage more people to come into the profession," he said.

Ravichandra Bekal, HR director of Nestle Bangladesh Ltd and Ishtiaq Ahmed Taher, HR manager of Square Pharmaceutical Ltd were present among others at the roundtable.

Farzana Chowdhury, president of JCI and Parveen S Huda, managing director of Renaissance Consultants Ltd were also present.



REHAB President Tanveerul Haque Probal speaks at a view exchange programme on a new housing law in Dhaka yesterday. (Story on B1)

## Govt bank still at premature stage to float shares: Aziz

UNB, Dhaka

Finance Adviser Dr Mirza Azizul Islam yesterday said the government-owned commercial banks (GCBs) are still at a premature stage to float shares in the stock market.

"The banks are not in a comfortable position. Listing of the banks should be a mid-term (2-3 years) target," he told a seminar at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre (BCFCC) in Dhaka.

"Even if the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission) allows listing of the banks, the shares will receive poor value," he said.

Janata Bank, which eyes on becoming a leading bank in South Asia by 2010, organised the seminar titled 'Steps Towards Making Janata the Effective Largest Bank in Bangladesh' with the bank chairman Suhel Ahmed

Choudhury in the chair.

The bank's profit increased by about 10 percent to Tk 303 crore in June 2008 from Tk 276 crore in June 2007.

Finance Secretary Dr Mohammad Tareque, NBR Chairman Muhammed Abdul Mazid, Bangladesh Krishi Bank Chairman Ibrahim Khaled and Dhaka University professor Dr Mahmud Osman Imam also spoke at the seminar.

Prof Dr Toufic Ahmad Choudhury of Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) presented the keynote paper.

The finance adviser agreed with the suggestion for listing the GCBs with the stock exchanges, but differed with the view that the banks should hire CEOs and deputy CEOs at the divisional headquarters on contract.

The adviser asked the bankers to capitalise on the strength

of extensive GCB network across the country and emphasised looking at indicators like return on equity and assets, capital adequacy, short-fall of provisions and sectoral and geographical distribution of loans and advances.

## Brand fair ends

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The three-day long Youth Brand Fair 2008 that began on Thursday ended at the city's Bashundhara Expo Centre yesterday with high response from the visitors, said a press release.

A total of 50 stalls were installed as different companies showcased their products and services to make the customers, especially the young people, more conscious about their brands.

The Daily Star was one of the media partners of the fair.



The signing ceremony for the largest ever syndicated term loan facility of Tk 3.955 billion, arranged for the Summit Group, to install 4 power plants with a total generation capacity of 110MW OF electricity took place in Dhaka recently. Senior government officials, chairmen and managing directors of the participating banks and financial institutions were present on the occasion.



### BCIC Tender Notice


Managing Director, Natural Gas Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Fenchuganj, Sylhet invites sealed tender from interested tenderers/firms against the following tender enquiries:

Sl. No.	Tender enquiry No. & date	Description of stores	Tender security (refundable)	Price of tender documents (non-refundable)	Last date & time for submission of tender
1.	NGFF/LP-65/MTS(RS)/07-08/1809, Dt. 24/06/2008	MS Rod, MS Angle	Tk. 13,000/-	Tk. 100/-	(Re-Tender) Dt. 14/07/2008 at 11.00am
2.	NGFF/LP-173/MTS(FM)/08/1810, Dt. 24/06/2008	Gate Valve, Glove Valve	Tk. 9,500/-	Tk. 50/-	(Re-Tender) Dt. 14/07/2008 at 11.00am
3.	NGFF/LP-200/MTS (WS/ES/PS/OPR/ASP/TS/IOC/08-10/1811 Dt. 24/06/2008	Log Sheet	Tk. 2,500/-	Tk. 25/-	(Re-Tender) Dt. 14/07/2008 at 11.00am
4.	NGFF/LP-212/MFG/FM/1812 dt. 24/06/08	Impeller for 405Jr, Jiz & Spindle for Stop Valve	Tk. 2,500/-	Tk. 25/-	Dt. 22/07/2008 at 11.00am
5.	NGFF/LP-241/COM/MPIC/08/1813 dt. 24/06/08	Printing Materials	Tk. 3,450/-	Tk. 25/-	Dt. 22/07/2008 at 11.00am
6.	NGFF/LP-93/MFG(CM)/1815 dt. 24/06/08	Plunger for NH <sub>3</sub> Feed Pump	Tk. 4,700/-	Tk. 25/-	(Re-Tender) Dt. 14/07/2008 at 11.00am
7.	NGFF/LP-80/MTS/PS/07/1816 dt. 24/06/08	Bourdon Tube Type Pressure Gauge	Tk. 3,000/-	Tk. 100/-	(Re-Tender) Dt. 14/07/2008 at 11.00am
8.	NGFF/LP-77/MTS-(Inst)/07/1817 Dt. 24/06/08	Pneumatic Transmitter with Output Gauge	Tk. 5,000/-	Tk. 100/-	(Re-Tender) Dt. 14/07/2008 at 11.00am
9.	NGFF/LP-245/MTS/PM/1830 Dt. 25/06/08	Rubber V Packing	Tk. 20,000/-	Tk. 100/-	Dt. 22/07/2008 at 11.00am
10.	NGFF/LP-246/OPR(NH <sub>3</sub> )/08/1835 Dt. 26/06/08	Pure Copper (Solid)	Tk. 34,000/-	Tk. 200/-	Dt. 22/07/2008 at 11.00am

Tender documents may be purchased from 1) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000, 2) General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and 3) General Manager (A&F), NGFF Ltd, Fenchuganj, Sylhet during office hours on all working days. Tender will be opened immediately after closing in presence of tenderers representative (if any), and no tender documents will be sold on the date of opening. Due to unforeseen reasons, if the tender is not possible to open in scheduled date & time the same will be opened on the following working day at the same time. The authority reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Engr. Md Ali Akkas  
Addl. Chief Manager (Comm)  
For Managing Director

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### বাংলাদেশ শিল্প ব্যাংক

প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা

### সেবা কার্যক্রম নির্দেশিকা

### সিটিজেন চার্টার

**এক নজরে বাংলাদেশ শিল্প ব্যাংক**

**বিভাগসমূহঃ**

- \* ঋণ পরিচালন ও বাস্তবায়ন বিভাগ
- \* আদায় বিভাগ
- \* প্রশাসন ও মানব সম্পদ বিভাগ
- \* সাধারণ ব্যাংকিং ও অর্থ বিভাগ
- \* আইন বিভাগ

**প্রধান কার্যালয়ের উপ-বিভাগ : ১১টি**

**আঞ্চলিক অফিস : ৩টি (রাজশাহী, খুলনা, চট্টগ্রাম)**

**শাখা অফিস : ১৫টি (জেলা সদরসমূহে অবস্থিত)**

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- \* ঢাকা এক্সচেঞ্জ লিঃ এবং চট্টগ্রাম এক্সচেঞ্জ লিঃ এর সদস্য হিসেবে ব্যাংকের জন্য ও গ্রাহকদের পক্ষে তালিকাভুক্ত কোম্পানীর শেয়ার/সিকিউরিটিজ ক্রয়-বিক্রয়; এবং
- \* বিভিন্ন উপ-খাত ভিত্তিক সমীক্ষণ প্রতিবেদন প্রণয়নসহ প্রকল্প সম্প্রসারণমূলক কার্যক্রম সম্পাদন।

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### বড়পুকুরিয়া কোল মাইনিং কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী)

### BARAPUKURIA COAL MINING COMPANY LIMITED

(A COMPANY OF PETROBANGLA)

#### Invitation for Re-Tender

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1. Ministry/Division	Energy and Mineral Resources Division		
2. Agency	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited (BCMCL) (A Company of Petrobangla)		
3. Procuring Entity Name	Deputy General Manager (Purchase)		
4. Procuring Entity Code	None		
5. Procuring Entity District	Dinajpur		
6. Invitation for	Goods		
7. Invitation Ref No	BCMCL/03/27(mining/elect/mech)/1472		
8. Date	29 July 2008		
9. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method		
10. Budget and Source of Funds	Company revenue budget		
11. Project/Programme code	Not Applicable		
12. Project/Programme Name	Not Applicable		
13. Tender package No	UG-29-2008-2009		
14. Tender publication date	29 July 2008		
15. Tender last selling date	13 August 2008		
	Date		
16. Tender receiving last date and time	14 August 2008 11:30 AM		
17. Tender opening date and time	14 August 2008 11:45 AM		
18. Selling tender document	Tender documents are available in the following offices during office hours: 1. Accounts division, Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur. 2. Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited Liaison Office, 75/c Indira Road, Dhaka-1215. 3. Accounts Division, Petrobangla, 3 Kawan bazar C/A, Dhaka.		
Receiving tender documents	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited Liaison Office, 75/c Indira Road, Dhaka-1215.		
Opening tender documents	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited Liaison Office, 75/c Indira Road, Dhaka-1215.		
19. Eligibility of tenderer	1. Having a valid trade licence for the fiscal year 2007-08 / 2008-09. 2. Income Tax clearance certificate for the fiscal year 2003-06 or tax year 2006-07 or Tax Year 2007-08 3. Valid VAT Registration certificate 4. Other Qualification as described in TDS		
20. Brief Description of goods	Group-1: Mining items-Equal-angle steel, Channel steel, Air duct bend, Inside micrometer, Micrometer, Clearance gauge, Slide gauge, Theodolite, Digital planimeter, Cutting torch, Standard gas sample, Protection glass, etc. Group-2: Electric items-Uniphase/Triphase voltage regulator/transformer, A.C. Contractor, Frequency meter, Ampere meter, Voltmeter, Electronic tachometer, A.C. ampere meter, Insulating gloves, Check plate, Check ring, etc. Group-3: Mech items - Lot 1: Ball stop valve, flat head bolt, inner hexagon bolt, bolt, hexagon nut, abrasive wheel cutting machine, lathe tool, contract thermometer/pressure gauge, oil thermometer, circlip pliers, rail drill, pipe joint, quick pipe joint, rail clamp joint/plate, steel rope/loop wrapper etc. Lot 2: bearing, oil seal, reinforced seal/oil seal, YX seal ring, seal ring, high pressure hose, attaching connector, air compressor hose etc. Lot 3: tee joint, joint type, bend, plug, LP hose, HP hose, ect. Lot 4: HP hose (different type). Lot 5: HP hose (different type).		
21. Price of Tender Document	Tk. 500.00 (five hundred) only		
Identification of goods	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time
22. Group -1: mentioned above	BCMCL store, Chowhati Parbatipur, Dinajpur	65,000.00 (Sixty five thousand)	25 working days from the date of contract agreement.
Group -2: mentioned above	BCMCL store, Chowhati Parbatipur, Dinajpur	9,000.00 (Nine thousand)	15 working days from the date of contract agreement.
Group -3: mentioned above	BCMCL store, Chowhati Parbatipur, Dinajpur	Lot 1: 1,80,000.00 (One lac eighty thousand) Lot 2: 2,00,000.00 (Two lac) Lot 3: 1,90,000.00 (One lac ninety thousand) Lot 4: 1,80,000.00 (One lac eighty thousand) Lot 5: 1,50,000.00 (One lac fifty thousand)	40 working days from the date of contract agreement.
23. Name of the official inviting tender	A.B.M. Kamruzzaman		
24. Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager (Purchase)		
25. Address of official inviting tender	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur		
26. Contact details of official inviting tender	01713077906		
27. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders			

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