NATIONAL

Plan to lease off shore oil blocks to foreign cos protested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Dinajpur district unit of National Oil, Gas, Minerals, Power and Port Protection Committee yesterday submitted a memorandum to Dinajpur Deputy Commissioner (DC) Md Nabiul Haque Mollah opposing a government decision to lease out nine offshore gas blocks to foreign business giants.

Its district convener Md Mosaddeque Hossain handed down the memorandum.

Phulbari unit of the committee also formed a human chain in front of Niltola intersection on Phulbari-Bogra highway protesting the

decision. Hundreds of people from all walks of life participated braving inclement weather. They carried festoons, placards and banners with them.

Committee leaders urged the government to refrain from signing deal with any multinational businesses giant.

Phulbari unit convener Saiful Islam Jewel demanded rehabilitation of 5,00,000 people. The concerned company expressed inten tion to relocate 50,000 people only, he said.

Acid victim gets help

Noble gesture follows Daily Star report

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A generous woman has donated Tk

10,000 for an acid attack victim day

labourer in Nandail upazila. Rezina Naser Synthia, Managing Director of Universal Labels Ltd in

Dhaka, donated the money through her representative M Nasir Uddin Khan, Managing Director of Tricom Foods Ltd in Mymensingh, at a simple ceremony at Mymensingh Press Club Saturday evening.

The noble gesture followed a Daily Star report on the October 1 acid attack incident.

Motiur Rahman, a day labourer at village Rasulpur in Nandail upazila, became the victim for his failure to pay Tk 1400, which he - owed to money-lenders.9 8 927

Motiur told this correspondent that the accused in the case filed for acid throwing are threatening him with dire consequences if the case is not withdrawn.

When contacted, Nandail Police Station officer-in-charge said they are trying to arrest the culprits.

Name of ministry

Invitation for

Project code

Procuring entity district

Procurement method

Budget & fund source

Tender package No.

tender documents

Tender publication date

Tender last selling date

Tender opening date and time

Receiving tender document

Place of tender opening

Brief description of works

Eligibility of tenderer

Package No.

PRG-2 (lot-1)

inviting tender

GD-4871

PRG-1

Last date & time for submission of tender

Name and address of the offices selling

Name, description, location and price etc. of tender document

PRTC under CVASU

Name of work

Supply of Computer, Printer

etc. for PRTC under CVASU

PRG-2 (Lot- Supply of office equipment | Pahartali,

for PRTC under CVASU

Name, designation and address of the official

Supply of Furniture for Pahartali,

bank in favour of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University.

Programme name

Invitation Reference Memo No. CVASU-08/ED/IFT/05

Agency & procuring entity name

Politicians, ward councillors among 36 terror-suspects in Rajshahi city

RMP gets list from police headquarters for vigilance and action to hold peaceful election

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police have prepared a list of 36 terror-suspects including some ward councilors and politicians in Rajshahi city as they might pose threats to holding of the upcoming Jatiya Sangsad elections peacefully.

The police headquarters prepared the list following field level intelligence reports and sent it to Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) for keeping vigilance on them, highly placed sources in RMP said.

According to the sources, the list includes names of six newly elected ward councilors of Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC), three formerward councilors and five persons belonging to Awami League (AL) and BNP.

The listed persons might hamper the JS elections by abetting use of illegal arms, musclemen and money, the sources said quoting the intelligence reports and analysis of their previous criminal records.

The police headquarters have directed RMP authorities to take legal actions against the listed persons, a forwarding letter sent along with the list said.

The listed persons include incumbent RCC ward councilors

Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU)

Invitation for Tender (IFT)

Works

Danida & GoB

Not applicable

21-10-2008.

Open Tendering Method (NCB).

PRG-1 and PRG-2 (Lot -1 & Lot-2).

Khulshi, Pahartali, Chittagong-4202.

16-11-2008 up to 4:00pm

17-11-2008 up to 12:30pm

17-11-2008 at 3:30 pm.

Chittagong-4202.

Location

Chittagong

Pahartali,

Chittagong

Chittagong

Tender security is to be submitted in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee (Form W-3) of any scheduled

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock & Ministry of Education

Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU).

Support for the Poultry Research and Training Centre (PRTC) at

CVASU through Regional Fisheries and Livestock Development

Component (RFLDC) under Agriculture Sector Programme Support

i) Principal: Office of the Superintending Engineer, Chittagong

Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Pahartali,

Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong, ii) Superintending

Engineer, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University

Office of the Superintending Engineer, Chittagong Veterinary and

PRG-1: Office furniture (wooden/steel framed); PRG-2, Lot-1:

Computer, Printers etc. & Lot-2: Refrigerator, deep freezer, audio

Tenderers enlisted in any government, semi-government or

autonomous organisation and have similar supply experience of

Taka twenty lac for PRG-1, for PRG-2, Lot-1: The required similar

experience needed is Taka twenty five lac & for Lot-2 is Taka

Tender

security in

Taka

48,000/--

55,000/00

30,000/00

Superintending Engineer

Chittagong Veterinary and

Animal Sciences University

Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Pahartali, Chittagong-4202.

visual equipment, overhead projector, photocopier etc.

twelve lac in a single work order during last five years.

Price of tender

document in

Taka

1500/00

1500/00

1000/00

Shah Md. Zillur Rahman, Superintending Engineer, Chittagong

Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Chittagong-

Phone No. 659093, 659492 Ext-114, Fax No. 031-659620.

ii) Others: Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong.

Shahadat Ali Sahu of ward number 17. Ansar Ali of ward number 28, Shahidul Islam Pintu of ward number 30, Sazzad Hossain of ward number 4, Rabiul Alam Milu of ward number 13 and Abdul Hamid Sarker Tekon of ward number 22.

Sahu, an AL adherent is facing trial in one land grabbing case. Blamed widely for abetting terrorists, he was released after nine month's police custody weeks before the August 4 RCC polls that he won.

Pintu is accused in five criminal cases and Sazzad is in three cases, said the sources.

Abdul Hamid Sarker Tekon, an AL adherent claimed that he was arrested before over political bias. "I am not engaged in crimes any more", Tekon said. Former RCC ward councilors

among the listed are Rejaunnabi Al Mamun of ward number 15, Moniruzzaman Sharif of ward number 19 and Tarikul Islam Paltu of ward number 25. accused in several criminal cases

cases were filed under Public Safety Act and Speedy Trial Act. Moniruzzaman Sharif is accused in two cases including one

including one for abduction. The

under Explosives Act.

Sharif was arrested in January last by joint forces and released after two month's detention.

The listed political persons are district Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal president Tofazzal Hossain Topu, Boalia thana BNP president Saidur Rahman Pintu, Rajshahi city Jubo Dal general secretary Mizanur Rahman Khokon, Rajpara thana BNP activist Ali Haider Rana and city unit Bangladesh Chhatra League general secretary Zedu Sarker.

Others in the list are Kamal of Daspukur; Arman of Panchabati; Ekram and Nazmul of Budhpara; Tarikul, Shahjahan, Alauddin and Nazmul of Vatapara; Rokonul Islam and Matiur of Sheikhpara; Babul of Hosseniganj; Shakil, Sumon of Rajarhata; Zakir of Chhoto Bongram; Babul Sarker of Talaimari; Raju, Alamgir of Hatimkhan; Mamun of Guripara; Kalu, Tajer, Milon and Malek of Meherchandi.

Asked about the list, RMP Rejaunnabi Al Mamun is an Deputy Commissioner Sajjad Hossain told newsmen that preparing list of terror-suspects ahead of elections is not uncommon.

"Action will be taken only if anyone is found to be involved in breachingthelawand order", he said.



Rajshahi University Bhaskarya Rakkha Mancha organises a cultural programme on the premises of central library yesterday demanding reinstallation of Lalon sculpture near Zia International Airport in the capital.

Date; 21-10-2008

Completion

time in days

45

BNP factions clash in Sirajganj: 20 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

At least 20 BNP men including Sirajganj Pourasabha mayor Nure- Alam were injured in a clash between supporters of orthodox and reformists at a party meeting held at Bhasani auditorium here Sunday night, party sources said.

The clash erupted as Raiganj upazila BNP president Nur Sayeed, also a loyalist of Khaleda Zia criticized the reformists.

BNP leaders from Bogra and Pabna districts were present at the meeting chaired by former lawmaker Abdul Mannan Talukder, elected from Sirajganj-3 constituency (Raiganj-Tarash) who is also president of district BNP and a follower of reformists.

Instantly, Talukder's followers protested Sayeed's remarks triggering the clash. Attackers broke furniture of the auditorium. During the clash, many party leaders were physically assaulted. Ultimately, the party meeting ended in fiasco. On information, police rushed

to the spot and controlled the

The injured were admitted to Sirajganj Sadar Hospital and local clinics in the town.

Involve people in uplift plan

Rangamati workshop

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Speakers at a workshop on Active Participation by Different Stakeholders in ICDP Project held at CHT Development Board conference room yesterday stressed on people's participation in uplift programmes to accelerate the pace of development in the hilly region.

Supported by GoB and Unicef, CHT Development Board organised the workshop chaired by Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP) director Tapan Kanti Ghosh. Sheikh Altaf Ali, secretary of CHT Affairs Ministry addressed as chief guest while it was attended by Md Asraful Islam, vice-chairman of CHTDB and ADC (revenue) Biswajit Bhattacharya as special guests.

They also stressed on proper coordination of development organisations.

Some 150 participants including UNOs of different upazilas heads of government departments UP chairmen, NGOs representatives and journalists took part.

'Don't allow war criminals

Protest against Lalon sculpture demolition continues on RU campus

RU Correspondent

Several hundreds students and cultural activists under banner of Sculpture Protection Forum yesterday staged a one hour sit-in demonstration on Rajshahi University (RU) campus demanding immediate re-installation of Baul sculptures at the airport roundabout in Dhaka.

The sit-in was staged as part of the forum's three-day programme announced earlier.

chain and held a protest rally in Speakers said communal forces are

involved in a deep-rooted conspiracy to

achievementoftheLiberationWar

They also criticised the govern ment for holding a meeting with Jamaat-e-Islami secretary general Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid who was shown absconding by police. They criticised the government for not taking action against the fundamentalist forces who were involved in removal of the sculptures.

Fundamentalist forces are making a fresh blueprint to kill Later, they formed a human Bengali culture, tradition and heritage, they said.

They urged political parties not to nominate war criminals for contesting general election and demanded of the government trial of war criminals through speedy trial tribunal. This was followed by a cultural

function.

in election'

front of the central library. Speakers urged teachers, officers, employees and progressive people to launch a tougher agitation movement against the anti-liberation forces.

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freedom fighters and destroy the

UNDP to build 4,500 more houses for Sidr victims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

UNDP has taken a plan to construct 4500 more disaster-resilient houses for badly affected people in eleven Sidr-hit districts in the south-western region by December 31 this year.

DFID of UK, Swiss Development Corporation and UNDP, Bangladesh provided Tk 170 crore fund for implementation of relief and rehabilitation programme in the area, said a press release issued by UNDP's local field team leader Md Asaduzzaman yesterday.

UNDP as part of emergency response programme provided food and non-food assistance for 89,145 families in the badly affected districts.

UNDP also supported construction of 9,145 cyclone-resilient houses for most needy and vulnerable families and completed community restoration (cash-for-work) programme that generated work opportunity for 80,000 affected families.

At a daylong workshop on implementation of Sidr response and recovery programme organised by UNDP at a local hotel yesterday, speakers stressed the need for courage to combat disasters and ability of partner NGOs, local administration

and stakeholders to respond quickly to relief and recovery operations. Additional Commissioner of

Khulna division M Abdus Samad was present as chief guest at the workshop presided over by Khulna Deputy Commissioner Ziaul Alam.



Birshreshtha Hamidur Rahman's 37th death anniversary will be observed at the memorial complex in Hamid Nagar in Moheshpur upazila in Jhenidah today.

Birshrestha Hamidur Rahman's death anniversary today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

The 37th death anniversary of Birshrestha Hamidur Rahman will be observed today at the memorial complex built in honour of the great hero.

Teachers of Hamidur Rahman Degree Collage and employees of Bir Shrestha Sipahi Hamidur Rahman Smriti Jadughar and Pathagar at Hamid Nagar have taken all preparations to observe the day in a befitting way.

The programme beginning with placing of wreaths at his portrait at 10 am will include Qurankhwani, Milad Mahfil, discussion meeting and destitute feeding, said Shajahan Ali, convener of celebra-

Jhenidah Deputy Commissioner AKM Rafikul Islam will be present as chief guest while Police Superintendent Jahangir Hossain Matabbar, Lt.

Col. (Retd.) Sazzad Ali (Bir Pratik) and chief of joint forces in the district will attend as special guests. Lt. Col (retd) Sazzad fought along with Hamidur during the Liberation War. The discussion meeting will be

chaired by Moheshpur Upazila Nirbahi officer (UNO) Oziur Rahman.

Teachers, students, freedom fighters and people from all walks

of life will attend the programmes. Hamidur Rahman, while serv-

ing in the then East Bengal Regiment in 1971, joined the Liberation War. He embraced martyrdom while fighting the Pakistani occupation forces at Dhali frontier in Sreemongal in Sylhet on October 28.

Hamidur Rahman was born in 1954 at Khordakhalishpur village in Moheshpur upazila Jhenidah. He was the second among his brothers and sisters. The village has been renamed Hamidnagar after the great hero.

Bir Shrestha Sipahi Hamidur Rahman Smriti Jadughar and Pathagar was established in 2007.

INCLEMENT WEATHER, FRESH FLOOD

Food, water crisis aggravates in Kabodak basin areas uled to most on CEC again with

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The inclement weather came as a severe blow to over two lakh people in Kabodak basin areas, as rains and waters from the swelled river aggravated the flood and inundated more areas.

Several thousand people who too shelter on roads and high places earlier are now virtually passing miserable days under the open sky.

At least 124 villages in 15 unions in Tala and Kalaroa upazilas in Satkhira are worst affected as more water from the swelled river the areas overflowing the banks of silted Kabodak.

The areas are already water-logged for about two months as waters from the river remained stagnant.

The villagers are passing days half-fed for lack of works as croplands are now under water. There is also acute crisis of fodder and poultry birds are also dying, locals said.

to three feet water now. The villagers are almost isolated from other areas because boat is the only means of communication. Over 25000 homeless families

Most of the areas are under two

have taken shelter in at least 42 make shift centers built on high lands in the affected areas. There is a crisis of food and

drinking water in those places. Most of the tube wells are under water. There is no trace of any crop on about 70, 000 acres and at least 85 shrimp enclosures have been

Tk one crors, farmers said. Flooding recurs every year, keeping crop lands under water for over six months silted Kabodak is dying.

inundated, causing a loss of about

Water-logging in the areas is taking serious turn year after year affecting livelihood, Deara Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Anowarul Islam in Kalaroa upazila said. This is a problem since the 80s, he added. Satkhirà Deputy Commissioner

tration will take steps to mitigate the sufferings of the affected people.

Mizanur Rahman visited the

affected areas and said the adminis-

Storm kills one in B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

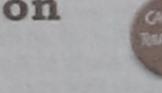
An elderly night guard of Brahmanbaria Chamber of Commerce and Industries died here yesterday as he fell from the roof of his office during storm.

Noor Mia, 70, went to the roof of his office to check water supply line when a cyclonic storm was sweeping over the area. As he came to the edge of the roof, he fell

He was rushed to Brahmanbaria where Sadar Hospital doctors declared him dead.



A Short Training Course on Tobacco Economics



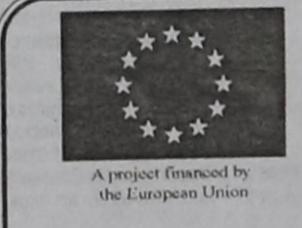
WHAT IS THE COURSE? With a view to create a group of skilled personnel on various economic dimensions of tobacco economics Unnayan Shamannay, a non-profit organisation with support from Tobacco Free Kids (TFK), is going to arrange a short training course. The course will provide a deeper understanding on the issues of tobacco economics with a special focus on 'tobacco taxation as a tool to reduce tobacco consumption'.

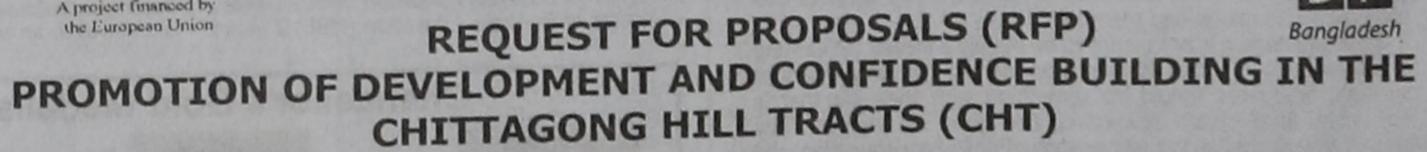
WHO SHOULD APPLY? Junior and mid level development professionals working in organisations associated with anti-tobacco advocacy and movement, reporters and contributors of print and electronic media, interested students and other relevant persons interested in tobacco

economics. Women are especially encouraged to apply. Teaching Technique: Classroom lectures complemented by participatory approach with problem-solving exercises and group works.

Duration: 10-12 three-hour sessions over two months

No course fee is required. Interested persons are requested to e-mail their CV to info@tobaccoeconomicsbd.org, or send to Unnayan Shamannay, 2/E/1-B, Mymensing Road, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000 within 10 November 2008. Please mention in e-mail subject line or print on envelop: 'Training Course on Tobacco Economics'.





The Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility (CHTDF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh, seeks proposals from interested and well qualified organizations to Arrange Logistics for the Indigenous Cultural Festival.



The solicitation documents and submission details can be downloaded from the UNDP website http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_more.php The deadline for submission of RFPs is 11th November 2008 05:00 pm (Bangladesh Time)