

3 officials of Jhalakati dist council sued

Alleged tampering of tender papers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Four persons including three officials of Jhalakati District Council and a contractor have been sued for tampering tender documents.

The accused are Jhalakati District Council chief executive officer Md Nurul Islam, assistant engineer (now posted in Rangpur Sadar upazila) Md Rafiqul Islam, sub-assistant engineer Md Akramul Huq and contractor Md Masum Billah, court sources said.

Mahmudul Karim Chowdhury, owner of Messers Chowdhury Enterprise of Chandmari Barisal filed the case with Jhalakati District Judge Court on November 7.

He alleged the three accused gave work order to Masum Billah, owner of Messers Nesarabad Traders, third lowest bidder of the tender, for construction of the residence of the CEO of Jhalakati District Council in July 2008.

Although he was the lowest bidder, but the accused tampered tender documents and gave work order to Nesarabad Traders because he had denied to pay them bribe, the complainant alleged.

A legal notice was also served to the accused after filing of the case. In reply, the accused said Chowdhury Enterprise was not given the work order due to overwriting on their quoted rates.

Judge Abdur Rab Howladar ordered the district anti corruption office to submit a report within November 25 after an investigation. He also asked the District Council to submit the related tender documents before court on the same date.

5 madrasa teachers hurt by Jamaat cadres in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

At least five teachers and several students of Majidpur Dakhil Madrasa in Pabna Sadar upazila were injured yesterday in an attack by cadres of Jamaat leader Moulana Zakaria Hossain, also acting superintendent of the madrasa.

The acting superintendent abused Md Rakib Uddin, a teacher of the madrasa on a plea of coming late. As Rakib objected to it, cadres of the acting superintendent rushed there from outside and started beating him indiscriminately. They also beat up other teachers when they stood beside their colleague. At that time, five teachers and other students were also injured.

Injured teachers are Mostafa Kamal Bokul, Md. Ramjan Ali, Kamal Uddin, Abdul Latif and Rakib Uddin. They blamed on the acting superintendent for the attack.

There had been a long-standing rivalry between teachers and the acting superintendent over his 'illegal' appointment.

LDP candidacy in Khulna-5, 6 irks AL leaders

Grassroots AL demands party candidates in the two constituencies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Local Awami League leaders have expressed dissatisfaction over Liberal Democratic Party's declaration of ex-Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali and Dr Gazi Abdul Huq as candidates for Khulna-6 (Koiria-Paikgachha) and Khulna-5 (Dumuria-Phultala) constituencies to contest in December 18 elections.

Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) is a possible component in the proposed Awami League-led grand alliance for contesting in the upcoming parliamentary elections.

Rejecting LDP's declaration of candidature from the constituencies, local Awami League leaders said LDP had done it without caring for the sentiment of grass roots level leaders and workers of Awami League in the two constituencies.

Before taking the hasty decision, they did not even bother to consult leaders of Awami League, the main component of the proposed grand alliance, said the aggrieved AL men.

"There are quite a few deserving Awami League leaders in these two constituencies. We have already submitted a list of aspirants to the central committee for



Sheikh Razzak Ali

nominating one each in the two constituencies," said Khulna district AL President Sheikh Harun-ar-Rashid.

LDP does not have the organisational strength to win in these two seats, especially against the candidates of four-party alliance led by BNP, he said.

Sheikh Razzak Ali and Dr Gazi Abdul Huq, however, claimed that Liberal Democratic Party has enough political strength to contest from any of six constituencies in Khulna district. The grand alliance is supposed to allot considerable number of seats for LDP as per their conditions, they added.

Acting General Secretary of district AL Gazi Abdul Hadi who is an aspirant for nomination from Khulna-5, and former lawmaker from Khulna-6 advocate Nurul Huq said nomination should be given to AL men as the party won the two seats in 1991 and 1996 national elections.

Nomination of candidates from any other party would mean debate in polls result for the alliance, they said.

Khulna-6 seat will certainly be lost if an 'unpopular' person like Sheikh Razzak Ali is given nomination as candidate of the AL-led alliance, advocate Nurul Huq said.

Earlier on several occasions, leaders and activists of Awami League in Khulna demanded nomination of AL leaders as AL-led electoral alliance candidates in all of the six constituencies in the district.

In view of popularity and organisational strength of Awami League in the area, filing candidates from AL is necessary to defeat opponents from BNP-led four-party alliance, they said.

Grassroots level Awami League leaders and activists will not find enthusiasm to work for any candidates other than those from the party, they added.

Nominate more women in JS polls

Satkira workshop told

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkira

Speakers at a discussion held here yesterday on women's rights urged all political parties to nominate more women candidates in the ensuing Jatiya Sangsad (JS) elections.

Held at Satkira Sadar Upazila Auditorium, the discussion was jointly organised by Steps Towards Development and SWIFT, Khulna.

Thirty-three percent seats of parliament should be reserved for women and the existing quota system at the higher level of administration and policy-making bodies should be reviewed, speakers demanded.

They called upon the political parties for declaration women rights issues in the electoral manifestos in the ensuing JS elections. They stressed on more flexible working hours and sexual harassment-free working environment at places of work.

A total of 12, 23,255 votes were enlisted in the new voter list of the district, they said. Of them, 6, 05,030 are male voters and 6, 23,225 are female voters, they said. This time, women voters will exercise their franchise to elect clean and honest candidates, they said. They also urged the parties not to nominate corrupt, inefficient, musclemen and black money holders for contesting polls.

Additional deputy commissioner (ADC-General) Mukesh Chandra Biswas, acid victim Nur Banu, advocates Rifat Amin, Farida Akhtar Banu, Shahnaz Parvin Mili, pourasava councillor Anima Rani Mondol and others addressed.

Rajshahi BNP demands CEC's resignation, fresh poll date

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi BNP yesterday demanded resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and rescheduling of parliamentary and upazila elections claiming that Election Commission (EC) is not prepared to hold the polls.

District BNP leaders at a press conference at Metropolitan Press Club said they went to Rajshahi Election Office yesterday (Sunday) for voter list and other necessary papers and documents but officials could not provide them with those.

The BNP leaders also claimed that the election officials informed them that they would not be able to provide them with these materials before November 19.

"We are very frustrated to see the preparation of local election office as November 20 is the last date for submission of nomination paper",

district BNP president Azizur Rahman told the press conference. "We think they have no intention to hold an election as they work for a particular party", he said.

At the press conference, the BNP leaders also urged the government to create a level playing field for all parties for elections and demanded withdrawal of the state of emergency before that.

They said free and fair elections are not possible under emergency. The BNP leaders also called upon the government to meet their seven-point demand immediately. Otherwise, BNP will not take part any election.

District BNP secretary Mustafizul Iqbal, its central leader Rafiqul Islam, presidents of all upazila units and district Jubo Dal president Tofazzal Hossen Topu were present at the press conference, among others.

Contacted by this correspondent, sources at EC office said they started distribution of nomination paper on November 3, a day after announcement of election schedule.

When contacted, Rajshahi deputy election commissioner Sayed Muhammad Musa said BNP district president Azizur Rahman went to the EC office yesterday (Sunday) morning for voter list and CDs.

They neither submitted any application for voter list nor gave any fees, Musa said.

Contacted, Rajshahi Azizur Rahman said that during his visit, deputy election commissioner Sayed Muhammad Musa was not available in his room. "I call him over telephone and he advised me to collect the voter list after November 19", he said. Following the incident, we held the press conference, he said.



Farmers at remote Dalchar in Hatia island yesterday chasing lathials (musclemen) of influential men who looted around 20 thousand maunds of paddy from fields in last three days. Looting paddy in harvesting seasons is a usual event in char areas.

No clue to Shah Jalal shrine blasts in 5 yrs

Annual Urs begins tonight

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Investigators failed to find any clue to the bomb blasts on the premises of the shrine of Hajrat Shahjalal (RA) in Sylhet five years after the incident in which five people were killed and 50 injured.

The incident took place during the annual Urs of the saint on January 12, 2004. This year, the 2-day Urs begins after midnight tonight.

Investigation officer (IO) of the case, CID Inspector Gopal Chakravarty told the Daily Star yesterday, "I was given the task months ago. Before me six officers were engaged one after another for years, but they could not find any clue."

"It is too hard now to unearth the mystery".

IOs were changed seven times in last five years.

"Things have become difficult with passage of time. We will try our best to find any clue", Gopal said.

Thirteen out of 14 people arrested in the case are on bail except Moulana Abu Sayeed, an alleged activist of Harkat ul Jihad (Huji), a militant Islamist organisation, the CID official said. Sayeed was arrested from Uttara in Dhaka city last year.

At about 8 pm on 12 January, 2004, when several thousand devotees from all over the country gathered in and around the shrine, several bombs went off on the northern premises of the shrine.

Forty people were caught immediately, but all of them were released on bail as their complicity could not be proved.

'Implement Tobacco Control Act'

Advocacy meeting told in Rajshahi

RU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at an advocacy meeting on 'Tobacco Control' held at a restaurant in Rajshahi city yesterday urged the government for implementation of the Tobacco Control Act and ratification of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC).

Rajshahi district unit of Consumers' Association of Bangladesh (CAB) organised the meeting. Journalist Kazi Gias presided while it was attended by Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton as chief guest.

Media can play an important role in raising public awareness against the social menace, the mayor said. He stressed on a social movement against the bad practice, he said. He announced RCC Bhaban a smoke-free zone.

Salahuddin Ahmed, member of Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission who was present as the main speaker urged people from all walks of life to launch a social movement against smoking.

Other speakers criticised the government for not taking action against the multinational cigarette companies. They said production and use of tobacco is harmful to health, environment and agriculture. They said smoking is not only harmful to smokers but is also harmful to non-smokers. They expressed their great concern observing sharp rise in tobacco-related diseases. Terming smoking as a silent killer, they urged the government, NGOs and journalists to work together for implementation of the Tobacco Control Act.

About 50 government officials, NGO representatives and journalists were present.

Gafargaoan AL rejects Giasuddin, declares him unwanted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Gafargaoan Poura Awami League and its front organisations held a protest rally yesterday and declared Capt (Retd) Giasuddin unwanted in the area as news reached here from the capital that he could be nominated to contest from Mymensingh-10 (Gafargaoan) constituency in the upcoming parliamentary election.

The rally was addressed by, among others, Gafargaoan Poura AL secretary Prof. Motiur Rahman Babul, party leaders Suruj Member and Commissioner Arif and upazila Chhatra League secretary Tariqul Islam Real.

The AL leaders demanded nomination of Fahmi Golandaj Babel, son of veteran AL leader late Altaf Hossain Golandaj or his mother Fahmida Golandaj.

Terming Capt (Retd) Giasuddin a fair weather bird and an unknown face in the area, they said nomination of Giasuddin will tarnish AL's image in the area and disappoint party men at all levels.

A three-day protest programme including hunger strike and rallies at ward level in the upazila were also announced at the rally.

On contact, Fahmi Golandaj, an AL nomination aspirant, said grass-roots AL leaders and activists started agitation through out the upazila after they got the news that Giasuddin was selected for nomination from Mymensingh-10.

After the rally, Poura AL leaders held a press conference at local press club and demanded scrapping of central AL's decision and nomination of Fahmida

Golandaj and her son Fahmi Golandaj.

Poura AL president Abdul Halim Manik, Prof. Ataur Rahman, Fuad Golandaj Jaglu, Prof. Shariful Islam and Nazmul Haque Dhali, among others, were present at the press conference.



Monindra Lal gets bail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Khagrachhari Hill District Council (KHDC) Chairman Monindra Lal Tripura got bail yesterday from the court of Khagrachhari district judge.

District Judge Mohammad Moktar Ahmmed passed the order.

Monindra Lal Tripura is expected to be released from Dhaka Central Jail today or tomorrow, sources said.

Teigaon thana police along with members of Detective Branch (DB) arrested Monindra on October 31 from his Raja Bajar resident in Teigaon in Dhaka.

Anupom Tripura was allegedly poisoned to death by mixing poisonous tablets with wine on July 11 in Dhaka.

ঢাকা পাওয়ার ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড
DHAKA POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
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Office of the Deputy General Manager (Technical)
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Invitation For Tenders

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource / Power Division.
2. Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd. (DPDC).
3. Procuring Entity Name	-DO-
4. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.
5. Invitation for	Repair works of damaged distribution Transformer.
6. Date	13/11/2008.

KEY INFORMATION
7. Procurement Method: Open Tendering Method

FOUNDING INFORMATION
8. Budget and Source of Funds: Revenue Budget

PARTICULAR INFORMATION
9. Tender No.: DPDC/DGM(SPS)/F-2/04/2008/70 date: 13.11.2008

Tender last Selling Date, Closing & Opening Date and Time	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing & Opening Date	Closing Time	Opening Time
	14/12/2008, 2:00 PM	15/12/2008	2:00 P.M	2:30 P.M

11. Name & Address of the office for selling Tender Document, receiving & opening tender.
Office of the Deputy General Manager (Technical), System Protection & Services, DPDC, SCADA Bhaban, (2nd floor) 3, Sonargon road, Kataban, Dhaka.

INFORMATION FOR TENDER

12. Eligibility of Tender	Firms eligible for repair works/Manufacturing works of 11/0.4 kV, 3-Phase (100KVA to 250KVA) distribution transformer having ABC Class Electrical licensed by the Electricity Licensing board, the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
13. Brief Description of Works	Repair works of damaged 11/0.4 kV, 3-Phase (100KVA to 250 KVA) Distribution Transformers. Work also includes transportation & handling, inspection & testing etc.,
14. Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	Tk.1000.00 (One Thousand) only non-refundable through Pay Order/Demand Draft issued by any schedule Bank in favour of Deputy General Manager (Technical), System Protection & Services, DPDC.

Description of Works	Location of Work	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)	Completion Time in Weeks/Months
Repair works of damaged 11/0.4 kV, 3-Phase (100 KVA to 250 KVA) Distribution Transformers. Work also includes transportation, handling, inspection & testing etc.,	Repair Workshop in the premises of Dhamondhi Power House, Hatirpul, Dhaka	From any Schedule of Bank of Bangladesh Tk. 1,85,000/- (One Lac eighty five thousand) only accompany with Tender in the form of Pay order, D.D/Bank guarantee in favour of DGM (Tech), SPS, DPDC.	1 (One) Year from the date of contract Agreement.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
16. Name of the Official Inviting Tender	Md. Jahangir Hossain
17. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager (Technical), System Protection & Services, DPDC.
18. Address of Official Inviting Tender	SCADA Bhaban (2nd floor), 3, Sonargon road, Kataban, Dhaka.
19. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel. No. 9677631 *Fax No * e-mail : dgmtps@dpdc.org
20. Special Instructions	01. DPDC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tenders in any stage without assigning any reason thereof. 02. If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received / opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue.

21. Other terms and conditions: As per Tender Document.

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5. Invitation for	For Supply/Collection of different materials for repairing of burnt/damaged distribution transformers.
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12. Eligibility of Tender	01. The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 (Three) years experience in the supply of Electrical goods / Transformer repairing Equipments. 02. The Tenderer shall have to submit the satisfactory certificate for completion in supply of goods in a single contract within last 2(two) years which will be not less than Taka 10.00 (Ten) Lacs. 03. The Tenderer shall have the availability of minimum liquid assets or working capital or credit from a Bank of Tk. 10,00,000 (Ten Lacs). 04. The Tenderer shall have to satisfy the other criteria laid down in the Tender Document.
13. Price of the tender document	Tk.1000.00 (One Thousand) only non-refundable through Pay Order/Demand Draft issued by any schedule Bank in favour of Deputy General Manager (Technical), System Protection & Services, DPDC, SCADA Bhaban (2nd floor), 3, Sonargon road, Kataban, Dhaka.
14. Tender Security Amount (Tk.)	Amount of Tk. 35,000/- (Thirty five thousands taka) from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh shall accompany with Tender Document in the form of Pay order / DO / Bank guarantee in favour of Deputy General Manager (Technical), System Protection & Services, DPDC, SCADA Bhaban (2nd floor), 3, Sonargon road, Kataban, Dhaka.

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15. Completion time for Supply of Goods.	Within 25 (Twenty five) days from the date of signing contract.
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