

Nat'l Life Ins gets new MD

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National Life Insurance Co Ltd appointed AKM Elias Hussain as its managing director on Sunday, according to a press statement.

Prior to his new assignment, Hussain was the additional managing director of Shandani Life Insurance Co

Starting his insurance career in 1969, Hussain worked as the deputy general manager at Jiban Bima Corporation. The government also appointed him as the director of the Bangladesh Insurance Academy.

Bihar unhurt by global recession

ANN/THE STATESMAN

The global economic meltdown may have had its adverse impact on many of the world's richest countries, but in Indian state of Bihar, considered to be one | heavy toll on all major economies. of the poorest states in India, it is business as usual here.

While automobile sales have shot up by 45 per cent, the real estate sector has been booming in the last few months even as the world is feeling the heat of the economic recession.

According to an official report, a total of 133,000 units of new vehicles were sold in the last 11 months in Bihar against the sale of 92,147 units in the corresponding period of 2007.

In November alone, altogether 19,729 vehicles were sold--4,403 more than those sold in the same period last year. Officials said the automobile sector registered a growth of about 45 per cent in sales this year.

Bangladesh shielded from direct effects of global meltdown

Says FBCCI

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Bangladesh economy is largely shielded from the most immediate and direct effects of the ongoing global financial crisis, said the country's apex trade body chief yester-

However the nation's exposure to real economic effects of the financial crisis is likely to be greater through exports, remittances and foreign capital inflow channels, said Annisul Hug, president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI).

He was speaking at the annual general meeting (AGM) of the trade body, said a

Huq presided over the meeting, while FBCCI First Vice President Abul Kashem Ahmed and Vice President Abu Alam Chowdhury, among others, were present.

received Tk 20 crore from the government for infrastructure development of the district chambers.

He said the price monitoring activities of the FBCCI have been appreciated by the civil

society. FBCCI is also working towards reducing bank interest rate and service charges, Huq

added. The FBCCI president said the world econ- woven garment exports. omy for the year 2008 is very important for two reasons. The first half of the year witnessed unprecedented price hikes in oil and other commodities, which increased inflation, and the last quarter experienced credit crisis in the United States, which took a

In Bangladesh context, he said in fiscal the FBCCI chiefwarned.

year 2007-08 economic performance was better than expected considering the effects of natural disasters in the first half of the fiscal year and higher international commodity prices.

The recovery in agriculture and services, and the rebound in exports in the second half of the fiscal year contributed to the reasonable 6.2 percent growth, he added.

The FBCCI president said the private sector is playing a significant role in the fields of investment, employment generation and savings of the country.

The private sector is also working successfully under public-private partnerships in many regulatory bodies such as Bangladesh Better Business Forum and Bangladesh Regulatory Reforms Commission, he added. "A new generation of private sector entre-

preneurs has emerged in Bangladesh who are well educated, hard-working, capable The president said the federation and eager to face the challenges of the globalised competitive market."

Total exports during fiscal year 2007-08 increased by 15.9 percent to US\$ 14.11 billion compared to \$ 12.18 billion during the previous fiscal year, Huq said. He said in the first seven months of FY

2008, exports showed single-digit growth, but rebounded strongly during the end of the fiscal, driven by a rise in knitwear and

"Knitwear export rose by 21.50 percent, while woven garment export increased by 10.90 percent."

With the economic slowdown in the US and the European Union, the garment sector in Bangladesh is under growing pressure to augment productivity to stay competitive,



Nils Mandrup, chief executive officer (CEO) of Capevo, and Shaikh Abdul Aziz, CEO of LeadSoft Bangladesh Limited, exchange documents after signing an agreement on IT partnership in Dhaka recently.

World stocks mostly drop

AFP, London

Global stocks mainly fell on Monday, despite a multibillion-dollar US government lifeline for the American auto industry, as analysts warned of volatile trading in the run-up to Christmas.

Investors also pondered whether markets would enjoy a so-called Santa rally at the end of a year which saw the global financial crisis help spark a recession in the eurozone, Japan and the United States.

Traders had been lifted by the announcement of a 13.4billion-dollar (9.5-billioneuro) government bailout for two of the Big Three US automakers but soon fell away as concerns for the global economy returned.

"Equity markets start the week slightly lower although with the Christmas break nearing, the coming days trade will be characterised by lower volumes and increased volatility as a result," said CMC Markets dealer Jimmy Yates.

"There's also the question as to whether we'll see the famed Santa rally as 2008 draws to a close, but with a year that has been defined by high levels of volatility, such patterns may yet prove somewhat elusive.

European stocks slid in morning deals, with Frankfurt down 1.86 percent, London losing 0.91 percent and Paris dropping 1.63 percent.

In recession-hit Germany, the market sank after a new poll showed that consumer confidence stagnated after three straight months of gradually growing optimism.

The outlook index from the GfK institute for Europe's biggest economy remained at 2.1 points for January, after an initial value of 2.2 points for December was revised lower by 0.1 points.

Markets were boosted after US President George W. Bush on Friday unveiled the long-awaited bailout for General Motors and Chrysler to save them from imminent bankruptcy and stave off the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs.

Govt looks to more Brunei investment

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Adviser Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury said that Bangladesh would welcome more investments from Brunei as the two countries have great potentials to expand economic cooperation.

He said this when the new High Commissioner of Brunei to Bangladesh Haji Abd Razak bin Hani Mohd Hussaini paid a courtesy call on him at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

They also discussed the matter of increased manpower export from Bangladesh to Brunei and the establishment of airways links, said a press release.

The prospects of a Joint Economic Commission was also mooted. The foreign adviser welcomed the Brunei envoy and wished him every success during his tenure of office.

Caterpillar to cut pay, offer buyouts

AFP, New York

...... US heavy equipment maker Caterpillar said Monday it was implements "significant" and other management and compensation reductions" for employees, freezing hiring and offering buyouts as a was to cope with the economic slump,

sensitive to the economy, said executive compensation will decrease "up to 50 until January 12.

percent" in 2009.

"Compensation for senior managers will be reduced five to 35 percent reduction of zero to 15 percent," the Illinois firm said.

Caterpillar is also offering management and support The company, seen as employees in the United States "an incentive-based voluntary separation program" available

Maxwell Stamp awarded for char livelihood programme

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************************************ Maxwell Stamp, one of the leading British development consultants, has been awarded the Major Consultancy Project for 2008-09 for its Chars Livelihoods Programme in Bangladesh.

Azizul Haque Bhuiyan, deputy team leader of Chars Livelihoods Programme (CLP), a DFID funded project, disclosed this at a press conference in Dhaka yesterday.

He said the Chars project competed against several of the world's best consultancy assignments, including the Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi, the Kaohsiung Metro Project in Taiwan, the Diyar Al Muharraq Housing Development in Bahrain, the Russia Tower in Moscow, Nepal's Rural Access Project support staff will see a and the Economic Development Support Programme in South Africa.

The British Expertise International Awards are designed to publicise the success of the UK professional services throughout, the world.

পল্লী বিদ্যুৎ গ্রাম উন্নয়নের সোপান

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির সংশোধনী

हातक नर- गविरवा/एस/वित्रि/सरकी- 58/२००४/ 50%5 खाबित्र : SE/32/2006 हेर এতদ্বারা সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, অত্র দপ্তরের স্বারক নং-পবিবাে/তপ্র/বরি/ প্রকৌ ১৪/২০০৮/১০১৭ তারিখ ঃ ৩০/১১/২০০৮ ইং মারফত প্রকাশিত দরপত্তের এনিক নম্বর ১, ১০, ১১ এ বর্নিত সময় সূচী অনিবার্যা কারন বসতঃ নিমোঞ্জভাবে সংশোধন ও নির্ধারন করা হইল।

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160	দরপত্র দলিল বিএন্ট্রের	২৯/১২/২০০৮ ইং ,	৩০/১২/২০০৮ ইং ,
	সর্বশেষ তারিখ	অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যস্ত	অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত
301	দরপত্ত দলিল জনাদানের	৩০/১২/২০০৮ ইং , দুপুর	৩১/১২/২০০৮ ইং , দুপুর
	সর্বশেষ তারিখ	১২ -০০ ঘটিকা পর্যস্ত	১২ -০০ ঘটকা পর্যন্ত
221	দরশত্র দলিল খোলার	৩১/১২/২০০৮ ইং ,	০১/০১/২০০৮ ইং, তারিব
	তারিখ ও সময়	১২-৩০ ঘটিকা।	১২ -৩০ ঘটিকা।

ইতিপূর্বে প্রকাশিত দরপত্রে উদ্লেখিত অন্যান্য শর্ত্যবলী অপরিবর্তিত ধাকিবে।



পরী বিদ্যতায়ন রোর্ড Rural Electrification Board পরি/জন ((১৯) ২০০৮-২০০৯ (আবু জাফর ফজলুল করিম) তত্তাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী বরিশাল জোন, পবিবে। বরিশাল।

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মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগের নাম

সংস্থার স্বতাধিকারীর নাম

সংস্থার স্বতাধিকারী জেলার নাম

সংগ্ৰহ পদ্ধতি বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস

প্রকল্প/কর্মসূচির নাম (প্রযোজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়

দরপত্র দাখিল/গ্রহণের তারিখ ও সময় দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় কাজের বিবরণ

বাংলাদেশ ধান গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট, গাজীপুর Bangladesh Rice Research Institute, Gazipur তারিখঃ ১৫/১২/০৮ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-৩৬ (২০০৮-২০০৯) AFP, Moscow कृषि মন্ত্রণালয়।

বাংলাদেশ ধান গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট। মহাপরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ ধান গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট, গাজীপুর-১৭০১। गाजीश्रत। কোন ধরণের সংগ্রহের জন্য দরপত্র निर्याण। সি-৬৮৬/০৮/২২৪৪ তারিখঃ ১৫/১২/০৮। দরপত্র আহ্বানের সূত্র নং ও তারিখ প্রকাশ্য দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (Open Tendering Method)

বিসিবিবিএল প্রকল্প থেকে। এসসিবিবিএল। ১৪/০১/২০০৯ইং পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে ১৫/০১/২০০৯ইং বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

১৫/০১/২০০৯ইং বেলা ৩:৩০ ঘটিকায়।

এবং বিভাগীয় কমিশনার অফিস, সেগুন বাগিচা, ঢাকা।

২৪/১২/০৮ইং তারিখ থেকে দরপত্র বিক্রয় শুরু হবে।

মহাপরিচালক, বিআরআরআই বরাবরে জমা দিতে হবে।

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দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র

পে-অর্ডার অথবা ব্যাংক ড্রাফট অথবা বাংলাদেশ সরকারের

তফসিলভুক্ত যে কোন ব্যাংক থেকে ব্যাংক গ্যারান্টির টাকা

ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, TIN নামার সহ হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধ সনদ,

ভাাট নিবন্ধন সনদ, লিকুইডস এসেটস্ এবং অনুরূপ কাজে

অভিজ্ঞতা সনদসহ টেভার ভকুমেন্টে বর্ণিত অন্যান্য প্রয়োজীয়

কাজের বিবরণ কাজ সমাপ্তির টেভার ডকুমেন্ট টেভার লোকেশন সিকিউরিটি সময়সীমা वत मुना বায়ো-টেকনোলজি বিভাগের ব্র-প্রধান 2,00,000/-৯ (নয়) মাস 2,000/-ল্যাবরেটরী নির্মাণ কাজ कार्यानग्र. (দুই লক্ষ) টাকা গাজীপুর

যে সকল অফিসে দরপত্র বিক্রয় এবং গ্রহণ করা হইবেঃ হিসাব বিভাগ, ব্রি-সদর দপ্তর, গাজীপুর-১৭০১। (ক) মূল অফিস বিভাগীয় কমিশনার অফিস, সেগুন বাগিচা, ঢাকা। (খ) অন্যান্য অফিস (গ) যে অফিসে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা ব্রির মহাপরিচালক মহোদয়ের দপ্তরের সম্মুখে রক্ষিত টেভার বাস্ত্রে

(ঘ) যে অফিসে দরপত্র খোলা ব্রি-সদর দপ্তর, গাজীপুরে কীটতত্ত্ব বিভাগের কনফারেন্স রুমে

দরপত্রের সাথে যে সকল আগ্রহী দরদাতাদের যথায়থ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত হালনাগাদ বৈধ

কাগজপত্ৰ জমা দিতে হইবে

টেভার সিকিউরিটির ধরণ

(৬) দরপত্র বিক্রয়

দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর পদবী

দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী অফিসের বাংলাদেশ ধান গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট, জয়দেবপুর, গাজীপুর-ठिकामा দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর সাথে ফোন-৯২৫৭৫২০,

যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা আলোচ্য দরপত্র The Public Procurement Regulation-2008 এর Open Tendering Method

মোতাবেক পরিচালিত হবে। বিজ্ঞপ্তি, বাংলাদেশ ধান গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউটের ওয়েবসাইটে (www.brri.gov.bd) পাওয়া যাবে। ২০ ব্রি-কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র অথবা সকল দরপত্র কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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কাগজপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।

প্রকল্প পরিচালক, এসসিবিবিএল

ডঃ মোঃ এনামূল হক।

ডঃ মোঃ এনামুল হক প্রকল্প পরিচালক এসসিবিবিএল fefs. 6494 ব্রি-গাজীপুর

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Russia warns of gas supply disruptions to Europe

Russia on Monday raised the spectre of gas cuts to Europe over the winter, warning that it did not rule out supply disruptions as a result of the dispute with Ukraine over non-payment of debts.

"It is not ruled out that the current position of the Ukrainian side and some of its actions could lead to disruptions in the stability of gas supplies to Europe," First Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Zubkov said in a statement.

Russian energy giant Gazprom maintains that Ukraine's state gas company Naftogaz owes it up to 2.4 billion dollars (1.8 billion euros) in debts and has warned of delivery cuts if the outstanding debt is not cleared.

Ukraine is a major transit country for Russian gas exports to the European Union and a dispute over gas prices led to a brief interruption of gas supplies in several EU countries in January

In a message sent to European governments, Zubkov laid the blame for the new dispute squarely at the door of Ukraine's pro-Western leaders who he said had taken an "unconstructive position."

"I want to assure you that Gazprom will as always fulfill its contractual obligations before its European clients," said Zubkov, who also chairs Gazprom's board of directors.

"The responsibility for a worsening critical situation that could have an impact on European gas consumers lies fully with the Ukrainian side and the key to regulating the situation lies with them," he added.

''বিদ্যুতের আলোর ছটায় বিদ্যা শিক্ষার বিস্তার ঘটায়''

Invitation for International Tender against DFID Fund under the 9 PBS Project of Rural Electrification Board.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Power Division. Ministry/Division Agency Rural Electrification Board Procuring Entity Name & District Director, Procurement, Rural Electrification Board. Dhaka Invitation for Electrical line Construction Material Invitation Ref No REB/DP/GAF-278(5)/2008/ 537, Date: 21/12/2008 Procurement Method Open Tendering Method, International Competitive Bidding (ICB) **FUNDING INFORMATION** Budget and Source of Fund Development Budget under DFID Grant

Development Partners (if applicable) Department for International Development (DFID), UK Project / Program Name (if applicable) Invitation for International Tender against DFID Fund under the 9 PBS Project of Rural Electrification Board DFID (9PBS)-14 Tender Package No. Tender Publication Date 24.12.2008 04.2-2009 Up to 4.00 PM Tender Last Selling Date Time Date Tender Closing Date and Time 12.00 Noon (BST) 05.02.2009 Tender Opening Date and Time 05.02.2009 12.30 P.M. (BST) Name & Address of the office(s) Address Directorate of Procurement (7th floor), Rural Electrification Board, Selling Tender Document Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka- 1229. Bangladesh Receiving & Opening Tender Document REB Auditorium (1st floor), Rural Electrification Board Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka- 1229, Bangladesh.

Eligibility of Tenderer All Countries except Israel Price of Tender Document (Tk) Tk. 3000.00 Brief Description of Related Services N/A Brief Description of Goods and amount of tender Security Tender Security Amount (USD) Sub-Pack. No. Tender-Pack. No. For the material of 3Ph. Circuit Breaker with control DFID (9PBS)-14-046 8,200.00 panel, 33 KV (Complete unit) DFID (9PBS)-14

33 KV Automatic Circuit DFID (9PBS)-14-047 10,000.00 Recloser, 3Phase Regarding Tender Tender Document in English, may be purchased by the interested tenderers on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of Tk. 3000.00 or Document USD 50.00. The method of payment will be by Pay order / Bank draft in favor of Rural Electrification Board, Uhaka, Bangladesh. The document may be sent by air mail for overseas delivery and courier or surface mail for local delivery. For overseas delivery, the tenderer may obtain the tender document by any International courier service to collect the same from Rural Electrification Board , Dhaka, Bangladesh. One tender document can not be used for submission of tender proposal (s) by more than

one tenderer. One tenderer, however, may submit tenders against any number of sub-packages

Director (Procurement)

included in the tender document by purchasing only one copy of the tender document. Payment Mode Payment will be made through Irrevocable Letter of Credit (L/C) Delivery Period Delivery Period shall begin with effect from the day of L/C opening PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

Name of Official inviting Tender Syed Mosaddeque Hossain Designation of Official inviting Tender Director (procurement) Address of Official inviting Tender Rural Electrification Board, Head Office Building (7th Floor), Nikunza-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh. Contract details of Official inviting Tender Tel. & Fax #8916420 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.



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