

Scrapping of BTTB's privatisation agreement demanded

UNB, Dhaka
Leaders of Bangladesh T&T Sramik Karmachari Federal Union Saturday urged the government to scrap caretaker government decision of converting BTTB into a private limited company. They want the government continued to run it as a profitable public organisation. The demand was raised at a conference of the employees union held at TTC hall, attended by representatives from different units. Abdul Matin Master, president of Jatiya Sramik League, labour front of the ruling Awami League, spoke as chief guest at the conference, chaired by union chief Mohammad NurulAzad. The speakers claimed that the decision of the caretaker government to make Bangladesh Telegraph & Telephone Board a private limited company was a conspiracy to destroy the institution. They hoped the present government would review and scrap the decision of the caretaker government. They also demanded cancellation of transfer orders of officials and removal of the alleged supporters of BNP-Jamaat.

No privatisation plan for Khulna jute mills

Says state minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna
The government has no plan to privatise any more state-owned jute mills of Khulna-Jessore industrial belt, instead steps will be taken to run the sick jute mills properly and reopen the closed ones as early as possible, said a state minister of the newly formed government yesterday. State minister for Labour and Employment Begum Mannujan Sufian was speaking at a view exchange meeting with local journalists at Khulna Press Club. She reiterated her poll pledges made during the last election campaigns for

the welfare of workers of jute mills and other industries located at Khulna-3 constituency from where she was elected a lawmaker. Mannujan Sufian said workers do not need to stage any demonstration wearing shrouds and bring out processions for realising their demands as the present government is pledge-bound to reopen closed jute mills and other industries. This issue got top priority at the recently held first cabinet meeting of the new government, the state minister said. She said the government is determined to resolve any crisis in the indus-

trial belt within the shortest possible time. The first woman politician to become a minister from southwestern region since liberation of the country, Mannujan Sufian sought cooperation from all political parties, journalist and people of all walks of life for implementation of her poll pledges. Presided over by President of Khulna Press Club AK Hiru, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Chairman of Khulna Wasa and Editor of the Dainik Purbanchal Liakat Ali, Editor of The Daily Tribune Begum Ferdousi Ali and General Secretary of Khulna Press Club Md Zakir Hossain.



BB gets new executive director

STAR BUSINESS DESK
Bangladesh Bank (BB) has recently promoted Md Mahabubul Islam to executive director, according to a press statement. Islam had earlier worked for the central bank's Foreign Exchange Inspection and Vigilance Department as general manager. Islam joined the central bank in 1976 as assistant director.

Construction fair ends

STAR BUSINESS REPORT
A four-day exhibition of construction equipment and technology ended yesterday amid a good turnout of sector-specific visitors, such as builders and engineers. The fair began on Wednesday at Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre in Dhaka, pulling in 63 companies from 15 countries, including Bangladesh. India-based Zak Trade Fairs and Exhibitions (Pvt) Ltd organised the show named "Zak Dhaka Build 2009". "For the first time, a fair of its kind was held in the country, focusing on construction materials and building technology," said Rashedul Haque, director (media and marketing) of Zak Dhaka Build 2009. At the show, manufacturers and distributors displayed a wide array of construction products such as cement, rod, steel, paints, aluminium foil, power generator, machine tools, concrete, tiles, bricks, pipes and electric motors. "We are happy to be part of the show. Different people in the construction sector had visited our stalls. They sought details on different aspects of our products, including quality and price," said Sharud M Nizam, executive director of Ratanpur Steel and Re-rolling Mills Ltd. Around 2,000 people visited the show and the organisers termed it satisfactory as the "business to business (B-2-B)" exhibition was aimed at attracting the people in the construction sector, said JA Khan, an organiser of Zak Dhaka Build 2009. Apart from Bangladesh exhibits, products of Germany, Canada, Turkey, Italy, Japan, China, Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan, were displayed. Latest equipment, materials, services and technologies of the construction sector were also displayed.



Syed Anisul Huq, president and managing director of Bank Asia, Reaz Uddin Al-Mamun, managing director of Nina Holdings Ltd, and senior officials of other banks attend a signing ceremony held at The Westin Dhaka on Sunday. Bank Asia worked as the lead arranger together with four other local banks to raise a Tk 472 million syndicated term loan for Nina Holdings. (Story on B1)

China milk back in favour

ANN/THE STRAITS TIMES
The milk industry in China has made a stunning recovery just three months after its tainted products sent the country, and the world, into a massive panic. Official reports said last month's figures showed that sales of China-made milk were back up to 80 per cent of the pre-scandal level, but did not provide actual sales figures. Experts had previously predicted that it would take at least two years for the industry to recover. But with milk becoming an increasingly regular feature of the Chinese diet and prices of foreign brands too prohibitive for the average consumer in the long run, many people gradually returned to domestic brands in the last two months. "The government has come out strongly to fix the problem. I believe the measures taken are quite effective. My faith in domestic milk has gradually returned," said housewife Liu Chen, 37, who started buying Yili milk in October for her six-year-old daughter. The turnaround is remarkable, considering that domestic milk sales had hit rock bottom after Chinese dairy products were pulled off supermarket shelves following the tainted milk scandal in mid-September last year. Six babies are known to have died and as many as 294,000 fell sick in China after drinking melamine-tainted milk. Revelations that the plastic-making chemical had been added to milk produced by 22 Chinese dairy companies had frightened off many people then. The products affected were recalled. The official China News website quoted an unnamed industry insider as saying that the "speedy recovery is beyond anyone's expectations". The National Food Quality Supervision and Inspection Centre also reported on its website that most consumers have regained their "passion" for local milk and dairy producers are confident of the industry in the new year. Some supermarkets said they are overwhelmed by the demand. "I'm struggling to get more milk to meet the demand," said sales manager Miao Yanlei of the Vanguard Supermarket chain. The dairy companies have been on a public relations drive to restore public confidence. Inner Mongolia dairy giant Yili went on an advertising blitz called the 'Milk You Can Trust Campaign'. Another major producer, Mengniu, told The Straits Times it has strengthened checks on milk sources and broadcast its production process online. The companies also sent an SMS to more than 500 million mobile phone subscribers on New Year's Day, asking for forgiveness and pledging to not repeat their mistakes. But a key factor behind the recovery is that milk is now a prominent part of the Chinese breakfast diet - thanks to a government campaign from 2001 encouraging consumption. After the Sars outbreak in 2003, dairy products were also touted by the government as containing vitamins and minerals that are good for the immune system.

BBF launches business campaign for youth

STAR BUSINESS REPORT
Bangladesh Brand Forum (BBF) yesterday announced a year-long campaign aimed at giving the country's youth an insight into future business and thus preparing them for the days to come. Speakers at a press conference in Dhaka announced the campaign styled "Unleashing Youth-Unleashing Bangladesh". "Those who can contribute to building a beautiful Bangladesh are none other

than the youth," said Somendra Sankar Das, head of marketing of Marico Bangladesh Ltd that will sponsor the campaign. Chief Adviser to BBF Prof Ferhat Anwar said: "If we cannot provide the youths with necessary support, we will continue to have the same experience we had in the last 37 years since independence." The objective of the campaign is to share the changing rules of business, provide case studies from local



Bangladesh Brand Forum announces the launch of a campaign styled "Unleashing Youth-Unleashing Bangladesh" at a press conference in Dhaka yesterday.

and global arena and interact with business practitioners. The campaign targets an interaction with 8,000 to 10,000 business students at 25 universities in Dhaka and Chittagong this year. The campaigners will also make publications and hold dialogue on radio involving students. The programme will also include discussions among students on business-related issues in Facebook, a popular social networking website.

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Ref. No. BSTI/Project/B&S/Tender-71/2008 Date: 01.01.09

Invitation for Tenders (Goods)

1	Project name	Establishment, Modernization & Development of Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI), Regional Office at Sylhet & Barisal.			
2	Source of funds	GOB			
3	Tender package No.	BSTI/Project (B.S.)/Tender-71/2008			
4	Invitation for tender No. & date	BSTI/Project (B.S.)/Tender-71/2008 date-01.01.09			
5	Eligibility of tenderers	Registered Bangladeshi actual suppliers/ importers/ agents.			
6	Name and address of the office(s) selling tender document	Accounts Section, Sylhet and Barisal Project, DMI Office, Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI), 116/A, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.			
7	Name and address of the office(s) receiving tenders	(1) Joint Chief's Office, Ministry of Industries, Shilpa Bhaban, 91, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. (2) Divisional Commissioner's Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka. (3) Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI), 116/A, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.			
8	Name and address of the office opening tenders	Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI), 116/A, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.			
9	Last date and time for selling tender document	Last date: 11.02.09 up to office hour.			
10	Date and time for tender submission	12.02.2009 from 09.00am to 11.00am.			
11	Date and time for tender opening	12.02.2009 at 12.00 noon in the office of the Chairman, TEC, BSTI, Dhaka (tenderer's authorised representative are allowed to attend).			
12	Place of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable.			
13	Date & time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable.			
14	Brief description of goods services				
Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document	Time for completion in weeks/month	Remarks
A	1) Metrology Lab Equipment (Phase-5)	BSTI	1000/-	12 weeks	
15	Special instructions	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders prior to acceptance.			

Dr. Syed Humaun Kabir
Project Director

Jakarta electronics firms begin mass layoffs

THE JAKARTA POST
Several large electronics companies in Bintan, Riau Island in Indonesia, affected by the global economic downturn, have begun large-scale worker layoffs, a local manpower agency official said Thursday. "Layoffs have been happening since the start of the new year and are expected to peak in March," the head of Bintan district's manpower office, Makhfur, said as quoted by Antara. The agency noted 923 workers in the Kijang area and 636 workers in the Lobam area had been laid off. Before the layoffs there were 2,700 and 10,802 workers in Kijang and Lobam, respectively. Makhfur said firms, PT Royal, PT Sumiko, PT Upec and PT Korindo, had suffered from decreasing demand from the world market. "Some have received no orders at all," he said. Hundreds of others employees may lose their jobs as companies start to contract, he said.

Zafar Osman, president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), speaks at the 'CBI ITO Export Coaching Programme 2008-2012', at DCCI yesterday. DCCI and Centre for the Promotion of Imports from Developing Countries (CPI) jointly organised the programme.

Chittagong Port Authority
Invitation for Tenders
Office of the Director (Traffic)
Corrigendum
Subject: Appointment of Berth Operator for Container and Containerised Cargo Handling at Chittagong Port;
Reference:- Invitation for tender (IFT) No. DT/Ship/Berth Operator/Tender/631(Container) dt. 24.11.08
The following amendment on the above tender has been made.

IFT	Item	Description
17	Tender last selling date	25/2/2009 instead of 14/01/2009
18	Tender closing date & time	26/2/2009 at 12:00 noon instead of 15/01/2009
19	Tender opening date & time	26/2/2009 at 12:30pm instead of 15/01/2009
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	CPA Board Room at 11.00 hrs. on 9/2/2009 instead of 4/01/2009

All other terms & conditions shall remain unchanged. This corrigendum will be the integral part of the tender document.

Ahsanul Kabir
Director (Traffic)
Chittagong Port Authority

BPDB's Local Tender Notice

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource/Power Division.	
2	Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board.	
3	Procuring entity name	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.	
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
6	Invitation for	Supply of 250KVA, 200KVA & 100KVA, 11/0.4 KV, Distribution Transformer.	
7	Invitation for tenders Ref. No.	Pur-126/ERADP/SYL/2008/	
8	Date	30/12/2008	
KEY INFORMATION			
9	Procurement method	Open tendering method.	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB.	
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.	
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Emergency Procurement of Materials & Equipment for Renovation & Augmentation of Distribution Lines and Sub-stations under Distribution Zone, BPDB, Sylhet.	
14	Tender package No.	SYL-3, SYL-5, SYL-7 as per APP FY2008-2009	
15	Tender package name	Supply of 250KVA, 200KVA & 100KVA, 11/0.4KV, Distribution Transformer.	
16	Tender publication date	30/12/2008	
17	Tender selling date	01/01/2009 to 01/02/2009	
18	Tender closing date and time	02/02/2009 at 11.00am.	
19	Tender opening date and time	02/02/2009 at 11.30am.	
20	Name & address of the office	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.	
Selling tender document (principal)			
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.			
Selling tender document (other)			
Not applicable.			
Receiving tender document			
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.			
Opening tender document			
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.			
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	N/A.	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
22	Eligibility of tenderer	As per tender document.	
23	Brief description of goods or works	Supply of 250KVA, 200KVA & 100KVA, 11/0.4KV, Distribution Transformer	
24	Brief description of related services	N/A.	
25	Price of tender document (BDT)	Non-refundable BDT 2000.00 (two thousand) only in the form of Pay-Order in favor of Director of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.	
Identification of lot			
	Lot	Location	Tender security amount
	Lot-1: 11/0.4KV, 250KVA Distribution Transformer-15 Nos (Package-SYL-3)	PDB's Central Store Fauzderhat, Chittagong	BDT 1,50,000.00
	Lot-2: 11/0.4KV, 200KVA Distribution Transformer-15 Nos (Package-SYL-5)		BDT 1,20,000.00
	Lot-3: 11/0.4KV, 100KVA Distribution Transformer-15 Nos (Package-SYL-7)		BDT 85,000.00
27	Validity of tender and tender security	120 (one hundred twenty) days and 148 (one hundred forty eight) days respectively from the date of opening of tender.	
28	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Abduhu Ruhullah.	
29	Designation of official inviting tender	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.	
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
30	Address of official inviting tender	WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.	
31	Contact details of official inviting	Tel: +88 02 9550532, Fax: +88 02 7126151	
32	Special instruction	Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected, and returned unopened to the tenderer. The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender, to annul the tender process, or to reject any or all tenders, at any time prior to contract award. Notification of award and signing of the contract will depend upon the approval of the DPP of Emergency Procurement of Materials & Equipment for Renovation & Augmentation of Distribution Lines and Sub-stations under Distribution Zone, BPDB, Chittagong.	
33	The tender will be performed according to	The Public Procurement Rules-2008.	

Md. Abduhu Ruhullah
Director
Directorate of Purchase
BPDB, Dhaka

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