

## GAS CRISIS

## Jamuna urea factory produces 500 MT less daily

Short supply feared in 20 districts during peak Irri-Boro season

MIRZA SHAKIL, back from Jamalpur

The Jamuna fertiliser factory incurs a production loss of about 500 tonnes of urea a day due to less supply of gas, sources in the factory said.

As a result, urea supply to 20 districts including 16 northern districts and four districts in greater Mymensingh under the factory's command area may face short supply during the peak Irri-Boro season.

Jamuna fertilizer, the largest urea producing factory in the country, produced a record 5,20,000 MT urea in the last financial year (2007-2008) against its normal capacity of 5,00,000 MT.

But it can't maintain the production due to low gas supply for the last 11 months, the sources said.

Its installed production

capacity is 1,700 MT a day, which is comes to about 5,60,000 MT a year.

The factory sources said 46.0 MSCFD of natural gas is required as raw materials per day but the supply has been reduced to below 30 MSCFD.

They said 370 PSIG gas pressure is required to produce 1,700 MT urea a day. Now, it cannot produce more than 1,200 MT with a gas pressure of 260 PSIG at present, they said.

As a result, the factory would not be able to meet the production target of 5,00,000 MT in the current financial year.

Jahirul Hasan, general manager (production) of Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd (JFCL), told The Daily Star yesterday that the gas problem started affecting production since February last year

and it turned acute in the last week of July.

If this situation continues production will be about 1,50,000 MT less this financial year, which will require import of urea worth about Tk 1,000 crore, he said.

Six fertilizer companies in the country including JFCL can produce around 20 lakh MT urea annually against a total demand for 28 lakh tonnes.

The Jamuna fertilizer factory also faced closure for times in last few months for technical glitches and leakage in its costly and sensitive equipment and machinery due to fluctuation in gas pressure, the sources said.

The factory at Tarakandi in Sarishabari upazila in Jamalpur district supplies urea in 20 districts through its 1,823 dealers since its estab-

lishment in 1991.

The demand of urea in the 20 districts under JFCL command area is 1,80,000 tonnes during the peak Irri-Boro season beginning from January. The factory has now a stock of only 34,000 bags (per bag 300kg), the sources said.

Admitting production loss, JFCL Managing Director Mohammad Shajahan said he sent several letters one to Titas Gas authorities to resolve the gas supply problem, but to no result.

Sources in Titas Gas Company, when contacted, said they cannot supplying gas to JFCL as per its need due to low production in the field.

The problem cannot be resolved until new gas wells are dug, they added.

## 23 hospitalised after food poisoning

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Twenty-three students and a teacher of an orphanage at Mirzapur in Birampur upazila were admitted to Birampur Upazila Health Complex as they fell sick after dinner Sunday night.

Hospital sources said they are being treated for food poisoning.

None of officials of the orphanage agreed to talk with the journalists over the incident.

## 2 outlaws held in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police arrested wanted listed criminal Boma Shumon, a cadre of Janajuddho faction of outlawed Purb Bangla Communist Party (PBCP), from near office of the Deputy Election Commissioner at Sher-e-Bangla Road in Khulna Sunday night.

He is wanted in six cases filed with different police stations in Khulna city under Explosives Act in last four years, police said.

In another drive, police arrested Manoj Roy, an armed cadre of outlawed New Biplobi Communist Party from Lakkikhola village in Dakop upazila in the district on the same day. Roy is wanted in a number of criminal cases.



PHOTO: STAR

A budding mango tree at Shantir Moar in Chapainawabganj town. This year farmers expect a good yield in the district that produces the best variety of the delicious fruit.

## 'Ploughs' of gold, flower to Ershad for ticket

JP leaders Ranga and Varosha in race to please JP party chief for nomination in Rangpur-3 by-election

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Rangpur Jatiya Party president Karim Uddin Varosha and secretary Moshirul Rahman Ranga are now in a race to please party chief HM Ershad to get party ticket for the upcoming by-election in Rangpur-3 constituency. Both are former lawmakers.

Ranga on Sunday presented Ershad a big plough (JP poll symbol) decorated with flowers at his Rangpur residence Polli Nibash.

Yesterday, Varosha accorded a reception to Ershad at JP's Rangpur party office and presented him a model of

plough made with gold.

Both are trying to get JP nomination in the by-election in Rangpur-3 constituency.

"I sought nomination for the seat and hope the party chairman will not frustrate me," said Ranga while talking to this correspondent yesterday.

Asked whether the big plough of flowers was presented to Ershad to please him, Ranga said, "It is a reception for winning the election in Rangpur-3 constituency with a big margin of votes".

On the other hand Varosha said, "Plough is the symbol of victory for JP. I greeted Ershad with a golden plough."

Days back, Varosha at a press conference at his Haragachh residence expressed his intention to be a party candidate in the upcoming by-election.

Varosha was defeated by Awami League (AL) candidate Tipu Munshi in Rangpur-4 in December 23 national election.

Ranga won Rangpur-1 seat in 2001 election.

Ershad nominated Ranga in Lalmonirhat-1 in the last election but withdrew him from the race as grand alliance nominated AL candidate Motahar Hosen there.

## 4 charge-sheeted in Khagrachhari for grabbing 20 acre land

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

At long last police yesterday submitted charge sheet to the District and Sessions Judge's Court accusing four people of grabbing about 20 acres of land of indigenous people at Ganjapara in Khagrachhari Sadar upazila.

The charge-sheeted accused are Mohammad Aminul Hoque of Mohazonpara Narikel Bagun under Sadar upazila in Khagrachhari, his elder son Shahidul Islam and court writers Mohammad Nur Hossain and Mohammad Mujibur Rahman.

The last two persons helped prime accused Aminul Hoque and his son to grab lands of indigenous people

through preparing false documents, according to Investigation Officer Mohammad Iqbal Hossain.

Despite request from the then Golabari Union Parishad chairman Chailapur Marmar, police on August 8 last year declined to accept the land grabbing case.

On March 2 this year, The Daily Star ran a report titled '20 acres land of tribesmen grabbed in Khagrachhari' and police on April 2 took the case.

On August 11 last year, a judicial magistrate sent the 'documents' prepared by Aminul Hoque and his aides to the Criminal Investigation Department for investigation and the probe report sent to Khagrachhari police on

November 26 said the documents were made by using false signatures.

Mohammad Aminul Hoque grabbed at least 20 acres land of Chaimdi Aung Marmar, Anil Chakma, Satho Aung Marmar, Neeauung Marmar and Lali Marmar of Ganjapara village while Khagrachhari Municipality Mayor Joyanal Abedin helped the grabber, former Golabari UP chairman Chailapur Marmar said.

Joyanal Abedin, also the acting secretary of district BNP and an advisor of Parbatya Chattagram Samo Adhikar Andolon (PCSAA), on different occasions patronised the Bangali settlers to grab lands of indigenous people, said several victims of land grabbing.

## AL men eye Saidpur bus counters

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Tension mounted among the transport workers at Saidpur yesterday as the pro-Awami League (AL) transport workers threatened to occupy Dhaka-bound coach counters run by pro-BNP transport men.

Earlier the pro-AL transport workers forcibly occupied the central bus terminal and the main office of the transport workers union at Saidpur after evicting the members of pro-BNP transport workers union.

The general secretary of pro-BNP transport workers' union, Sirazul Islam Moju yesterday said the pro-AL transport workers are showing provocative behaviour and threatening to occupy the

local Dhaka-bound coach counters including that of Hanif Poribahan, Shyamoly Poribahan and others run by his supporters.

After taking possession of the central bus terminal and district transport workers union office at Saidpur, pro-AL transport workers formed a convening committee with their ownmen.

Altair Hossain and Efaz Uddin Sarkar, the convenor and the joint convenor of the newly formed committee, said, "The tenure of the previous committee expired two years ago. The new committee has been formed in an extended meeting of the leaders of transport workers of the district."

## Rajshahi BNP leader accused of cheating

Charghat BNP president realised Tk 14.53 lakh from 22 youths, victims allege

RU CORRESPONDENT

Allegations have been made against Charghat upazila BNP president Ahy Sayed Chad that he 'cheated' 22 jobless youths and took Tk 14.53 lakh from them by giving them appointment in an educational institution which does not have government approval.

Some of the victims at a press conference at the Metropolitan Press Club yesterday alleged that Chad cheated them by concealing facts about the institution. The victims included some teachers, employees and guardians of students of the school—Chakzika Technical School at Charghat upazila in Rajshahi.

Masud Rana, a victim who was recruited as a teacher, said Chad, after setting up the school in 2002, took Tk 14.53 lakh from 22 youths as donation for giving jobs.

The BNP leader then asked them to collect students and they managed admission of about 60 students, said another victim Anwar Hossain, also appointed a teacher.

When the students went for registration to appear at examination, they found that their school was not registered

either with the Technical Education Board or with any other government authority, Islam Uddin, a guardian alleged.

"While taking money for jobs, the BNP leader showed us papers showing approval of the school by the education ministry and the Technical Education Board," said another teacher Kamal Hossain.

"We (teachers) later investigated and found that the school had no permission either from the ministry or from the Technical Education Board. Chad showed us fake papers," Kalam said.

The teachers said they filed a case with a magistrate court in Rajshahi on August 29, 2007, which is under investigation.

They also showed newsmen documents to prove that Chad realised money from them.

They said they met Chad several times for the money but he threatened them.

The teachers urged the government to take action against Chad.

When contacted, Chad, also Salua Union Parishad chairman, denied the allegations, saying he has all papers in favour of the school.



PHOTO: STAR

In protest against killing of Palestinian children in Israeli attacks in Gaza, physically challenged children form a human chain in Khulna city yesterday. Aparajeya Bangladesh organised it.

Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., (An Enterprise of BCIC)	
International Tender Notice	
1. Ministry / Division	Ministry of Industries.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC)
3. Name of Procuring Entity	Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Polash, Narsingdi
4. Invitation Ref. No., Invitation for, Bid security Money, Last selling Date & time, Closing & Opening time, price of Tender Documents are as follows:	
SI No.	Ref. No. & Date
1.	PUFLL/Com-5.373/08-09 Dt: 07/01/2009
2.	PUFLL/Com-2.369/08-09 Dt: 07/01/2009
3.	PUFLL/Com-2.366/08-09 Dt: 07/01/2009
4.	PUFLL/Com-4.192/06-07 Dt: 07/01/2009
5.	PUFLL/Com-2.371/08-09 Dt: 11/01/2009
6.	PUFLL/Com-3.367/08-09 Dt: 11/01/2009
5. Procuring Method	International Open Tendering Method (IOTM)
6. Source of Fund	Any suitable Source of Finance.
7. Name and addresses of the office selling Tender Documents.	i Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, (6th Floor), 30-31 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka. ii Sr. General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, 6-Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. iii G.M (A & F) PUFLL, Polash, Narsingdi.
8. Address of the office Receiving & Opening Tenders.	General Manager (Commercial), Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Polash, Narsingdi.
9. Detail Address of Official Inviting Tender	Managing Director, Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Polash, Narsingdi. Phone: 9351216, 0628-74391 Fax: 88-02-9351223
10. Special Instruction	The procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason.

(Kazi Shahadat Hossain)  
General Manager (Commercial)  
For Managing Director.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh National AIDS/STD Programme Directorate General of Health Services Ministry of Health & Family Welfare		
RE-INVITATION FOR BID		
Date: 12 January, 2009 Contract Identification No.: MSA/02/2008 World Bank Credit No.: 4052-BD World Bank Credit Name: Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Program.		
1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received Credits/Grants from the International Development Association (and other Pooling Development Partners) towards the Cost of Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Program and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for HIV/AIDS Targeted Interventions. Bidding is open to all Private Health Organizations (NGOs and CBOs) from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credit.		
2. Line Director, National AIDS/STD and Safe Blood Transfusion Program (NASP), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Re-invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for carrying out the services/ interventions for the high risk behaviour group in different locations of Bangladesh for contracting out as shown below:		
Package Number	Name of the Targeted Intervention Group	Locations
P-10	Intervention for Brothel Based Sex Workers	Specified in the Geographical Locations in the Bidding document (Part-II)
P-15	Harm Reduction Programme	
Bidders must have at least five years of experience on the above interventions and proven technical capacity to deliver the desired outputs in relation to the targeted intervention packages of HIV/AIDS by working with IDUs & HSs.		
3. Bidders can bid for one or more than one packages (Separate Bid for each Package) and in case of multiple awards to the same bidder they will have to meet the cumulative requirements of all those contracts.		
4. Bidding document may be purchased at the office of the Management Support Agency (MSA), MOHFW, Flat No. 502, House # 15, Road # 128, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 for a non-refundable fee of Tk 600/- per set including a CD from the date of publication of this notice.		
Bid documents shall not be sold on the day of Bid opening.		
Further information may be obtained from:		
A. Line Director, NASP, House # 62, Road # 03, Block-B Niketon, Gulshan-1. Phone: (+88-02)-8853378/8853263, Fax: (+88-02)-8829720, E-mail: stdaids@deko.net.bd		
B. Mohammad Ali, Procurement Specialist, Management Support Agency, Apartment 502, House #15, Road # 128, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212. Phone: (+88-02)-8818369, Fax: (+88-02)-8818369; E-mail: engrskmdali@msabd.org		
5. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after their opening and must be accompanied by security of an amount in BDT or its equivalent in a convertible currency as indicated in the Bidding Document.		
Submission of Bids: Bid will be received at the MSA Office upto 3 <sup>rd</sup> February, 2009 during office hours and after that, - Bids will be received at the Hotel Washington, 56 Gulshan Avenue, Road # 132, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 from 9-00 am, upto 12-00 noon of 4 <sup>th</sup> February, 2009 and opened at the same location immediately after closing.		
6. Bid should be addressed to The Line Director, NASP and any correspondence should be addressed to him.		
7. The NASP reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and annul the Bidding process without assigning any reason whatsoever		

(Dr. Md. Ishfaqul Kabir)  
Line Director, NASP

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নিলাম দরপত্র বিস্তারিত	
০১। মন্ত্রণালয়/সংস্থা/বিভাগ	১। বিদ্যুৎ, জ্বালানী ও বানিজ্য সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়/বিদ্যুৎ বিভাগ
০২। সংস্থা	২। ঢাকা পাওয়ার ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড (ডিপিডিসি)
০৩। দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম	৩। ডিপিএম (টেকনিক্যাল), সিস্টেম এন্ট্রেকশন এন্ড সার্ভিসেস, ডিপিডিসি
০৪। কাজের নাম	৪। ওয়ার্কস, ডিপিডিসি দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির আওতায় রক্ষিত অকোজা সুপার এনামেশন/পেপার ইন্সুলেটেড ক্যাপার তারসমূহ (যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে ভিত্তিতে) নিলামে বিক্রয়।
০৫। ঠিকানাব্যবহারযোগ্যতা	৫। নিলাম ক্রয়কারী প্রতিষ্ঠান যাহাদের হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, আরবের পরিচয়পত্র, আট নিবন্ধন সনদ পত্র রয়েছে তাহাই দরপত্র অংশ গ্রহণ করতে পারবেন।
০৬। জ্ঞানভরতের পরিমাণ	৬। দাপ্তরিক নম্বরে ২০% (পঁচিশ শতাংশ) হারে অর্থ যে কোন তরফদারী ব্যাংক হতে পে-অর্ডার/ড্রাফট আকারে ডেপুটি জেনারেল ম্যানেজার (টেকনিক্যাল), সিস্টেম এন্ট্রেকশন এন্ড সার্ভিসেস, ডিপিডিসি, ক্যাজা তনম (৩য় তলা), ৩, সোনারগাঁও রোড, কাতাবন, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে জমা দিতে হবে।
০৭। দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	৭। ১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র (অক্রেডিয়েন্স) ডেপুটি জেনারেল ম্যানেজার (টেকনিক্যাল), সিস্টেম এন্ট্রেকশন এন্ড সার্ভিসেস, ডিপিডিসি, ক্যাজা তনম (৩য় তলা), ৩, সোনারগাঁও রোড, কাতাবন, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে জমা দিতে হবে।
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১০। দরপত্র দাবির শেষ তারিখ	১০। ০৪/০২/২০০৯ ইং বেলো ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১১। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও স্থান	১১। ০৪/০২/২০০৯ ইং বেলো ১২:০০ ঘটিকা। ডেপুটি জেনারেল ম্যানেজার (টেকনিক্যাল), সিস্টেম এন্ট্রেকশন এন্ড সার্ভিসেস, ডিপিডিসি, ক্যাজা তনম (৩য় তলা), ৩, সোনারগাঁও রোড, কাতাবন, ঢাকা হতে দরপত্র লিখিত নোভোকে খোলা হবে (অংশগ্রহণকারীরা উপস্থিত থাকতে পারবেন)।
১২। শর্তাবলীঃ	
(ক) দরপত্র দলিল ক্রয়ের সময় হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স মালিকানা দলিল, আরবের পরিচয়পত্র, আট নিবন্ধন সনদপত্রসহ সকল সনদ পত্রের মূলকপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে এবং সকল সনদ পত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপিও কপি দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।	
(খ) দরপত্র খাম অবশ্যই সীল মোহরকৃত হতে হবে। অপ্রাপ্ত ও অসম্পূর্ণ দরপত্র সারসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।	
(গ) ডাকযোগে কোন দরপত্র বিক্রয় ও গ্রহণ করা হবে না।	
(ঘ) আর্থিক মাধ্যমের জন্য দরপত্র দাখিল করা যাবে না এবং তাহা গ্রহণযোগ্যও হবে না।	
(ঙ) কার্যকর হবার পর ১৫ (পনের) দিনের মধ্যে দরপত্র উক্ত মাধ্যমের মূল্য, আরবের, আট ইত্যাদি সহ সমস্ত অর্থ ডেপুটি জেনারেল ম্যানেজার (টেকনিক্যাল), সিস্টেম এন্ট্রেকশন এন্ড সার্ভিসেস, ডিপিডিসি এর অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার/ড্রাফট আকারে জমা দিতে হবে এবং কার্যকর হবার সময় সমাপ্তীমাত্র মধ্যে সমস্ত মাধ্যম দলিল স্বাক্ষর ও নিলি নথিভুক্তি গ্রহণ করতে হবে। নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে মূল্য পরিচয়পত্র ও মাধ্যম গ্রহণ করতে বাধ্য হলে দাপ্তরিক জ্ঞানভরতের অর্থ বাজেয়াপ্ত হবে।	
(চ) নিলাম ক্রয়ে অংশগ্রহণে ইচ্ছুক প্রতিষ্ঠান বিজ্ঞপ্তির অধীনে জমা ম্যানেজার (টেকনিক্যাল), ওয়ার্কস, ডিপিডিসি-এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করতে পারবেন এবং দরপত্র চাপালাগান সময় বিজ্ঞপ্তির আওতায় রক্ষিত অকোজা সুপার এনামেশন/পেপার ইন্সুলেটেড ক্যাপার তারসমূহ সরেজমিনে প্রত্যক্ষ করতে পারবেন।	
(ছ) যে কোন কারণ দর্শালে বাস্তবিক তথ্যকে ভুলকৃত্য যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	

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ডেপুটি জেনারেল ম্যানেজার (টেকনিক্যাল)  
সিস্টেম এন্ট্রেকশন এন্ড সার্ভিসেস, ডিপিডিসি।