

Stop move to demolish school buildings or face tougher movement

Ctg rally warns, blasts mayor's stubborn attitude



Professor Abul Mansur of Chittagong University Fine Arts Department addressing a rally on the premises of Central Shaheed Minar in the port city yesterday protesting Chittagong City Corporation's move to demolish buildings of Aparna Charan and Krishnakumari girls high schools.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Speakers at a rally in the port city yesterday warned of forging greater movement if Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) fails to give clear announcement of stopping its move to demolish buildings of two renowned schools in the city immediately.

They thanked the prime minister for giving direction to the education minister to stop the CCC move but expressed resentment over the stubborn attitude of Chittagong Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury regarding construction of a high-rise commercial building demolishing the school buildings.

They also criticised the mayor for his indecent comment on the on-going protest movement.

Despite the prime minister's instruction to stop the CCC move on Sunday, the CCC authorities yesterday warned of the feelings of the people who voted him to the post thrice," Binod Bihari said.

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Minor girl escapes forced marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

Bravely resisting forced marriage arranged by her parents, a minor girl in Chirirbandar upazila in the district has fled from her home and taken shelter at the office of CARE Bangladesh.

The girl, Nur Jahan Nahar Sathi, 14, is the daughter of Nur Islam of village Basudevpur in Chirirbandar upazila and a class nine student of Janani Adarsha Girls High School.

Sathi told The Daily Star that her parents and relatives arranged her marriage with Ronju Miah, a 25-year-old rickshaw puller, of the same village.

On January 22 midnight she was wakened by her mother to see a number of guests and decoration.

When Md Nazrul Islam, a Muslim cleric started administering the marriage ritual, Sathi rejected it outright.

Then her parents and relatives beat her up and confined her with Ronju inside a room where she resisted the man's attempt for physical relation.

On January 27 she fled from her home and went to Youth Forum in Chirirbandar, a project of CARE Bangladesh, and informed them of the matter.

Project director of Care Bangladesh, Saida Nourin, who took steps for her safe custody, said her organisation will provide for her smooth growing up including her studies.

Chirirbandar UNO Anarkuli Mahbub, who officially handed over Sathi to the safe custody of Care Bangladesh, told The Daily Star that she instructed police to ensure her safety.

Sathi demanded punishment of the persons who arranged her premature marriage against her will.

Sathi's father Nur Islam, 40, said he had decided to marry her daughter off due to poverty.

Transport workers clash at Rangpur: 40 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

At least 40 people were injured as two factions of Awami League-backed Rangpur Motor Sramik Union clashed over control of the central bus terminal yesterday.

Witnesses said the clash ensued at around 12:10 pm when a number of transport workers, led by Mohammad Salaiman, went to the office of Rangpur Motor Sramik Union to capture it.

Transport workers of another faction, led by Altaf Hossain, countered their rivals and chased them out of the office adjacent to the terminal.

After a few minutes, Salaiman's men came back and swooped on Altaf's supporters, leading attack and counter-attack between two rival groups.

At least 40 people from both sides received injuries during the clash that continued for half an hour.

The seriously injured, Munna, Noju, Sadek, Milon, Mokhshad, Swakat, Jasim, Sohel, Razzaq, Sohrab, Sabu, Hiru, Tuhin, and Sirajul, were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH) and private clinics in the town.

The clashing transport workers also damaged eight shops at nearby Toiyab.

Market. Earlier on January 27, at least 20 people were injured as the two factions clashed over the same issue.

With expiry of the tenure of the last elected committee, Rangpur Motor Sramik Union has been divided into two factions and formed two convening committees.

Sources close to Rangpur Motor Sramik Union said AL central committee member Sharifuddin Ahmed Jhontu is backing Altaf Hossain faction from behind the scene while AL district convenor Monsur Ahmed and joint convenor Rezaul Karim are supporting Salaiman faction.

SEQUEL TO UZ POLL TENSION

Dozens hurt, 37 houses damaged in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Dozens of people including 15 women were injured as criminals vandalised 37 houses at Bamoni, Digerpara and Jitor villages in Jhenidah Sadar upazila on Sunday night as a sequel to tension over January 22 upazila election.

The clash started first at Jitor village as tension was prevailing between the supporters of elected Jhenidah Sadar upazila Chairman Kanak Kanti Das and Harun-Rashid, both leaders of Awami League, locals said.

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houses, Sreepada of Bamoni village said.

On information, Rab and police reached the spot and visited the affected villages.

Sub-Inspector Sunit Kumar of Sadar Police Station said the situation is under control now.

3-day drama festival begins in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A three-day Patha Natya Utsab (street drama) of Barisal division was inaugurated at the central shahid minar here yesterday.

Barisal divisional unit of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation organised the programme in memory of drama personality Abdullah Al Mamun. Programmes included staging of drama, cultural function and discussion.

Root out corruption thru' social movement

ACC chief says

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Chairman Lt Gen (retd) Hasan Mashud Chowdhury yesterday called upon all for wiping out corruption from society through mass movement.

He made the call while speaking at a discussion organised by the District Corruption Resistance Committee as chief guest at Zila Parishad auditorium with Prof Moffazal Hossain in the chair.

"As corruption will not go from society automatically, a social movement is a must to remove it", the ACC chairman said, adding that everyone should come forward to join the movement.

"As we are still in 10th position as a corrupt country in world rating, we shall have to establish a graft-free country by creating social awareness", he said.

Appreciating the activities of district and upazila level corruption resistance committees, Mashud said, if people take a firm stand against corruption, it will gradually come down in the society.

RE-TENDER NOTICE

FOR

SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF KITCHEN CABINET, KITCHEN HOOD & SS WEATHER HOOD AT KAFCO HOUSING COLONY, ANOWARA, CHITTAGONG.

Ref. : Purchasing/Civil/10/2008/32(R)

Date : 03 February 2009



Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from genuine Contractors/ manufacturers/ suppliers having relevant experience of performing a similar nature of works of minimum value of Tk. 02 Million in a single contract during last 5-years for the above items of work for Renovation of Buildings of KAFCO Housing Colony at Anowara, Chittagong.

The interested Contractors/manufacturers/Suppliers shall submit their tenders after physically inspecting the Job site.

The Tenders shall be of two envelope system i.e. (A) Technical Proposal & (B) Commercial Proposal. Technical Proposal shall be opened first. Commercial offers of non-qualified tenderers in technical proposal shall be returned un-opened and those of qualified tenderers shall be opened for further evaluation.

Both the Technical Proposal & the Commercial Proposal along with related documents shall be initially sealed in two separate inner envelopes mentioning clearly the name of the respective proposal (The Technical Proposal / The Commercial Proposal) on the top of envelopes and finally sealed in an outer envelope mentioning clearly the name of the work on the top of the envelope and be submitted accordingly.

Tender documents will be available from the Office of the Finance Department of KAFCO, Rangadia, Anowara, Chittagong and KAFCO Corporate Office, IDB Bhaban 13th floor, E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Dhaka during Office hours from 04 February 2009 to 11 February 2009 at a cost of (non-refundable) Tk. 1,500/set.

Tender documents shall be sold only to those interested contractors / manufacturers/suppliers, who apply in their letter head pad along with successful completion certificate of a similar nature of work of Min. value of Tk. 02 Million in a single contract during the last five years from the concerned Engineer / Officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer.

Tenders will be received in the Tender box at KAFCO Rangadia, Anowara, Chittagong and KAFCO Corporate Office, IDB Bhaban 5th floor, E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Dhaka up to 15-00 hours on 24 February 2009.

Tenders, as would be received, will be opened in the office of the General Manager Procurement, KAFCO, Rangadia, Anowara, Chittagong at 11:30 hours on 26 February 2009 in presence of tenderers, if any.

Each Tenderer shall furnish along with commercial proposal as part of its Tender, an Earnest Money @ 2.50% of quoted amount in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company Limited, Rangadia, Anowara, Chittagong.

Other required eligibility and conditions of the Tenderers are stipulated in the respective Tender Documents.

KAFCO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tender without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

Md. Mahbub-Ul-Alam
General Manager, Procurement

Bangladesh Shilpa Bank

Head Office

8, RAJUK Avenue, Dhaka

Human Resources Management Department

Tender Notice

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| 1. | Name of procuring entity | Bangladesh Shilpa Bank. |
| 2. | Name of works as described in the tender schedule | Appointment of genuine and reputed contractor for supply of 20 (twenty) numbers contract base Bank Guard in Bank's Branch Offices at Dhaka, Faridpur, Mymensingh, Chittagong, Comilla, Sylhet, Noakhali, Khulna, Barisal, Jhenidah, Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Dinajpur and Rangpur. |
| 3. | Method of tendering | Open tendering method. |
| 4. | Source of fund and budget | Bangladesh Shilpa Bank's own source. |
| 5. | Place of work | Bank's Branch Offices at Faridpur, Mymensingh, Chittagong, Comilla, Sylhet, Noakhali, Khulna, Barisal, Jhenidah, Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Dinajpur and Rangpur. |
| 6. | Name and address of selling department of tender schedule | Human Resources Management Department, Bangladesh Shilpa Bank, Head Office, 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka, (7th Floor of Shilpa Bank Building). |
| 7. | Place for submission of tender | Human Resources Management Department. |
| 8. | Opening place of tender | Human Resources Management Department. |
| 9. | Date and time for selling of tender schedule | During office hour up to 24/02/2009. |
| 10. | Date and time for submission of tender | Within 12:00 noon on 25/02/2009. |
| 11. | Date and time for opening of tender | Opened at 12:30pm on 25/02/2009 in presence of bidder or their representative (if any). |
| 12. | Price of tender schedule | Tk 500.00 (five hundred) only in cash (non-refundable) |
| 13. | Tender security money | Tk 35,000.00 (thirty-five thousand) only in form of Pay-Order/Demand Draft/Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Bangladesh Shilpa Bank. |
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