

6 Barisal dists get only half of required power

RAFIQUL ISLAM, Barisal

Frequent load shedding is making life miserable in six districts under Barisal division as electricity supply has come down to below half of the demand in recent days.

Sudden electricity snap, low voltage and fluctuations are not only disturbing public life, but also causing damage to electronic equipment and domestic appliances.

SSC examinees, rural electricity consumers and farmers using power pumps for Boro cultivation are worst sufferers due to the erratic power supply.

The region sees 10-12 hours of power outage on an average and the situation is

worsening with increase in temperature.

In absence of any major power producing unit in Barisal division, the electricity supply in the region depends mostly on the national grid, which hardly covers half of the demand.

On an average around 40MW electricity is supplied from national grid to 18 feeders of the region against the demand for 100MW.

Power Development Board (PDB) is trying to tackle the situation by simultaneous shedding load and it causes power outage four to six times a day. The situation worsens during peak hours -- 10:00am to 2:00pm during day and 6:00pm to 10:00pm

at night.

In Barisal city, the average supply is 16 to 22MW at the peak hours of night while the demand is at least 40MW.

The situation is worse in remote areas of Uzirpur, Agoiljhara, Gournadi, Babuganj, Hizla, Muladi and Mehendiganj upazilas in the district where load shedding continues even for 13 to 17 hours a day.

Electricity was supplied only around five hours in Jhalakathi district and around four hours in Swarupkathi upazila under Pirojpur district on most of the days of the last two weeks.

Although the electricity bill is going up, power supply situation is worsening

day by day, alleged several consumers.

Executive engineers of Barisal Power Supply Division-1 and 2 said, "We are not generating power. It is only a centre for supply. So distribution depends on the flow of supply from the national grid. Nothing can be done to improve the situation here until sufficient supply is ensured through improving the total power generation capacity."

The 40MW Bholashahabajpur gas field based power generation unit of PDB was scheduled to be commissioned in May 2008, but it is yet to be implemented, officials said.

RU teacher gets death threat

RU CORRESPONDENT

A teacher of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday received death threat from an unknown caller.

RU Social Work Department chairman Dr Fakhru Islam, also an associate professor, received the threat from an admission seeker under 2008-2009 session who told him to either get him admitted at his department or face death.

Dr Fakhru told newsmen that he had filed a general diary (GD) with Mother Police Station in this connection. He also said to have submitted a written complaint to the university proctor as well as its higher authorities.

Contacted, RU proctor Prof Zakaria confirmed the incident saying they asked police to take necessary steps.

Rivals injure BCL leader

RU CORRESPONDENT

President of Bangladesh Chhatra League Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute (RPI) unit was seriously injured in an attack by his party rivals yesterday.

The attack was a sequel to Sunday's clash between two factions of BCL RPI unit over establishing supremacy on the campus.

One faction is led by BCL President Nizam, while the other by Hatem. Five BCL men belonging to Hatem were injured during the clash.

Campus and police sources said a group of BCL activists led by Hatem entered the examination hall of the institute where BCL President Nizam and his supporters were sitting for exam.

They beat up Nizam with hockey stick, leaving him seriously injured. He is now undergoing treatment at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

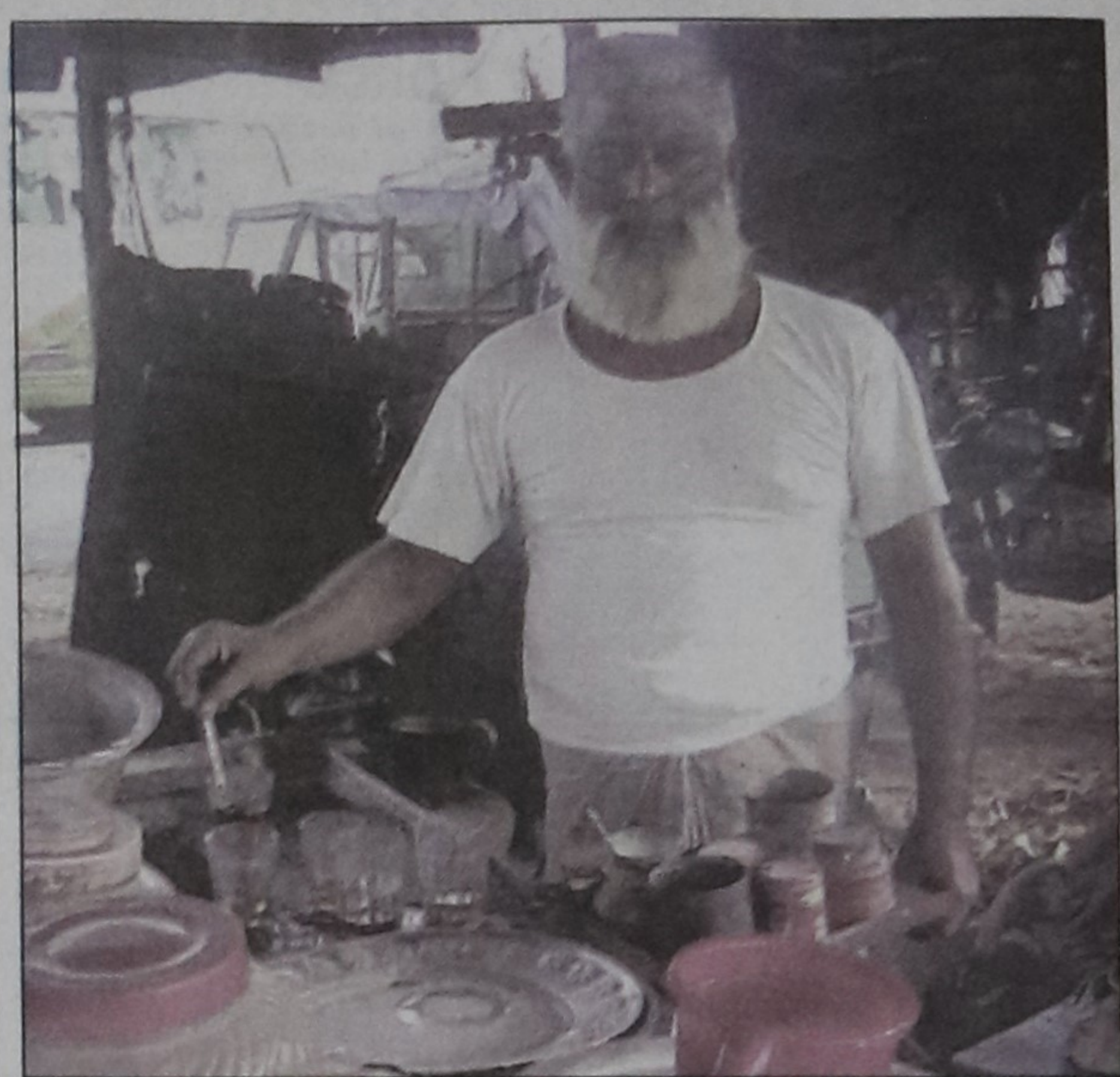


PHOTO: STAR

Freedom fighter Azizur Rahman preparing tea at his shabby stall at Khalishpur in Moheshpur upazila in Jhenidah.

Co-fighter of Birshreshtha sells tea, lives in slum

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Injured freedom fighter Azizur Rahman, also a co-fighter of Birshreshtha Hamidur Rahman during the Liberation War, now sells tea to maintain his six-member family living at a slum on a khal land.

Aziz, then working at Jhumjhumur Ansar camp in the district, joined the Liberation War along with Birshreshtha Hamidur Rahman and late freedom fighter Afsar Ali when Pakistani army attacked Jessore in early April of 1971.

After a fight with Pakistani army at Kotchandpur, they reached Chowgachha and joined a group of Bangalee soldiers under the leadership of Captain Hafiz (water resources minister during

the past BNP rule), he told this correspondent.

They attacked Pakistani soldiers at Mashila camp and captured the camp.

"After some days, we crossed the border and took shelter at Petropol in Bongao, India. In early June I got serious injuries in my throat during a fierce fight on Benapol border and took treatment at a Bengali hospital. After a few days our unit moved to Tura hill in Meghalaya for training.

"Later we fought in different places including Sylhet, Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Shaestaganj, Moulavibazar, Habiganj, Atgram and Gouripur. In late November, we attacked Pakistani stronghold of Dhalua on Surma River and defeated the Pakistani troops. During this fight

Hamidur Rahman embraced martyrdom on November 28.

"I and my co-fighters carried Hamidur's body and buried the great son of the soil at Ambahsa in Meghalaya in India.

"After December 16, we came to Dhaka and reported to the camp.

"As I was an injured person, I did not get any job. During the 38 years of independence, many people came to me to hear the tale of fighting during the Liberation War but nobody cared for my welfare," the elderly freedom fighter said with a heavy heart.

Aziz, now struggling hard to survive with his six-member family including two school going children at Hat Khalishpur under Moheshpur upazila in the district.

2 education staff held for bribery

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A team of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) arrested an upazila primary education officer and his office assistant while the two were taking bribe from a primary teacher at Muladi yesterday.

The arrestees are ABM Khaliur Rahman, Muladi upazila primary education officer, and Sirajul Islam, office assistant.

The education officer had earlier demanded Tk 3,000 in bribe from Anwar Hossain, headmaster of Boalia Primary School, to approve some bills against purchase of educational equipment for the school.

Yesterday, Anwar informed Major Shahriar Amin, director of Barisal divisional ACC, of the matter and went to the upazila education office to get the bills passed in exchange for bribe money.

On information, the ACC team laid a trap and caught red-handed the upazila education officer and his office assistant while they were taking money from the headmaster of Boalia Primary School.

BCL workers ransack college

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) workers yesterday ransacked rooms of several buildings of Comilla Victoria Degree College demanding admission into honours classes without any test.

They damaged doors, window pans and furniture of the computer, academic and registrar offices of the college, said principal-in-charge of the college Prof Dr Abdul Mannan.

When contacted, the college unit president of BCL Jasim Khan said they demanded admission of their workers in 517 seats of honours classes without any test.

RU to face acute session jam for Mar 13 closure

RU CORRESPONDENT

The session jam problem at Rajshahi University (RU) will worsen further due to its indefinite closure following March 13 violent clashes.

Earlier session jam at the university became acute following students' movement in August 2007 and violent clash between students and local traders on August 20, 2008.

The incidents led to closure of the university for indefinite period and postponement of scheduled examinations under different departments, causing unwanted delay in the academic life of about 25,000 students.

The RU authorities closed the university for indefinite period as March 13 clashes between the activists of

Bangladesh Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir left one student killed and 100 others injured.

Around 158 examinations including year final, honours and masters under different departments were postponed due to the March 13 closure.

Honours and masters final examinations of many departments began ahead of the closure but were postponed before completion, sources said.

Several teachers of social science faculty told newsmen that many departments concluded their written parts of different year final examinations but the scheduled viva examinations could not be held due to the closure.

The unscheduled closure will add at least three months'

fresh session jam in different departments under the social science faculty which is already facing one and a half years session jam, the teachers said.

Students of science faculty expressed their deep concern over the closure as they face session jam up to two years or more.

History department did not experience any serious session jam problem earlier but the indefinite closure will cause it, said Lutfar Rahman, a student of the department.

Every unscheduled closure leads to a few months of delay in examinations and it adds to students' suffering at the university that have faced serious session jam since August 2007, said Prof Dr Anwar Hossain, controller of examinations at RU.

Patient suffers for doctor's neglect

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A mother is fighting for life at Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital due to alleged negligence of a doctor at a private clinic here.

Morjina Begum, 25, wife of Babul at Rahimanpur village under Sadar upazila gave birth to a baby son at Shushi Clinic here about six months ago after a caesarian operation, said her husband.

Dr Hamidur Rahman, a physician operated upon her at the clinic.

Since operation Morjina had been suffering from various complications including that of abdomen. Babul said when he contacted Dr Hamidur several times, he

assured him that the problem will ease gradually.

Finally, Morjina was again admitted to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital on Saturday with a complain of severe pain at her abdomen.

Gynecologist department consultant Dr Khurshid Jahan Haque and surgery consultant Dr Partha Sarathy Roy reopened her belly at Sadar hospital Sunday morning and found a piece of gauze and cotton inside.

Contacted, both Dr Khurshid Jahan and Dr Partha Sarathy confirmed the incident.

But Dr Hamidur could not be contacted for comments because he was out of the town. His family members said he is undergoing treatment in Dhaka.

Sylhet BNP accuses AL of harassment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

BNP Sylhet district and city units have accused the ruling AL leaders of torturing and filing 'false' cases against their activists in different upazilas of the district.

District BNP Convener M Ilyas Ali, city BNP acting chief Noman Mahmud, Chhatak Upazila Parishad Chairman Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury and district BNP Joint Convener Ali Ahmed raised the allegations at a press conference at Sylhet Press Club yesterday.

District convening committee member and former general secretary of the district BNP Abdul Gaffar read out a written statement at the conference.

In the statement, he alleged that police recently submitted a final report of a

case filed by Abdur Rab Mallik, a leader of the BNP UK chapter, after his house in Osmaninagar upazila came under attack by AL men.

Police in the final report exempted the AL men from charges though Mallik's mother and son were injured and his house was vandalised during the attack, he added.

As many as 14 'false' cases have been filed against the BNP men while a good number of party men arrested only in Bishwanath and Balaganj upazilas, the BNP leaders alleged.

They said police intentionally filed a case against 300 BNP men including the district convener and former lawmaker M Ilyas Ali on charges of possessing ballot papers on January 14. With this case, the law enforcers are now harassing the party men in general, they alleged.

10 charge-sheeted for killing mother, four daughters

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Police yesterday submitted charge sheet against 10 people including a suspended police sub-inspector in the case for killing five members of a family in Mehendiganj upazila under the district.

Investigation officer of the murder case, Sub-Inspector Abu Al Awal of Mehendiganj Police Station submitted the charge sheet at the court of Khademul Kayes, additional chief judicial magistrate in Barisal.

The accused are: Shahjahan Boiragi, a suspended SI of police, his brother Shahidul Islam Shahed Boiragi, their relatives Abul Bashar Badsha Khan, Kaiyum Khan, Abdul Karim Howladar, Anis Matubbar, Farhad Hossain Labu, Nazrul Islam Chhunu, Jamal Chowkidar and Sultan Khan.

The first two were under custody while Abdul Karim

Howladar, also convicted for life-term imprisonment in another case, and the seven others were absconding during submission of the charge sheet.

According to the charge sheet, the accused people killed a woman and her four daughters by slitting their throats at Khalisha village under Bhashanchar union of Mehendiganj upazila in Barisal in the early hours of July 1, 2008.

The victims were Tanjira Begum, 40, wife of Jahangir Howladar, and her daughters Anjuman Ara, 16, Sathi, 11, Jannatul, 9, and Ferdousi, 6.

Village Defence Party member Jahangir Hossain filed a murder case against unknown people with Mehendiganj Police Station the next day and Tanjila's brothers Shahjahan Siraj Bairagi and Shahidul Islam Bairagi were arrested on suspicion of being involved in the murder.

Invitation for Tender				
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh				
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Post Office.		
3	Procuring entity name	Postmaster General, Central Circle, Dhaka.		
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.		
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.		
6	Invitation for	Tender	Goods	Multiple Lot
7	Invitation Ref No.	PSD-1/Chata, Jutta/Poshak/Chahida/2008-09/Part-1		
8	Date	18/03/2009.		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement method	NCT	Open Tender	
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget	V	Government
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.		
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.		
14	Tender package no.	Package-2.		
15	Tender package name	Procurement of umbrella, socks, female dress for the employees of Central Circle, Dhaka.		
16	Tender publication date	25/03/2009		
17	Tender last selling date	19/04/2009	Time	
18	Tender closing date and time	20/04/2009	12:00 noon.	
19	Tender opening date and time	20/04/2009	2:00pm	
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address		
	- Selling tender document (principal)	Deputy Postmaster General, Central Circle, Dak Bhaban, Dhaka.		
	- Selling tender document (others)	Director (Supply), DG Office, Dhaka, DPMG, Dhaka Division Office, RMS Division Office.		
	- Receiving tender document	Deputy Postmaster General, Central Circle, Dhaka.		
	- Opening tender document	Deputy Postmaster General, Central Circle, Dhaka.		
21	Place/date/time of	Not Applicable		
	- Pre-tender meeting (optional)	Date	Time	
		N/A	V	N/A
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
22	Eligibility of tenderer	1. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 (three) years of the overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. 2. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 2 (two) years of specific experience in the supply of similar goods and related services. 3. The minimum supply value of goods in a single contract in the last 3 (three) years is Tk 3 lac for Lot 1, Tk. 1 Lac for Lot 2 and Tk. 50 thousand for Lot 3. 4. The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facilities Tk. 4 lac for Lot 1, 2 lac for Lot 2 and 1 lac for Lot 3. 5. The tenderer shall have up-to-date trade license, bank solvency certificate, income Tax, TIN & valid VAT registration certificate from the NBR. 6. Other required eligibility of the tender as shown in TDS.		
23	Brief description of goods or works	Procurement of black umbrella, socks and dresses for 13 female employees of Dhaka Circle.		
24	Brief description of related services	Not applicable.		
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk. 1000 (non-refundable) for Lot 1, Tk. 500 for Lot 2 and Tk. 300 for Lot 3 payable to the Unclassified Head (UCR) of any post office or Bank Draft or Pay Order of any scheduled bank in favour of Senior Postmaster, Dhaka GPO, Dhaka.		
	Lot No	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)
26	1	Umbrella for the employees	Dhaka	19000
27	2	Socks for the employees	Dhaka	4000
28	3	Dresses for 13 female employees	Dhaka	1500
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
30	Name of official inviting tender	Md Zakir Hasan Nur.		
31	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy Postmaster General.		
32	Address of official inviting tender	Central Circle, Dhaka.		
33	Contact details of official inviting tender	9555511		
34	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders			
Md Zakir Hasan Nur Deputy Postmaster General Central Circle, Dhaka				

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