

Shipbuilders may change Bangladesh economy

Barua says at Stella Moon handover ceremony

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Industries Minister Dilip Barua said yesterday shipbuilding, which is a very labour-intensive industry, has the potential for generating a huge foreign currency and developing extraordinary skills in the field of engineering.

"The country has skilled and semi-skilled professionals as well as necessary ingredients to be a shipbuilding nation. So the industry holds the potential for transforming Bangladesh into a middle-income country in near future," Barua said.

He was speaking as chief guest at a function organised by Ananda Shipyard and Slipways Ltd, one of the leading local shipbuilders, as it formally handed over its eighth ship, Stella Moon, at \$7.5 million to a Danish buyer, Stella Shipping P/S.

The function took place at the company's office at Meghnaghat in Sonargaon under Narayanganj district.

"The company has so far secured export orders for 34 ships at \$373.50 million. It



Dilip Barua, industries minister, formally hands over the Stella Moon, a ship built by Ananda Shipyard and Slipways Ltd, to Stella Shipping P/S of Denmark in Narayanganj yesterday.

has received export proceeds and advance payments of \$48.54 million. Denmark, Germany, Norway and Mozambique have placed the orders," said Ananda Group Chairman Dr Abdullah Bari at the ceremony.

Earlier Ananda exported its first ship Stella Maris to another Danish company at \$6 million on May 5 last year and six others to the Mozambique government at \$6.2 million on November 13, said the company officials.

The officials also said

they are now building 10 ships of which six have been ordered by Komorowski and four others by Wessell, two German companies.

"We hope to deliver the ships within the next three years as the construction works are going on in full swing," said a company official.

Stella Moon has 64 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) container carrying capacity with 2,950 deadweight tonnages.

Deadweight tonnage, also known as deadweight (DWT), is a measure of how

much mass or weight of cargo or burden a ship can carry safely.

Abdullah-al Kaiser Hasnat, a lawmaker from Narayanganj-3 constituency, Einar H Jensen, Danish ambassador, Bea M ten Tusscher, ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Bangladesh, Hassan Farazandeh, ambassador of Iran, Afruja Bari, managing director of the company, and Abu Nasser Muhammad Abdus Zaher, chairman of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd, among others, were present at the function.

Fodder cultivation on roadside, fallow land stressed

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Planned green grass plantation on roadsides, embankments and fallow lands can meet much of the fodder requirement that is vital to boost milk and meat production in the country, agricultural experts said yesterday.

"We can't fulfil the minimum requirement of milk for our population although we have the potential for developing livestock farming," said Dr KA Fattah, livestock coordinator of a project of Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), an umbrella organisation for microcredit.

Fattah, speaking at a workshop on fodder cultivation and artificial insemination, linked the low production of milk to a lack of supply of green fodder due to a low rate of cultivation. Cattle are dependent on the supply of straw, which is falling down in line with declining grazing and cultivable lands.

"Land for fodder cultivation is on the wane, as an increasing portion of land is reserved for cereal cultivation and other purposes. But we can use fallow land, roadsides, railways and embankments to grow fodder," he said at the programme organised by PKSF at its office.

Speakers at the workshop said Bangladesh has a 2.28 crore cattle population. But a majority of these cattle are indigenous or 'deshi'. Only 8 lakh cows are crossbred.

Experts said the domestic production of milk remains far below the requirements. The total milk production stands at 22.8 lakh tonnes, while the remaining demand is met by imported powder milk.

According to analysts, ensuring green grass for cows and increased artificial insemination can boost milk production.

"We have the highest density of cattle in Asia but the production of milk is low compared to other countries. It's mainly because of a lack of green grass," said Prof M Ali Akbar of the Department of Animal Nutrition, Bangladesh Agricultural University.

Akbar also observed that the high cost of feed pushes up the price of milk in the country. But good fodder can reduce the costs, he said.

WiMax, International Gateways tech soon

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The telecom watchdog is likely to open the WiMax and International Gateways technology shortly, said the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission chairman yesterday.

"Anyone can apply for a licence to operate the WiMax and IGWs, as there is huge demand in the market for the technologies," Zia Ahmed said.

"The licence will be made available within three months, after revising the present International Long Distance Telecommunication Services (ILDTS) policy," he added.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a workshop on 'Recent Trends in IP Telephony' at Sheraton Hotel, he also said the new

licence fee for both the technologies will be lower than the previous rate. REVE Systems, a leading IP Telephony solution provider with customers in more than 50 countries, organised the workshop.

Private sector stakeholders now hold three IGWs and two WiMax licences. The WiMax licence acquisition fee was fixed at Tk 215 crore through an auction by BTRC last year.

However, questions arose as to how the former high cost of licence would be justified, if BTRC reduces licence prices. Ahmed said in response, "The government is considering whether the existing hefty licence fee would be repaid to the licensees. But everything will be settled after revising the ILDTS policy."

Ahmed also supported

the idea of opening up the VoIP (voice over internet protocol) technology. "Like others, I want to say that VoIP must be opened. But for that, a suitable environment is required."

The past caretaker government issued three licences to the private sector to handle international calls to and from Bangladesh. The operators are handling more than 20 million minutes calls a day, with a revenue sharing of 62.5 per cent with the government.

Among the two WiMax licence holders, no one is yet to go for service operation. The Tk 215 crore hefty licence fee has become an obstacle for the operators to start.

The BTRC chief's idea to float more IGW licences is making the existing private sector operators anxious.

Facilitate SME business

Says FBCCI chief

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The government should facilitate the small and medium enterprise (SME) entrepreneurs to bring dynamism in the economy, FBCCI president said yesterday.

Anisul Huq said the government should impose taxes on the import of certain goods, as local SME entrepreneurs are now able to supply the same products to meet local demand.

Huq was speaking at a press conference at the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) office, on the eve of the fourth SME fair, due on May 24-27 at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre where various SME entrepreneurs would showcase their products in about 100 stalls.

Huq said Standard



Anisul Huq, president of Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), speaks to the press in Dhaka yesterday, on the eve of the SME Fair 2009 beginning Sunday.

Chartered Bank would award seven SME entrepreneurs under seven different categories at the fair.

He said each award winner would receive \$500, denominated in the local currency, a crest and a certificate.

The fair would be from 10 am to 9 pm and the entry fee has been fixed at Tk 10 a person, he said.

He said agro based industrial products, light engineering products, ceramic and melamine products, dairy and dairy feed products, fisheries and fish feed, poultry, poultry hatchery and poultry feed, diversified jute products, electric goods, vegetable and fruits, and furniture would be put on display at the fair.



New regional head of Nokia Siemens Networks

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Nokia Siemens Networks, a leading provider of communications services with global operations, has recently made Kritika Mahattanakul the head of the company's Asia North sub region, says a press release.

Kritika, a postgraduate in Management, is a veteran in the telecommunications industry with 20 years of international experience.

Prior to this new appointment, he was the head of service sales of Latin America region based in Mexico.

US new jobless claims dip

AFP, Washington

New jobless claims by American workers fell to 631,000 in the past week, the Labor Department said Thursday in a report slightly worse than expected by most analysts.

The agency said seasonally adjusted initial claims in the week to May 16 dropped by 12,000 from the previous

week's revised figure of 643,000.

Analysts had expected the number of requests for weekly unemployment benefits to be around 625,000.

A labor official said the newly unemployed were mostly from the troubled auto industry, where top players General Motors and Chrysler were undergoing

major restructuring as a prolonged recession took a heavy toll on the world's largest economy.

The weekly initial claims data, a snapshot on the labor market, has shown new claims above the 600,000 level for about three months as the country grapples with a severe recession but is down from a peak of 674,000 in late March.



Mokbul Ahmed, marketing director of Singer Bangladesh Ltd, and Ahsan Afzal, general manager (unsecured loans and consumer transaction banking) of Standard Chartered Bank (SCB), sign an agreement in Dhaka recently. Under the deal, all customers of the bank will enjoy a range of benefits at Singer showrooms.

Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation

Chinishilpa Bhaban, 3, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000

Invitation for Tenders

Ref No. BSFIC/PD-2/Bag-3(1)/2009-10 Dated: 17-5-2009

Sealed tenders are invited only from the bonafide govt./non-government, private manufacturers of polypropylene bag for supply of 50kgs capacity polypropylene bag with 50 micron inner liner on free delivery at sugar mills site basis as defined in the tender document under the following terms and conditions:

- Ministry/Division : Ministry of Industries.
- Name of procuring entity : Bangladesh Sugar & Food Ind. Corporation.
- Procurement method : Open tendering method.
- Source of fund : Own source.
- Tender No & date : BSFIC/PD-2/Bag-3(1)/09-10 dated 17-5-2009.
- Time for completion of delivery : From 1st November to 31st December, 2009.
- Eligibility of tenderers : Must be manufacturer.
- Price of tender document : Tk. 2,000.00 (two thousand) only (non-refundable).
- Amount of tender security : Tk. 8.00 (eight) lac (refundable).
- Name and address of the office for selling tender documents : DGM (Cash), BSFIC, 7th floor, Chinishilpa Bhaban, 3, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.
- Name and address of the office for dropping & opening of tender : Secretariat Division, BSFIC (5th floor), Chinishilpa Bhaban, 3, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.
- Last date & time for selling tender documents : All working days up to 24-6-2009.
- Last date and time for submission of tender : Up to 11.00am on 25-6-2009.
- Date and time for opening of tender : At 11.10am on 25-6-2009.
- Name & designation of official inviting tender : Md Abul Kalam Azad, Chief (Purchase).
- Special condition : The corporation reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. If there is govt. holiday or unavoidable situation arises on the date fixed for tender dropping/opening, in those cases, the next normal working day will be considered valid date for dropping/opening of the tender at the same time.
- Name & quantity of goods : 50 kgs capacity 9,00,000 (nine lac) pc. (± 15%) at buyers option polypropylene bag with 50 micron inner liner.

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Md Abul Kalam Azad
Chief (Purchase)

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

চিকিৎসা তত্ত্বাবধায়কের কার্যালয়
বঙ্গবাসী হাসপাতাল, ফৌজদারহাট, চট্টগ্রাম

স্মারক নং-স্বাস/প্রশা-০৯/১৫৪ তারিখ- ১১/০৫/০৯ই

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

০১	মন্ত্রণালয়	পাশ্চাৎ ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়।
০২	ক্রম/সিদ্ধান্তকারী দপ্তর	বঙ্গবাসী হাসপাতাল, ফৌজদারহাট, চট্টগ্রাম।
০৩	ক্রম/সিদ্ধান্তের পত্র/প্রতিষ্ঠান	চট্টগ্রাম।
০৪	দরপত্রের/কাজের নাম/বর্ণন	ক) বৌদীনের পধ্য সামগ্রী সরবরাহ। খ) দেশিনারী ও বিবিধ সামগ্রী সরবরাহ। গ) লিনেন যৌতুকরণ।
০৫	দরপত্র আহ্বানের স্মারক নং ও তারিখ	স্মারক নং-১৫৪ তারিখ: ১১/০৫/০৯ই।
০৬	ক্রম/সিদ্ধান্তের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
০৭	বাজেট ও তহবিলের উৎস	বাজেট (২০০৯-১০)।
০৮	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	১১/০৫/২০০৯ই বঙ্গাব্দ।
০৯	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	০৭/০৬/২০০৯ই (বেলা ২.০০ ঘটিকা)।
১০	দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	০৮/০৬/২০০৯ই বেলা ১২টা পর্যন্ত।
১১	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০৮/০৬/২০০৯ই বেলা ১২.১৫ মিনিট।
১২	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের অফিস	চিকিৎসা তত্ত্বাবধায়কের কার্যালয়, বঙ্গবাসী হাসপাতাল ও পরিচালক (স্বাস্থ্য), চট্টগ্রাম বিভাগ, চট্টগ্রাম এর কার্যালয়।
১৩	দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলার অফিস	পরিচালক (স্বাস্থ্য), চট্টগ্রাম বিভাগ, চট্টগ্রাম এর কার্যালয়।
১৪	দরপত্রের বৈধতা	হাসপাতাল টেন্ডার লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন ও ২০০৮-০৯ কব বর্ষের আয়কর পরিশোধ সনদপত্রের কপি প্রাকযোগ্যতা প্রমাণের জন্য সিভিল টেন্ডার প্রদর্শন করিতে হইবে।
১৫	কাজের বর্ণনা	এক ওয়ারী সিডিউলে বর্ণনা মতে।
১৬	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য ও নিরাপত্তা জামানত	৪০০/- টাকা

ক্রম	সিডিউলের মূল্য	নিরাপত্তা জামানত
ক) গ্রুপ-বৌদীনের পধ্য সামগ্রী সরবরাহ।	৪০০/-	টাকা ৫০,০০০/-
খ) গ্রুপ-দেশিনারী ও বিবিধ সামগ্রী সরবরাহ।	৪০০/-	টাকা ১,৫০০/-
গ) গ্রুপ-লিনেন যৌতুকরণ।	৪০০/-	টাকা ১,৫০০/-

১৭ দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম : ডাঃ শাহজাহান মাহমুদ

১৮ দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর পদবী : চিকিৎসা তত্ত্বাবধায়ক

১৯ দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর ঠিকানা : বঙ্গবাসী হাসপাতাল, ফৌজদারহাট, চট্টগ্রাম।

২০ ক্রয়কারী কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র আর্থিক/পূর্ণ গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

ডাঃ শাহজাহান মাহমুদ
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তারিখ: ১৫৪

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka

Invitation for Tender

1.	Name of the work	Construction of shoulder concrete strip at both sides of runway of Osmani International Airport, Sylhet (SH- Repair of junction of rigid pavement and flexible pavement of runway shoulder (south & north side).			
2.	Source of fund	Capital Expenditure (Investment of Fixed Asset) Code No. 100			
3.	Tender package No.	16/2008-09 (Osmani)			
4.	Invitation for tenders Ref No. & date	CAAB/W-16(A)/Part-3/2342 dated: 10-05-2009			
5.	Eligibility of tenderers	CAAB enlisted A-special class (civil) or above class contractor/contractor having licence of equivalent or above class in any govt/semi-govt/autonomous organization and who have experience in successful completion of civil work valued Tk 27 (twenty-seven) lac in a single work order during last 5 (five) years in any govt/semi-govt/autonomous organization can apply for purchasing tender document.			
6.	Name and address of the offices selling tender document	a) Superintendent Engineer, P&D/QS Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b) Executive Engineer, Civil Division-3, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. c) Accounts Officer, CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka. d) PA to Member (Ops & Plns), CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka. e) PA to Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka. f) Airport Manager, Osmani Int'l Airport, Sylhet. g) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka.			
7.	Name and address of the offices receiving tender	a) Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka.			
8.	Name and address of the office opening tender	Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka in presence of the contractor or their representative (if any).			
9.	Last date and time for selling tender document	21-06-2009 up to 12.00 hours.			
10.	Last date and time for submission of tenders	23-06-2009 up to 12.00 hours.			
11.	Date and time for opening of tenders	23-06-2009 at 16.00 hours.			
12.	Special instructions	At the time of purchasing tender schedule, attested copy of affidavit/articles of memorandum/joint venture agreement/partnership agreement to be enclosed along with the application.			
13.	Brief description of goods and services (works and service)				
Lot No	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document in Taka	Tender security in Taka (refundable)	Time for completion in days/ weeks/ months
	Repair of junction of rigid pavement and flexible pavement of runway shoulder (south & north side) (As per description of schedule attached with the tender document)	Osmani Int'l Airport, Sylhet	Tk 1000/- (one thousand) only (non-refundable)	Tk 1,35,000/- (one lac thirty-five thousand) only to be furnished in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay-Order/irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Superintendent Engineer, P&D/QS Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.	30 (thirty) days
14.	Special conditions	The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.			

CAAB/PR-88/2009/731
Date: 18-5-2009
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Harunur Rashid Bhuiyan
Chief Engineer (CC)
Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh