

All but one govt schools in Barisal division run without headmaster

Study badly hampered as 17 of them run without Asst headmaster, half of Asst teachers' posts also vacant

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Academic and administrative activities of government high schools in Barisal division are being hampered due to acute shortage of teachers, especially those in the administrative posts.

An astounding 19 of the 20 government high schools in Barisal division are running without any regular headmaster while 17 of them have no assistant headmasters, said sources at the office of Deputy Director of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education in Barisal.

About half of 439 posts of assistant teachers are also lying vacant, much to the sufferings of the teachers and students.

In the division, Barisal Zila School is the only government school that has a regular headmaster at present. However, the two posts of assistant headmasters in the school are lying

vacant.

Another government high school in the divisional headquarters, Barisal Girls' High School is running without a regular headmaster.

Jhalakathi Government High School and Government Harachandra Girls High School in Jhalakathi district, Pirojpur Government High School and Pirojpur Government Girls High School, Bhandaria Bandar Government Girls High School, Government KG Union High School and SE Government Girls School in Pirojpur district, Barguna Government High School in Barguna district, Bhola Government Girls High School, Bhola Government High School, Daulat Khan Government Girls High School, Daulat Khan Government High School, Chandpur Government High School and Fazlulnnesa Government Girls High School in Bhola district, Patuakhali Government Girls High

School have neither regular headmaster nor assistant headmaster.

In absence of regular headmasters, assistant headmasters are conducting the work at Barguna Government Girls High School and Patuakhali Government Jubilee High School.

"Many schools in Pirojpur, Mathbaria, Barisal or Bhola are running with four or five teachers," said Noni Gopal Joldas, deputy director of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education in Barisal.

"There are only five teachers in my school. But posting of a headmaster, an assistant headmaster and two other teachers are needed for smooth functioning of the institution," said the acting headmaster of Bhandaria Bandar Government Girls High School.

Many teachers said irregularity and complications in recruitment and promotion, failure to formulate an

'acceptable gradation list' for the teachers and the authorities' indifference to the needs of the schools are responsible for the prevailing teacher crisis.

Despite having competence, many teachers do not 'qualify' for the position of headmaster, thanks to irregularities in promotion, said a teacher wishing anonymity.

Several teachers criticised the Ministry of Education and the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education for failure to reach consensus on framing a teachers' gradation list.

Asked about the vacant posts of a large number of teachers including headmasters and assistant headmasters in the region, DD Noni Gopal Joldas said he has written to the Ministry of Education several times in this regard, but to no effect.



PHOTO: STAR

Pro-Awami League employees of Power Development Board (PDB) hang a signboard styled Jatiya Bidyut Sramik League on the house meant for official residence of the PDB resident engineer in Nilphamari as they are using it as their district unit office.

PDB house used as pro-AL employees' political office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Pro-Awami League employees of the district office of Power Development Board (PDB) are using the resident engineer's (RE) official residence as Bangladesh Jatiya Bidyut Sramik League office.

During a visit to the RE's official residence on Monday, this correspondent found a signboard of the district office of Bangladesh Jatiya Bidyut Sramik League on the front part of the house where some Sramik League men were gossiping.

The imam of the local PDB office mosque now lives with his family in the other part of the building. An illegal power connection was given to the Sramik League office and the imam's house from the electricity lines on the road.

When asked, the imam said PDB employees made arrangement for his living in the abandoned house there without rent.

He admitted using electricity without paying bill but said that he did not know whether it was legal or illegal as the PDB employees managed it for him as well as for their Bidyut Sramik League office.

Over a year ago, the present RE shifted his office from Sabujpara to the outskirts of the town on temporary basis for repair but nobody knows when the repair work would begin, said a PDB official.

The large complex of local PDB office in Sabujpara comprises a complaint centre, godown, storeroom, RE's residence and employees' quarters. The employees live in their quarters but the RE does not

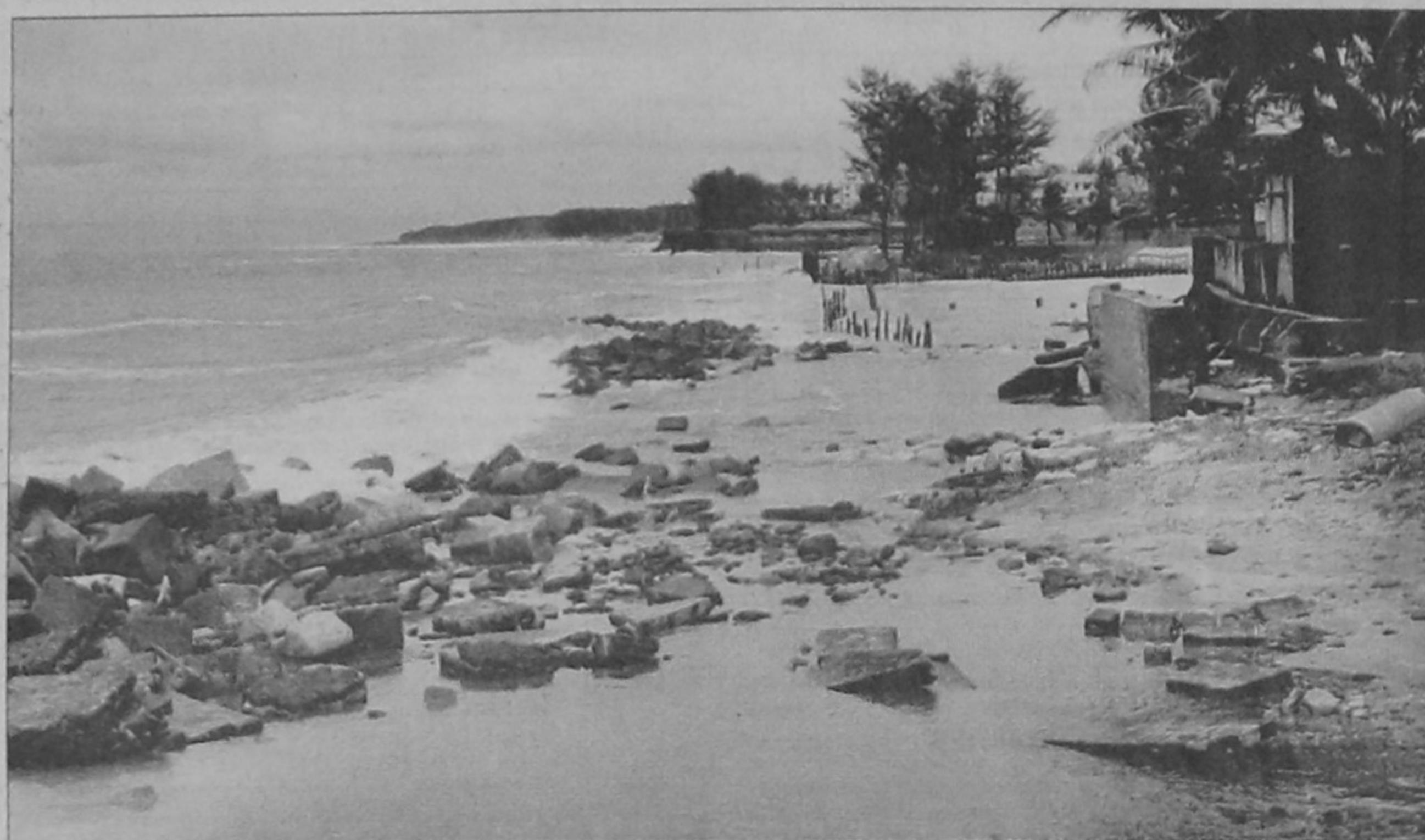
live in his official residence.

The leaders of different employees' unions are now conspiring to occupy the buildings and spaces in the name of their organisations, PDB sources said.

The president of the district unit of Bangladesh Jatiya Bidyut Sramik League, Farhad Hossain claimed that they were 'temporarily' using the RE's abandoned residence as their organisational office with due permission.

When contacted, the resident engineer of the district PDB office Tajul Islam said he did not give any permission to the RE's official residence into Sramik League office.

"I live in the local dakhunglow. The resident engineer's official residence has remained abandoned for long. My predecessors also did not live in it," he headed.



As well marked low persists over the Bay, tidal waves hitting the sea beach in Cox's Bazar causes erosion to the picturesque beach in Himchhari and damage to the jhau trees along the coast.

SNIPPETS

Abducted child found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Body of a child, abducted on Monday night, was recovered from a ditch at Sarabari village in Ghatail upazila yesterday. Victim Sumaiya, 3, was daughter of Hanif Uddin of the village. In absence of Hanif, a gang of criminals stormed into his house at midnight on Monday. They tied up Hanif's wife Farida Begum and abducted Sumaiya, police and family sources said. An abduction case was filed with Ghatail Police Station the following day. Locals found Sumaiya's body in a ditch and informed the police who recovered the body and sent it to Tangail General Hospital morgue for autopsy. "The incident is mysterious because Sumaiya's parents claimed that they had no previous enmity with anyone," said the officer-in-charge of Ghatail Police Station.

Robbers loot house

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Robbers looted valuables worth about Tk 15 lakh from a house at village Monipur-Kabila in Burchang upazila early yesterday. Introducing themselves as members of the Detective Branch (DB) of police, a gang of 10-12 robbers stormed into the house of Abdul Sattar Bhuiyan at around 4:30am. They beat up the family members, confined them to a room and took away the valuables.

Rapist gets life in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The Children and Women Repression Prevention Court, Dinajpur, yesterday sentenced a man to life imprisonment (RI) for raping a girl in Parbatipur upazila, court sources said. According to the prosecution, convict Saiful Islam, 25, of village Morenai under the upazila, confined a 14-year-old girl to a house on August 14, 2005 and raped her. Later, the victim's mother filed a case accusing Saiful. After examining the witnesses and other evidence, the court pronounced the verdict.

Woman murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Unidentified criminals killed a woman by slitting her throat while she was asleep at her house at village Gadaipur under Assasuni upazila on Tuesday night. The victim, Monowara Khatun, 30, was the first wife of Anwarul Islam, police said. On information, the law enforcers rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Satkhira Hospital morgue for autopsy. Police arrested victim's husband Anwar for his alleged involvement in the killing said.

Hostels for Bandarban students

BSS, Bandarban

The government will set up five more hostels for the primary students in four upazilas of the district involving Tk 10 crore. The upazilas are Thanchi, Ruma, Ruangchhari and Lama. Chairman of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Development Board Bir Bahadur yesterday said the step was aimed at spreading primary education in remote areas of CHT. Each three-storied building will accommodate at least 100 students. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) will implement the project and the construction process will begin from next

Raped schoolgirl rescued, criminal held in Jessore

Army man arrested on rape charge in Rangpur

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Police rescued an abducted schoolgirl from Noldanga village under Kaliganj upazila in Jhenidah and arrested her alleged rapist on Monday night while Mithapukur police arrested an army man on Tuesday night on charge of raping a nurse in Rangpur.

Police said Shishir Parmanik of Shasttilata area in Jessore town and his gang abducted a schoolgirl from Shankarpur on September 24, reports a correspondent from Jessore.

Following her father's filing an abduction case against six people with Jessore Kotoali Police Station on Sunday, police arrested Shishir and rescued the girl from his relative's house at Noldanga village on Monday night.

In her statement before a Jessore court on Tuesday, the girl said Shishir forcibly brought her to his relative's house and raped her several times.

The criminal also marked her forehead with red line, the sign of a Hindu married woman, although she is a Muslim girl, she said.

Our Rangpur correspondent reports:

Mithapukur police arrested an army sergeant working at Rangpur Cantonment on Tuesday night as he was accused of raping a nurse of a private clinic in Rangpur.

Military police took the accused, Mizanur Rahman, to the cantonment after a general diary (GD) was lodged with Mithapukur Police Station.

Mizanur developed physical relation with the nurse promising to marry her, Mithapukur police said referring to the GD.

As Mizanur went to the woman's village home in Mithapukur upazila following her invitation on Monday night, she asked him to marry her, police said.

But Mizanur declined to marry and the woman with

Station on Tuesday night when police lodged a GD in this connection and informed Rangpur Cantonment, Mithapukur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Altaf Hossain said.

Then an army team took him to Rangpur Cantonment, he added.

Later Mithapukur police sent the nurse to Rangpur Kotwali Police Station and the officer-in-charge there lodged a case under Woman and Children Repression Prevention Act and sent her to Rangpur Central Jail through the court to keep her in safe custody.

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Ministry of Food & Disaster Management
Disaster Management & Relief Bhaban (4th Floor)
92-93, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212

DMB/Plan/ECRRP/Recruit-13/2009-286 Date: 29 Sept., 2009

Recruitment of Specialist(s)

Disaster Management Bureau (DMB) announces vacancies for the following positions for Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project (ECRRP) under "Service Contract" modality. The duration of the contract is one year initially and subject to renewal on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance.

1. Financial Management and Procurement Specialist (National) 01 Position
2. Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Specialist (National) 01 Position

For details of the terms of reference and instructions to apply, please visit DMB web-site: www.dmb.gov.bd. Interested candidates are requested to apply along with a cover letter and detailed CV including two passport size photograph on or before 13th October 2009 to the following address:

Director General, Disaster Management Bureau, Disaster Management & Relief Bhaban (4th Floor), 92-93, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212.

The position should be mentioned on the top of the envelope. Salary and allowances will be fixed up according to the provision of the project. Only short-listed candidate will be contacted. Submitted documents will not be returned to the applicants.

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Memo No.: 01/PGCB/Sec(Procurement-RPP)/2009/3758

Date: September 30, 2009

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF STEEL POLES AND CONDUCTOR/ EARTHWIRE/ INSULATOR FITTINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 132KV TRANSMISSION LINES AND SUBSTATION GANTRY, STRUCTURE FOR EVACUATION OF POWER FROM RENTAL POWER PLANTS (RPP) AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

Contract No. PGCB/PROC-RPP/2009/02

1. The Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. (PGCB) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for procurement of steel poles and conductor/earthwire/insulator fittings for construction of 132KV transmission lines and substation gantry, structure etc. by its own finance. Details of the scope of work are specified in the bidding document.
2. Bidding will be conducted in accordance with PGCB's Single-Stage: Two-Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries.
3. Bidders shall meet the following minimum requirements along with other requirements as mentioned in the bidding documents:
 - (a) Bidders (partner in charge in case of Joint Venture) shall have an experience of completion of at least three supply & delivery Contracts within last ten years in which at least one Contract shall be consists of steel pole supply as on the date of bid opening.
 - (b) Bidders shall provide Audited Financial statements or other forms of Financial Statements such as Balance Sheets/Financial Statements certified by a registered accountant and supported by copies of tax returns for the last three years as documentary evidence regarding Liquid Assets and Annual Turnover with their Bids. The minimum average Liquid Assets & Annual Turnover for last three years for the Bidder's organization or Joint Venture shall not be less than the following:
 - (i) Liquid Assets: Bangladesh Taka 2.0 crore
 - (ii) Annual Turnover: Bangladesh Taka 5.0 crore
4. The partner in charge in case of Joint Venture shall meet not less than 50% and each partner of the Joint Venture shall meet not less than 25% of the minimum criteria given above item (b)(i) & (ii).
5. The supply and delivery under this Contract shall be completed within 03 (three) months from the signing of the Contract.
6. Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect and acquire the bidding documents at the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. (PGCB), The Institute of Engineers Bangladesh Bhaban (3rd Floor), IEB Ramna, Dhaka-1000. Tel: 9550514, 9558054, 9553663, 7169709, 9560064. Fax: 880-2-717183.
7. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application to the Company Secretary, PGCB at the above address and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Bangladesh Taka 2,000.00 (Bangladesh Taka two thousand only) in the form of Pay Order/ Demand Draft in favour of the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. The bidding Document shall be available from October 07, 2009 to November 09, 2009 upto 16.00 Hrs Bangladesh Standard Time.
8. Bidders are to submit simultaneously two sealed envelopes, one containing the technical bid and another containing the price bid. Initially only the technical bids will be opened. The price bids will remain un-opened and will be kept in the custody of the Employer until the time of opening of the price bids.
9. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Bangladesh Taka 12,00,000.00 (Bangladesh taka twelve lac only) and must be delivered to the Company Secretary, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd., The Institute of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB) Bhaban (4th Floor), IEB Ramna, Dhaka-1000 at or before 11:00am Bangladesh Standard Time on November 10, 2009. The bid security must be included with the technical bid.
10. The technical bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
11. The price bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend the time and date and at the address to be advised by the Employer after approval of the ADB of the evaluation of the technical bids.
12. PGCB will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids including costs and expenses related to visits to the sites of installation of the Works.
13. PGCB reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all bid(s) without assigning any reason thereof.

Md. Ashraf Hossain
Company Secretary