

4-day BDR-BSF conference opens in Sylhet

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A 4-day conference between the border forces of India and Bangladesh began at a Sylhet hotel yesterday afternoon.

The conference aims to promote greater understanding between the border guards of the neighbouring countries and to resolve long-standing issues, said a Bangladeshi Rifles (BDR) source.

The conference will address trans-border problems such as trafficking, arms smuggling, barbed wire fencing and river disputes. The BDR will also raise the issue of Bangladeshi nationals being arrested, kidnapped or killed by Indian nationals or India's Border Security Force (BSF) in border areas. The adverse possession of land on both sides will also be discussed.

Eighteen members of the BDR and 13 members of the BSF are taking part in the conference.

India's delegation is led by SK Mishra, inspector general of the BSF, Tipura, Mizoram and Cachhar frontier. BDR DDG Brigadier General Mohd Obaidul Haque leads the team of officials from Bangladesh.

Other members of India's delegation include the inspector general of Assam and Meghalaya frontier Prithvi Raj, plus 15 deputy inspector generals. Sector commanders of Chittagong, Comilla, Rangamati, Khagrachhari, Mymensingh and Sylhet as well as representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs

are also attending. India's border force team crossed Tamabil border at 11:00am and were welcomed by BDR Sylhet Sector Commander Colonel Neamul Islam Fatemi.

Conference delegates will travel from Sylhet to Dhaka today to take part in a programme in the capital until November 6. The conference will conclude on November 7 in Sylhet city.

One beaten to death

UNB, Narsingdi

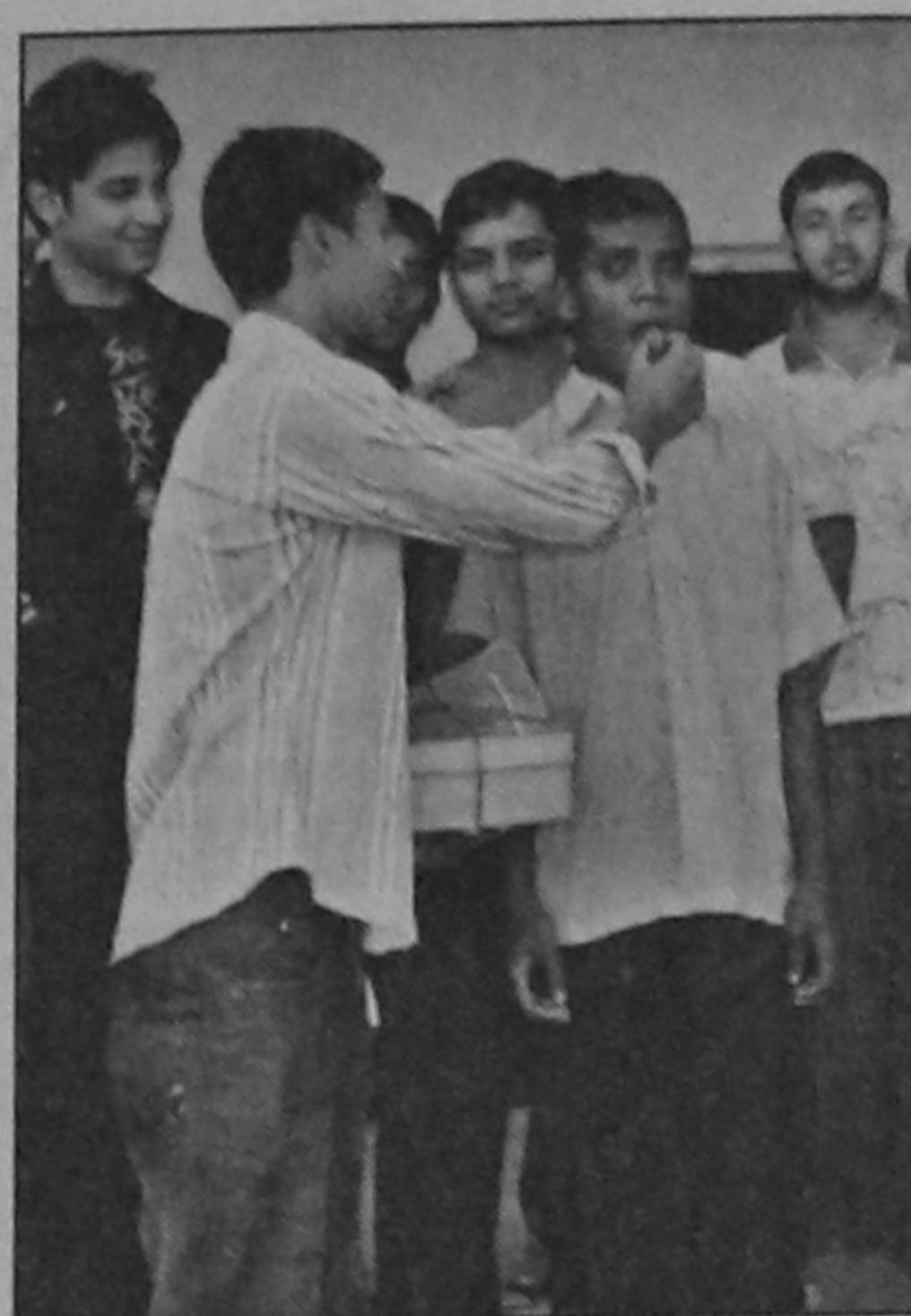
A farmer was killed and three women members of his family were injured in an attack at Dulalpur village in Shibpur upazila on Sunday midnight. Locals said, Based Fakir, 35, was attacked and killed due to land dispute.

Police said Based and one Tara Miah of neighbouring Duttargaon village had a long-standing dispute over a piece of land.

As a sequel to the conflict, Tara Miah along with his supporters attacked the house of Based at about 12 midnight and beat him up mercilessly, leaving Based critically injured.

The attackers also beat up Based's mother, wife and daughter as they came to his rescue.

All the injured were admitted to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital where the on-duty doctor declared Based dead.



Members of Prothom Alo Bandhusava celebrate the 11th founding anniversary of the national daily across the country yesterday. From left: Bandhusava members at Panchagarh entertain visually impaired people with sweets, plant trees on the ground of Kamalapur High School in the district and form an anti-drug human chain in Thakurgaon town.

GRENAD ATTACK AT SYLHET GULSHAN CENTRE Charge-framing date deferred to Nov 24

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday again deferred charge-framing against the accused in the case for grenade attack on AL men on Gulshan centre premises in 2004 as prime accused Huji chief Mufti Hannan could not be produced in the court.

District and Sessions Judge Md Momin Ullah fixed November 24 for framing charges against six accused in the case.

The accused are Mufti Hannan, his brother Mufti

Muhibullah alias Muhibur Rahman Ovi, Mufti Main Uddin Sheikh alias Abu Zandal, Humayun Kabir Himu, Sharif Shahedul Alam Bipul and Delwar Hossain Ripon. Of them, Himu is still at large.

Police, however, produced Muhibullah, Matin, Bipul and Rahim in the court. The judge asked the jail officials not to send the four to any other jail without permission of the court.

Sylhet city AL publicity secretary Mohammad Ibrahim Ali was killed and 50 others were injured in the grenade attack on the pre-

misses of the Gulshan centre minutes after a meeting of the city AL on the night of August 7, 2004.

Sylhet City Corporation Mayor Badar Uddin Kamran, also the city AL chief, escaped the attack as he had left the scene just minutes before the incident.

The then Inspector of the criminal Investigation Department (CID) Md Zobayer Ahmed submitted two charge sheets-- one under Special Powers Act and the other for killing--against the six on September 20, 2008.

Mother of slain Shibli seeks justice

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Gaibandha

Mother of slain Shibli Begum at a press conference yesterday demanded punishment of the killers of her daughter.

Shibli Begum of village Pabantair under Saghata upazila was married to Moshir Rahman of the same village on March 3 in 2006, said Shibli's mother Marjina Bewa, reading out a written statement at the conference at Gaibandha Press Club hall room.

After a year, Moshir started torturing Shibli for dowry and at one stage divorced her for failing to meet the demand, Marjina said.

Shibli filed a case claiming unpaid den mohar of Tk one lakh 20 thousand and the trial court gave verdict ordering Moshir Rahman to pay Tk 1,25,799 as den mohar to the plaintiff.

Being furious, Moshir on September 18 night this year kidnapped Shibli, strangled her to death and hung the body from a tree branch, the victim's mother said at the press conference.

Police recovered the body next morning and sent to Gaibandha hospital for autopsy.

Tk 2.5cr bill drawn without sinking any tube well!

6 engineers, 3 cashiers and 20 contractors chargesheeted

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Barisal

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has submitted charge sheets against six ex-engineers and three cashiers of Barisal divisional office of the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) and 20 contractors for drawing bills of Tk 2.53 crore without sinking tube wells during 1995-96 and 2000-2001 financial years.

Assistant Director of Barisal Divisional ACC office Rammohan Nath, also the investigation Officer (IO) of the case, submitted four charge sheets to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court on Sunday.

The accused are ex-chief engineers MD Kadaruzzaman and Abdur Rahman Mia, ex-executive engineer MA Wahab Mia, ex-deputy divisional engineers Abdul Bari and Nurul Huda Chowdhury, ex-

deputy assistant engineer Abdus Salam, and cashiers Sirajul Islam, Miraj Hasan and Ali Mortuza.

Executive Engineer Md Yunus Ali filed a criminal case on November 3, 2007 with Kotwali Police Station against only 30 contractors for drawing bills of Tk 2.53 crore without sinking tube wells during 1995-96 and 2000-2001 financial years.

The case was later referred to the ACC that conducted an investigation and found the involvement of six engineers and three cashiers of DPHE and 20 contractors in the corruption.

DPHE Barisal division sanctioned the money for sinking tube wells in 11 south-western districts including Faridpur, Sariatpur, Madaripur, Rajbari and Kishoreganj.



Army Headquarters
E In C's Branch
Works Directorate
Dhaka Cantonment

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

Appointment of Consultant for Preparation of Design, Drawing for Academic Building and 1x52 'E' Type Residential Building of DSCSC at Mirpur Cantt.

Notice No. 600/15/07/2009-2010/E-6

Dated: 01 Nov 2009

Military Engineer Services

1. Army Headquarters, Engineer in Chief's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment has been allocated public fund from the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) toward cost of the Drawing, Design & Estimating etc. of Academic Building of international standard and 1x52 'E' type residential building of DSCSC at Mirpur and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this fund to payment under the contract for 'Appointment of Consultant for Preparation of Design, Drawing for Construction of Academic Building and 1x52 'E' type residential building of DSCSC at Mirpur Cantt'.

2. The services to be provided are:

a. Preparation of plan, drawing, design, soil test, priced bill of quantities with detail specification against the items of work including all other related services etc. of following works. Model also be prepared.

(1) 8-storied Academic Building with 8-storied foundation including internal/external services.

(2) 1x52 'E' type residential building (14-storey and one basement floor) including internal/external services.

(3) Plumbing & sanitary system, sewerage & sewage disposal, Telephone line, Intercom & Internet system, Dish Antenna System, Room AC (where required), RCC retaining wall, Road/Hardstanding, Surface drain, External electric supply with Generator and Transformer, External Water Supply with Reservoir, Pump house, Gas supply, Lift, Audio visual and PABX system, Fire fighting system, Site development, Lightening conductor, Signal aviation, Furniture layout etc. and Security alarm system.

3. Army Headquarters, Engineer in Chief's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment now invites to indicate their Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible experienced consulting firms for preparation of design, drawing, estimating, priced bills of quantities, soil test etc. for Construction of 8-storey Academic Building with 8-storied foundation and 1x52 'E' type residential building (14-storey and one basement floor) of DSCSC at Mirpur Cantt and other related services as required in providing services. Interested consulting firm must provide the following information indicating that they are qualified to perform services:

a. Brochures.

b. Background of the consulting firm.

c. Experience of performing similar type of job.

d. Financial capability of the consulting firm.

e. Bio-data of skilled professionals who will perform the job.

f. General and relevant experience of the consulting firm.

g. Experience in similar operating condition.

4. Consultant must fulfill the following criteria:

a. Year of experience must not less than 10 years of a Firm/Company/JVC/Firm of Association.

b. Consultant must have at least 02 (two) Graduate Architects with minimum experience of 12 years and at least 02 (two) Graduate Structural Engineers with minimum of 12 years experience as fulltime employee.

c. Consultants must have completed at least one multi-storied Academic Building of any University or Training Institute and one 12-storied residential building OR minimum three 12-storied residential/commercial building last 10 years.

d. Additional experiences and qualification mentioned in para 4a, 4b, 4c will get preference for the selection of consultant.

e. Consultant without having eligible criteria may not apply for EOI.

5. A short-listing will be made as per Public Procurement Regulation 2008. A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with quality and cost based selection (QCBS) method of the Public Procurement Regulation 2008 issued by Government of Bangladesh.

6. Interested consultants may obtain further information from GE (Army) Mirpur, Mirpur Cantonment, Telephone Number 8061496 during normal office hours (0730 to 1400 hours).

22 November 2009 within office hours.

8. Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOI without any reason.

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Five robbers held in Pabna, 6 kidnappers in Patuakhali

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Five alleged robbers were held and arms recovered from them in Pabna yesterday while six people held in Patuakhali on Tuesday on charge of kidnapping a businessman.

Our Correspondent in Pabna reports: Atgoria police early yesterday arrested five alleged robbers and recovered firearms and sharp weapons from them at Sanjoypur village of Atgoria upazila.

The arrestees are Zohurul Islam, 26, son of Abdur Rahman of village Kumareswarpur, Amol Kumar Sarkar, 35, son of Gour Sarkar of Sanjoypur, Swapon Ali, 25, son of Hossain Pramanik of Sanjoypur, Rimal Fakir, 30, son of Yakub Fakir and Billal Fakir, 30, son of Hoyzal Fakir of village Chandva under Atgoria upazila.

Police said, the five were taking preparation for robbery at Sanjoypur. A pistol, five bullets, a knife, a machete and other sharp weapons were recovered from their possession.

Officer in-charge (OC) of Atgoria police station

Enamul Karim said, all the arrestees are hardened robbers. Zahurul, leader of the gang, is a listed criminal, he said.

In Patuakhali, Rab personnel rescued a businessman and held his six abductors at Galachipa upazila headquarters Tuesday.

Rab sources said, the gang kidnapped businessman Uttam Kumar Samaddar, 30, from Dharandi Bazaar in Sadar upazila Monday afternoon, reports UNB.

The victim was then confined to a room of Dharandi Union Parishad at night where he was tortured and his cell phone and Tk 5,000 looted.

The kidnappers later took Uttam to the house of one Babul Master in Galachipa Tuesday morning and demanded Tk 1.50 lakh ransom.

Being tipped-off, the elite force raided the house and rescued Uttam and arrested six kidnappers -- Russell Chowdhury, Swapan Das, Limon, Arjun Das, Uzzal Das and Bina Rani Das -- at about 1pm Tuesday.

BCC DEMOLITION DRIVE 50 shops knocked down on day one

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Barisal

Barisal City Corporation (BCC) yesterday started demolition of shops constructed illegally on footpaths in the city.

BCC secretary Ranjit Kumar Das told The Daily Star that they launched the drive to free the walkways from the encroachers largely responsible for traffic congestion in busy areas.

BCC mayor Swakat Hossain Hiron recently directed the officials of the corporation's beautification cell to pull down all illegal shops.

Reazul Kabir, road inspector of BCC said the team aided

by police yesterday evicted over 50 establishments including tea stall, food shop in front of Nathullahbath bus terminal.

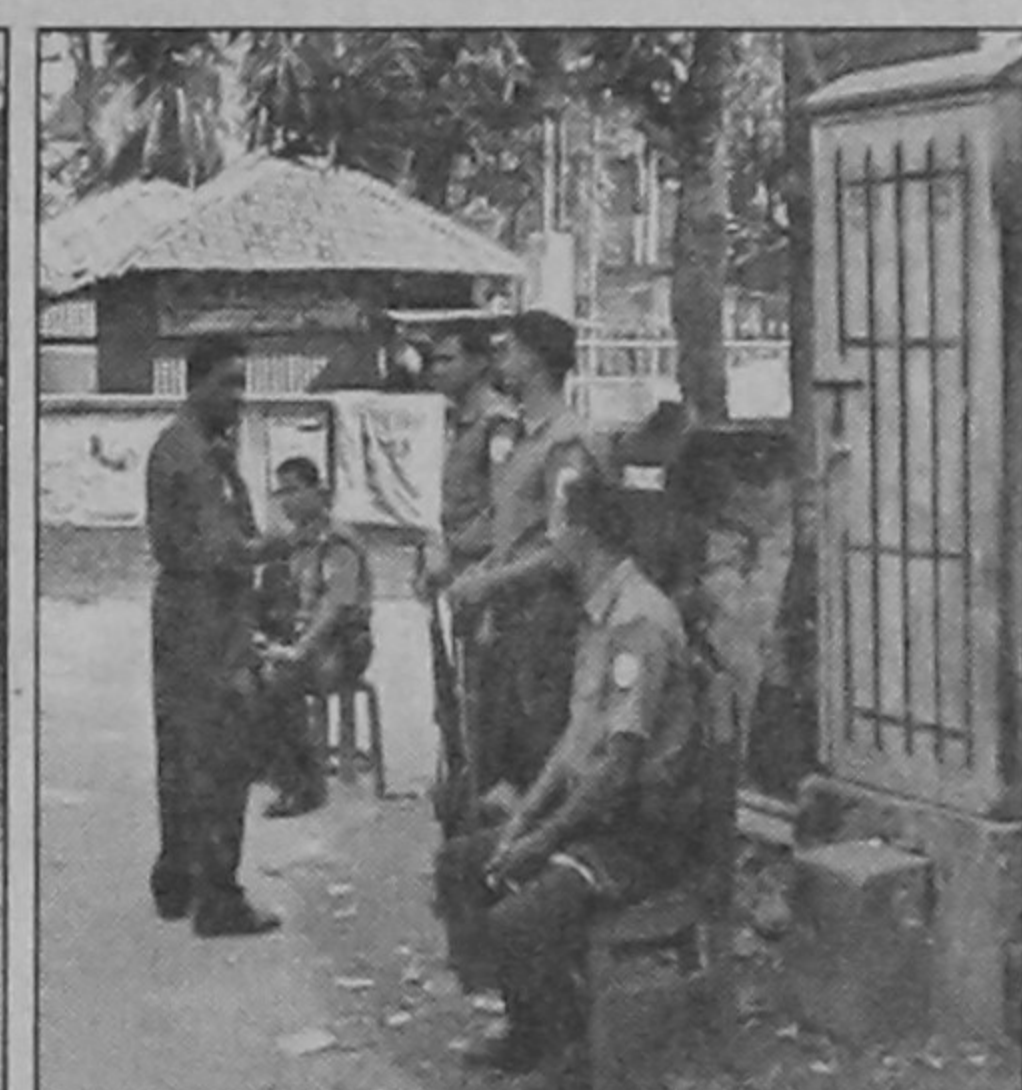
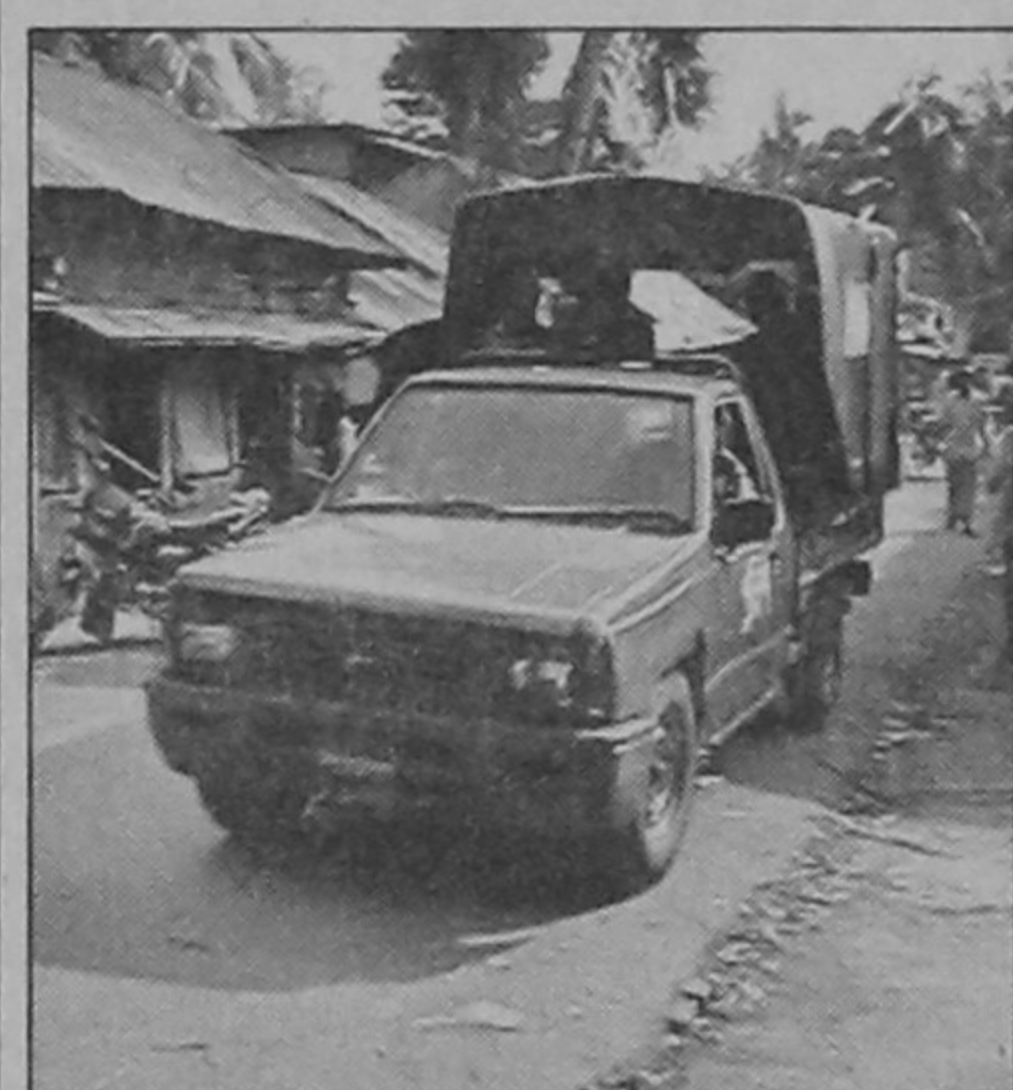
The BCC officials said, they freed footpaths in busy areas several times in the past but the grabbers staged comeback for lack of police vigilance.

It is the duty of police to keep the footpaths free for the convenience of pedestrians, they observed.

But AKM Mahfuzul Haque, assistant commissioner of Barisal Metropolitan Police said, it is the responsibility of the corporation to evict illegal occupants from the footpaths with the help of police force.



Chapinawabganj Chhatra Adhikar Rakkha Committee brings out a procession in the town yesterday demanding 50 percent bus fare concession for students, introduction of BRTC's double decker bus service and end to realisation of additional bus fare.



Police stand alert as the local administration imposed Section 144 at Nazirpur upazila headquarters in Pirojpur district as Bangladesh Chhatra League and Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal called meetings on Shahid Zia College campus at the same time yesterday.

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Ministry of Food and Disaster Management
(Common Service)

Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

MFDM/Sheba Sec./Compu-03/2008/800

Date: 01-11-2009

Open Tender

01.	Ministry	:	Ministry of Food and Disaster Management		
02.	Invitation Ref. No. & Date	:	MFDM/Sheba Sec./Compu-03/2008/800 date-01/11/09		
03.	Invitation for	:	Procurement of Computer		
04.	Procurement method	:	Open tender		
05.	Eligibility of tenderer	:	Purchase receipt of tender document, Trade license valid for 2009-10, Income tax clearance certificate for the 2009-10 fiscal year with TIN number, Bank solvency certificate, VAT registration certificate (up-to-date), experience certificate and other conditions mentioned in the bid document.		
06.	Selling office of tender document	:	Room No. 206, Bldg. No. 4, Ministry of Food & Disaster Management, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.		
07.	Receiving tender document	:	Room No. 206, Bldg. No. 4, Ministry of Food & Disaster Management, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.		
08.	Opening tender document	:	Room No. 206, Bldg. No. 4, Ministry of Food & Disaster Management, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.		
09.	Tender last selling date	:	14 December, 2009.		
10.	Tender closing date and time	:	15 December, 2009 at 2.00 PM		
11.	Tender opening date and time	:	15 December, 2009 at 2.30 PM		
12.	Short description of tender:				
Lot	Identification of Lot	Location	Price of tender document (Non refundable)	Price of tender security (refundable)	Completion time
1.	Computer	MFDM, Secretariat, Dhaka.	Tk. 300/- (Three hundred only)	Tk. 10,000/- (Ten thousand only)	30 days
13.	Name of official inviting tender		DM Golam Faruque		
14.	Designation of official inviting tender		Deputy Secretary (Common Service)		
15.	Address of official inviting tender		Room No. 206, Bldg No. 4, Ministry of Food & Disaster Management, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.		
16.	Contact details of official		Ph. 7165106, E-mail info@mofdm.gov.bd.		

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