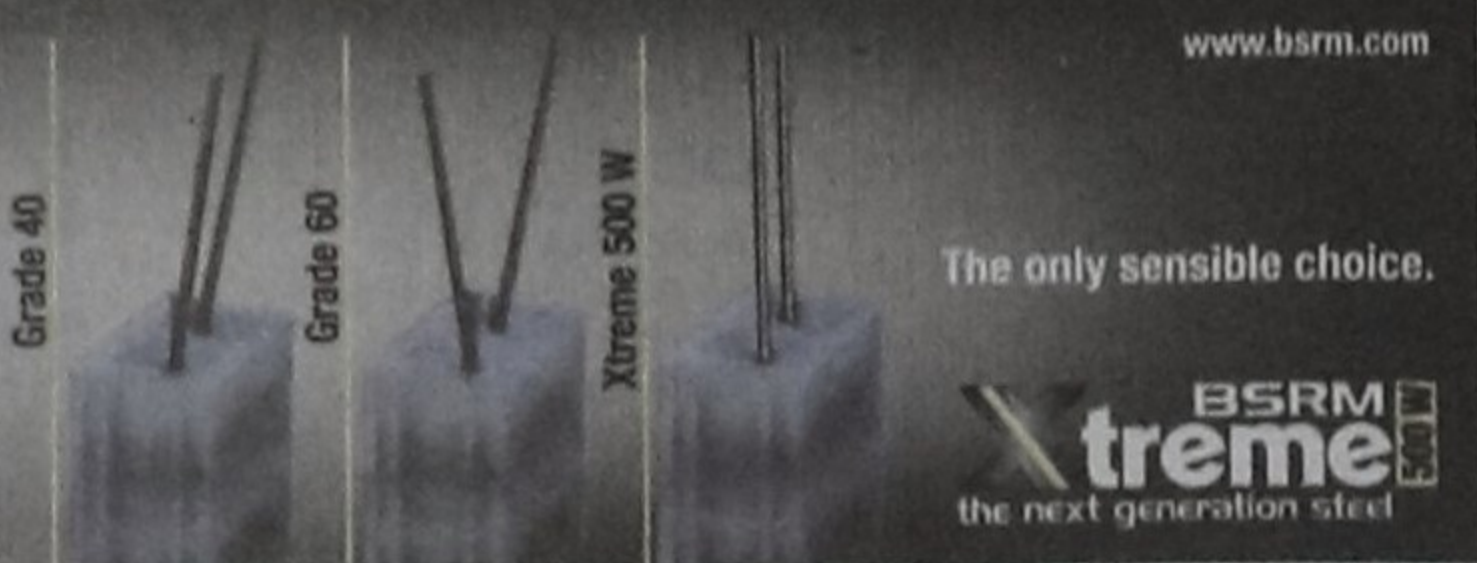


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Fresh drive starts to free Shitalakhya

20 makeshift structures knocked down; auction held for removing sand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) and Narayanganj district administration jointly knocked down a number of makeshift structures on both sides of the river Shitalakhya near Kanchpur Bridge yesterday.

They also put the sand removal work up for auction as part of the ongoing drive to free Shitalakhya from encroachment through sand filling. BIWTA Deputy Director Alamgir Kabir said, "We have dismantled around 20 bamboo-made structures erected on the river banks."

Sand traders Nazrul Islam and Shajalal won the bidding for one lakh taka to remove the sand from Shimrail area located to the north of the Kanchpur Bridge.

Our Narayanganj correspondent adds: SR Enterprise has placed the highest bid for removal of the sand from Ati area

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BIWTA and Narayanganj district administration in a joint drive remove an illegal structure on the bank of the Shitalakhya near Kanchpur Bridge yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Ensure fair trial, justice for victims

Amnesty Int'l on BDR mutiny

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government of Bangladesh must ensure justice for the victims of the February 2009 Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) mutiny by ensuring that all suspects receive a fair trial, said Amnesty International in a report published yesterday.

Amnesty condemned the unlawful killings, hostage taking and other human rights

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ACC chief against bail in graft cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman Golam Rahman yesterday said in case of long-term conviction, graft cases should be non-bailable and if necessary laws should be amended, reports Channel-i.

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Separate pay scale for teachers soon

Says education minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday said the ministry would frame a separate pay scale for the teachers

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Poor response to PDB bidding

Only 28 bids for 10 power plants with 820MW total capacity

SHARIEF KHAN

The Power Development Board (PDB) tender for 10 power plants of 820 megawatt capacity yesterday received only 28 bids.

This has surprised officials as bidders had purchased 122 tender documents till Wednesday in a clear mark of their enthusiasm. But this enthusiasm was not reflected in yesterday's tender closing.

There was only one bid each by one single company for two plant sites. Due to this lack of competition, these two power projects are likely to go for re-tender.

A number of Chinese companies dominated in the bid, in which South Korean, Egyptian and a Bangladeshi company also competed.

Japanese company Sumitomo yesterday came to the PDB office with four proposals. But its representatives dropped just one bid and later formally withdrew it without explaining why.

Representatives of some bidders attributed the lack of participation to some bid criteria and financial terms, which they said

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293 more cases to be dropped

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday identified 293 more court cases as 'politically motivated' and recommended dropping them.

The inter-ministerial committee formed for reviewing 'politically motivated' cases recommended dropping of the cases after evaluation, State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam told reporters emerging from the committee's ninth meeting held in the home ministry.

A total of 659 cases were placed at yesterday's meeting for evaluation and recommendation, 49 of which had been filed by the Anti-corruption Commission (ACC) and the rest by other government agencies under

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১৪ নভেম্বর বিশ্ব ডায়াবেটিস দিবসে সবাই হাঁটছে। আপনি আসছেন তো?

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১৪ নভেম্বর

সুস্থ থাকতে হাঁটার কোন বিকল্প নেই। হাঁটার অভ্যাস চালু করতে হরলিক্স লাইট ও বাংলাদেশ ডায়াবেটিক সমিতি যৌথ উদ্যোগে আয়োজন করেছে 'হাট্টন লাইট'। এই অনুষ্ঠানে উপস্থিত থাকবেন সেন্সর, সুদ্বিজীৱী, সাংস্কৃতিক ও ক্রীড়া অঙ্গনের তারকারা। সকাল ৯:৩০-এ হাঁটা শুরু হবে সোয়েল চত্বর থেকে আর তা শেষ হবে জাতীয় জাদুঘর-এর সামনে।

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