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No memorial has been constructed in 38 years of independence in honour of the 17 Liberation War martyrs who were buried at a mass grave at Bohla in Biral upazila of Dinajpur, right, two children dry paddy on the premises of the neglected memorial near Rohonpur Railway Station Bazar in Gomostapur upazila in Chapainawabganj district.

DINAJPUR CELEBRATES LIBERATION DAY

No memorial yet for martyrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

People observed Martyred Intellectual Day as well as 38th anniversary of 'Dinajpur liberation day' yesterday, as usual without any memorial for the Liberation War martyrs.

On December 14 in 1971, valiant freedom fighters freed the district from Pakistani occupation army and celebrated by hoisting the flag of independent Bangladesh and chanting 'Joy Bangla' slogan.

The day before, Pak army committed a massacre at Bohla village in Biral upazila.

On April 22 in 1971, the enemy soldiers entered the upazila with heavy shelling. The occupation forces with the help of their local collaborators started loot, arson, killing and rape, forcing many people to leave the district for shelter,

especially in India.

The freedom fighters also got organised and made several attacks.

As the Indian allied forces joined the fight against the Pakistani troops in early December, the enemy faced a total disaster.

But before making the final retreat, the Pak army entered Bohla village near Kanchan camp and shot dead 37 villagers after lining them up at gunpoint in the evening of December 13 in 1971.

The barbaric army also rejected the villagers' plea to spare them during the evening prayers.

Anisur Rahman, then a Class 7 student, is one of the villagers who escaped the tragedy.

Pakistani force targeted Bohla village as it was one of strong bases of freedom fighters in the district, he said.

The 37 martyred were Fakir Bura

(imam of the local mosque), Mohsin Ali, Rakitullah, Shahabuddin, Kalu Mohammad, Jaher Mohammad, Ohab Ali, Akhi Mohammad, Khamir Uddin, Achir Uddin, Moslem Uddin, Shafi Uddin, Abdur Rahman, Rahim Uddin, Bolam Mortuza, Berek Mohammad, Abdul Karim, Munna Miah, Amin Uddin Akbar Ali, Tasir Uddin, Nur Mohammad, Abdus Sattar, Ibrahim Ali, Abdul Mojib, Abdul Larif, Chendedu Mohammad, Bhuta Mohammad, Sohrab Ali, Omar Ali, Mofiz Uddin, Shafi Uddin, Mozitullah, Abdus Sattar, Abdul Halim and an unidentified one.

As this correspondent visited the area, distraught members of the martyrs' families expressed their dissatisfaction as the government has not built any monument 38 years after the massacre.

Chittagong vet university closed sine die

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) was closed sine die yesterday as a tense situation was prevailing on the campus due to indefinite student strike.

The university syndicate in an emergent meeting of the academic council took the decision yesterday afternoon.

The authorities also asked the male students to vacate their dormitories by 6:30pm yesterday and the females by 10:00am today.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) enforced an indefinite strike at CVASU on Sunday morning demanding resignation of its vice chancellor Dr Nitish Chandra Devnath for his alleged involvement in corruption and nepotism.

Elephants kill 2 in Bandarban

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Two people were trampled to death by wild elephants at Aziz Nagar in Lama upazila of Bandarban district early yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Abul Kashem, 30, and his four-year-old son Rashed.

Locals said a herd of 12 wild elephants attacked the village at around 2:00am, killed the two and damaged crops.

Tomato now money-spinner in 16 northern districts

BSS, Rajshahi

Tomato farming is gaining popularity in all the 16 districts under Rajshahi division particularly in the vast tract of Barind area and farmers are expected to earn at least Tk 35 crore from the item during the current season.

Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) sources said the cultivation was increased by five times during the last 15 to 20 years due to introduction of high yielding varieties and modern technologies.

Tomato, which is now considered as the second cash crop of the region, plays an important role in the economy.

At least one and half lakh families in the division derive direct financial benefit from either cultivating tomato or its trading. Hundreds of educated and uneducated youths are now engaged in tomato cultivation.

It is learnt from the tomato cultivators here that they earn between Tk 20 and 25 thousand by cultivating tomato on each bigha of land in a season.

Although the early varieties have appeared in the local markets but those are beyond the purchasing capacity of the lower and lower-middle class people.

The wholesale price of a mound of tomato is now around Tk 2000 to 2400 but the price will come down to around Tk 100 per mound late in the season.

The wholesale traders from across the country, particularly from Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal, Sylhet, Shariatpur and Madaripur have already started rushing to different markets of the region for purchasing the crop through middlemen.

Soil and climatic condition of all the dis-

tricts, especially Rajshahi, Natore, Chapainawabganj, Naogaon, Pabna, Bogra, Sirajganj, Joypurhat, Rangpur and Gaibandha are very suitable for tomato cultivation, according to experts.

It is now widely cultivated on the dry soil of the Barind area, sources in the area said.

Different public and private level commercial banks, especially Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (Rakub) have been extending credit facilities to the farmers to inspire the cultivation while the DAE is providing technological assistance to them for making the cultivation more profitable.

The Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute (BARI) officials said they developed 10 high yielding and quality varieties and modern technologies.

They have been implementing special programmes to promote those among the growers through arranging farmers training in different areas.

The rates of production of the developed varieties are comparatively high and profitable than that of the domestic varieties.

The farmers also prefer to cultivate some hybrid varieties of tomato which are high yielding and much more profitable, the officials said.

Tomato cultivation has created job opportunities for hundreds of educated youths of the region and it could change the socio-economic condition of the poor if marketing and cost-effective environment - friendly technologies are ensured.

Apart from this, prospects for tomato cultivation in the country's northwestern region in both winter and summer seasons are bright if farmers get international markets and preservation facilities, the officials observed.

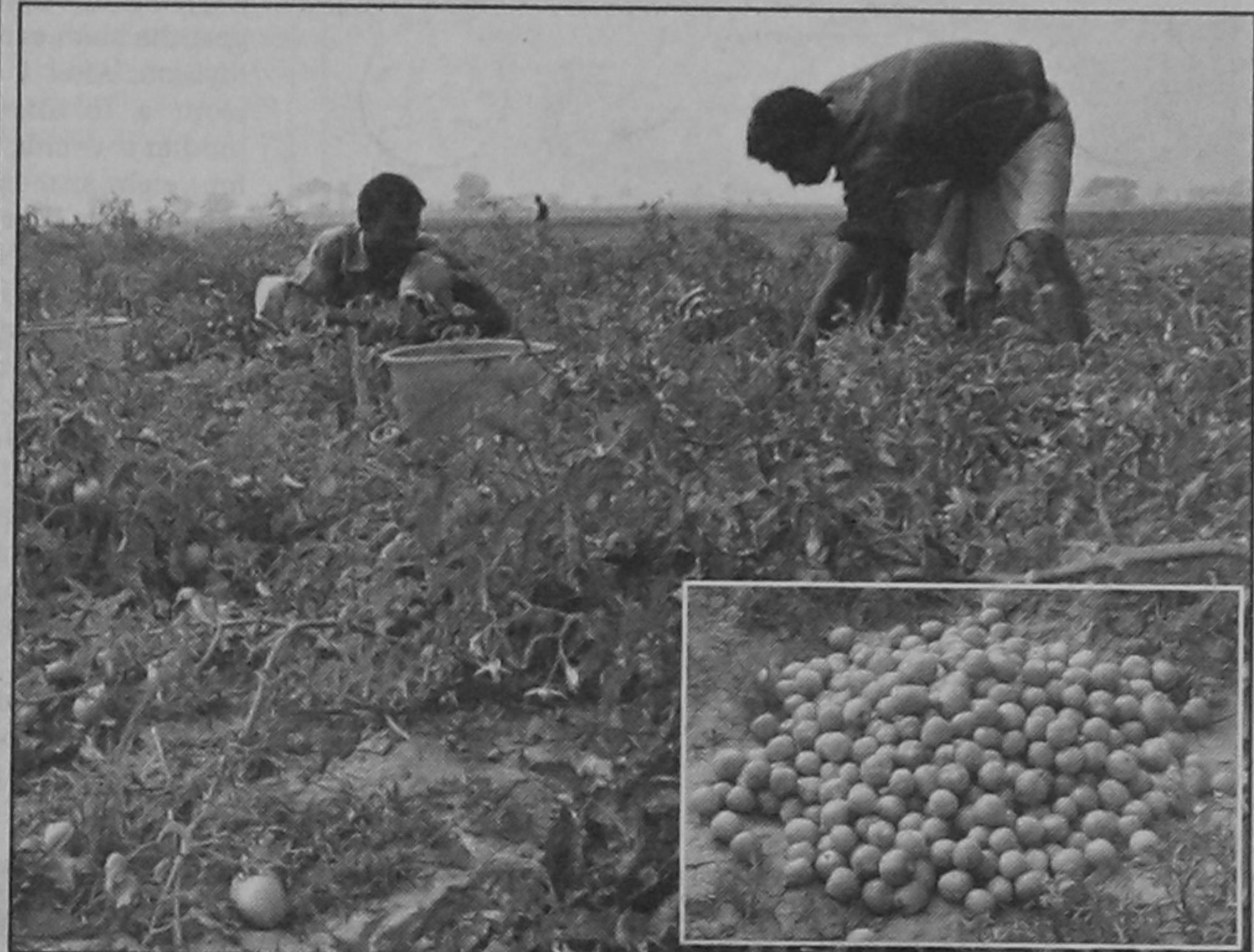


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Farmers reap tomato from a field at Mundumala in Tanore upazila of Rajshahi that sees boost in production of the winter vegetable following introduction of high yielding varieties and modern agriculture technology. Inset, tomato harvested from a field.

Vacancy Announcement



United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh invites applications from qualified, and experienced candidates who wish to join dynamic working environment, for the post of **Driver Cum Messenger** for the 'Activating Village Courts Project'.

Duties and Responsibilities: The incumbent will drive the project vehicle within / outside Dhaka city to meet the transportation requirement of the project, day-to-day maintenance of the vehicle, maintain a log book, arrange repairs where necessary, collect / deliver mail or documents when required.

Qualifications and Experiences: The incumbent should have at least secondary education or equivalent level, with at least five years of relevant experience. The incumbent must have a valid heavy / light vehicles driving license. Good knowledge of road network in Dhaka and surrounding areas and adequate knowledge and skills in vehicle maintenance and minor repair are essential. She / he must have working knowledge of communicative English. Experience of UN or government organizations would be an asset.

Submission of Application: Application should be marked 'Confidential' and the position applied for i.e. **Driver-cum- Messenger - PRP** should be clearly written on the A4 Size envelope. Application including curriculum vitae and a recent passport-size photograph should be sent to the **HR Cluster, UNDP-Dhaka, GPO Box: 224, Dhaka-1000**, or deposited at the Deposit Box at the **IDB Bhaban (Ground Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207** by **29 December 2009**.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Submitted documents will not be returned to the applicants.



মেঘনা পেট্রোলিয়াম লিমিটেড

(বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম কর্পোরেশনের একটি অংশ প্রতিষ্ঠান)

৫৮-৫৯, আমাবাদ বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, চট্টগ্রাম

এলপিজি সিলিন্ডার পরিবহন

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এতদ্বারা আমাদের প্রধান স্থাপনা, চট্টগ্রাম হইতে বিভিন্ন ভিগোতে ভর্তি এবং খালি এলপিজি সিলিন্ডার পরিবহনের জন্য প্রকৃত ট্রাক মালিক ও পরিবহন ঠিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। অত্র দরপত্রাণকে দরপত্র ক্রয় করিবার সময় নিম্নলিখিত কাগজপত্র/দলিলাদির সত্যায়িত কপি অবশ্যই প্রদান করিতে হইবে।

- হালনাগাদ বাণিজ্যিক অনুমতিপত্র
- হালনাগাদ আয়কর রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্র
- ভাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্র
- হালনাগাদ ব্যাংক স্বাক্ষরতার সনদপত্র
- এলপিজি সিলিন্ডার পরিবহন কাজের গত ১০ (দশ) বৎসরের মধ্যে ন্যূনতম ৩ বৎসরের পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র।
- ভাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্র
- ন্যূনতম পক্ষে ৩(তিন) টি ট্রাকের মালিকানাধীন স্ব-পক্ষে ব্র-বুক, ক্রট পারমিট, ইন্সুরেন্স ইত্যাদির সত্যায়িত কপি এবং ২ (দুই) টি ট্রাকের জন্য পাওয়ার অব এন্ট্রি/অথরাইজেশন এর কপি প্রদান করিতে হইবে।

বিস্তারিত বিবরণ সম্বন্ধিত দরপত্রসমূহ আমাদের ক্রয়/ক্যাশ বিভাগ, ৫৮-৫৯, আমাবাদ বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, চট্টগ্রাম এবং মেঘনা ভবন, ১৩১, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা হইতে নগদ ১০০০.০০ (এক হাজার) টাকা (অক্ষেরতযোগ্য) মূল্য প্রদানে আগামী ১০-০১-২০১০ইং পর্যন্ত প্রতিদিন অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে (রবিবার হইতে বৃহস্পতিবার) বেলা ১৫ঃ৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে সমগ্র করিতে পারিবেন।

সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্রসমূহ আমাদের উপরে লিখিত চট্টগ্রাম এবং ঢাকা অফিসে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাস্তবে আগামী ১২-০১-২০১০ইং বেলা ১৫ঃ০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে ফেলিতে হইবে যাহা একই দিনে এবং একই স্থানে বেলা ১৫ঃ১৫ ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্রদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে।

অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী দরপত্রের উপলব্ধি আছে।

কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা এক বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা অত্র কোম্পানীর সংরক্ষিত।

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Bangladesh Cricket Board

Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh

Ref: BCB/Tender/2009/ 1128

14 Dec, 2009

"INVITATION FOR OFFER"

Sponsorship Rights for the Bangladesh U-19 Cricket Team for ICC U19 CWC 2010

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) invites offers from reputed organizations/corporate houses (Fixed line Telecommunication Service provider and Mobile Operators services, beverages, branded bottled drinking water & electronic items manufacturer & marketer are excluded from bid) who wish to acquire the Bangladesh U-19 Cricket Team SPONSORSHIP rights for the ICC U19 CWC 2010 to be staged in New Zealand from 15th January to 30th January 2010.

- Interested companies may obtain the schedule from the Finance Department, BCB Management Office, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh against payment of non refundable US\$ 100 (For overseas organizations) or BDT 7,000/= (For locally incorporated organizations). Such payment needs to be transferred / remitted to BCB (Account No.: 01-7537131-01, Account Name: Bangladesh Cricket Board, Bank: Standard Chartered Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh, SWIFT: SCBLBDDX).
- Schedule will be available from 15th December 09 until 21st December 2009 between 10:00 am to 4:30 pm Bangladesh Standard Time except Fridays and Public Holidays in Bangladesh.
- All Offers / Bids (Prepared in accordance with the schedule) must be delivered to BCB Management Office, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh between 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm on **Tuesday, 22nd December 2009**.

Interested bidders may contact BCB at the address below for details on obtaining schedule:

The Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Cricket Board, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh
Phone: +880 2 8031001-4, Fax: +880 2 8031199

The BCB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers at any stage of the Bidding process without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Marketing & Commercial Committee, Bangladesh Cricket Board

VACANCY NOTICE



United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces vacancy for following positions for "Comprehensive Disaster Management Program - Phase II" project.

- Rural Risk Reduction Specialist - SB4
- Communications Specialist - SB4
- GIS Mapping Analyst - SB4
- Advocacy and Communication Analyst - SB4
- Capacity Building Analyst - SB4
- Project Coordination (Inter-Ministerial) Officer - SB4
- Organizational Development Specialist - SB4
- Disaster Response Management Specialist - SB4
- Knowledge Management Specialist - SB4
- Response / Adaptation Management Analyst - SB4
- Monitoring Officer - SB4
- Field Program and Monitoring Associates (8 positions) - SB3
- HR Associate - SB3
- Program Associate - SB3
- Procurement Associate - SB3
- IT Assistant - SB2
- Program Assistant (3 positions) - SB2
- Driver (2 positions) - SB1

The duration of the Service Contract is twelve months initially, extendable upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

For details of the Job Description and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Applications should be submitted no later than 17:00 pm, Tuesday, 29 December 2009.

For Driver positions only:

Duties and Responsibilities: The incumbent will drive the project vehicle within / outside Dhaka city to meet the transportation requirement of the project, day-to-day maintenance of the vehicle, maintain a log book, arrange repairs where necessary, collect / deliver mail or documents when required.

Qualifications and Experiences: The incumbent should have at least secondary education or equivalent level, with at least five years of relevant experience. The incumbent must have a valid heavy / light vehicle driving license. Good knowledge of road network in Dhaka and surrounding areas and adequate knowledge and skills in vehicle maintenance and minor repair are essential. She / he must have working knowledge of communicative English. Experience of UN or government organizations would be an asset.

Submission of Application: Application should be marked 'Confidential' and the position applied for i.e. **Driver - CDMP Phase II** should be clearly written on the A4 Size envelope. Application including curriculum vitae and a recent passport-size photograph should be sent to the **HR Cluster, UNDP-Dhaka, GPO Box: 224, Dhaka-1000**, or deposited at the Deposit Box at the **IDB Bhaban (Ground Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207** no later than 17:00 pm, Tuesday, 29 December 2009.

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