



Police arrest six members of banned Islamist outfit Jamaatul Mujahideen Bangladesh and seize bomb making materials and books on jihad from their possession in Bogra, and round up five other suspected members of the outfit in Joypurhat yesterday.



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Dredging of river Passur to start next month

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Dredging of the river Passur will begin in the second week of next month.

Government has already allocated Tk 100 crore from the fund of Annual Development Programme (ADP) to modernise Mongla seaport and dredging of the channel, sources said.

The allocation of fund was officially earmarked at a meeting of Ecneec, held on April 23, this year, they said.

Government has given top priority to dredging of River Passur to make it navigable for foreign ships. Because, increase of foreign ships at the port increases revenue earnings from the port, said Md Mahabullah, Director of Mongla Port Authority. Tenders have already been

invited for carrying out modernisation work of the port. Under the project, 13 kilometres of Passur River will be dredged so that foreign vessels of 7 to 8 metre draught, laden with goods, can anchor without any problem, he said.

Work of the project is expected to be completed by June 2013, according to Executive Engineer (Civil) of Mongla Port Authority Md. Ali Ahmed.

Dredging from Joimonirghol to Sabur Beacon of the Passur is essential as per a survey report as ships often face problems due to siltation.

Executive Engineer Ali Ahmed, who has been assigned to look after the work as Project Director said 41 lakh 96,000 cubic metres of earth would be dug out and lifted from six points of the river.

12 buildings marked risky in Barisal city

UNB, Barisal

Barisal City Corporation (BCC) authorities have identified 12 buildings in the city as risky.

Rezaul Kabir, BCC Inspector, said a seven-member committee, headed by Nurul Islam, acting chief engineer, was formed to mark those buildings at ward 2, 17 and 18.

The committee will also start survey in other 27 wards in the city soon.

BCC officials said, of the 12 buildings, nine are most risky.

They are: Siraj Mahal on Kawnia Road and Matin Laskar's house on Janaki Singh Road at ward 2,

Shampa Dental Care, Town Boarding, Agorpur House on Agorpur Road, Dharma Rakkhini Sava Griho on Kalibari Road, house opposite to Razzak Mansion of Rakkhal Babu Lane at ward 17, building opposite to Nurul Islam Shikdar on Bogra Road, Sarwar Faruk Khan's 6-storied building on Mallik Road at ward 18.

The officials said that they will give notice soon to the owners to demolish those risky buildings.

If the owners do not follow the order, BCC will demolish those buildings and realise cost from the owners, they added.

MAKING PORN CD'S OF SCHOOLGIRLS

Four remanded in Ctg, protesters demand arrest of Natore culprit

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Four youths, arrested on Monday in Chittagong on charge of making a porno CD of a schoolgirl after rape, were placed on a four-day remand yesterday.

The arrestees are Mohiuddin Monir alias Muna, 22, Nirjhar Das Samu, 25, Rana Nandi, 25, and Ruhul Nath, 25.

In Natore, people of sadar upazila yesterday formed a human chain and staged protest rally at Jalalabad Bazar demanding arrest of a youth who raped a schoolgirl and spread nude photos to different areas through mobile phones.

Chittagong Kotwali police produced the four youths in the Court of Metropolitan Magistrate Azizul Haque, seeking a seven-day remand for the accused, but the court granted four days' remand, reports our staff correspondent.

Mohiuddin, one of the accused, recorded his physical relation with a 14-year-old girl, also a class nine student of a school in the city, forcibly at Hotel Golden Star of Sadarghat area on March 28.

Later, he along with the other arrestees made 400 copies of the CD at a shop called Video Park at Jalsha Market in the city.

On June 24, they contacted with the girl's father over phone demanding Tk 50 lakh in exchange for returning the CD. Failing to get response from the girl's father, they released the CD in the market

on June 26.

Victim's father filed a case with the Kotwali Police Station on Sunday night against three-Mohiuddin, Rashed, and Jasim Uddin--and five other unidentified persons.

Investigation officer of the case Sub Inspector Sudip Das along with Sub Inspector Md Mohsin of the police station raided different areas of the city and arrested the four in a 17-hour drive that ended at 4:00pm on Monday.

Police also seized the mobile phone set used for the video.

People of Natore sadar upazila yesterday formed a human chain and staged a rally at Jalalabad Bazar and later submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner demanding arrest of a youth on charges of raping a schoolgirl and spreading naked photos to different areas through mobile phones, according to a correspondent.

Police and locals said Abdul Mannan alias Sumon, son of Chan Miah of Jalalabad Tangailpara village had developed a romantic relationship

with a class ten student of Jalalabad High School. Sumon wanted to marry the girl, but his parents refused to give their consent to his proposal.

On November 15 last year, Sumon called the girl to a nearby sugar cane field and raped her. He also captured the nude photos of the girl in mobile phone.

After spreading photos to different areas through mobile phones, victim's family filed a rape case against Sumon on June 27 this year. But the rapist is at large.



PHOTO: STAR

People form a human chain in Natore town yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the criminal who raped a local schoolgirl and spread obscene video through mobile.

Tree felling move sparks protest

UNB, Barisal

Move for constructing a road by felling around 15000 trees at Char Kukri-Mukri in Char Fashion upazila of Bhola has created resentment among the people of the district.

Locals observed that the decision to cut down such a large number of trees may endanger lives and properties of more than 20 lakh people of this coastal district during natural disaster.

They have decided to send a letter to the prime minister for saving the trees. Felling of trees will also disrupt the ecological balance of the coastal area,

said local elite.

Fazlul Kader Majnu Molla, Bhola district AL secretary and Sadar upazila chairman said, as all their efforts to save the trees have failed they will now try to draw the attention of the prime minister in this regard.

Felling of these trees to save few minutes of journey time may benefit some of the influential people but not the mass people, said Mobasserullah Chowdhury, president of Bhola Sushil Samaj and an environment activist. He urged the authorities to find an alternative to felling the trees.

Local sources said preparations are already at final stage for cutting down about 15,000 trees which were planted under Green Belt Afforestation Programme in coastal area of the district.

Locals said there is an alternative way to construct a road on the western side of the area without felling the trees.

Contacted, Range Officer of Char Fashion forest range said that for the construction of the road around 2000 timber plants and 13000 immature other plants are likely to be felled. Value of the trees would be several crores of taka, he added.



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Ghatak Daal Nirmul Committee forms a human chain in Lalmonirhat town yesterday demanding trial of war criminals.

Expression of Interest for Financing BMRE Project of Eastern Refinery Limited

The Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)/Eastern Refinery Limited (ERL) (Lead Agency) under the Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division (Lead Ministry) intends to increase its present capacity from 1.5 million TPA to 4.5 million TPA through BMRE project. The project has already been approved by the Government of Bangladesh. The consumption of petroleum oil products in Bangladesh at present is around 3.8 million metric tons per annum. ERL, the only petroleum refinery of Bangladesh is meeting around 30% of country's petroleum products consumption whereas 70% of the products are being imported as finished products.

BMRE of ERL is necessary in the light of the following:

- To provide desired energy security.
- To produce eco friendly fuels, complying with Euro-III specification.
- To reduce the petroleum products deficit of national demand.

A feasibility study for BMRE of ERL has been carried out recently by international consulting firm with IDB financing. The proposed BMRE project will be installed in existing ERL area. Utilization of existing infrastructures and sharing of common facilities, storage etc., will result in reducing investment cost.

ERL BMRE project will be implemented in around three (03) years time.

The feasibility study indicates that estimated cost of ERL BMRE project is US\$ 867.00 million for the capacity of 3.00 million metric tons per annum. Out of this cost US\$ 709.00 million will be in foreign currency and remaining US\$ 158.00 million in local currency.

The financial and economic analyses have been carried out for ERL BMRE project considering three different crudes and crude mix processing options. The results of financial and economic analysis show that the project is highly attractive. The project generates an after tax return on fixed capital cost of 16.6% (20 years average), while IRR & IERR are around 20% and 23.5% respectively. The average annual foreign currency saving is US\$ 220 million. The payback period of the investment is 4.5 years.

For smooth reception of crude oil, the existing system for crude oil unloading is not sufficient, so a Single Point Mooring with pipelines (SPM) is essential. Estimated cost of SPM project is USD 136.00 million. Islamic Development Bank has already signed an agreement with Government of Bangladesh to finance USD 129.00 million and remaining USD 7.00 million will be financed by GOB for this SPM project. For SPM project, selection of Consultant is under process and expected completion time of the SPM project is December 2012.

In order to prepare a shortlist for financing of BMRE project, interested national/international bidders are requested to submit their proposal on any of the following options:

- Build-Own-Operate & Transfer (BOOT).
- Public Private Partnership (PPP).
- Financing only.
- Any other suitable option.

Interested bidders may obtain executive summary of feasibility study report from ERL.

Expressions of Interest to be submitted to the address below by 10th August, 2010 clearly marked as "Expressions of Interest for Financing BMRE Project of Eastern Refinery Limited".

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Eastern Refinery Limited
North Patenga, Chittagong
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Social Welfare, Department of Social Services
"Services for Children at Risk" (SCAR) Project
NFDDP, A/2, Section-14, Mirpur, Dhaka-1206
IDA Credit No. 4481-BD

Memo No. DSS/SCAR/27/2010/290 Date: 06/07/2010

(Contract Package No. SD2)

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Consulting Services as Accounts Specialist

The Government of Bangladesh (GOB) is implementing "Services for Children at Risk" (SCAR) Project under the Disability and Children-At-Risk project with assistance from the World Bank. The project is being implemented by the Department of Social Services under the administrative guidance of the Ministry of Social Welfare. At the project level procurements is handled by the Department of Social Services. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA Credit No. 4481-BD) toward the cost of the SCAR project and intends to apply a portion of this credit to eligible payments under this contract for Accounts Specialist. The Director General, Department of Social Services, Agargaon, Dhaka now invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for providing services as Accounts Specialist to support the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) for all procurement under SCAR.

Qualification:
1. CA Intermediate or at least an MBA in finance from a reputable educational institution.

Experience:
1. 07 (seven) years experience in financial management of which at least 3 (three) years in a supervisory/advisory position in any govt./semi-govt. organisations/foundations/development project. 2. Being actively involved and fully conversant with large contract payments. 3. GoB budget, fund release and reporting formalities. 4. World Bank fund operating conditions and reporting requirements. 5. Is fully conversant with and having hands on experience in ACCPAC or similar computerised Accounting Systems with the ability to customise and preferably would have performed as trainer in the system. Skills in software installation and troubleshooting will be added advantages. 6. Proven track record of ability to develop a Chart of Accounts benefiting the relevant computerised accounting system and the reporting requirements is preferred.

The main tasks of the Accounts Specialist shall be to:
1. Developing of a Chart of Accounts for the project. 2. Developing of a financial Procedures Manual. 3. Ensure that the accounting system covers the entire project activities and ensure training of the staff for smooth operation of the computerised accounting system. 4. Ensure smooth flow of funds from the World Bank and ensure internal control arrangement of funds by the implementing entity. 5. Design formats and maintain books and register proper budgeting and financial proper forecasting. 6. Compliance of Financial and Accounting Policies and Procedure. 7. Conformance with World Bank Procedures in Cases of Procurement, Disbursements, Special Accounts Statement of Expenditures (SoEs) etc. 8. Financial reporting with quality and timely information access based/computerised, to be submitted to World Bank, preparations of all financial statements, reports etc. 9. Contract Administration Monitoring, payment of all bills after approval of proper authority. 10. Oversee financial Management Systems of NGOs. 11. Bank account operation and monthly reconciliation. 12. All kinds of interface with external auditors and auditing functions.

Duration of the assignment:
One year, extendable up to 5 years/project period (on annual basis) on satisfactory performance.

Reporting:
The Accounts Specialist will work under guidance of Director General, Department of Social Services and National Project Director, SCAR Project. Employed interested persons are advised to apply through proper channel.

The Accounts Specialists will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's guidelines, Selection and Employment of Consultants by the World Bank Borrowers and also in accordance with PPR-2008. Complete application must be submitted to the following address by 29th July, 2010. The application must have detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) with a recent photograph, contact address (mailing address, email and telephones), an appreciation of the assignment in one page and expected salary with any other relevant information or conditions. Interested consultants may obtain further information from "Services for Children at Risk" (SCAR) Project office during office hours. Fresh applications are invited from the applicants for same post of earlier advertisement.

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