

30 shops gutted in Chittagong

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Thirteen shops were gutted in a fire at a city market in Chaktai area early hours yesterday.

Sources in Fire Service and Civil Defence said the fire broke out at a shop in Bera Market under Bakolia police station at around 6:30am and spread fast engulfing 12 adjoining shops.

The fire originated from an electric short-circuit causing damage to goods worth around Tk 30 lakh, said Niaz Ahmed, senior station officer of Lamar Bazar Fire Station.

Four units from different fire stations of the city rushed to the spot and doused the fire after three-hours of efforts, he added.

DHAKA TODAY

Rally
Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jot will take out a rally marking the birth anniversary of Tajuddin Ahmed. Venue: Ramna Park Gate, Time: 11:00am.

Meeting
Garments Workers Trade Union will organise a meeting demanding minimum wage of Tk 5000. Venue: Mukhtangon, Time: 11:00am.

Human Chain
National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled will organise a human chain. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 11:00am.

Award distribution
Geetanjali Lalitakala Academy will organise an award giving ceremony. Venue: Small and

Cottage Industry Training Institute auditorium, Time: 5:00pm.

Exhibition
Shilpangan will hold an exhibition titled "Jolerdhara". Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Time: 7:00pm.

Fundraiser
Development Equality and Emancipation for Disadvantaged People in Bangladesh (Deed) will hold a fundraiser. Venue: Deed Bangladesh Office, Time: 9:00am.

Book launching
Protibhash will launch a book based on Tajuddin Ahmed's diary. Venue: National Museum, Time: 4:30pm.

Exhibition
Gallery Chittrak will hold an exhibition titled "Megher Por Megh". Venue: Gallery Chittrak, Time: 6:00pm.

G4S hands over 2 motorbikes to Rab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

G4S Bangladesh, a security solution group, handed over two motorbikes to the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) for its operational purposes on Wednesday, said a press release yesterday.

G4S Bangladesh Managing Director Selim Chowdhury handed over the motorbikes to Additional Director General of Rab Col Jahangir at the G4S head office at Baridhara in the city.

G4S presented the motorbikes as a token of appreciation for apprehending criminals involved in stealing money that was being transported by G4S Bangladesh.

UK partially lifts suspension on Tier 4 student visa application

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The UK Border Agency yesterday announced partial lifting of the Tier 4 visa application suspension in Bangladesh with some changes from today.

Earlier, the British government temporarily suspended new general student applications in Bangladesh on February 1 this year.

"The suspension will be lifted for students who want to study the following higher education courses: foundation degrees (including the Scottish HND in (3) below), and degree and post graduate courses.

The suspension is also lifted for Child Students," said a British High Commission release. Suspension on the remaining courses will be lifted from August 12.

However, the UK Border Agency will continue to keep the suspension of English language courses under review.

Tier 4 applicants are required to make an appointment at a visa application centre in order to submit their visa applications free of charge. Guidance on how to schedule an appointment is available on the website: www.vfs-uk-bd.com.

On 12 August, the UK Border Agency will introduce a secure English language test requirement for Tier 4 (General Student) visas worldwide. Applicants, who are studying courses below degree level, excluding a foundation degree and an English language course, need to pass the test taken with a UK Border Agency-approved provider before the applicant applies for a CAS from the sponsor.

Information about secure English language tests and the list of test providers of English language tests are available at <http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/aboutus/newsroom/?view=News&id=22573942>.

It is important that applicants follow the current Tier 4 guidance carefully, complete their applications fully and submit the correct supporting documents. There have been some significant changes to the policy in 2010.

If applicants submit fraudulent documents or false information, their visa applications will be refused. They also face an automatic ban on entry to the UK for the next 10 years for any category of visa.

Applicants may be requested to attend an interview with the UK Border Agency as part of the visa application process.

Tier 4 (General Student) visas are for people coming to the United Kingdom for their post-16 education. Tier 4 (Child Student) visas are for children between the ages of 4 and 17 to come to the UK. Those aged between 4 and 15 may only be educated at independent fee-paying schools. Applicants aged 16-17 years studying on courses at NQF level 3 or above have a choice of making an application either in the Tier 4 General Student category or the Tier 4 Child Student category.

Tier 4 of the points based system was reviewed earlier in 2010 and a number of significant changes have been introduced. The main changes are as follows:

The electronic CAS has replaced the Visa Letter. Students who are studying below degree level, excluding foundation degrees, are permitted to work a maximum of 10 hours per week (a reduction from 20 hours). Their dependents are not permitted to work unless they qualify in their own right under the points based system.

Students who are studying a course of 6 months or less are not permitted to bring their dependents with them.

JP-Manju extended meet Aug 7

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party (JP-Manju) at its presidium meeting yesterday decided to hold the extended meeting of the central committee on August 7, said a press release.

The meeting, held at its Lalmaia office, also decided to observe the National Mourning Day on August 15.

JP Secretary General Sheikh Shahidul Islam and senior leaders were present at the meeting with Chairman Anwar Hossain Manju in the chair.

A new "highly trusted sponsor" designation has been introduced for education providers that can offer courses at National Qualification Framework

level 3 and Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework level 6 and below. To study courses below NQF level 6, students need to be competent in English

language to level B1 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Until now, it has been the education provider's responsibility to test this.



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The UNICEF Bangladesh is in the process of reviewing its suppliers' database to add new suppliers and to update records of existing suppliers. All suppliers interested to do business with UNICEF Bangladesh should meet the following requirements:

- Complete and sign UNICEF supplier profile form;
- Demonstrate that the company has a minimum of two years of experience in the concerned business area and is specialized in that business;
- Establish Office premises is available;
- Provide audited financial company accounts for two successive years;
- Prepared to accept UNICEF General Terms and Conditions, which also includes payment terms of after proof of delivery;
- Demonstrate that the company upholds ethical practices such as prohibition on Child Labor, ensuring rights of its citizens, etc;
- Provide at least two references of Customers procuring similar products (Name & Contact Number).

A. CATEGORIES OF PRODUCTS COVERED UNDER THIS EXERCISE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

1. GENERAL
 - Blankets, T-shirts, Caps
 - Furnitures (Office) & Fixtures
 - Leather/Synthetic Leather Goods, Bags
 - Musical Instruments
 - Wooden and Plastic Toys
 - Office Supplies/Stationeries
 - Packaging Materials
 - Sports Items
 - Toiletries
 - Umbrella
2. SPECIAL ITEMS & EQUIPMENT
 - Arsenic Removal Filters & Accessories
 - Chemicals – including but not limited to Ammonium (Acetate/Metavanadate/Molibdate), Calcium Hypochloride, Alum, Hydrated Lime, Ethanol, Hydroxylamine Hydrochloride, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Borohydride, Acids (Hydrochloric/Nitric/Phosphoric), Reagents etc.
 - Equipment – Spring Balance/Weighing Machines (All Types)
 - Hand Pumps & Pipes (PVC/GI) & Accessories
 - Safety & Security Items
 - Proprietary Items
3. ELECTRICAL GOODS & APPLIANCES
 - Air-Conditioners
 - Electrical Equipment: Generators/Substations/ Instant Power Supplies (IPS)/Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS)/ Anti Voltage Regulators/ Stabilizers
 - Electrical Supplies & Fixtures
 - Color TV & DVD Players
 - Fans (All Types)
4. ICT & OFFICE EQUIPMENT
 - Computers (Hardware; Software) & Accessories
 - Multimedia Projectors & Accessories
 - Printers & Consumables/Toners
 - Scanners
 - Telephone Sets & Fax Machines
 - De-Humidifier, Paper Shredder
 - Lamination Machine, Overhead Projectors (OHP)
 - Spiral Binders
 - PA Equipment
5. MOTOR CYCLES & BI-CYCLES
6. MEDICAL EQUIPMENT/ ACCESSORIES
7. PRINTING MATERIALS
8. EMERGENCY & RELIEF GOODS
 - Kit -EDUCATION
 - Kit Comprising of Education Materials as under: Wooden Pencils, Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners, Ballpoint Pens, Blackboards, Chalk Sticks, Dusters & Steel Trunks, Slates, etc.
 - Kit comprising of EMERGENCY RECREATION MATERIALS (for children age 12-14) as under: Paper Offset, Wooden Pencils, Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners, Water Color/Paint Box, Football, Board Game Ludo-Set (Various Types: General, World Travel, Health), Cotton Skipping Rope with Plastic Handles, Rubber Play-Rings, Tambourine, Carrying Bags, T-Shirts etc.
 - Kit Comprising of EMERGENCY RECREATION MATERIALS (for children age 6-11) as under: Paper Offset (Blank), Paper Offset (Photocopied), Wooden Pencils, Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners, Wax Crayons, Water Color/Paint Box, Football, Board Game, Ludo-Set (Various Types: General, World Travel, Health)-(Supplied Separately for Packing only), Cotton Skipping Rope with Plastic Handles, Rubber Play-Rings, Stuffed Toy Animals, Stuffed Dolls, Tambourine, Carrying Bags, T-Shirts etc.
 - Kit Comprising of FAMILY EMERGENCY MATERIALS as under: Plastic Buckets & Jerrys, Aluminium Plates, Mugs & Large Spoons, Aluminium Cooking Utensils with Lids (Sauce Pan), Cotton Saree & Lungi (Stitched), Gamchha (Local Towels) & Bed sheets, Plastic Sheets, Nylon Ropes, Bath & Laundry Soaps, etc.

- Construction Materials (Cement, MS Rod, MS Angles, etc)
 - Corrugated Coloured Iron Sheets
 - Corrugated Galvanized Iron Sheets (CGI)
 - Plastic Sheets
 - Plastic Floor Mats
 - Plastic Jerry Cans & Buckets
 - Plastic Water Tanks
 - Poly Ethylene Bags & Materials (of Permissible Thickness)
 - Poly Ethylene Sheets
- B. CATEGORIES OF SERVICES COVERED UNDER THIS EXERCISE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**
- Advertisement – Newspaper
 - Advertisement – Web
 - Auditing Services
 - C&F Services
 - Constructions
 - Driving Services
 - Event Management
 - Graphic Design
 - Hotels/Guest Houses/Accommodations
 - Inspection & Quality Assurance (including but not limited to Pre & Post-Shipment)
 - Insurance
 - Interior Design
 - Internet Services
 - Logistics – Packers, Movers & Transportation Services
 - Maintenance Contractors (Renovation/Repair Works)
 - Media Monitoring
 - Pre-Testing of Materials (Communication/ Training)
 - Research, Survey, Monitoring & Evaluation in following areas:
 - Education, Health & Nutrition, HIV/AIDS, Child Protection, Water & Sanitation, Environment
 - Social Communication Campaign through Electronic, Print & Outdoor Media, Interactive Popular Theatre (IPT) including Social Marketing for promoting ORS and Zinc through various activities for behavior change
 - Social Mobilization
 - Training & Facilitation in Following Fields: Administration, Finance & Budget, Procurement & Logistics, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Monitoring & Evaluation, Health & Nutrition, HIV/AIDS, Water & Sanitation, Environment
 - Private Hospitals/Company/Private Doctors for providing medical services including outreach mobile unit
 - Ambulance Service, Tele-Medicine/E-Health/ E-Medicine
 - Translation Services
 - Write-Up: Feature Articles, Text Brochures, Case Studies, Concept Papers, Short & Analytical Reports and all other types of Writing Related Services
 - Software/Database Development
 - Data Link or Data Connection Services

For all categories of goods and services, the companies should clearly indicate their main area of specialization with proof. UNICEF Bangladesh is interested to work with the competent companies in the area of specialization.

Interested suppliers/service providers who meet above requirements mentioned in the beginning of this advertisement should fill-in the Supplier Profile Form available at: www.unicef.org/bangladesh/supply.html

Existing UNICEF Bangladesh Suppliers who have participated in UNICEF invitation to bids in the past are also requested to renew their interest by updating their records.

It should be noted that UNICEF is not obliged to invite any particular potential vendor that has expressed interest to participate in any subsequent bidding process. Calls for proposals/Bids and any subsequent order will be issued in accordance with the procurement procedures of UNICEF.

The ongoing contracts for supplies and services with UNICEF Bangladesh will not be affected by this exercise.

Deadline for Return of Documents:
Duly completed supplier profile form together with all relevant supporting documents sealed in an envelope marked "Expression of Interest", UNICEF Bangladesh and Area of Specialization, hand-delivered or sent through courier to the Reception Desk of UNICEF Office at BSL Office Complex, 3rd floor, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 between 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (except 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm) on all weekdays (except Fridays, Saturdays and Govt. holidays). The form received without supporting documents will not be considered. UNICEF Bangladesh will have the right to request for the presentation of original documents. Please note that, UNICEF Bangladesh also reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

The deadline for the receipt of form is 19 August 2010.