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Huge treble for Summit

It makes winning bid also for Bibiyana-2 power project; plans for \$1b investment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A local power company along with its American partner General Electric yesterday had its third winning bid in a major power project -- Bibiyana phase-II -- to become the first one in the country going for a total investment of one billion dollars in this sector.

Summit sought a power tariff of US 3.3991 cents per kilowatt hour for a contract period of 22 years. Its nearest competitor Indian GMR made an offer of 4.932 cents per kilowatt hour.

The Power Development Board yesterday opened the financial offers of these two bidders for the 450 megawatt gas-fired combined cycle private power project.

The PDB will now check back if Summit's price offer has any miscalculation. It will then send its recommendations to the power ministry to award the contract to Summit, if the calculations stand correct.

In less than one month, Summit made three winning bids for Bibiyana-1, Meghnaghat-2 and Bibiyana-2 private power projects.

Summit was declared the lowest responsive bidder last month for the Bibiyana-1 project with its offer of 3.32 cents per kilowatt hour. It is the lowest offer in any power tender floated in the last six years.

The company also made a winning offer for the Meghnaghat-2 dual-fuel project where it will have to build a plant that can run both on gas and furnace oil. It offered 3.98 cents per kilowatt

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Pro-BNP lawyers stage a sit-in at the High Court during the oath taking of four additional HC judges yesterday. The lawyers were protesting the swearing-in of Ruhul Quddus and Khasruzzaman describing the two as controversial. Story on page 1.

TOXIC SYRUP Rid hearing deferred for 4th time

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The hearing on charge framing against Rid Pharmaceuticals managing director and four other officials in the case filed for manufacturing toxic paracetamol syrup delays as the accused and defence lawyers keep seeking adjournments.

Judge Mohammad Abdul SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

LONELY PLANET RANKING Bangladesh 'Best Value Destination'

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh has been ranked number one in Lonely Planet's list of the Best-Value Destinations for 2011.

The list is included the leading travel guidebook publisher's Best in Travel 2011 publication, coming out this week, and draws on the SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

OnlinePoll ✓

Do you agree with BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia that people have no confidence in the government?

Yes (43.6%)
No (56.1%)
No Comments (0.3%)

Total votes: 4958

TODAY'S POLL

How do you look at the PM's remarks that frequent power cuts late in night are part of a conspiracy against the government and the people?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

BDR MUTINY TRIAL Accused Selim tells of torture

Prosecutor trashes his allegation of beating co-accused in courtroom

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Sepoy Selim Reza, one of the main accused in the Pilkhana mutiny case, once again drew media attention yesterday by bringing an allegation of assault on a co-accused by an army official in the courtroom.

He made the accusation before journalists, who were being briefed by the prosecutor near the entrance of the Darbar Hall, after the proceedings at a BDR special court at the Pilkhana BDR headquarters.

"Sir, sepoy Ibrahim is being beaten... Commanding Officer Sir, a major is beating sepoy Ibrahim inside the court... You go there and see. We will not leave without Ibrahim," Selim screamed out to prosecutor Lt Col Kazi Aniruddha, also commanding officer of 44 Rifle Battalion.

When police tried to take him away, Selim resisted and asked other accused to stay put.

He then screamed at the journalists, "Listen...What do you do? The accused are being beaten inside the court. Publish the truth."

Selim claimed that he was hit by a bullet while trying to save the wife of the then BDR director general, Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed. Both the BDR chief and his wife were killed in the mutiny.

The prosecutor ruled out the allegation of assault on any

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Sepoy Selim Reza

Rushanara meets Hasina, Khaleda

UNB, Dhaka

Visiting British Labour party lawmaker Rushanara Ali pledged continuous support of her country for Bangladesh as she called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and opposition leader Khaleda Zia yesterday.

"Although British government has decided to cut its internal budget, the financial

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No objection to transit if it's profitable

Says MK Anwar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP will allow transit facilities for India if it proves profitable for Bangladesh, but will go tough against the government move if the facilities do not serve national interest.

"Bangladesh deserves the money India will save from using the land of Bangladesh, as it'll save at least seven days

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CNG-run auto fare hiked

Effective from Jan 1 in Dhaka, Ctg cities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday increased the CNG-run auto-rickshaw fare, fixing the lowest fare at Tk 25, with effect from next January.

As per the revised fare, commuters will have to pay Tk 25 instead of current Tk 14 for the first two kilometres (km).

Also, the charge for each subsequent km will be Tk 7 instead of Tk 6 and the waiting charge per minute will be Tk 1.25 instead of Tk one.

Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain disclosed this after a meeting held at his ministry to re-fix the fare of CNG-driven auto-rickshaws running in Dhaka and Chittagong.

On the other hand, the auto drivers will have to pay Tk 600 instead of Tk 450 per CNG-run auto-rickshaw to its owners

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Cops attacked as stalker held

Assaulters include BCL men; SI injured

A CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A police officer sustained head injury when activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League and local goons attacked the law enforcers for detaining a youth on charge of stalking garment workers in the port city on Wednesday night.

A case was filed with Bayezid Police Station early yesterday accusing 18 persons including BCL leaders and activists and 40 unnamed persons in this connection.

Police and sources said a police team led by Abdus Sabur, officer-in-charge of the police station, conducted a raid at Kunjo Chhaya around 10:30pm on information that a group of stalkers loiter in front of a graveyard in the area to stalk female garment workers on their way back home every night.

On arriving at the spot, police found three youths standing

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Prayer Timing

November 5

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-55	5-30
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-30	5-34
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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