

# BB appoints observer to Islami Bank

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The central bank yesterday appointed an observer to Islami Bank Bangladesh to identify any suspicious transactions and activities of the bank foundation.

The observer is Bangladesh Bank (BB) General Manager SM Moniruzzaman.

Earlier on November 8, the BB imposed a ban on Islami Bank's giving funds to Islami Bank Foundation for its alleged lack of transparency in the transactions and violation of Islamic Sharia.

A BB official said the observer will examine whether Islami Bank is con-

tinuing to give funds to its foundation and oversee its overall activities.

"The Foreign Exchange Inspection and Vigilance Department of the central bank in its investigation has found a lack of transparency in the Islami Bank Foundation operation and financing activities," the official said, preferring not to be named.

This is why the BB has banned its financing, he added.

The central bank also formed a four-member investigation team headed by BB Joint Director Shafiqul Islam to investigate the financing details of Islami Bank.

They mentioned that Islami Bank

Foundation is a subsidiary of Islami Bank. On approval of the bank's board of directors, every year the bank gives the foundation a huge amount of money, which is not considered as 'halal' (approved by Islamic law).

The foundation is also carrying out microcredit programmes without permission from the microcredit regulatory authorities.

When contacted, the Managing Director of Islami Bank, Mohammad Abdul Mannan, on November 8 told The Daily Star that in conducting banking transactions, some amount of interest accrues to its income, which is not legal as per the Sharia.



Emine Erdogan, wife of Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, visits an Aarong showroom on Manik Mia Avenue in the capital yesterday. The Turkish premier accompanied by his wife and daughter arrived in Dhaka on Sunday on a two-day visit.



AB Bank has recently launched a new product, Family Savings Plan (FSP), at the bank's head office in Dhaka. Anyone can open long-term savings account under FSP without any monthly compulsory deposit.

# Govt housing projects in two districts in progress

BSS, Dhaka

The government is developing housing projects at Shibchar upazila in Madaripur district and Manikdi mouza in Gopalganj district for the middle and low-income group people.

National Housing Authority (NHA), a state-owned organisation, is developing the housing projects and constructing apartments to ease accommodation crisis and increase civic facilities at upazila and district level.

NHA Executive Engineer, Khulna division Md Sayeed Reza told the news agency that they had taken the projects for 64 districts to ensure accommodation for all by 2015 as part of government initiative to implement its vision 2021.

In Shibchar upazila, the project area

covers 20 acres of land, where residential plots and apartments of different sizes with all necessary urban facilities, including school, colleges, hospitals mosques and play-ground, will be made available.

In the first phase, 159 residential plots will be developed and the land development work is expected to complete by June 2012. Of the 159, the size of 80 plots will be of five katha each and the rest three katha each. The price of per katha has been fixed at Tk 1.65 lakh.

In the second phase, the number of residential plots will be 171. Of those 82 will be five katha in size and the rest 89 three katha and the price will be Tk 1.70 lakh per katha.

In the third phase, 80 apartments of two categories 1,250 and 1,000 sft

housed in eight buildings will be constructed. The price of 1250 sft apartment is Tk 35 lakh and 1,000 sft Tk 30 lakh.

In Gopalganj, Development Project Profile (DPP) to develop the housing project on 20 acres of land at a cost of Tk19.80 crore was passed by the government a few days back.

The project site is located at Manikdi mouza, one and half kilometres off the district headquarters. The number of residential plots will be 319 and land development work is expected to start early next year.

Out of total plots, the size 40 plots will be of five katha each, 108 plots of three katha each, 71 plots of two and a half katha and the rest will be of two katha each.

# Massive spice farming target set for Rangpur

BSS, Rangpur

The government has set a massive target of producing 23.23 lakh tonnes of various spices on 4.66 lakh hectares of land and taken adequate steps to make the programme a success.

As per directive of Bangladesh Bank, banks is now disbursing huge amount of farm loans at only 2 percent interest among farmers to encourage them in cultivating spice-crops.

Officials and experts of the Department of Agriculture Extension yesterday said this crop farming now progresses well and the early varieties have already appeared in the local

markets putting some positive impact on their prices.

Mohsin Ali, DAE's additional director in Rangpur zone, said hundreds of block exhibitions have been demonstrated so far and high quality foundation spice seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, and inputs are being distributed.

A total of 2,07,161 tonnes of onion, garlic, coriander, chilli, turmeric and ginger will be produced on 37,353 hectares of land this Rabi crop season in the eight districts under Rangpur Agriculture Zone, he said.

Of them, 84,528 tonnes of onion will be produced on 9,392 hectares of land, 32,034 tonnes of garlic on

5,339 hectares, 1,428 tonnes coriander on 1,298 hectares, 16,479 tonnes of red chilli on 11,771 hectares, 14,754 tonnes of turmeric on 4,918 hectares and 57,938 tonnes of ginger on 4,635 hectares of land.

Renowned agri-scientist Dr M A Mazid told the news agency that the country's northern region has tremendous potential to increase production of spices through proper crop diversification, land management and utilisation of the latest technologies.

The DAE, Spices Research Institutes and other departments have intensified their activities to raise production to meet local

demand and reduce dependence on imports to save huge hard-earned foreign exchange.

Experts at the DAE said production of spices will increase substantially this season and onwards following various steps including disbursements of the easy-term agricultural loans by the banks and financial institutions.

"We've intensified motivational activities under the ongoing seven-year Special Action Plan (SAP) since 2004 for increasing production of oil seeds, pulses and spices in the region as elsewhere in the country," agriculturist Mezbahul Islam of DAE said.



Rajiv Bahtacharya, country manager for TNT Express, Bangladesh, inaugurates the company's 14th service centre in Gazipur on Thursday.

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Sl. No.	Tender No. Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & Opening
01.	IMP/RM/SEM/18/2010-2011 dated 13/11/2010	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials : 01. Metronidazole BP 02. Povidone K 30 BP 03. Lactose Anhydrous BP 04. Folic Acid BP 05. Griseofulvin BP 06. Salbutamol Sulphate BP 07. Metronidazole Benzoate BP 08. FDC Colour Yellow # 10 09. Calcium Carbonate Light BP	Tk. 1800.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 26.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 02/12/2010 At 11.00 AM Opening : 02/12/2010 At 11.15 AM
02.	IMP/RM/SEM/19/2010-2011 dated 13/11/2010	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials : 01. Avicel RC-591 BP 02. White Bees Wax BP 03. Benzoic Acid (Fine Powder) BP 04. Salicylic Acid (Fine Powder) BP 05. Ciprofloxacin HCl USP 06. Calcium Lactate Phentahydrate BP 07. Maize Starch BP 08. Mebendazole USP 09. Sorbitol Solution BP	Tk. 1700.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 25.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 07/12/2010 At 11.00 AM Opening : 07/12/2010 At 11.15 AM
03.	IMP/RM/SEM/20/2010-2011 dated 13/11/2010	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials 01. Sulfamethoxazole BP 02. Trimehtoprim BP 03. Stearic Acid BP 04. Hard Paraffin Wax BP 05. White Soft Paraffin BP 06. Nalidixic Acid BP 07. Sulbutamol Sulphate BP 08. Wincoat (White) 09. Wincoat (Pink) 10. Wincoat (White)	Tk. 2500.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 36.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 09/12/2010 At 11.00 AM Opening : 09/12/2010 At 11.15 AM

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For : Managing Director

# Aarong to buy direct from Tipra community

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Aarong and Tipra Community Producers Group signed a deal to create a direct value chain, where the local community will directly send products to the chain store by eliminating middlemen.

Nishorgo Network, established by the government to benefit local communities through conservation of forest and wetland biodiversity, helped facilitate the deal with support from USAID's Integrated Protected Area Co-Management (IPAC) Project.

A memorandum of understanding was signed between Ambalika Deb Borna from the Tripura Community and Aziza Sultana Mukta from Aarong at Lakeshore Hotel yesterday.

The deal will particularly be beneficial to the Tipra community that is forest and wetland dependent. They will no longer need to turn to these protected areas for livelihood options, as they will find alternative sources of income.

"This is a great step towards nature conservation, mitigating the negative impacts of climate change in Bangladesh, and towards food security," said IPAC Chief of Party Reed Merrill.

The network has been formalised precisely to allow local communities to work hand in hand with the government to conserve nature in ways that benefit the poor, a statement said.

Representatives from the Tipra Community Producers Group, Aarong, forest department, fisheries department, environment department, USAID, IPAC and beneficiaries were present on the occasion.

Nishorgo Network focuses on collaborative management, or co-management, which is an approach used by government technical agencies to collaborate with local communities and other stakeholders in the conservation of forestlands, wetlands and other natural resources.



Md Abu Tariq Zia Chowdhury, head of customer relationship management of Otobi, has recently signed a deal with Kazi Wahidul Alam, managing director of Triune Exhibition and Event Management Services, to be the premium partner of MEDEXPO-2010, at Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka. The fair is due on December 9-11.

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## Invitation for Tender

Memo No. DGFP/IEM/2010/1807/995		Date: 14/11/2010	
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.	
2.	Agency	Directorate General of Family Planning.	
3.	Procuring entity name	Director IEM & Line Director IEC.	
4.	Procuring entity code	None.	
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
6.	Invitation for	01 (one) Short Film.	
7.	Invitation Ref No	DGFP/IEM/2010/1807/995.	
8.	Date	14/11/2010.	
9.	Procurement method	Open Tender Method.	
10.	Budget and source of fund	GOB.	
11.	Development partner	None.	
12.	Project/programme code	8100.	
13.	Project/programme name	Health & Nutrition & Population Sector Programme (HNPS).	
14.	Tender package No.	IEC-11	
15.	Tender package name	01 (one) Short Film.	
16.	Tender publication date	14/11/2010.	
17.	Tender last selling date	05/12/2010 during office our.	
18.	Tender submission date and time	06/12/2010 Time: 12.00 hrs.	
19.	Tender opening date and time	06/12/2010 Time: 13:00 hrs.	
20.	Name and address of the office i) (selling tender document)	Director IEM & Line Director IEC, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.	
	ii) Receiving tender document	Office of the Director IEM & Line Director IEC, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.	
	iii) Opening tender document	Office of the Director IEM & Line Director IEC, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.	
21.	Place/date/time of pre tender meeting	Pre-tender meeting will not be held.	
22.	Eligibility of tenderer	a) The firm must have fulfill the qualifications criteria stipulated in the tender data sheet (TDS) and other required conditions mentioned in the tender document.	
23.	Brief description of goods	None.	
24.	Brief description of related services	01 (one) Short Film.	
25.	Price of tender document (Tk)	Taka 500/- (five hundred) (non-refundable) per schedule. Method of payment should be paid through Treasury Challan of Bangladesh Bank/Sonali Bank in favour of Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, in the following- "1-2781-0000-2366".	
26.	Package No.	Identification of package	Location
	IEC-11	01 (one) Short Film	Director IEM & Line Director IEC, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka
			Tender security amount (Tk.)
			Tk 20,000/- (twenty thousand) only
			Completion time in weeks/months
			8 (eight) weeks from the date of signing of the contract
27.	Name of official inviting tender	Ganesh Chandra Sarker.	
28.	Designation of official inviting tender	Director, IEM & Line Director, IEC.	
29.	Address of official inviting tender	IEM Unit, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.	
30.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Director IEM & Line Director IEC, IEM Unit, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. Phone: 9146535.	
31.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.		

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