

India declares \$500 m credit line for LDCs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India yesterday announced a fresh \$500 million dollars credit line for developmental projects in Least Developed Countries and establishment of a special fund of five million dollars for them.

External Affairs Minister S M Krishna said "the number of Least Developed Countries has almost doubled from 25 in 1970 to 48 in 2011. Only three countries have so far graduated out of their LDC status."

"It is time that we take up the cause of the LDCs on a war-footing and work together. Without the progress of these countries, there can be no equitable global growth and prosperity," he said while inaugurating a ministerial conference of LDCs.

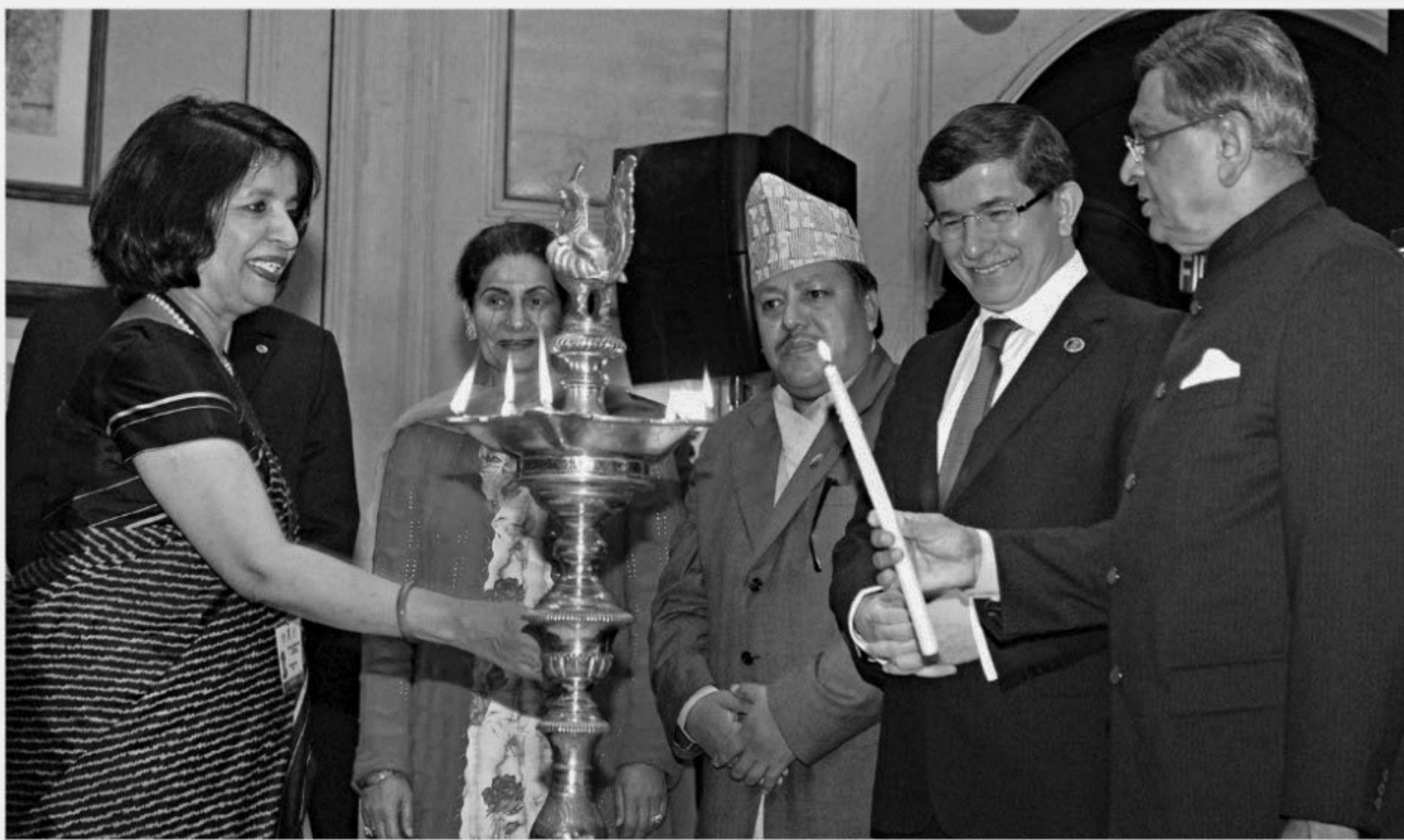


PHOTO: AFP

Indian Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao (L), Foreign Minister of Turkey Ahmet Davutoglu (2R), Nepalese counterpart Gangalal Tuladhar (C) and Indian External Affairs Minister SM Krishna (R) light a ceremonial lamp to inaugurate the India-Least Developed Countries (LDC) Ministerial Conference in New Delhi yesterday. The two-day conference will be held in cooperation with the UN Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

Sri Lanka frees 136 Indian fishermen

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan authorities, under diplomatic pressure from neighbouring India, released 136 Indian fishermen yesterday without pressing poaching charges, officials said.

"The fishermen were given over to the Indian coastguard at the maritime border," navy spokesman Kosala Warnakulasuriya said of the detainees, who were arrested in two batches earlier this week.

The sudden move by Sri Lanka to free the 136 came after New Delhi conveyed its "deep concern" over their arrests, for allegedly straying into the island's waters.

The detentions on Tuesday and Wednesday had raised tensions between the two countries.

India last month accused the Sri Lankan navy of gunning down two Indian fishermen.

Nepal's new PM urges political consensus

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's new prime minister yesterday urged political parties to put aside their differences for the sake of the country, in his first national address since he took office two weeks ago.

Jhalanath Khanal, whose election as prime minister ended a seven-month leadership vacuum, said there was "no alternative" to consensus if the country was to make progress after years of instability and a long civil war.

"We are committed to completing the peace process and drafting a new constitution, but achieving those tasks will not be as easy as running a regular government," he said in a speech broadcast live on national television.

"So I now urge the political parties and the whole nation to show patience... there is no alternative to consensus if we are to fulfil our responsibilities."

Nepal is still struggling to recover from the impact of a decade-long conflict between Maoist rebels and the state that

ended in 2006 and led to the abolition of the country's 240-year-old monarchy.

Attempts to draft a new national constitution and complete a peace process that involves integrating 19,000 former Maoist soldiers into the state security forces have foundered amid fierce disagreements between political leaders.

The Maoists, who hold the highest number of seats in parliament after winning 2008 elections, backed Khanal to be prime minister, but are now threatening not to join his government in a row over ministerial portfolios.

In his address, the 60-year-old leader said cooperation with the Maoists was vital and also invited the centrist Nepali Congress party to join his government.

"We must be firmly united if we are to pass a new constitution," he added ahead of a May 28 deadline for parliament to approve the new charter, which has not yet been drafted.

"If we fail to fulfil our responsibilities at this crucial time, the country will pay a high price in the future."

Ulfa talks a 'good beginning' Says Indian PM

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday said the discussion with the leadership of insurgents group ULFA here recently was a 'good beginning' and has given him hope for the future of Assam and the Northeast.

"I was happy to meet representatives of the ULFA recently in New Delhi. The discussion was a good beginning and has given me hope for Assam and North East", the Prime Minister said.

Singh said he firmly believed that dialogue was the only method for fostering greater understanding and resolving vexed social, political and economic problems.

This was the first time that Ulfa had held talks with Indian government since it had launched the insurgency.

Fresh protests hit Iraqi cities

ALJAZEERA ONLINE

Violent protests have taken place at various locations in Iraq, with anti-government protesters taking out rallies against corruption, poor basic services and high unemployment.

In Basra, the country's second largest city, about 1,000 people rallied yesterday, demanding better service delivery from the government, jobs and improved pensions.

They called for the provincial governor to resign, and blocked a bridge for an hour. Protesters shouted slogans saying that while yesterday's protests would be peaceful, ones held in the future may not be.

"We're living in miserable conditions, no electricity, dirty, muddy streets. We have to make changes. We should not be silent," said Qais Jabbar, one of the protesters.

"I have filed my papers with the provincial council but have gotten no job until now," said Hussein Abdel, an unemployed 25-year-old. "There is corruption in Basra - they have to start taking care of this city and must

stop making fake promises."

PROTESTS IN KURDISH REGION

Protests were also held in the autonomous Kurdish region of northern Iraq, which generally enjoys more economic prosperity than other parts of the country.

A Kurdish regional opposition party's offices were attacked by looters, officials said yesterday.

Seven offices of the Goran party in the northern Kurdish provinces of Arbil and Dohuk were attacked, in what officials say was a response to an attack on the ruling Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) offices in Sulaimaniyah a day earlier. Two people were killed in that protest, after security forces opened fire on demonstrators.

Iraqi and Kurdish leaders have pledged to bring the perpetrators of the violence to justice. They have also attempted to head off the protests by slashing the salaries of ministers and MPs and diverting cash earmarked for the purchase of fighter jets to buy food for the needy.

SC may discuss TIB points today

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Talking to The Daily Star on Thursday, he said the five-member committee of HC judges, which evaluated the TIB household survey at a meeting with its officials on January 14, mentioned that there were some problems in the judiciary.

"We told the committee that TIB can make some suggestions to help solve the problems. The judges told us that we (TIB) can place our suggestions to the chief justice," Iftekhar said.

The recommendations may be discussed today at a "full court meeting" of the High Court judges with the chief justice in the chair.

TIB has suggested fixing salaries, allowances and other benefits of the judges in consistency with their ranks, experience, competence, and their standard of living.

A long-term strategy should be formulated and implemented also for the other people involved in the judiciary, it said.

The anti-graft watchdog recommended appointment

of honest, talented and competent people as judges and their promotions through a transparent process.

A quota (at least two-thirds) should be fixed for appointment of lower court judges as HC judges, it said.

According to the non-government body, the number of judges should be increased at all tiers of the judiciary, and its institutional structure recast and capacity enhanced.

It suggested wealth statements of judges, lawyers and others involved in the judiciary, and their family members be disclosed and updated regularly.

TIB suggested regular training of the judges on writing judgments, interpretation of laws and judgments, case management and other related issues to improve their professional efficiency.

It emphasised fixing time-limit for disposal of cases and release of copies of the judgements.

The recommendations include setting up a separate

secretariat for the judiciary, use of modern technology for preserving judicial records and documents and institutionalising the monitoring of activities of officials and employees of the judiciary.

The anti-graft body said the reasons for grating bail to an accused under Section 497(3) of the Criminal Procedure Code, which does not permit granting bail, must be written in the judicial orders.

Digital display boards should be installed on the premises of courts to give information about the cases. TIB also suggested appointment of officials in all courts to inform people about cases as per the Right to Information Act, 2009.

The bar associations should be active so that litigants are not harassed and victimised by lawyers and their assistants, and brokers, it said.

TIB recommended updating the rules regarding professional conduct of lawyers.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT



Practical Action, Bangladesh is a UK-registered international development organization, working in seven countries in Latin America, Africa and South Asia. It works to develop the technical skills and capacity of very vulnerable communities in programme themes such as Reducing Vulnerability and Natural Resource Management, Infrastructure Services, Markets & Livelihoods and New Technologies.

Practical Action, Bangladesh Country Office is looking for competent candidate for the following positions:

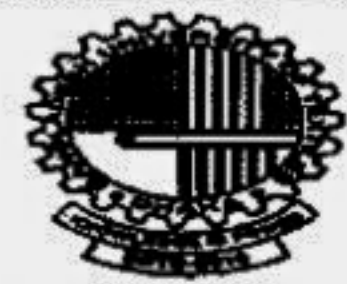
1. Team Leader-Infrastructure Services Programme (Based in Dhaka):

This is a senior position within the organisation and responsible for its Infrastructure Services Programme. This programme aims to strengthen the ability of poor communities in remote locality, urban slum and vulnerable areas who are deprived of the basic needs of housing, sanitation, water, energy and transport, through appropriate and affordable technologies and approaches.

Key responsibilities include: development and management of a strategic programme of work on Infrastructure services; team management and support on development approaches and project implementation; ensuring that learning from the programme is shared with colleagues in Practical Action and outside; ensuring that the programme has adequate resources and delivers to an appropriate quality; representing at external meetings; contributing to country and international programme of Practical Action Infrastructure Services.

Required Qualifications: Masters Degree in a field relevant to infrastructure services, e.g. engineering, architecture/housing, planning, environmental sciences, economics or social sciences, having a PhD could be an additional advantage. Must have at least 15 years in related field including 8 years of management capacity of related projects or technical aspects. Ability and track record of conceiving, writing and fundraising for projects in an NGO environment. Proven capacity to research or compile complex data from projects and external sources, analyse those, and (1) use these for internal strategy development and (2) develop concise and clear positions on policy and for advocacy externally. Have leadership skills; inspire a team, creating an inclusive and enabling environment. Excellent written and communication skills in English and Bangla are required with an ability to work in a team both locally and internationally. Have adequate knowledge in computer operation, especially in MS-Office. Willingness to undertake extensive field visits and overseas travel. Overseas qualification/experience will be an added advantage.

Please send application with only CV, a photograph and two referees. Although Practical Action, Bangladesh is an equal opportunity employer and skilled women candidate are encouraged to apply. Its salary structure is consistent with other similar international non-government organization. The application should be sent to the following address by **10 March 2011**. The Head of Human Resource, Practical Action, Bangladesh, House # 12/B, Road # 4, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205. Only short listed candidates will be called for interview.



বাংলাদেশ টেক্সটাইল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮।

স্মারক নং-বাটেবি/প্রশাঃ/জনবল নিয়োগ/২০১১/৮৪ তারিখ : ১৭/০২/২০১১

সংশোধিত নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ টেক্সটাইল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় এর শূণ্যপদ ও নতুনভাবে সৃষ্ট বিভিন্ন পদ অস্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে পূরণের নিমিত্তে বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরিকদের নিকট হইতে বাটেবি/প্রশাঃ/জনবল নিয়োগ/২০১১/৭৮ তারিখ : ১৪/০২/২০১১ নং স্মারকে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা হয় যাচা ১৬/০২/২০১১ তারিখে দৈনিক ইত্তেফাক ও দৈনিক ডেইলী স্টার পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত হয়। উক্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে সহকারী রেজিস্ট্রার, সহকারী পরিচালক (অর্থ ও বাজেট) ও সহকারী পরিচালক (অডিট) পদের উল্লিখিত বেতনস্কেল ১৮৫০০-২৯৭০০/- এর পরিবর্তে ১৫০০০-২৬২০০/- হইবে। বিজ্ঞপ্তির অন্যান্য বিষয় অপরিবর্তিত থাকিবে।

(হোসনে আরা বেগম)
রেজিস্ট্রার (অতিরিক্ত দায়িত্ব)

Taliban car blast kills 8

AFP, Khost

Eight people including a policeman were killed and 30 others were wounded yesterday in a Taliban suicide car bomb attack on police headquarters in a city in eastern Afghanistan, police said.

The incident in Khost is the latest to target Afghan police who, with the country's army, are due to take control of security from international troops by 2014.

"The most recent toll that I have received from the explosion site and hospitals is eight dead and 30 people injured including women and children," local police chief Abdul Hakim Eshaqzai told AFP.

Local hospitals have been "overwhelmed" by the influx of wounded people, he added, warning: "The casualty toll will possibly increase."

Palestine rejects US bid to halt UN settler vote

AFP, Ramallah

President Mahmud Abbas yesterday turned down a US proposal aimed at luring the Palestinians into dropping support for a UN Security Council vote against Israeli settlements.

The message was passed on in a telephone call between the Palestinian leader and US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Abbas's office said.

"There is no change in the Palestinian and Arab position about the proposal presented to the UN Security Council condemning Israeli settlement on Palestinian land," it read.



Corrigendum Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Central Bank Strengthening Project

Loan/Credit Number: Cr 3792-0BD

IFB Title: Procurement of Goods and Related Services

for Modernization of Office Layout

IFB Number: BB G-12

The deadline for submission of bid and bid opening time is amended as follows:

	Existing	Changed to
Deadline for bid submission	March 22, 2011 at or before 11.30am	March 29, 2011 at or before 11.30am
Bid opening	March 22, 2011 at 11.45am	March 29, 2011 at 11.45am

DPP: 48/2011-311

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী, নিলাম ডাককারী, ঠিকাদার ও সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, র‍্যাব ডগ কোয়ার্টার অপারেশনাল কাজে অনুপযুক্ত এবং বিশেষায়িত প্রশিক্ষণে অকৃতকার্য ০৬ (ছয়)টি কুকুর নিলামে বিক্রয় করা হবে। অগ্রহী ক্রেতা সাধারণকে আগামী ২৮ ফেব্রুয়ারি/২০১১ তারিখ রোজ সোমবার, সময় ১১.০০ ঘটিকায় র‍্যাব ডক কোয়ার্টার (পুলিশ লাইন্স) মিরপুর-১৪, ঢাকা এর কার্যালয় প্রাপ্তনে উপ-পরিচালক (অপারেশন), র‍্যাব ফোর্সেস সদর দপ্তর এর সম্মুখে উপস্থিত থেকে প্রকাশ্য নিলাম ডাকে অংশগ্রহণ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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নিলাম ডাকের শর্তাবলী:-

- ০১। নিলাম ডাককারীকে নগদ ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা জমাপূর্বক ডাকে অংশ নিতে হবে।
- ০২। বিক্রিত মূল্যের উপর ৫% আয়কর এবং ১.৫% হারে ভ্যাট ট্যাক্স প্রদান করতে হবে।
- ০৩। তিন দিনের মধ্যে সকল টাকা পরিশোধ করে কুকুর বুঝে নিতে হবে।
- ০৪। কুকুরগুলো উপ-পরিচালক (অপারেশন), র‍্যাব সদর দপ্তর এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করে পরিদর্শন করা যাবে।
- ০৫। প্রত্যেকটি কুকুর আলাদাভাবে ডাক প্রদান করা হবে।
- ০৬। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন ডাক গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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