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BIBIYANA-3 POWER PLANT

Japan-Korea joint venture set to get job

5 other bidders disqualified

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Power Development Board has disqualified five out of six bidders in the tender for setting up a large public sector electricity plant in Bibiyana on technical grounds.

This is the first ever tender of the PDB where the bidders brought in the project finance instead of the government arranging it.

As a result of this technical disqualification, the PDB would now be left with just one bidder's project financing offer which will be opened later on. This means the PDB will be left with no choice over the financier's interest terms and loan repayment period.

Sources said on Wednesday a tender evaluation committee of the PDB's 300-450 megawatt Bibiyana-3 combined cycle plant project qualified the bid of Japanese-Korean joint venture Marubeni and Hyundai. The bids of the remaining five, all of which are Chinese, were disqualified on various grounds.

The sources said when the bids of the companies were opened after January 17, their documents had one flaw or the other. The PDB's committee on January 24 decided to seek clarification from them all.

However, the PDB actually sought clarification from one bidder only, the Marubeni-Hyundai joint venture. It

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The plastic industries across the Buriganga in Kamrangirchar on the outskirts of the capital burn plastic they cannot recycle on the river bank, indifferent to the pollution it causes. Plastic waste, including waste from hospitals, ends up there for recycling.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Schoolteacher shot dead in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Armed criminals gunned down a primary school teacher at Baghaichhari in Rangamati early yesterday.

The victim, Purnamoy Chakam, 46, of Khedarachhara village, was an assistant teacher of Khedarachhara Primary School.

A gang of some 15 armed criminals yesterday

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Climate change to hurt food security

Bangladesh must improve financial management to get int'l fund to fight its impacts, say experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh must improve its financial management to obtain a significant share of funds available globally to combat climate change impacts and ensure food security, said an eminent climatologist yesterday.

"The developed countries are ready to release billions of dollars to the affected countries. It is not impossible for Bangladesh to collect \$2 to 3 billion, as the country is in the forefront of the fight against the climate change impacts," said Prof Ainun Nishat, a senior adviser to International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

"But I am afraid Bangladesh may not

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Youth stabbed to death in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified assailants stabbed to death a youth in the capital's Rampura area last night.

The victim, Lal Miah, 22, was stabbed by a gang of three at Moulavirtek in Rampura around 9:30pm, police said quoting an eyewitness.

Two youths identifying themselves as Al Amin and Zakir rushed Lal to

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WB chief wants to see US leadership in top global bodies

REUTERS, Singapore

A solid US candidate to head the World Bank would be good for the United States and the bank because the world's largest economy should be represented in top international bodies, outgoing President Robert Zoellick said yesterday, while emphasizing he has no role in the selection process.

In an interview in Singapore, Zoellick also said he did not believe Spain, Italy or Portugal needed bailouts to ease massive debt burdens but that reforms needed critical support of Germany and other European leading nations and expressed cautious optimism that the global economy would sustain growth this year.

The World Bank last week launched the nomination process to select a new president to succeed Zoellick when he steps down in June, inviting names from any of its 187 member countries. The Obama administration

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Robert Zoellick

2 US advisers killed inside Afghan ministry

Taliban claims responsibility

AFP, Kabul

Nato yesterday pulled all its staff out of Afghan government ministries after two of its advisers were shot dead within the interior ministry, as anti-US protests raged for a fifth day.

Taliban insurgents claimed responsibility for the shooting, saying it was in revenge for the burning

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PRAYER TIMING February 26		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-15	5-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-05	6-10
Esha	7-30	8-00

Sources: Islamic Foundation



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Public Works Department demolishes illegal structures on the Central Shaheed Minar premises yesterday after a High Court directive ordering the removal of all illegal structures there. A mosque and a grave were left untouched.

20 illegal structures demolished

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty illegal structures on land of the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka University area were knocked down yesterday in line with a recent High Court order.

A team of the Dhaka district administration in collaboration with the Public Works Department and Dhaka Metropolitan Police began a drive around 10:00am.

They demolished structures that included two bathrooms, a kitchen-storeroom, the main

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UN report heightens Iran nuke fears

IAEA says Tehran has accelerated production of enriched uranium

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Iran has dramatically accelerated its production of enriched uranium in recent months while refusing to cooperate with an investigation of evidence that it may have worked on designing a bomb, a confidential report by the UN nuclear watchdog has said on Friday.

However, Iran said it wants to keep cooperating with UN nuclear watchdog, the Islamic republic's envoy to the IAEA Ali Asghar Soltanieh said.

The comments came after the UN watchdog made public its report.

In the report to member states the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) found Iran had tripled its production rate of uranium enriched to the level of 20% over the past three months.

Much of the increase in production has taken place at an underground site known as Fordow, and the report's findings will further increase the international pressure on Iran at a time of already high tension.

Tehran denies that it has nuclear ambitions and says its nuclear programme is for peaceful purpose.

Meanwhile, The New York Times reported yesterday that US intelligence has found no hard evidence that Iran has decided to build a nuclear bomb.

Citing unnamed US officials, the

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with ATM Shamsul Huda, the immediate past CEC that democracy in Bangladesh is vulgarised by ruling parties?

Yes (93.5%)
No (4.4%)
No Comments (2.1%)

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the ongoing trial for the BDR mutiny is on the right track?

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