

# Yunus among 12 greatest

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"Much to Yunus' surprise, the basket weavers actually paid off the loans -- and on time too. He then moved from one village to the next, finding all sorts of entrepreneurial projects to fund," Fortune says.

While the bank could not eradicate poverty, it lifted many lives, the magazine adds.

"No less critical, Yunus' idea inspired countless numbers of young people to devote themselves to social causes all over the world."

The Fortune places the 12 individuals in the following order:

1) Steve Jobs of Apple, 2) Bill Gates of Microsoft, 3) Fred Smith of FedEx, 4) Jeff Bezos of Amazon, 5) Larry Page and Sergey Brin of Google, 6) Howard Schultz of Starbucks, 7) Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook, 8) John Mackey of Whole Foods, 9) Herb Kelleher of SouthWest Airlines, 10) Narayana Murthy of Infosys, 11) Sam Walton of Wal-mart Stores, 12) Muhammad Yunus of Grameen Bank.

Ten of these entrepreneurs are American and one is Indian.

The list was prepared considering economic and social impact, world changing vision of the entrepreneurs, ability of the entrepreneurs to inspire and motivate their employees, their record of innovation and their actual results, Yunus Centre said in a statement yesterday.

The companies that they have created have benefited hundreds and thousands of people and other businesses, while creating employment for millions of people, according to the

statement.

Prof Yunus was chosen by Wharton School of Business for PBS documentary, as one of the 25 Most Influential Business Persons of the Past 25 Years.

In 2006, Time magazine listed him under 60 Years of Asian Heroes as one of the top 12 business leaders.

In 2008, in an open online poll, Yunus was voted the second topmost intellectual person in the world on the list of Top 100 Public Intellectuals by Prospect Magazine of the UK and Foreign Policy of the United States.

He was also voted second in Prospect Magazine's 2008 global poll of the world's Top 100 Intellectuals.

The news has enthralled leading economists and businessmen.

Former caretaker government adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman said his inclusion in the top 12 is a recognition of his philosophy and social responsibility.

"We are very proud of his achievement in two senses; first, he has been recognised as a Bangalee and secondly, he is a great role model for us," he told The Daily Star.

Besides, the honour would uphold the image of the country, maintained Zillur. "We have many problems and weaknesses. It is an example of how creative thinking can take an individual to a new height amid many problems."

Syed Nasim Manzur, a leading entrepreneur, said, "Of course, it is a great inspiration for us. It is a great thing that Fortune magazine has honoured a Bangladeshi and a social entrepreneur."

He said the Banker to the Poor has shown that business can have a conscience.

"Business does not mean that it should ignore society's welfare to be successful. Dr Yunus is an example for this."

"It will inspire us to do business with a social conscience and become successful," said Manzur, managing director of Apex Adelchi Footwear Ltd, one of the top footwear brands of the country.

Annisul Huq, a former president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, said Prof Yunus had really established some good institutions. "There is no doubt about his entrepreneurial credibility."

## Shakib

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members of the national team, BCB directors, selectors and coaches, and journalists were present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia wished Shakib on his birthday.

Prime minister's special assistant (media) Mahbubul Hoque Shakil conveyed her greetings to the former Bangladesh captain. Hasina said she hopes Shakib would bring more success for the country in the years to come.

UNB adds: On behalf of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, party's assistant secretary for sports affairs Raihan Amin Rony presented a bouquet to Shakib at his Mirpur residence in the capital.

The BNP chief's press team member Shamsuddin Didar and former BCB joint secretary Rafiqul Islam Babu accompanied Rony, party sources said.

## Afghan roadside bombing kills five

AFP, Kandahar

At least five people including a former senator were killed yesterday when a roadside bomb ripped through a pickup truck in the southern Afghan province of Uruzgan, an official said.

Four policemen were among the dead in the blast that struck the Dah Yak area of the province, provincial spokesman Sayed Hamdard told AFP.

"A roadside bomb hit a pickup truck in Dah Yak, killing Haji Khairo (a former senator) and four policemen," he said.

But Gulab Khan, the security chief of the province said the dead included the senator, a tribal elder and two bodyguards.

No one has so far claimed responsibility for the attack.

## 22 cops held after Iraq jailbreak

AFP, Kirkuk

Iraq detained 22 policemen yesterday after 19 inmates, including two men on death row, escaped from a prison in the northern city of Kirkuk a day earlier, the local police chiefs said.

Deputy Interior Minister Adnan al-Assad told AFP on a visit to Kirkuk that authorities had opened an investigation into the prison break, and that security forces rearrested one of the 19 men in the Kurdish regional capital of Arbil.

# No to Tipai dam

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uphold our rights with India."

She told her audience that those who can take money from the defeated forces of the Liberation War cannot believe in the country's independence and sovereignty.

She blasted the previous five-year BNP-Jamaat rule. "They gave people just terrorism through bombings, grenade attacks and killings."

The BNP had killed a good number of AL leaders and activists by carrying

out grenade attacks in different areas of the country during that period, she complained.

In the last three years, she claimed, the present government has curbed terrorism and militancy in the country.

"It was a shame for the whole nation when the prime minister and the finance minister of the then BNP-Jamaat alliance government whitened their black money," maintained Hasina.

The premier said the BNP leader's sons had

indulged in money laundering and it was proved in various courts in the USA, Singapore and Canada.

She noted that the country's economy now has got a strong footing as the government has put it back on the right track.

She also announced that there will be engineering and medical universities in Sylhet if her party wins the next general elections.

Earlier in the day, the prime minister laid the foundation stone of Shahjalal Fertiliser Factory

in Fenchuganj, inaugurated the commissioning of the second unit of 90MW Fenchuganj power plant and 150MW power plant at Kumargaon.

She also inaugurated the Nagar Bhaban on the premises of Sylhet City Corporation, divisional passport and visa office, and laid the foundation stone of Sylhet Education Board.

She offered fateha at the mazars of Hazrat Shahjalal (RA) and Hazrat Shah Paran (RA).

# The murder of a nation

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across the province, to spread the word among the various army formations that they should be on standby for military operations to begin. A number of West Pakistani political leaders visited Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to bid him farewell.

Sometime after dusk, Yahya Khan, in secretive manner, boarded a Pakistan International Airlines flight to Karachi. The orders were that the military assault, codenamed Operation Searchlight, would not begin until his aircraft had safely landed in Karachi. By 10 pm, it had become clear to Bangabandhu that an armed assault on citizens was on the way. He exhorted the senior leaders of his party to move to safety. Even so, when Kamal Hossain met him around 10 pm, he asked him if there had been any phone call from the regime. Kamal replied in the negative before leaving Bangabandhu's residence.

Rumours of an imminent strike by the armed students of Dhaka University and citizens in general into putting up barricades in different parts of the city to thwart the movements of the soldiers. No one, at that point, could visualise the scale of the ferocity with which the army planned to strike.

The Pakistan army pounced on the people of Bangladesh between 11 and 11:30 pm. Different units of the army fanned out in various directions. Tanks, armoured cars and trucks loaded with soldiers headed for Dhaka University, the Shaheed Minar, the Race Course (where the Kali Mandir was situated), Bangabandhu's residence on Road 32 at Dhanmondi, Hotel Intercontinental and Old Dhaka.

Tracer fire lit up the night sky, with guns roaring all across the city. The army moved to remove all foreign journalists from the Intercontinental and put them on flights out of the province. And then began the long night of killing -- of academics, students,

Bangalee police personnel as well as members of the East Pakistan Rifles, rickshaw pullers and citizens in general.

The Shaheed Minar, long the symbol of Bangalee nationalism, was reduced to rubble. The Kali Mandir suffered a similar fate. At Jagannath Hall and other halls of Dhaka University, soldiers stormed into the rooms and murdered hundreds of students. They killed Prof Gobinda Chandra Dev of the department of philosophy and Prof Rafiqul Islam of mathematics. They grievously wounded Prof Jyotirmoy Guhathakurta of the department of English. Guhathakurta was to die of his wounds a few days later. Hundreds of students were murdered and buried in mass graves on the DU campus.

An academic, Prof Nurul Ula, spent an entire night recording, from within the safe confines of his quarters in the university area, the shooting of students by the soldiers.

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, chairman of the Pakistan People's

Party, watched Dhaka burn from his suite at Intercontinental Hotel. The offices of *The People* newspaper were on fire.

Senior leaders of the AL, including Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, M Mansoor Ali and AHM Qamruzzaman made their way out of Dhaka in line with Bangabandhu's instructions. For his part, as the hour struck midnight, Bangabandhu made a declaration of Bangladesh's independence, which message was passed on to Chittagong Awami League leader MA Hannan.

Soon after he had declared Bangladesh as a free nation, Bangabandhu was taken into custody by the Pakistan army. Over the next few days, he would be kept at Adamjee Cantonment College before being flown to West Pakistan.

Throughout the night between March 25 and March 26, the Pakistan army killed Bangalees. All day on March 26, the killings went on.



## INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH RE-TENDER NOTICE

### FOR CLASSROOMS FURNITURE OF IUB CAMPUS AT BASHUNDHARA

- Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide contractors/suppliers for **fabrication and supply of classrooms furniture** for **Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)** campus at Bashundhara, Dhaka. The bidders shall be required to submit a complete offer including the cost with detail design, drawing and specifications.
- The bidder shall apply in their official letterheads to the undersigned along with the following documents:
  - The experience certificate from the employer for supplying similar type of classrooms furniture to reputed educational institutions/universities having a contract price not less than Tk.50 lac.
  - Copies of the latest Trade License, Income Tax and VAT Registration Certificates.
- The bidder shall furnish as part of the bid, an earnest money of 2.5% of the bid amount in favour of Independent University, Bangladesh in the form of a bank draft/pay order from a schedule bank located in the country.
- Interested bidders are requested to collect the Tender Schedule from the office of the undersigned between 9:30 am to 4:00 pm from 1 April 2012 to 5 April 2012 on payment of Taka 1,000/- only in cash (non-refundable) for each schedule.
- The tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned up to 2:00 pm of 30 April 2012 and shall be opened at 2:30 pm on the same day at the same place in presence of the bidders who may like to attend the tender opening.
- IUB reserves the right to accept only the technically responsive tender without any consideration of the lowest bid and shall have the right to reject any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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## INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH TENDER NOTICE

### For Interior Decoration of the Auditorium of IUB Campus at Bashundhara

- Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide contractors/suppliers for **Interior Decoration including Audio-Video System for the Auditorium of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)** campus at Bashundhara, Dhaka. The bidders shall be required to submit a complete offer including the cost with detail design and drawings.
- The interested bidder must have minimum 10 years relevant experience in design and interior decoration of auditorium and related acoustic works. The bidder must have proven experienced graduate acoustic engineer(s) in the field of auditorium acoustics and also must have enough experience to produce design and drawings for the same work. Foreign company may also apply with their local counterpart.
- The bidder shall apply in their official letterheads to the undersigned along with the following documents:
  - The experience certificate from the employer(s) for the similar type of works to any reputed educational institutions / universities having a contract price not less than Tk. 5 crore (US\$6 hundred thousand) in a single contract.
  - Copies of the latest Trade License, Income Tax and VAT Registration Certificates.
- The bidder shall furnish as part of the bid, an earnest money of 2.5% of the bid amount in favour of Independent University, Bangladesh in the form of a bank draft/pay order from a schedule bank located in the country.
- Interested bidders are requested to collect the Tender Schedule from the office of the undersigned between 9:30 am to 4:00 pm from 1 April 2012 to 10 April 2012 on payment of Taka 2000/- only in cash (non-refundable) for each schedule.
- The tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned up to 2:00 pm of 2 May 2012 and shall be opened at 2:30 pm on the same day at the same place in presence of the bidders who may like to attend the tender opening.
- IUB reserves the right to accept only the technically responsive tender without any consideration of the lowest bid and shall have the right to reject any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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### INVITATION FOR TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited from the eligible Contractors/ Firms as defined in the tender documents for the under mentioned works as per terms and conditions stated below

1.	Procuring Entity	: Janata Bank Limited
2.	Source of fund	: Bank's own fund
3.	Tender package no.	: Far/Khulna/01
4.	Tenders Invitation no. and date:	: DGM/JBL/Estate/Khulna/34 Dated- 22-03-2012
5.	Tender Name	: <b>Construction of 2nd floor (vertical extension) over existing 2-storied building with 10-storied foundation on Bank's own land located at Khulna.</b>
6.	Brief description of works	: RCC frame structure including civil, sanitary, electrical and other related works.
7.	Allowable time for works	: 180 (One hundred eighty) days from the date of signing contract.
8.	Tender security	: Tk. 4,00,000/- (four lac) only in the form of Pay Order or Bank Gurentee issued from any scheduled bank, in favour of Janata Bank Ltd. Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
9.	Performance Security	: 10% of approved amount in the form of irrevocable Bank Guarantee / Pay Order issued from any scheduled bank, in favour of Janata Bank Ltd. Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
10.	Price for Tender document	: Tk. 3000/- (Three thousand) only in cash (non-refundable).
11.	Condition for purchasing tender document	: Intending Tenderers should apply to the undersigned in Firm's / Company's own letter head pad.
12.	Place of Purchasing and Submission of tender document	: 1. Estate Department (5th Floor), Janata Bank Ltd. Head Office, 110 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
13.	Last date and Time for selling of Tender document	: 17-04-2012, up to 6.00 p.m.
14.	Date and Time for submission of Tenders	: 18-04-2012, up to 2.30 p.m
15.	Date and Time for opening of Tenders	: i) 18-04-2012, 3.00 p.m. ii) Tenderers or their authorized representative are allowed to be present.
16.	Eligibility of Tenderer	: 1. The Contractors/ Firms must have experience in the construction of at least 8/10-storied building during last 5(five) years in Government/ SemiGovernment/ Autonomous Organization. 2. The Contractors firm must have minimum experience in the construction of RCC Building or similar nature of work having worth of Tk. 3 (Three) crore in a single work order during the last five years. 3. Work-order alongwith its completion certificate issued by an officer not below rank of Executive Engineer must be submitted with the tender.
17.	Special Instructions	: The bidder must submit the document as per Terms & Conditions of the tender document along with the following documents, otherwise tender will be not be accepted. a) The tenderers must have a minimum average annual turnover of more than Tk. 1.00 Crore during last 5 years. b) If any tenderer Produces any false, wrong information or fabricated certificate the security money will be forfeited and the related tender will be treated as rejected. c) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept / reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. d) If it is not possible to receive the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received on the the following working day at the same time and same venue. e) The tenderers should be bound to obey all the terms & conditions, rules and regulations of PPR-2008. f) The owner/partner/director of the firm must be a B.sc Engineer (Civil) with at least 10 years of experience in the field of building construction or the firm must have B.sc Engineer (Civil) with similar experience. g) The tender schedule will not be sold on the date of tender submission.

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