

ICT order today

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Tanvir Ahmed Al-Amin argued that accepting the prayer would seriously prejudice the accused and deny him a fair trial.

The prosecution's prayer, submitted on March 20, said 19 key eyewitnesses of the case were either very sick or missing or untraceable.

The prosecution had said producing those witnesses would be time-consuming and difficult and pleaded that a total of 46 witnesses' statements given to the investigation officer should be accepted as their depositions.

The prayer came in response to a March 18 court order that directed the prosecution to explain their future course of action regarding witness testimonies against Sayedee.

Sayedee was produced in court for yesterday's proceedings. The Jamaat-e-Islami nayeib-e-ameer is among six Jamaat and two BNP leaders facing war crimes charges at the tribunal.

Abdur Razzaq yesterday questioned the credibility of the investigation officer. He pointed out that there were a few instances where two or more witness statements were faithful copies of each other.

Razzaq argued that the investigation officer did not correctly record the statements from the witnesses and as the prosecution's prayer relies on his report, it could not be acceptable.

He claimed that the prosecution could not bring the witnesses, as the witnesses refused to give false depositions in court. Razzaq referred to three news reports, including one published in the daily Naya Diganta on March 27.

The report quoted several witnesses, who the prosecution had claimed to be missing, as saying that they had been asked to give false depositions against

Sayedee. The three-member tribunal, however, reacted strongly to the news report as disclosing statements of witnesses who have not been deposited in an ongoing trial is "judicial interference".

"I won't call them journalists. I'd rather call them agents of newspapers," said Justice Nizamul Huq, the tribunal chairman. "Do they have the authority to interview witnesses [who are yet to depose in an ongoing trial]?"

In response, Abdur Razzaq pointed out that on Tuesday the prosecution had presented a similar news report published in the daily Kaler Kantha on March 23.

The tribunal replied by saying that the Naya Diganta report published detailed statements of the witnesses, which is not acceptable in an ongoing trial.

Abdur Razzaq later pointed out that the prosecution did not provide any evidence substantiating the sickness of the witnesses, which they have claimed in the application.

He said there was no proof of witnesses going missing or witnesses fleeing to India, which the prosecution had claimed.

He said the prosecution had referred to Section 19.2 of the International Crimes (Tribunal) Act 1973, which says that the court may accept the depositions of people who were dead or in case of witnesses that would cause the court unreasonable expenditure or delays.

Razzaq argued that none of the witnesses were dead and the prosecution had said that they had gone missing, which is vague and does not comply with this law.

He said the recording of witness testimonies began in December last year, which was not that long ago and therefore there was no question of unreasonable delay.

MOJAHEED, QUADER HEARING

The hearing on charge framing against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed was adjourned until April 2.

Munshi Ahsan Kabir, a defence counsel of Mojaheed, yesterday began placing a discharge petition for his client, countering the prosecution's arguments supporting formal charges against the Jamaat secretary general.

Mojaheed is facing 32 counts of crimes against humanity allegedly committed during the Liberation War.

After completing the hearing of the defence arguments, the tribunal will decide whether to indict the Jamaat leader.

The hearing on charge framing against another Jamaat leader, Abdul Quader Mollah, was adjourned until April 1 after his defence counsels prayed for time to prepare their arguments.

He is facing seven charges of crimes against humanity at the tribunal.

Tremor jolts

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5:42 am, was the Nepal-India border region, some 355-km northwest from the Dhaka Seismic Observatory Centre.

The quake, which lasted for around 10 seconds, created panic among locals of different areas of the southern region including Barisal city, our Barisal correspondent reports.

Earlier on March 18, a 4.6 magnitude earthquake jolted the capital and other parts of the country.

City dwellers experienced the tremor at 8:56am that lasted for about 30 seconds.

According to the web portal of the United States earthquake information centre, the epicentre of the quake was 23.61 km west-southwest of the capital at a depth of 15.7 km.

\$14b aid

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She earlier told the meeting that in some cases, after signing an agreement with the government, development partners have to wait for one to two years for activities to begin and money to flow.

"This is a tragedy for the people of Bangladesh," she said.

Iqbal Mahmood, senior secretary at the ERD, co-chaired the meeting on behalf of the government and Goldstein for development partners.

Mahmood said the relationship between the government and development partners is good.

"Both the aid flow and the disbursement are good."

The government disbursed \$1.7 billion in the last fiscal year, and it would cross \$2 billion in the current fiscal year, he said.

Arastoo Khan, additional secretary at the ERD, made a presentation on the country's aid flow, commitment and disbursement at the meeting. He also pointed out problems in implementing donors-funded projects.

He said annual disbursement normally stands at around 23 percent of the amount that remains in the pipeline. But the disbursements are declining.

In 2010-11, the disbursement of foreign aid was 17.87 percent, which might reach 8 percent in the current fiscal year, he told the meeting.

Khan also outlined reasons for slow disbursement of donors' money.

On the government side, procurement-related problems account for 21 percent delay, faulty project documents for 25 percent delay, and unrealistic aid estimates for 15 percent delay.

On the development partners' side, 50 percent delay is caused by hold-up in awarding contracts. And the appointment of consultants causes 21 percent delay.

The ERD has found out these reasons for delay by

analysing 58 problematic projects in the last two fiscal years.

The ERD, the Planning Commission and development partners will form a joint team to conduct on-the-spot inspection.

The government and development partners decided to hold meetings quarterly to monitor the implementation of the agreed measures closely.

Outstanding commitments of external aid now top \$13 billion, while aid continues to fund 35-40 percent of the country's Annual Development Programme (ADP).

Mahmood said, "Development partners are supporting us with record financial commitments. The increased external aid commitment must be matched by scaled up disbursement by way of enhanced implementation of the ADP to get better results."

"Today we agreed with partners to work together to conduct regular tripartite portfolio reviews, strengthen monitoring of lagging projects and develop an electronic aid management platform," he said.

Goldstein said, "The good news is that aid disbursements for projects are running at the same level as last year. Nonetheless, a quantum improvement in implementation is possible if structural obstacles are alleviated."

"Going forward, development partners hope to see concrete measures to streamline project approval and revisions, increase transparency and efficiency of public procurement, enhance continuity in project staffing and deepen public financial management reforms to encourage greater use of country systems," she said.

Secretaries from different ministries, ambassadors and heads of development agencies in Bangladesh attended the meeting.

Nobody can protect

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"party of the people", she said none can cripple Awami League which waged struggle from the Language Movement of 1952 and fought the Liberation War to achieve the country's independence.

Alleging that Khaleda Zia came to power in 2001 by giving undertaking to sell gas to India, Hasina said similar offer was made to her while she had been in power but she declined, as she did not want to sell the gas without meeting the local demand and keeping reserve for 50 years.

Referring to various development programmes in Chittagong, the premier said the government has taken initiatives to establish new Economic Zone in the port city and assured that the Dohazari-Cox's Bazar railway line will be constructed.

Hasina said that in the past three years, problems of water and electricity in the port city have been resolved.

Amid applause, the premier said that deep seaport in Chittagong and tunnel under the Karnaphuli will be built.

She also listed the present government's various achievements including reduction of maternal and child mortality rate, enhancement of wages for workers and introduction of the Education Trust Fund to help the poor meritorious students.

Besides, the premier said the government has been

able to add 3,300 megawatt (MW) of electricity to the national grid in the past three years.

She also mentioned Bangladesh's win in the maritime boundary case against Myanmar, gaining 1,11,000 sq kilometres area in the Bay of Bengal.

Chittagong Awami League leader and former mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury presided over the rally. AL leaders Syed Sajeda Chowdhury, Ami Hossain Amu, Tofae Ahmed, Suranjit Sengupta, Dipu Moni, Dr Hasan Mahmud, Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon, among others, were present.

At another programme in the port city, the premier said that her government, through the fifteenth amendment of the constitution, ensured equal rights of people of all faiths as well as the right to perform respective religious rites freely.

She said this while laying the foundation of a 10-storey building for century-old Chittagong Buddhist Monastery at Nandankanan.

During a meeting with senior government officials at Chittagong Circuit House, Hasina asked them to put in their best efforts so that the country could be developed within the shortest possible time.

"You are the employees of the republic, if you perform your duties properly there is no reason to face obstacles in achieving progress," she said.

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Invitation for Tender (Goods)
Memo No. PSTU/HEQEP/DESMD/CP-471/6822/Lab Equipment and Instruments/20/G20/2, Date: 27.03.2012

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.
2. Agency	Patuakhali Science and Technology University, Dumki, Patuakhali-8602, Bangladesh.
3. Procuring entity name	Department of Environmental Science and Disaster Management.
4. Procuring entity district	Patuakhali
5. Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
6. Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing and Training of Laboratory Equipment and Instruments with Accessories.
7. Invitation reference No.	PSTU/HEQEP/DESMD/CP-471/6822/Lab Equipment and Instruments/20/G20/2.
8. Date	27.03.2012

KEY INFORMATION

9. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10. Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (Government and IDA Credit).
11. Development partner	International Development Association (IDA).

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12. Project code	9131
13. Project/programme name	Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP), UGC.
14. Tender Package No.	G 20 (Multiple Lot).
15. Tender package name	Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing and Training of Laboratory Equipment and Instruments with Accessories.
16. Tender publication date	March 28, 2012.
17. Tender last selling date	April 17, 2012 up to 12.00 noon.
18. Tender last submission date and time	April 18, 2012 up to 3.00pm.
19. Tender opening date and time	April 18, 2012 at 3.30pm.
20. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Not applicable

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

21. Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderers from all countries except Israel. The tenderer shall have ➤ A minimum of five (5) years of overall experience in the supply of related goods and services. ➤ Successfully completed minimum two (2) supply contracts of similar goods and related services within last five (5) years. ➤ Satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of minimum BDT 29,000 lac for Lot No. 1, BDT 41,000 lac for Lot No. 2 and BDT 79,000 lac for Lot No. 3 under maximum two (02) contracts with in the last three (3) years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. ➤ A minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is BDT 29,000 lac for Lot No. 1 and BDT 41,000 lac for Lot No. 2 and BDT 79,000 lac for Lot No. 3.
22. Brief description of goods or works	Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing of Laboratory Equipment, Instruments with Accessories and Training the Concerned Personnel of Department of Environmental Science and Disaster Management, Faculty of Disaster Management, Patuakhali Science and Technology University, Dumki, Patuakhali, Bangladesh. Lot 1: Environmental Science and Resource Management Laboratory Equipment and Instruments with Accessories. Lot 2: Emergency and Disaster Management Laboratory Equipment and Instruments with Accessories. Lot 3: Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation Laboratory Equipment and Instruments with Accessories.
23. Brief description of related services	Installation, Testing and Staff Training.
24. Tender document price	BDT. 2,000.00 (two thousand) only.

Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount in BDT	Completion time in weeks
26. Lot 1	Supply and Commissioning of Environmental Science and Resource Management Laboratory Equipment and Instruments with Accessories.	Faculty of Disaster Management, Patuakhali Science and Technology University, Dumki, Patuakhali-8602	BDT 89,000.00 (eighty-nine thousand) only	Seven (07) weeks from the date of signing of the contract
Lot 2	Supply and Commissioning of Emergency and Disaster Management Laboratory Equipment and Instruments with Accessories.		BDT 1,25,000.00 (one lac twenty-five thousand) only	
Lot 3	Supply and Commissioning of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation Laboratory Equipment and Instruments with Accessories.		BDT 2,39,000.00 lac (two lac thirty-nine thousand) only	

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

30. Name of official inviting tender	Professor A K M Mostafa Zaman.
31. Designation of official inviting tender	Sub-Project Manager (CP 471).
32. Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Sub-Project Manager (SPM) "Capacity Development of Dept. of Environmental Science and Disaster Management (CDoDESMD)", Department of Environmental Science and Disaster Management, Faculty of Disaster Management, Patuakhali Science and Technology University, Patuakhali-8602, Bangladesh.
33. Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: +880 4427 56014-Ext-240, Cell: +880 1712 185520.
34. Procuring entity's right	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (FIRM)

1. Ministry / Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.
2. Agency	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
3. Procuring Entity name	Corporate Office
4. Procuring Entity Code	N/A
5. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6. Invitation for	Consulting Firm (Time-Based)
7. Invitation Ref. No.	C-401-EGCB/2012
8. Date	27/03/2012

KEY INFORMATION

9. Procurement Method	Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10. Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (EGCB's Own fund)
11. Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12. Project/ Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A
13. Project/ Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A
14. EOI closing Date, Time and Place	Date: 12/04/2012, Time: 12:00 PM Place: Corporate Office, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (Level-8), 7-9 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

15. Brief Description of Assignment	Management Consultancy for preparation of a proposal on "Design, Development and Implementation of ISO-9001:2000 Quality Management System for certification". Responsibilities of the consultants would be (but not limited to) the following: 1. Organize programs to create a sense of awareness among management officers, staff and workers of the enterprise on ISO-9001:2K QMS. 2. Assist in selecting of appropriate Quality Policy and objectives and prepare quality policy statement. 3. Assist in the preparation of Quality Manual (QM), standard operating procedure (SOP), works Instructions (WI), Data Control Forms, Records, and Documents etc. according to ISO guidelines. 4. Impart training to the relevant Departmental/Sectional heads and officers on the designed operating procedures and work Instructions. 5. To train internal Auditors by IRCA Certified Lead Auditors of the consultant. 6. Assist in management review. 7. Arrange adequacy audit of QM, SOP and WI by trained Internal Auditor. 8. Conduct internal Quality Audit to determine the preparedness of the enterprise for final audit. 9. Assisting the company in selecting a certification body. 10. Advise on final certification audit, assist in replying to noncompliances during audit and ensure obtaining certificate from a selected certification body.			
16. Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	1. Minimum five (5) years experience in Management Consultancy for preparation of a proposal on "Design, development and implementation of ISO-9001:2000 Quality Management System for certification"			
17. Other Details (if Applicable)	1. The short listing of the firms will be made on the basis of their experience and financial capability. 2. Brochure of the firm should be submitted. 3. List of works/services should be submitted as experience. 4. Audited Financial statement of last five (5) years should be submitted.			
18. Association with foreign firm is	N/A			
19. Ref. No.	Phasing of Services	Location	Indicative Start Date (Month/Year)	Indicative Completion Date (Month/Year)
---	Twenty (20) man months in one (1) year	Corporate office, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (Level-8), 7-9 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.	---	---

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

20. Name of Official Inviting Expression of Interest	Kazi Nazrul Islam
21. Designation of Official Inviting Expression of Interest	Company Secretary
22. Address of Official Inviting the Expression of Interest	EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (Level-8), 7-9 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
23. Contact details of Official Inviting the Expression of Interest	Tel: +88-02-8124197, 9134029, 9134032, Fax: +88-02-9118345, E-mail: rn.proc@egcb.com.bd
24. The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all EOIs.	

Sd/-
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Memo No-GRARDP/Tender/214/2011/1893 Date: 27/03/12

Invitation for Tender

1. Ministry Division	: Ministry of Agriculture.
2. Department/agency	: Department of Agricultural Extension.
3. Procuring entity name	: Project Coordinating Director, Greater Rangpur Agriculture & Rural Development Project, Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), Khamarbari, Front Building (6th Floor), Dhaka-1215.
4. Tender packages name	: Procurement of Power Corn Shellar (Maize).
5. Invitation for tender Ref. & date	: Invitation for tender No: GRARDP/Tender/214/2011/1893 Date: 27/03/2012.
6. Procurement method	: Open tendering method. As per IDB procurement guidelines.
7. Source of funds	: Islamic Development Bank (IDB).
8. Development partner	: Islamic Development Bank.
9. Tender publication date	: 27/03/2012.
10. Last date for selling tender document	: 24/04/2012 up to 5.00pm.
11. Last date and time for submission of tenders	: 25/04/2012 at 1.00pm.
12. Tender opening date and time	: 25/04/2012 at 3.00pm.
13. Price of tender document	: Tk. 1000.00 (one thousand).
14. Amount of tender security	: Tk. 2,50,000 (two lakh fifty thousand) in the form of Bank Guarantee/Pay-Order.
15. Brief description of Power Corn Shellar (Maize)	: As indicated in the tender document.
16. Eligibility of tenderer	: As indicated in the tender document.
17. Name and address of the office(s) selling tender documents	: i) Dr. Abdul Maleque Talukder, Project Coordinating Director, Greater Rangpur Agriculture & Rural Development Project, Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), Khamarbari, Front Building (6th Floor), Dhaka-1215. ii) Office of Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
18. Name and address of the office(s) receiving tender documents	: i) Dr. Abdul Maleque Talukder, Project Coordinating Director, Greater Rangpur Agriculture & Rural Development Project, Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), Khamarbari, Front Building (6th Floor), Dhaka-1215. ii) Office of Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
19. Name and address of the office(s) opening tender documents	: Dr. Abdul Maleque Talukder, Office of the Project Coordinating Director, Greater Rangpur Agriculture & Rural Development Project, Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), Khamarbari, Front Building (6th Floor), Dhaka-1215.
20. Tender will be evaluated	: As per tender documents and IDB rules.
21. Payment will be made after getting the fund from IDB.	
22. The authority will preserve the right to accept or reject any tender.	

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