

PM reaches Turkey

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the areas of banking, customs, agriculture, education and culture.

The agreements will be ratified after the official talks between Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoan, said foreign ministry sources.

The premier reached Ankara yesterday evening on a three-day official visit at the invitation of her Turkish counterpart.

Turkish Education Minister Omer Dinler received the prime minister at the Esenboga International Airport.

Her 112-member entourage to Ankara includes Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, Industries Minister Dilip Barua, Mayor of Sylhet City Corporation Badruddin Ahmed Kamran, Ambassador-at-Large Mohammad Ziauddin and a 56-member business delegation.

Officials at foreign ministry said a protocol will be signed to link the spiritual capitals of Sylhet in Bangladesh and Konya in Turkey -- the resting places of two great Sufi philosophers and spiritual leaders Hazrat Shahjalal (RA) and Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi (RA).

The two countries have been working hard to explore the full potential of the bilateral relations since the visits of the Turkish president and the prime minister to Bangladesh in February and November in 2010.

Earlier, she left Dhaka yesterday afternoon on a VVIP flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will today first visit Anitkabir, the mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk, at 10:00am.

After lunch, she will go to Presidential Palace at 2:00pm to meet Turkish President Abdullah Gul.

Hotels mushroom

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Chittagong targeting local business executives and professionals, and foreign buyers, who frequently visit the port city for business purposes.

"We are here to mainly attract foreign buyers and corporate travellers," said SM Shahab Uddin, general manager of Well Park Residence launched last year.

He said Well Park launched operation targeting foreign buyers coming to negotiate prices with the garment factories in the Export Processing Zones (EPZs) of Chittagong.

He added there are 5,000 to 6,000 factories in EPZs and more than 300 buyers come to Chittagong every month to place orders to these factories.

"They look for hotels with better standard that ensure safety and security along with comfortable accommodation, hygienic food and modern communication facilities," he observed.

These new hotels and guesthouses have come up finding a lack in the market of better hotels as there were only a handful of modern hotels in the port city until 2000.

The only known hotel that could partly meet the expectations of foreigners was Hotel Agrabad. But due to limited accommodation capacity in that hotel, many foreigners, especially buyers, tended not to stay in Chittagong overnight. Most of them used to return to Dhaka on evening flights, said hoteliers and businesses.

Insiders say investment to set up better standard hotels and guesthouses began to rise since 2000.

It got a boost further after the success of The Peninsula Chittagong which launched operation in the port city in 2005 in a bid to attract foreign travellers.

Shahab said over 30 hotels and guesthouses launched operation in the city in the past decade.

"There was a vacuum in the market earlier. And considering the prospect of growth in business centring the Chittagong port, a vacuum is still there," he added.

"Still there is a need to establish a couple of international standard hotels," said the official of Well Park, which registered 60 percent occupancy in the first year of operation.

"We have achieved our target," he said, claiming that many of the guests are foreigners, especially buyers of export-oriented garments.

Badruzzaman, manager of another newly established hotel, The Avenue Hotel and Suites, echoed Shahab Uddin.

"Still many foreigners don't spend nights here due to a lack of global standard hotels. I think two five-star hotels can easily do business here," he said referring to local and foreign top executives coming to Chittagong for business purposes.

But investment in hotel business did not come from entrepreneurs in Chittagong.

"Because, return on investment is slow in hotel business. But nowadays the entrepreneurs, who have seen the prospects, are investing," he said, citing the potential of growth of businesses in Chittagong in the coming days after con-

struction of the deep-sea port.

ANM Shahed, general manager of Orchid Business Hotel, said the boutique hotel launched operation seven months ago and has been registering 40 percent occupancy on an average since then.

"We have yet to provide all amenities to attract corporate travellers including foreigners. We hope to log good business after we have all amenities such as banquet hall and spa in place within this year," he said.

Monowara Hakim Ali, owner of the oldest Hotel Agrabad, termed the growth in hotels and guesthouses a positive sign.

"It's a very good sign. Investment in hotel industry is needed to promote business," she said adding, "We are also expanding the capacity of our hotels considering the growth of demand in future."

"There will be a massive change in Chittagong and it will be a major hub for businesses in future," she said, citing possible construction of a deep-sea port in Sonadia and linking of Bangladesh with the Asian Highway through Chittagong Division.

Boy killed

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road for over seven hours, much to the suffering of the commuters, he said.

They also vandalised two vehicles and set fire to the killer bus.

The situation returned to normal around 3:00pm after locals withdrew the barricades, the OC said.

Abul Ali, conductor of the bus, was driving in absence of its driver, he added.

Dental X-ray

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during dental X-rays than most are today.

"It is likely that the exposure association we are seeing here is past exposure, and past exposure levels were much higher," said Dr Elizabeth Claus, a professor at the Yale School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut, USA.

Claus, the study's lead author, and her colleagues write in the journal Cancer that dental X-rays are the most common source of exposure to ionising radiation -- which has been linked to meningioma in the past.

For her study, Claus' team recruited 1,433 people diagnosed with intracranial meningioma -- a tumour that forms in the tissues lining the brain -- between May 2006 and April 2011.

All of the participants were diagnosed when they were between 20 and 79 years old.

For comparison, the researchers also followed 1,350 people who were similar in age, sex and state of residence as the study group, but who had not been diagnosed with a tumour.

The researchers found that those diagnosed with meningioma were more than twice as likely as the comparison group to report ever having had biting images taken.

PM, Khaleda

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Pahela Baishakh greeting card to Khaleda's APS Suratuzzaman at the leader of the opposition's parliament office around 3:00pm.

The opposition leader soon returned the gesture, her APS handing over her card to Khairul Islam at the prime minister's office around 4:30pm.

EC seeks Tk 40cr

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Commissioner Brig Gen (retd) Javed Ali told reporters at his office yesterday.

He said the EC has already asked the law enforcement agencies to draw up their plans to that effect.

"We may go for setting up closed-circuit cameras in polling stations to have footages of the situation," he added.

On details of the budget, the EC official said the proposed allocation for law and order will be spent for members of Border Guard of Bangladesh, police, Rab and Ansar to be deployed during polls. "The expenditures may increase if army personnel are deployed as well," the official said.

The official added the proposed allocation of Tk 15 crore will be spent for election management that includes procurement of all electoral goods and paying remuneration to polling officials.

According to the official, around Tk 2 crore will be spent for training of the polling officials. Another Tk 45 lakh would be allocated for the use of electronic voting machines in six wards, the official added.

Meanwhile, on expiry of the deadline of midnight yesterday, EC officials led by returning officers may launch special drives today against those who failed to remove posters and banners from the city streets.

"We will take actions tomorrow against those who failed to comply with the commission's order," Mihir Sarwar Morshed, returning officer of DCC North, told The Daily Star.

He however declined to elaborate on what actions might be taken against the

violators.

An EC official said the returning officers and assistant returning officers may ask the violators to remove the posters and banners instantly.

The EC might take photographs of any violation as evidence and use those against the violators if they want to contest the polls, the official added.

Satkhira daily

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newspaper to reply in three days why its declaration should not be cancelled for publishing false news.

Since the newspaper's reply was unsatisfactory, District Magistrate Anowar Hossain Hawladar yesterday cancelled the declaration of the newspaper that began its journey in October 2001.

Nur Islam, editor and publisher of the daily, could not be reached for comment.

The newspaper on March 29 ran a false news item that said indecent remarks were made about Prophet Hazrat Mohammad (SM) in a drama titled "Hujur Kebla" performed by Fatepur High School students on the school premises on March 27.

The false report instigated a section of fanatics to torch and damage at least 17 houses in Fatepur and Chakdah villages, the Fatepur High School and a local club on March 31 and April 1.

They also looted several houses including that of Mita Rani, a teacher at Fatepur High School.

The administrative order said the dialogues of the drama "Hujur Kebla" based on a story by Abul Mansur Ahmed had been scrutinised, but no derogatory remarks about any religion were made there.



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Invitation for Tenders

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources/Power Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board.
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB).
4	Procuring entity code	N/A
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Construction of 04 (four) Nos. new and 7 (seven) Nos. renovation 33/11KV sub-stations emergency rehabilitation & expansion of urban areas power distribution system under Chittagong Zone on Turnkey basis.
7	Invitation Ref No.	Memo No. 792-BPDB (Sectt.)/Dev-192/2009.
8	Date	09.04.2012.
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
10	FUNDING INFORMATION	Government of Bangladesh (GOB).
11	Budget and source of funds	N/A.
12	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A.
13	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A
14	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Emergency Rehabilitation & Expansion of Urban Areas Power Distribution System Under Chittagong Zone, BPDB, Chittagong.
15	Tender package No.	01 (sub-station).
16	Tender package name	Construction of 04 (four) Nos. new and 7 (seven) Nos. renovation 33/11KV Sub-Stations Emergency Rehabilitation & Expansion of Urban Areas Power Distribution System Under Chittagong Zone on Turnkey basis.
17	Tender publication date	Date
18	Tender last selling date	22.05.2012.
19	Tender closing date and time	23.05.2012 11:00am.
20	Tender opening date and time	23.05.2012 11:30am.
21	Name & address of the office(s)	Director, Dte. of Purchase, Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 (tender document will be available on 16.04.2012 for selling).
22	- Selling tender document (principal)	N/A
23	- Selling tender document (others)	Secretary
24	- Receiving tender document	Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Building (11th Floor), Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.
25	- Opening tender document	Secretary
26	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	WAPDA Building (1st Floor), Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.
27	INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	The minimum number of years of general experience of the tenderer in the construction works as Prime Contractor or Sub-contractor or Management Contractor shall be 3 (three) years.
28	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenders will only be considered from individual firm or joint venture, consortium or association (JVCA) who are actually engaged and experience in the lines of work described herein. The tenderer and/or member(s) of JVCA shall have the experience in carrying out of complete modification, testing, commissioning work of equipment (as stated in the scope of work in chapter 6 & 7) during last ten (10) years. The tenderer and/or member(s) of JVCA having experience of design, supply, fabrication, installation, testing, commissioning of 33/11KV sub-station during last ten (10) years shall also be eligible for tendering. The said Unit/Sub-station should have been in continuous commercial operation for at least three (3) years. In any case, the tenderer shall have to submit with his tender at least one certificate from the end user of the 33/11KV sub-station which is located or modified/upgraded within last ten (10) years by the tenderer and/or member(s) of JVCA and the same sub-station should have been in continuous commercial operation for minimum three (3) years and the performance of the sub-station is satisfactory. This certificate shall consist of the name of plant/equipment, capacity and commissioning date of the sub-station, equipment model & capacity supplied by the tenderer, issue date, name and address (telephone/fax/e-mail) of the end user duly signed in the official pad. Certificates furnished by the tenderer in the tender proposal shall have the information as stated above without such certificate, the tender shall be considered technically non-responsive. These certificates must be have authentication from the Chamber of Commerce or foreign bidders.
29	Non-compliance of above requirements, the tender shall be considered as non-responsive.	And
30	The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor or Subcontractor or Management Contractor in constructions works of at least 1 (one) contract(s) of similar nature, complexity and methods/construction technology successfully completed within the last 10 (ten) years, each with a value of at least Tk. 500 million.	And
31	The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk [1600 million] over the last 5 (five) years.	And
32	The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be Tk 400 million.	And
33	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 33/11KV Sub-Station Under Emergency Rehabilitation & Expansion of Urban Areas Power Distribution System Under Chittagong Zone.	And
34	N/A.	And
35	Brief description of goods or works	The site is located at:
36	Brief description of related services	Cox's Bazar, Kalatali, Hathazari, Fataiabad, Brahmanbaria, Sarai Biswa Road More; Feni, Sultanpur Comilla; Kotbari Comilla, Kalapuji Comilla, Balutupi Comilla, Palpara Khagrachari Deghinala Salkania, Chittagong
37	Price of tender document (Tk)	The amount of the tender security shall be BDT 20 million (Bangladeshi Taka two crore) in the form of an Irrevocable and Unconditional Bank Guarantee issued by a scheduled bank of Bangladesh duly endorsed/authenticated by a scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Project Director, EREUPADS Chittagong Zone, BPDB, Chittagong
38	Lot No.	Completion time in weeks/months
39	Identification of lot	365 days from the date of contract signing.
40	Construction of 04 (four) Nos. new and 7 (seven) Nos. renovation 33/11KV sub-stations emergency rehabilitation & expansion of urban areas power distribution system under Chittagong Zone on Turnkey basis.	
41	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Azizul Islam.
42	Designation of official inviting tender	Secretary.
43	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Building (1st Floor), Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.
44	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 02-9554209, 02-9567350 Fax No. 02-9564765
45	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all tenders prior to acceptance without assigning any reason whatsoever.	
46	Tender submitted by Fax, Telex, Swift, Cable, E-mail & by post/courier shall not be accepted.	
47	B.N. Mazumder Project Director EREUPADS Ctg Zone Bangladesh Power Development Board Agrabad, Chittagong Fax:031-713659 BdbytUJana-1275(4)/94/12 GD-1591	Md. Azizul Islam Secretary Bang