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According to the report, a large number of privately-owned auto rickshaws are plying the streets as vehicles for hire, ignoring their registration rules.
In spite of "private" inscribed on the grey three-wheelers, they wait at bus stops and major intersections looking for passengers.
However, the government did not allow any new registration of commercially-run auto rickshaws since 2004, considering the heavy traffic in the capital, the report stated, quoting Badruddouza, additional

secretary of the communications ministry.
The communications secretary, chairman of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), DMP commissioner and deputy commissioner (DC) of Dhaka were made respondents to the rule.
Deputy Attorney General Amit Talukder read out The Daily Star report before the HC bench.
The court also directed the BRTA chairman to submit before the court, by June 5, a list containing registration numbers of auto rickshaws registered from 2004

till date under the Motor Vehicle Ordinance 1993.
Meanwhile, police claimed to have strengthened their drive against private CNG three-wheelers in the capital.
"I have given directions to take legal actions against private auto rickshaws running commercially" said Alamgir Kabir, DC of DMP (south), yesterday.
Police filed 267 cases against auto rickshaws from the south zone of DMP on Sunday, while around 200 cases are being filed against CNG-run three wheelers daily, on average, he informed.

Popularity

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priority over Rashed Khan Menon and Hasanul Haque Inu, chiefs of Workers Party and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, two components of the AL-led alliance.
He does not face any difficulties to continue as a technocrat minister thanks to destruction of the spirit of the original constitution of 1972 which would compel a technocrat minister to get elected as an MP within six months of being sworn in.
In return of the favour he got, Barua, chief of Bangladesh Samyabadi Dal (M.L.), apparently tried to please the premier by blasting Yunus and Abed in line with the ruling AL's stance against the caretaker government system which was abolished last year.
Barua on Friday just joined the chorus as before him Finance Minister AMA Muhith and AL General Secretary and LGRD Minister Syed Ashraf Islam bitterly criticised Yunus and Abed. And Muhith and Ashraf spoke in line with the stance of Sheikh Hasina who earlier on several times

criticised Yunus.
But the way the industries minister castigated Yunus and Abed and urged them to join politics first to speak about politics looks indecent. Barua might have forgotten his own popularity when he was throwing a challenge to Yunus and Abed to test their popularity by stepping in politics.
Since restoration of democracy in the country in 1990 through a mass upsurge against autocratic ruler HM Ershad, Barua contested three parliamentary elections. The Election Commission's reports on previous polls speak the reality of his polls performances.
He contested from Chittagong-1 parliamentary constituency on ticket of Bangladesh Samyabadi Dal and bagged only 1,552 votes out of 129,105 votes cast in 1991 parliamentary polls. The result? Barua's security deposit was forfeited.
He contested the 1996 parliamentary polls and obtained only 511 votes, one-third of the votes he

obtained in 1991. His security deposit was again lost. He however did not feel frustrated with his performance. He contested the 2001 polls from the same parliamentary constituency and bagged 307 votes, almost half he got in 1996.
The results show how Barua's popularity declined in over two decades. But he was fortunate as AL needed name of his party in its strat-

egy to politically isolate past BNP-Jamaat-led alliance and to wage street agitations against the then regime.
His life sketch posted on the industries ministry website proudly claims he was one of the architects of the 14-party alliance led by AL. He was one of the frontline leaders to launch movement against Khaleda Zia and Matiur Rahman Nizami's government. The

life sketch contains detailed information about Barua's long political career since his student life. But it did not cite any single information about his participation in the three parliamentary polls and his performance in those battles of ballots.
He might have felt embarrassed to cite the information in his life sketch on his popularity test.

Obama to skip Apec summit

AFP, New York
US President Barack Obama will not attend the Apec summit in Vladivostok in September, which comes soon after the Democratic presidential nominating convention, the White House said yesterday.
The announcement by White House spokesman Jay Carney came days after Russian President Vladimir Putin said he would skip this week's G8 summit at the US president's retreat at Camp David, as he finalizes his cabinet.
Carney delivered the news to the press pool traveling with Obama in New York.

Obama had not been expected to travel to Russia for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit, as it takes place soon after the Democratic convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, during the week of September 3.
US officials said the Russian side had been understanding about Obama's decision and appreciated the scheduling difficulties at a moment when his campaign for reelection will hit top gear.
White House officials have also expressed understanding over Putin's decision not to travel to the G8 summit so soon after his inauguration last week.

Irrigation over

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place as before across the country. In the capital, power outages almost every alternate hour continue when the demand for electricity is the highest because of hot weather.
With the mercury shooting up to 38 to 40 degrees Celsius in different areas of the country, people are consuming more power to run fan and air conditioners. But due to load shedding which is taking place six to 10 times a day at places, these cannot be used as required.
"I wake up every night around 3 to 4 am, sweating in my bed," said Mohammad Kamal of Green Road in the capital. "I always thought since the demand for power is quite low at night, its supply would be normal. But in our area, power supply goes off every alternate hour," he added.
A resident of Uttara, Rumman, said, "We bought an air conditioner last week. We managed to run it for a while. But most of the time, it serves only as a showpiece while we sweat."
From old Dhaka to Gulshan, the situation is almost the same. Those who turned to using generators or IPS can, however, run their fans during the hot and humid hours, but those who entirely depend on the national grid for power supply are in a miserable condition.
The load shedding of power has also affected water supply as the Wasa cannot operate its water pumps non-stop to ensure in many areas of the capital. Wasa sources said around half of the water pumps cannot be normally due to the load shedding.
The PDB says if it had enough funds, it could have operated all the rental power plants and bring down the level of load shedding to a tolerable level.
Many rental plants that sell power to the PDB at a high price is sitting idle since it cannot provide them with liquid fuel -- diesel and heavy fuel oil.
As a result, the PDB says, it is supplying around 5,200 MW power against the demand for 6,700 MW across the country.

The PDB mentioned that it could have supplied 6,000 MW power now if it had enough funds to provide the required liquid fuel, the price of which more than doubled in the last two years when it (PDB) had planned and forecast how it would handle the summer requirement of power in 2012.
"We ran out of the Tk 5,200-crore subsidy several months back. The government is raising power tariff to cover our deficit, but the move should have been initiated much earlier so that we did not have to depend much on the subsidy," said a top PDB official.
"Two years ago, when we started implementing a large number of fuel-based rental power projects, the price of heavy fuel oil (HFO) was just Tk 26 a litre. Now, its price has gone up to Tk 60 a litre. Had the price remained low, we would not have faced the power crisis," he said.
Had the fuel price remained Tk 26 a litre, the PDB would have required Tk 4,000 crore in subsidy. Prior to the last fiscal year's budget, the fuel price rose to Tk 40 a litre, forcing the PDB to seek Tk 9,000-crore subsidy. Of this, the government gave Tk 5,200 crore with the remaining to be collected by raising power tariff.
But now, with the HFO price rising sharply, the PDB has estimated it would need Tk 1,200 crore in subsidy in the next fiscal year.
PDB sources said due to the fund crunch, they have stopped fuel supply to several rental plants. They (PDB) are paying these idle plants a "capacity charge" for not buying power from them. Capacity charge is roughly one fifth of the power tariff for each of these plants.
The easiest way to increase power generation would have been an increase of gas supply to power plants. Power from natural gas-fired plant is the cheapest power in the country. But due to persistent gas crisis for many years now, close to a 1,000 MW power cannot be generated.
In the last three years, the Petrobangla failed to significantly increase gas supply.
Meanwhile, the PDB is striking a deal with Australian company Santos to buy gas from a new small gas field close to the offshore Sangu field. Santos would supply only 20 million cubic feet a day (mmcf) gas to the PDB at a rate of \$4.5 per mmcf once the higher authorities approve the purchase proposal.
"This gas will help us run partially one of the two 210MW Razoan power plant units. Santos will be able to supply it just for two years. We are hoping that during this period, the company will make similar discoveries," a PDB high official said.

Journalist assaulted

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Journalists in the district condemned the incident and demanded punishment of the perpetrator.
Victim's brother Al Mahamud Sarkar said Aminul along with his eight to ten accomplices suddenly attacked his brother Mamun around 10:00am when he was having tea at a roadside stall in Bera market area.
The attackers beat him up mercilessly with sticks and iron rods. Locals rescued the victim and admitted to Bera Upazila Health Complex. But upon suggestions by the on-duty doctors, he was shifted to the Pabna hospital.
Assistant Director of the hospital Dr Monwarul Aziz said the victim was undergoing treatment at the orthopaedic ward.
Mamun said the criminals beat him for publishing a news item in his newspa-

per last Friday that revealed corruption of Tuku's relatives in the tender process of TR (test relief) and Kabikha programmes.
"After the news was published, the supporters of the minister got angry with me," Mamun said.
Abdul Hai Sarkar, officer-in-charge of Bera Police Station, said victim's brother Mahamud filed a case accusing six persons including the nephew of the state minister. The five others are Nazrul Islam, Jakir Hossain, Halim, Firoz and Faruk all belong to the local Awami League.
"Aminul Haque, son of Bodiul Alam, is the prime accused in the case. We have recorded the case and are investigating the incident," the OC said.
Pabna Police Super Jahangir Hossain Matobbar said the law enforcers were trying to nab the criminals.

Following the incident, local journalists started demonstration to protest against the assault of Mamun. They held a protest rally on Bera Upazila Reporters Unity office premises around 12:00 noon with its President Sarkar Arifur Rahman in the chair.
Journalists Borun Roy, Shafiqul Azam and Boshonto Das also spoke at the meeting. They said such an assault of a journalist for publishing news on corruption was "an attack on free journalism".
Bera upazila journalists will hold a protest rally today demanding punishment of those responsible for the attack.
President of Pabna Press Club Prof Shibojit Nag and General Secretary Ahmedul Haque Rana also condemned the attack and demanded punishment to the perpetrators.



Meghna Petroleum Limited

(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)
58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong

Tender Notice

1.	Name of the procuring entity	Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong.		
2.	Invitation of tender for	Package No.	Description	Earnest money
		Pur-105 Dt.: 25/04/2012	Repair of Tank No. T-456 at Main Installation, Chittagong	Tk 6,00,000/-
3.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM). Tender to be submitted in two separate envelopes, one for technical offer and the other for financial offer.		
4.	Last selling date of tender document	June 03, 2012	15.30hrs	
5.	Tender closing time and date	June 05, 2012	15.00hrs	
6.	Tender opening time & date	June 05, 2012	15.15hrs	
7.	Name & address of the offices for:			
	Selling of tender documents	1. Purchase/Cash Section, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. 2. Meghna Bhaban, 131, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Receiving of tender documents	DGM (Engineering), Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong.		
	Opening of tender documents	DGM (Engineering), Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong.		
8.	Qualification of tenderer	(a) Interested contractor must have successfully completed, as a prime contractor for construction/repair of at least 1 No. X 1500 MT capacity POL Storage Steel Tank including supply of all necessary men and materials within the last 5 (five) years, with a value of at least Tk. 150.00 lac in a government/semi-government/autonomous bodies/BPC & its subsidiary organisation or any private power plant under Power Development Board (PDB).		
		(b) Average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk. 150.00 lac over the last 03 (three) years.		
		(c) The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be Tk. 100.00 lac.		
9.	Special instruction	The technical offer must comprise the following: a) Copies of work order/purchase order along with satisfactory completion certificate of contract(s) as a prime contractor, construction/repair of at least 1 No. X 1500 MT capacity POL Storage Steel Tank including supply of all men and materials within the last 5 (five) years, with a value of at least Tk. 150.00 lac in a government/semi-government/autonomous bodies/BPC & its subsidiary organisation or any private power plant under Power Development Board (PDB). b) Certified copy of valid trade license. c) Certified copy of TIN certificate. d) Copy of VAT registration. e) Earnest money. (f) Original money receipt of purchasing the tender documents. (g) Any other documents as specified in the tender schedule.		
		10. Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or part of any tender without showing any reason whatsoever.		

Note: If the tender can not be received/opened on the date of schedule due to any uncontrollable reason, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at same time and same place.

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়
প্রশাসন-৩ অধিশাখা

স্মারক নম্বরঃ প্রঃ ৩/২য় কোর্ট গাড়ী অক্জো-০৫/২০১০/ তারিখঃ ০৯ মে ২০১২খ্রিঃ

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি


গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়ের আওতাধীন ২য় কোর্ট অব সেটেলমেন্ট-এর দার্শনিক কাজে ব্যবহারের জন্য ২০১১-২০১২ অর্থ বছরে ১(এক)টি কার ক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে প্রকৃত গাড়ী আমদানিকারক/উৎপাদনকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে নিম্নবর্ণিত স্পেসিফিকেশন অনুযায়ী সীলমোহরযুক্ত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

০১.	মন্ত্রণালয়	গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়।
০২.	যে দপ্তরের জন্য গাড়ী ক্রয় করা হবে	২য় কোর্ট অব সেটেলমেন্ট।
০৩.	অর্থের উৎস ও বাজেট	জিএবি।
০৪.	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	সিডিউল গ্রহণের আবেদনের সময় নিম্নলিখিত মূল কাগজপত্রাদি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে। সংশ্লিষ্ট মূল কাগজপত্র প্রদর্শন করতে অপারগ বা বার্থ হলে দরপত্র সিডিউল/তফসিল বিক্রয়ের বিষয়টি বিবেচনা করা হবে না। সকল কাগজপত্রের ফটোকপি প্রথম শ্রেণীর সরকারি গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত করে দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবেঃ (১) হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, (২) হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধ সার্টিফিকেট, (৩) জাতীয়তা সনদপত্র, (৪) মালিকানা একিডেভিট, (৫) ০২ কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি, (৬) ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সনদ এবং (৭) অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র।
০৫.	দরপত্র বিক্রয়কারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
০৬.	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
০৭.	দরপত্র খোলার অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
০৮.	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	০৫-০৬-২০১২ তারিখ বিকেল-৫.০০টা পর্যন্ত।
০৯.	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	০৬-০৬-২০১২ তারিখ বেলা ২.৩০টা পর্যন্ত।
১০.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০৬-০৬-২০১২ তারিখ বেলা-২.৪০ (দরদাতার উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন)।
১১.	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	অফেরতযোগ্য ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা পে-অর্ডার সচিব, গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা বরাবরে।
১২.	দরপত্র জামানতের পরিমাণ	দরপত্র উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ৩% হারে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক অনুমোদিত যে কোনো তফসিল ব্যাংক হতে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট অবশ্যই দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৩.	সামগ্রীর বিবরণ	গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত স্পেসিফিকেশন অনুযায়ী ১২৫১-১৩৫০ সিসির ৫ (পাঁচ) আসনের (ড্রাইভারসহ) ৪(চার) দরজা বিশিষ্ট ১(এক)টি নতুন কার (সিএনজি কনভারশনসহ)।
১৪.	বিশেষ নির্দেশনা	ক) The Public Procurement Regulation 2008 এর শর্তাবলী ছাড়াও সিডিউলে বর্ণিত এবং গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত ও যে কোনো সময় আরোপিত শর্তাবলী মানতে বাধ্য থাকবেন; খ) দরপত্রদাতাকে দরপত্রের প্রতি পৃষ্ঠায় (সিডিউলসহ) সীলমোহরসহ স্বাক্ষর করতে হবে; গ) দরদাতাকে মোট মূল্য অংক এবং কথায় স্পষ্টভাবে দরপত্রে উল্লেখ করতে হবে। কোনো প্রকার কাটাকাটি, ঘষামাজা গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়; ঘ) কর্তৃপক্ষের কাজের স্বার্থে কার্যাদেশপ্রাপ্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানকে কার্যাদেশ দেয় সময়সীমার মধ্যে সংযুক্ত সিডিউল অনুযায়ী এবং দায়িত্বপ্রাপ্ত কর্মকর্তার নির্দেশ মোতাবেক কাজ সম্পন্ন করতে হবে; ঙ) যথাসময়ে কাজ সম্পন্ন করতে বার্থ হলে প্রচলিত নিয়ম/ The Public Procurement Regulation-2008 এর নিয়ম মোতাবেক কার্যাদেশ বাতিলকরতঃ পরবর্তী ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে; চ) সর্বশেষ বিক্রয় ও খোলার তারিখে ছুটি ঘোষণা করা হলে পরবর্তী খোলার তারিখে বিক্রয় ও খোলার দিন হিসেবে গণ্য হবে; ছ) সর্বনিম্ন দরদাতার দাখিলকৃত দরপত্র গ্রহণে কর্তৃপক্ষ বাধ্য নয়।

নোটঃ
১. এই দরপত্রের সকল কার্যক্রম "The Public Procurement Act, 2006" ও "The Public Procurement Regulation 2008" মোতাবেক পরিচালিত হবে;
২. কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন;
৩. এই বিজ্ঞপ্তিটি CPTU এর ওয়েবসাইটে (www.cptu.gov.bd) ও গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়ের ওয়েবসাইটে (www.mohpw.gov.bd) পাওয়া যাবে।

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Receiving and Opening of Tenders for Seed/Grain Silos under Package 4G16.C

Tenders for Grain Silos under Package 4G16.C will now be received up to 14:00 Hrs. on 23 May 2012 and received tenders will be opened immediately thereafter, in the presence of tenderers' representatives, who choose to attend, at the address indicated below. Tenderers, who prepared their tenders on or before 23 April'12, need not change the validity of their tenders as well as the corresponding tender securities.

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