

Fund for polls

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craze among people saying that the Padma bridge would be built with local financing. This is nothing but a tactic to collect funds for the election campaign," he said while addressing a symbolic hunger strike in front of the National Press Club.

The BNP unit of Dhaka-18 constituency organised the programme demanding immediate release of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal leader SM Jahangir.

In his speech, Fakhru said, "The election is nearing and the Awami League government is planning to collect money from people's pockets

to contest the election."

With the World Bank cancelling its loan for the bridge, this would be an opportunity for the government to steal money, he added.

According to Fakhru, the government says school children will save their tiffin allowances while teachers of Jagannath University will raise Tk1 crore for the bridge. "This is how they [government] have started extortion across the country."

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has recently in parliament unveiled a roadmap for constructing the Padma bridge with local fund.

Fakhru further claimed that businesspeople were blaming AL-backed syndicates for the price hike of rice, lentils, oil and other essentials ahead of Ramadan.

He also held nepotism responsible for the unrest in Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology. The BNP leader said the government had ruined the congenial atmosphere in top educational institutions through partisan recruitment.

Party leaders Zainul Abidin Faroque, Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal and Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Annee, among others, were present in the programme chaired by

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again, and we had to restore it by sacrificing blood. So, you have to remain alert so that no one can play with the fate of people, no one can distort the history of the country's Liberation War, and no one can play any new game," she said.

Hasina directed Jubo League men to remain vigilant in villages, unions and upazilas, and strengthen the organisation down to grassroots level to safeguard democracy.

"It's not possible to materialise any ideology or implement anything without building a strong organisation. You must strengthen Jubo League because youths are the main force of a nation," said the AL president.

Later at night, acting Jubo League chairman Omar Faruk Chowdhury was made

chairman and Harun-ar-Rashid general secretary of the organisation.

Ismail Chowdhury Samrat and Ariful Islam Arif were made president and general secretary of Jubo League city (south), and Mainul Hossain Nikhil and Ismail Hossain president and general secretary of city (north).

During the evening session of the council, a chaotic situation arose as outgoing general secretary Mirza Azam expressed his intent to get the post of chairman. Many of his supporters started shouting inside the conference hall and warned former Jubo League chairman Jahangir Kabir Nanak that they would not accept anyone else as chairman.

At one stage, Nanak and other leaders were forced to go to the Gono Bhaban

where the committee was announced following Sheikh Hasina's nod.

Witnesses told The Daily Star that some Jubo League activists blocked Nanak's car on the premises of the conference centre, demanding Mirza Azam be made chairman. Nanak rebuked them and left the spot quickly saying he would take care of Azam.

Earlier, in her address to the council, Hasina said the BNP and its ally Jamaat-e-Islami, which do not believe in the spirit of the Liberation War, resorted to corruption, fundamentalism, militancy and violence in the country after the 2001 general elections and took the country on the verge of ruin.

She warned of tough actions against these forces and said Bangladesh would be made the most peaceful country in the South Asian

region.

The prime minister cautioned that if the BNP comes to power again, the country would again plunge into corruption and militancy, and there would be no peace and security of the people. It would only change the life of some BNP leaders, and not of the general people.

Describing the successes of her government, the premier said they have fulfilled most of the pledges they had made before the last parliamentary elections. "When Awami League comes to power, peace prevails in the hearts of all but one. I don't want to utter the name of that person, I think, people know the name," she added.

The AL chief asked the leaders and activists of Jubo League to work with a spirit of sacrifice for the people

and the country as the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman did.

"You [Jubo League men] are not supposed to think what you have got or you have not from the country. You have to think what you have given to the country. You have to love people, you have to work for them and you have to win their trust and confidence."

AL General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam Advisory Council Member Amir Hossain Amir Presidium Member Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim and Joint General Secretary Jahangir Kabir Nanak also spoke on the occasion.

Omar Faruk Chowdhury and Mirza Azam, in their speeches, apologised to the people for any mistakes committed unwillingly in their nine and a half years'



BIRDEM General Hospital

(An Enterprise of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh)

122, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

Re-Tender for Renovation of BIRDEM Kitchen

01.	Nomenclature of tender	Renovation of Burner's frame work & floor in kitchen at 2 nd floor of BIRDEM General Hospital.
02.	Invitation Ref. & date	No-BIRDEM/Cons. work/2012/ 14/07/2012.
03.	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
04.	Source of fund	BIRDEM own fund.
05.	Date of selling tender documents	Tender documents will be available from 16 July to 31 July, 2012, during office hour (9.00am-1.00pm).
06.	Price of tender document	Taka one thousand (Tk. 1,000.00).
07.	Tender closing date & time	01 August (Wednesday), 2012 at 12.00 noon.
08.	Tender opening date & time	01 August (Wednesday), 2012 at 12.30pm (in presence of the tenderer or their authorized persons, if anybody present).
09.	Name & address of the office selling tender documents	Office of the Asstt. Director (Cash), Room # 208, 1 st Floor of OPD Building, BIRDEM.
10.	Name, designation & address of official inviting tender	Brig. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. Md. Shahidul Hoque Mallik, Director Hospital, BIRDEM General Hospital.
11.	Eligibility of tenderers: (a) Class-I, & Class-II enlisted contractors of PWD, LGED, CMMU & MES having requisite financial limit. (b) The tenderers shall have valid trade licence. TIN, VAT registration & income tax clearance certificate (c) An application with up-to-date enlistment order is required to be submitted to the undersigned for obtaining permission for purchasing of the tender documents & permission be enclosed with the tender.	
12.	Tender security	3% of quoted amount shall have to be deposited in the form of Demand Draft or Pay-Order from any local commercial bank in favour of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh.
13.	Time for completion	Maximum 15 (fifteen) days after NOA.
14.	Details specification, terms & conditions is enumerated in the tender schedule.	
15.	BIRDEM authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. In case of holiday or any unavoidable circumstance last date of dropping will be the next working day.	

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Govt free to disclose WB's graft reports

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wrote to the WB, Finance Minister AMA Muhith had said that Bangladesh would not disclose the Bank's reports and documents as a mark of respect for the global lender's confidentiality.

Goldstein answered 18 written questions submitted by this paper. This is the first time a World Bank high official has spoken up after the Bank scrapped the loan for the Padma bridge project on June 29.

She said the Bank would have no objection if the finance minister discloses the reports and correspondences of the World Bank that contained "evidence of corruption".

Queried about the findings of the investigation, she wrote, "The Integrity Vice Presidency looked into corruption allegations under the Padma bridge project and found sufficient credible evidence to warrant national investigation."

Evidence from one source has been corroborated through multiple sources. If the evidence is as innocuous as claimed, then the government should not hesitate to publicly release it, she continued.

"We presented the same evidence to the Canadian authorities who found it sufficiently credible to launch their own investigation. This has now led to arrests of high-ranking private executives in Canada on charges related to the Padma Bridge. This alone should be sufficient to convince the Bangladeshi

authorities of the need to conduct their own full and fair investigation."

When asked who the individuals were alleged to be involved in the scam, Goldstein said: "I cannot disclose individual names."

The latest referral report found evidence of a conspiracy to engage in corruption that involved public officials in Bangladesh.

She also refuted allegations that the Bank had favoured a Chinese company in the project.

"The Bridge Authority excluded the China Railway Construction Corporation from the pre-qualification list without providing adequate justification," she explained.

"The World Bank then requested the Bridge Authority to seek clarification and provide additional justification for exclusion. When this was eventually provided, the World Bank

agreed with the decision of the Government to exclude the firm."

She was asked if the loan cancellation was done in a haste and that it could have waited until the loan effectuation date ended.

She said the World Bank was in discussion with the government for nearly a year, seeking a serious commitment to address evidence of corruption under the project. Unfortunately, the government took no such action for nearly nine months, leading many to call for the early cancellation of the loan.

"The World Bank mounted an urgent mission to Dhaka to find a way forward in late June. After days of discussions with Bangladeshi authorities, the mission members were forced to conclude that commitment was lacking for two of the four measures proposed. On this basis, the

World Bank Management Team reluctantly took the decision to cancel the loan," she added.

As the government had indicated no further scope for discussion of the proposed measures, it was logical to proceed with cancellation of the loan immediately, she further added.

"It was a unanimous decision of the World Bank Management Team, not an individual decision, and it was motivated by a lack of commitment on the part of Government to seriously address corruption," the Bank's country director for Bangladesh and Nepal said.

She also said the decision about the Padma bridge loan does not have a direct impact on the World Bank's broader programme of support for Bangladesh.

"However, the government's weak response to

evidence of corruption in a flagship operation adds to mounting concerns about a deteriorating governance environment in Bangladesh, and this will be reflected in our programme going forward," she added quickly.

"Going forward, the World Bank will reduce our exposure in areas at high risk of fraud and corruption."

Asked if the Bank's loan decision can be reviewed, Goldstein said the World Bank has a few precedents in its history of reinstating a cancelled loan in other countries, so it is technically possible.

Then she added: "I see little scope to revisit the decision in this instance, as it was taken after extensive discussions with Government about the response to evidence of corruption under the Padma Bridge Project."

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of Director General
Department of Social Services, Agargaon, Dhaka

Memo No: 41.01.0000.040.07.001.12-49

Date: 12/07/2012

Status: Approved

Invitation for Tenders (Multiple Lot)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Social Welfare.			
2	Agency	Department of Social Services.			
3	Procuring entity name	Md. Moyazzem Hossain.			
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.			
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.			
6	Invitation for	Goods.			
7	Invitation Ref. No.	41.01.0000.040.07.001.12-49			
8	Date	12/07/2012			
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget, GOB.			
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	7110			
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Establishment of 6 Vocational Training Centers in 6 Divisions for the Orphan and Disabled Boys & Girls.			
14	Tender package No.	Goods and related service (11 Lots).			
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Goods & Equipment for 6 Vocational Training Centers.			
16	Tender publication date	Date 13/07/2012			
17	Tender last selling date	12/08/2012			
18	Tender closing date and time	Date 13/08/2012			
19	Tender opening date and time	13/08/2012			
20	Name & address of the office(s) -Selling tender document (principal) -Selling tender document (others) NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS	Address Office of the Project Director, Department of Social Services, Agargaon, Dhaka. Not applicable.			
21	-Receiving tender document -Opening tender document Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Office of the Project Director, Department of Social Services, Agargaon, Dhaka. Conference Room (1 st Floor), Department of Social Services, Agargaon, Dhaka. Not applicable. Date Not applicable Time Not applicable			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
22	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderer who have experience in supplying of goods & equipment (detail can be seen in STD).			
23	Brief description of goods or works	A total No. of 11 packages related with goods & equipment for six vocational training centers in six divisions (detail can be seen in STD).			
24	Brief description of related services	Shown in STD.			
25	Price of tender document (BDT)	Tk. 3000.00 (three thousand) only for Lot No. 2 & 3; Tk. 2000.00 (two thousand) only for Lot No. 8; Tk. 1500.00 (one thousand and five hundred) only for Lot No. 1, 5, 6, 7 & 9; Tk. 1000.00 (one thousand) only for Lot No. 4, 10 & 11.			
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time in weeks/months
1.	Wooden Furniture	Six Divisional Project Offices	Tk. 2,70,000/-	Two months after signing of contract	
2.	Steel Furniture	Do	Tk. 8,40,000/-	Two months after signing of contract	
3.	Equipment for Mechanical Workshop Training Section	Do	Tk. 8,80,000/-	Two months after signing of contract	
4.	Equipment for Garments, Tailoring, Embroidery, Carpet, Jute Works, etc.	Do	Tk. 90,000/-	Two months after signing of contract	
5.	Equipment for Wood Working/Carpentry Section	Do	Tk. 2,20,000/-	Two months after signing of contract	
6.	Computer and Accessories	Do	Tk. 2,00,000/-	Two months after signing of contract	
7.	Computer and Accessories related with Visually Impaired Training	Do	Tk. 1,30,000/-	Two months after signing of contract	
8.	Machineries and Equipment related with Automobile Workshop Section	Do	Tk. 5,40,000/-	Two months after signing of contract	
9.	Electrical and Electronic Equipment	Do	Tk. 1,60,000/-	Two months after signing of contract	
10.	Beddings for Hostel inmates	Do	Tk. 50,000/-	Two months after signing of contract	
11.	Utensil and Crockery for Hostel inmates	Do	Tk. 20,000/-	Two months after signing of contract	
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
27	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Moyazzem Hossain.			
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director (Deputy Secretary), Establishment of 6 Vocational Training Centers in 6 Divisions for the Orphan and Disabled Boys & Girls Project.			
29	Address of official inviting tender	Department of Social Services, Agargaon, Dhaka.			
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 8118062 Fax: 8110074 E-mail: moyazzem.hossain@yahoo.com			
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.				
Project Director Establishment of 6 Vocational Training Centers in 6 Divisions for the Orphan and Disabled Boys & Girls Project					
GD-2840					



Vacancy Announcement

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces the vacancy for the following positions for the **Activating Village Courts Project**. The Project Duration is until December 2013.

- District Facilitator (12 Posts)**
- Programme Support Officer (1 Post)**
- Admin and Procurement Assistant (1 Post)**

The duration of the Service Contract is one year initially, subject to renewal on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds

For details of the Terms of Reference and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Applications should be received no later than 17:00, 27 July 2012. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.



Vacancy Announcement

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh has vacancy for the following positions under Service Contract for the 'Improving Democracy through Parliamentary Development' Project. The project duration is until 30 June 2014.

- Research Service Specialist (Environment and Climate Change)**
- Research Service Specialist (Law and Social Sciences)**

The duration of the Service Contract is one year initially, subject to renewal on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

For details of the Terms of Reference and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Applications should be received no later than 17:00, 28 July 2012.

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