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GHORASHAL PROJECT Rejected co picked again

SHARIER KHAN

The Power Development Board has recommended awarding the contract for a large power project in Ghorashal to a Chinese joint venture bidder it had rejected earlier due to shortcomings in its bid proposal.

The recommendation was made by giving the rejected bidder -- CNTIC and CMC -- the scope to clarify its offer twice. In this process, the bidder used fabricated data that helped it become the lowest bidder.

The bidder initially forgot to mention the amount of credit it required to arrange for the project as per the tender rule. It also forgot to mention providing spare parts for the power plant during the warranty period. Both these flaws fall under the "rejection clause" of the tender document. As per the tender rules, offers falling under rejection clause cannot be given scope to clarify.

The tender for building the Ghorashal 300 to 450 megawatt power plant received six offers in June. It sought the bidders to bring in the finances for the project against guarantee given by the PDB.

The PDB evaluated the bids in July, and in September recommended giving the job to CNTIC-CMC.

The power ministry is now reviewing the PDB recommendation.

When CNTIC-CMC's bid was rejected due to its flaws, a powerful ruling Awami League leader put pressure on the PDB, forcing it to seek clarification twice.

A senior PDB official defended the move, saying that

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A British artist's underwater sculpture gardens, planted off the coast of Cancun, Mexico, encase hundreds of life-sized men, women and children. Divers are not only welcome but encouraged to explore the hundreds of detailed bodies and faces otherwise left in the quiet company of fish and creeping coral reefs. The mission of 37-year-old artist Jason de Caires-Taylor is to distract divers from the nearby Mesoamerican Reef, the second largest barrier reef in the world, that struggles to handle the swarming tourists annually.

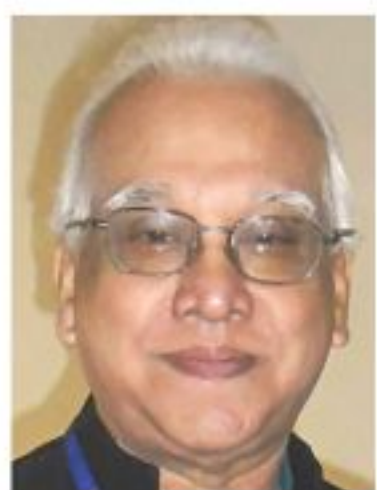


FRIEND OF LIBERATION WAR He is still there for Bangladesh

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

1971. With the Pakistani occupation forces on a killing spree, a young soul on the other side of the Atlantic stands by a war-ravaged Bangladesh. His mission: To help the Bangalees and their cause of freedom in whatever way he can.

Young Pabitra Sarkar was pursuing his education at Chicago University in the US during Bangladesh's liberation war. Overtaken by the sufferings the brutal,



Pabitra Sarkar

unjust war had brought on the Bangalees, he resolved to raise funds for the freedom fighters.

He and a few other Bangalees started organising cultural programmes throughout the US. The money they collected from the audience used to be sent over as funds aimed at helping the cause of the freedom struggle.

Forty one years on, Pabitra, a writer and academic based in Kolkata, knows there is still a lot remains unaccomplished.

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US grand jury to decide Nafis' fate

STAR REPORT

A US Grand Jury will decide whether Rezwanul Ahsan Nafis, arrested by the FBI over a "bomb plot" in New York, will be prosecuted or not, reported ATN Bangla last night.

Information related to the Bangladeshi youth has already been sent to the jury that will decide on his fate after examining the evidence.

Hearings will commence if the jury decides in favour of framing charges against Nafis, who is now in custody, reported the private TV channel.

The criminal complaint says Nafis travelled by a van with an individual who he assumed to be a co-conspirator to a New York warehouse. He then tried to detonate a 1,000-pound bomb at the Federal Reserve Bank, reports LA Times.

The man he thought was a co-conspirator turned out

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Filmmaker Yash Chopra no more

TNN, New Delhi

Legendary film director, screenwriter and producer Yash Chopra is dead.

Chopra, 80, had been admitted to Lilavati hospital in Bandra on October 13 after being diagnosed

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ATTACKS ON BUDDHISTS My husband innocent

Wife of Ramu suspect tells press
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Tofail Ahmed, chairman of Naikkhangchhari upazila parishad and a prime suspect in the Ramu mayhem according to the government investigation report, sent his wife Monwara Begum to address a press conference in Cox's Bazar Press Club yesterday.

Monwara Begum read out Tofail's written statement defending him and rejecting the probe findings about her husband's alleged involvement in the attacks on the Buddhist community.

She claimed her husband was in Dhaka for official purposes, which was why she had to address the press

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Dr Kamal, B Chy call for national unity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gonoforum President Dr Kamal Hossain and Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury have called for a "national unity" for a prosperous Bangladesh.

"The country is plagued with diseases Awakening the masses is the only medicine," Dr Kamal told a function at Radisson Blue Water Garden Hotel in the capital yesterday.

The eminent jurist said some people at upper tiers were crossing their limits in exercising power because of their unlimited greed.

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Gonoforum President Dr Kamal Hossain and Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury make a gesture of unity during a function at Radisson Water Garden Hotel in the capital yesterday.

Gaddafi's son 'killed in battle'

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

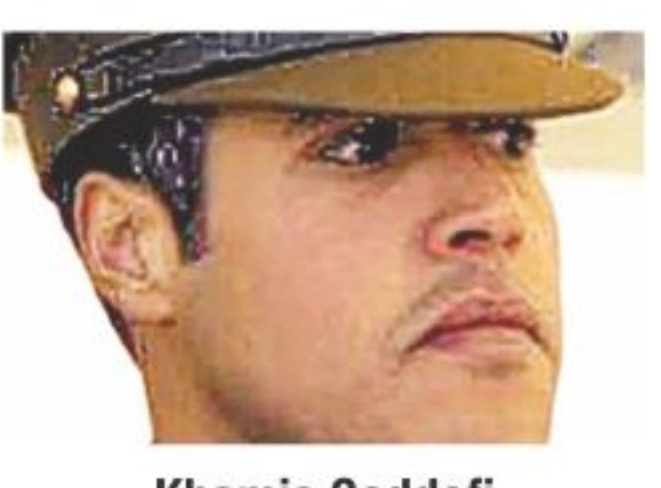
Khamis Gaddafi, youngest son of the former Libyan dictator, has allegedly been killed during fighting in the town of Bani Walid, a year to the day that rebel forces killed his father, Muammar Gaddafi.

A short statement from the Libyan national congress spokesman, Omar Hamdan, said the 28-year old was killed "in battle" but gave no further details. His body was apparently found after a day of heavy fighting between the town's pro-Gaddafi garrison and militias allied to the Libyan government. Government forces reported 13 dead and 121 wounded, amid a fourth day of bitter clashes for control of the town.

Khamis's alleged killing prompted wild celebrations in Misrata, Libya's third city, which was besieged for six months by his 32nd Brigade, blamed for an orgy of murder, rape and torture.

Khamis, who has been reported dead several times

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Khamis Gaddafi

Telecoms missing from global list

Outsourcing business fears backlash
ABDULLAH MAMUN

The government's failure to hand in the necessary input on time has cost Bangladesh a spot in a global telecommunication publication relied heavily by the outsourcing industry.

The United Nations' International Telecommunication Union recently published the ICT Development Index based on information and communication technologies' indicators, grouped in three

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MPs' ACTIVITIES TIB sends copy to info ministry

UNB, Dhaka

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday sent a compact disc (CD) containing information of its report on MPs to the information ministry.

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WAR CRIMES TRIAL Azad faces 10 charges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday brought 10 charges of crimes against humanity, including killings, rape, looting, arson and forcing people to convert to Islam, against former Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abul Kalam Azad.

International Crimes Tribunal-2 will decide on

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MCCI

The Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI) will be held on **Monday the 22nd October 2012 at 2:30 p.m.** at the Chamber Conference Hall (5th floor) of the Chamber Building, 122-124, Motijheel C.A., Dhaka.

All members of the MCCI are requested to kindly attend the Extraordinary General Meeting.

The Daily Star

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ONLINE POLL

Do you support the BNP-led opposition's decision to boycott the dialogue with the Election Commission on redrawing the boundaries of parliamentary constituencies and finding out ways to make the next election free and fair?

Yes (33.7%)
No (64.6%)
No Comments (1.7%)
TOTAL VOTES: 689

TODAY'S POLL
Do you agree with Dr Kamal Hossain's comment that the ruling Awami League and main opposition BNP are the "feudal lords"?

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PRAYER TIMING October 22

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-50	5-25
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-36	5-39
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation