

Govt counts loss to favour a deal

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financial offers as low as \$177m.

In the re-tender floated in late 2010, the joint venture offered \$ 341m to build the plant. Together with other components which include a long term service of the plant, the project cost stands at a staggering \$529m.

They were the lone bidder in the tender. Another bidder that participated in the tender had offered a price \$40m lower than Isolux-Samsung's offer. But that bidder was disqualified.

Sources said despite such a wide gap in the funding, the EGCB in May was forced to sign the deal under political pressure so

that the tender is not cancelled, and the project does not go for re-tender.

To cover this deficit, the government has been asking the WB for allocating the additional fund. The Economic Relations Division (ERD) was also engaged to ask other donors to chip in. But so far, there has been no assurance.

On September 27, the contract with Isolux-Samsung became effective, making it obligatory for the government to arrange the deficit.

Nobody knows exactly from where the government would provide such a huge amount of money.

The EGCB on July 20 sought the WB's clearance for its bidder selection.

The WB in August cleared the EGCB's selection of Isolux-Samsung. But it noted, "While we are processing the additional financing for Siddhirganj Power project, kindly note that this no objection does not commit IDA (International Development Agency) for granting such financing."

Power Division Secretary AK Azad is, however, optimistic about getting the WB on board. "The World Bank may give the remaining fund. But if not, the government is ready to pay it," he said. The power secretary said that within eighteen months, the simple cycle part of the plant would start generating power. By

early 2014, the plant would go into full operation. **HUGE LOSS DUE TO HELPING SAHCO**
The project was already re-tendered once due to selection of a Chinese bidder that proposed to use Siemens equipment.

The WB in 2009 gave a condition that selection of any bidder with Siemens equipment would not be acceptable as it was investigating to the company's worldwide corruption.

The bidder that was picked by the EGCB was represented by Sahco.

The first tender floated in 2009 drew four price offers ranging from as low as \$177m to as high as \$270m.

Two companies -- Isolux-Samsung and

Spanish Cobra -- participated in the re-tender. Cobra made an offer of \$40m lower than Isolux's \$341m, but it was disqualified on grounds of an "incomplete" offer.

On the other hand, Isolux-Samsung fell short in the experience criterion of the bid. The EGCB at first disqualified it and then changed its decision saying that the project urgently needed to be

implemented. On the question of Sahco getting favours, Syed Abul Hossain told The Daily Star in May that he had no involvement in business as he resigned from his company Sahco in January 2009. He claimed Sahco is the top most power generation company in the country since 1975, and thus it could get involved in any power project on its own merit.

Newborn among 6 killed in Afghan blast

AFP, Khost

A mother and her newborn baby were among six family members killed in a roadside bombing in eastern Afghanistan overnight, police and witnesses said yesterday.

The victims were heading home from the hospital after the mother had given birth when the bomb planted by Taliban insurgents tore through their vehicle in Khost province on the Pakistan border, police said.

Roadside bombs are the weapon of choice for the Islamist militants who are fighting in an insurgency to bring down the Western-backed government in Kabul.

PM questions Khaleda's role

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stand beside the victims. Besides, the government immediately supported the victims with Tk 40 million and allocated Tk 200 million to the army and BGB to reconstruct the Buddhist temples and houses, the premier added.

"My question is that why she [Khaleda] has forgotten all these. Forgetting is her habit as she also forgot the Ganga water sharing issue when she was in power from 1991 to 1996. I don't know whether she again forgot the Teesta and Tipaimukh issues during her recent visit to India," the premier added.

Asking the BNP chairperson to stop her "nasty" game, Hasina warned that her government would not

allow anyone to play with the fate of people. She said they would ensure that the country's democracy is safe and remains a continual process.

She directed the leaders and workers of Jubo League to work for the welfare of people instead of making their own fortune, saying no-one will take their wealth to the grave after death.

The Jubo League honoured eight youths for their talent and enormous contributions. They are Shakib Al Hasan, the world's best cricketing all-rounder, three Everest conquerors -- Musa Ibrahim, Nishat Majumder and Wasfia Nazreen, expatriate scientist Prof Dr Maksudul Alam, Mahmudul Hasan Shohag for generating

Electronic Voting Machine, Nurul Amin Sajeeb for introducing software for the physically challenged people and Al Amin Kabir for being top in the global competition in outsourcing earning.

The PM gave away honorary crests and books to three other youths who became winners in the Jubo League's Facebook quiz competition on the history of Bangladesh.

In his speech, Jubo League Chairman Omar Faroque demanded that the government enact a special act and enforce it strictly to root out drugs to save the youth from its devastating curse.

He thanked the expatriate Bangladeshis and garment workers for their great contributions to develop-

ment of the country's economy and bloggers and social media users for helping improve the image of the country and the young entrepreneurs for generating employment.

Faroque strongly warned that there would be no room in Jubo League for extortionists and tender manipulators.

President of Bangladesh Economic Association Dr Abul Barakat discussed Sheikh Hasina's 'People's Empowerment' model, which was unanimously accepted in the last UNGA, in the programme.

Former Jubo League chairmen Amir Hossain Amu, Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim and Jahangir Kabir Nanak and Jubo League General Secretary Harunur Rashid also spoke.

Second Hay Festival

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capital.

The festival will be inaugurated on November 15 at 6:00pm. The main sessions will take place on November 16 and 17 from 10 am to 7:30 pm at Bangla Academy and will be open to all.

The festival first began in a quaint little town, Hay-on-Wye, in Wales 25 years ago as a small get-together of writers. Since then, it has become one of the most beloved and defining literary festivals in the world, travelling across five continents.

Globally, the event attracts not just writers, poets and publishers, but creative and powerful minds from every field. It is a platform for sharing stories, ideas and experiences across disciplines, genres and cultures; introducing new authors and books; and reconnecting with established names.

The Second Hay Festival Dhaka will be a three-day bilingual literary feast, featuring the likes of Vikram Seth, Syed Shamsul

Haque, Philip Hensher, Kuldeep Nayar, Kamila Shamsie, Muhammed Zafar Iqbal, Kaiser Haq, Selina Hussein, David Davida, Gillian Clarke, Nandita Das and many others.

The festival aims to showcase the diversity of our literature and culture, highlighting not just Bangladeshi writers who write in English but also those writing in Bengali as well, said Tahmima Anam, writer and co-organiser of the celebration.

The festival will take place on the historic premises of Bangla Academy, the heart of Bangladesh's literary heritage. "The Hay Festival can add a new dimension to disseminating and popularising Bangladeshi literature around the world," said Shamsuzzaman Khan, director general of Bangla Academy.

Bengali is the seventh most spoken language in the world, but our literature has not received as much exposure internationally as it should have,

said Syed Shamsul Haque, prominent poet and writer. "The festival will create opportunities to recognise [new minds and international writers] as well as be recognised."

It is crucial for Bangladeshi literature -- both original English works and Bengali writings in translation -- to expand beyond our borders.

In his remarks, The Daily Star Executive Editor Syed Badrul Hossain took the audience through the reasons why the Hay Festival was being organised this year again and on a larger canvas. Sajjad Sharif, Managing Editor of Prothom Alo, said it was an honour for his media organisation to be associated with the event. Robin Davies, Director, Partnerships and Programmes, British Council Dhaka, expressed his satisfaction at being able to play a role in the holding of the festival.


The organisers and participants believe that the presence of publishers such as Penguin, Harper Collins and Bloomsbury at

this year's event will facilitate the process.

Bangladeshi and international writers, poets and artists will share the stage to discuss diverse topics such as the art of playwriting and poetry, aesthetics of filmmaking and Bangladesh's Liberation War. The festival will also showcase poetry recitations, readings from selected writings, book launches, dance recitals and other performances.

The Daily Star is the festival's Title Sponsor, Jatrika a Project Partner, KK Tea the Key Sponsor, the British Council the Hay Festival's Global Partner, the Prothom Alo and AB Bank Associate Sponsors, while Desh TV and ABC Radio are Media Partners. Its panel sponsors are Airtel, AKK/IC Nazrul, SPEED, Brummer and Partners, Aqua Paints, University of Liberal Arts, Bangladesh (ULAB), Qubee and Nishorjo Network/USAID.

Hay Festival is produced by Sadaf Saaz Siddiqi, Tahmima Anam, Lyndy Cooke and Peter Florence.



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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

Composing, Designing and Printing of Upazila Pharashid Manual

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh seeks quotation from interested Companies for **Composing, Designing and Printing of Upazila Pharashid Manual**. All interested Companies may collect the bidding Documents (RFQ) by applying to the following email Address: **javed.noman@undp.org**

Submission of Quotation : Potential Companies are requested to submit quotation in sealed envelope marked with "**Composing, Designing and Printing of Upazila Pharashid Manual**" and should be addressed to the UNDP Procurement Unit, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.

Deadline for the submission of Quotation: 22 November 2012, 04.30PM

Tender Notice for Ancillary Works of Chiller Building and Hospital Building at icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare		
2	Agency	icddr,b		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Director, icddr,b		
4	Procuring Entity District	Mohakhali, Dhaka		
5	Invitation for	Works		
6	Invitation Ref No & Date	icddr,b/Mohakhali/PS/67/2012, Date: 12-11-2012		
7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (National)		
8	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB-USDA		
9	Development Partners	USDA		
10	Project / Program Name	Strengthening of icddr,b's Capacity to Improved Hospital and Lab Services, icddr,b, Dhaka		
11	Tender Package No.	Package No. 67		
12	Tender Package Name	Ancillary Works of Chiller Building and Hospital Building at icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka		
13	Tender Publication Date	November 12, 2012		
14	Tender Last Selling Date	December 02, 2012		
15	Tender Closing Date and Time	December 03, 2012	Time: 11:30 AM	
16	Tender Opening Date and Time	December 03, 2012	Time: 12:00 PM	
17	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address		
	- Selling Tender Document	Treasury Unit, Cash Counter-2, Ground Floor, IPH Building, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka between 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM on all working days.		
	- Receiving Tender Document	Procurement Services Office, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka		
	- Opening Tender Document	Procurement Services Office, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka		
18	Pre-tender meeting	Pre-Tender meeting will be held on November 20, 2012 at 11:00AM at Procurement Services Conference Room at IPH Building, Mohakhali, Dhaka.		
19	Eligibility of Tenderer	Reputed construction firms enlisted in Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous organization having following eligibility criteria, may apply for the tender : i. Tenderer shall have minimum 5 (five) years of experience on building construction works including civil, sanitary, electrical works. ii. Tenderers having experience in successful completion of at least 1 (one) number building works of Tk. 1 crore in single work order comprising of civil, sanitary & electrical works within the last 5 (five) years . Evidence regarding successful completion of works in the form of Work order/award and Completion Certificate must be submitted signed by the appropriate authority iii. The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk.90 (ninety) lac over the last 05 (five) years. iv. The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the Tenderer shall be Tk.60 (Sixty) lac v. Tenderer must have qualified & experienced Technical Personnel in Civil work and essential equipment for undertaking the works as per requirement of the tender (i) Tenderers are required to submit price quotation correspond to 100% of the required items and quantities.		
20	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand) only		
21	Pkg No.	Description	Location	Tender Security Amount (TK)
	67	Ancillary Works of Chiller Building and Hospital Building at icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka	icddr,b 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.	Tk. 5,00,000 (Five lac) only in the form of Pay Order, Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee in favour of ICDDR,B, Dhaka from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh.
22	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Shihab Ahmed		
23	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Head, Procurement Services		
24	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Procurement Services, Office of the Executive Director, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka.		
25	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel: 9840523-32, Ext : 4400	Fax: 8811686	e-mail: shihab@icddr.org
26	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
27	Special Instruction : (a) All activities in connection with the said procurement of Works will be guided as per rule of " The Public Procurement Rules 2008 ". (b) If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at same time and same place.			



Shihab Ahmed
Head, Procurement Services
icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka, Bangladesh

TENDER NOTICE FOR PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF MALE LATEX CONDOMS AND LUBRICANTS

1	Name of Procuring Entity	icddr,b		
2	Invitation for	Goods		
3	Invitation Ref. No.	icddr, b/PS/OTM/GFATM/19/2012 dated 12 November 2012		
4	Procurement Method	International Open Tendering Method		
5	Budget and Source of Funds	Global Fund		
6	Project / Program Name	Global Fund Rolling Continuation Channel Project for "Expanding HIV Prevention in Bangladesh"		
7	Tender Package Name	Procurement and Distribution of Male Latex Condoms and Lubricants		
8	Tender Publication Date	November 12, 2012		
9	Tender Last Selling Date	December 23, 2012		
10	Tender Closing Date and Time	December 24, 2012	Time: 02:45 PM	
11	Tender Opening Date and Time	December 24, 2012	Time: 03:00 PM	
12	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address		
	- Selling Tender Document	Treasury Unit, Cash Counter-2, Ground Floor, IPH Building, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212 between 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM in all work days (from Sunday to Thursday)		
	- Receiving Tender Document	Procurement Services Office, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212.		
	- Opening Tender Document	Procurement Services Office, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212.		
13	Pre-tender meeting	Pre-Tender meeting will be held on November 29, 2012 at 11:00AM in Procurement Services Conference Room at IPH Building, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212.		
14	Minimum Qualifications of Bidders	LOT-1: i. 3 years manufacturing and /or marketing experience of the related goods ii. WHO/UNFPA prequalified LOT-2: i. 4 years manufacturing and /or marketing experience of the related goods		
15	Price of Bid Document	Tk. 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand) only		
16	Brief Description of Goods	SL No.	Description	Quantity
				Bid Security Amount
		LOT-1	Procurement and distribution of Male Latex Condoms [Brand: icddr,b approved name and foil design] up to the DIC level	33.14 million pieces (Approx.)
		LOT-2	Procurement and distribution of Lubricants [Brand: icddr,b approved name and tube design] up to the DIC level	2.20 million tubes (Approx.)
17	Delivery	The supplier will deliver goods in every three months as per schedule to 65 Drop in Centers (DIC) located in approximately 40 districts of Bangladesh in approximately 28 months.		
18	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Shihab Ahmed		
19	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Head, Procurement Services		
20	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Procurement Services, Office of the Executive Director, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212.		
21	Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel: 9840523-32, Ext : 4400	Fax: 8811686	e-mail: shihab@icddr.org
22	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
23	Special Instruction : (a) All activities in connection with the said procurement of Goods will be guided as per the icddr,b Procurement Policies (b) If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at same time and same place.			



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