Hartal from 6am to 2pm today

FROM PAGE 1 and urged people to make

today's hartal a success. The main opposition also warned the ruling party leaders of "public curfew", and said it should not be long when the minis-

ters would not be able to go

outside their homes. "People will siege the houses of ministers and ruling party leaders," said Tariqul Islam, coordinator of the opposition's agitation programmes, at a press briefing in BNP central office in the capital's

Nayapaltan area. He also claimed that the government had filed the case against Fakhrul using fake signature of a city corporation driver, who was on leave during Tuesday's hartal.

At least eight vehicles were set ablaze in the capital last night ahead of today's hartal. One of the vehicles was a bus that used to ferry policemen. It was torched at Bangla Motor intersection.

Conference Centre in the

Garment workers are

poorly paid, earning as low

as \$37 a month, though

they helped bring home

\$19 billion in apparel

exports last year, about 80

percent of Bangladesh's

total earning from over-

the garment sector is con-

tributing a lot to the econ-

omy and also creating jobs.

"You [factory owners] are

also making good money,"

About 40 lakh workers,

80 percent of them

women, are employed in

5,000 garment factories in

She said the govern-

ment provides factory

owners with duty and tax

benefits. Industrial police

has also been constituted

Hasina urged the owners

to grab the opportunity

available on the global

apparel market, as the pull-

out of investors from China,

the world's largest apparel

exporter, opens up window

of opportunity for

Bangladesh, the second

for protecting the sector.

the country, said Hasina.

The prime minister said

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seas markets.

she said.

capital.

Several homemade bombs also went off in Dhaka last

Home Minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir has meanwhile vowed to resist the shutdown.

"Those who are enforcing hartal and blockade are the nation's enemy. Khaleda Zia and her allies are doing these only to protect the war criminals," said the home minister while addressing a programme on Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Thakurgaon district BNP yesterday enforced a sixhour hartal demanding release of Mirza Fakhrul, who was arrested on Monday and sent to Kashimpur jail yesterday. Local units of the party also brought out processions in many districts protesting the arrest.

In Barisal, at least 30 people including an assistant police commissioner and five cops were injured in a clash between police and

We should not miss the

talked about sabotage -- a

matter she recently raised

after the blaze that killed at

least 112 people, mostly

workers, at Tazreen

a worker cannot set alight

or damage the factory

where he is employed, as it

owners to stay alert about

the "behind-the-scenes

games" against Bangladesh

as it is performing well in

Hasina said her govern-

ment has empowered

Bangladesh Garment

Manufacturers and

Exporters Association

(BGMEA), the organiser of

the event, to issue the

"Country of Origin" certifi-

cate. The government is

ready to give the associa-

tion more responsibilities

provided that it enhances

their participation has

helped cut poverty,

increase literacy rate and

improve child and mater-

She highlighted the

its capacity.

She called upon the

Hasina said she believes

Fashions last month.

provides him a living.

the RMG sector.

The prime minister also

opportunity," she said.

pro-hartal activists yesterday around 4:30pm, reports our correspondent.

Police charged batons, lobbed teargas canisters and fired rubber bullets to disperse the activists. At least four BNP activists were arrested from the spot.

In Mymensingh, at least 15 people were injured as the supporters of the opposition alliance clashed with police in the town yesterday evening.

The clash had erupted around 5:30pm when police blocked a pro-hartal procession in front of Mymensingh Zila School, reports our district correspondent quoting Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Kotwali Police Station Abu Fazlul Karim.

The opposition activists retaliated by pelting the police with brick chips prompting the law enforcers to use teargas and fire rubber bullets, said the OC, adding that they had picked up six people from the spot.

Meanwhile, drivers and

LGRD and Cooperatives

Minister Syed Ashraful

Islam sharply criticised US

Ambassador Dan W

Mozena for pushing

Bangladesh to allow trade

powerful country often advo-

cates for allowing trade

unions in factories. He does-

n'tevenlook at his own coun-

try," he said in an oblique

ambassador's name, Syed

Ashraf, also general secre-

tary of the ruling Awami

League, said the US envoy

should first look at his own

country before frequently

advising Bangladesh on

the 52 US states do not allow

workers to set up unions. He

asked the ambassador to

establish trade unions in his

He, however, acknowl-

edged that it's a constitu-

tional right of the workers

unions in garment facto-

ries sends a negative signal

to US buyers, and it might

impact the garment

(With details from UNB

imports from Bangladesh.

Mozena on several occa-

to form trade unions.

The minister said 26 of

trade unionism.

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garment workers, saying endorsement of trade

and BSS)

Without mentioning the

reference to Mozena.

"One ambassador of a

unions in RMG factories.

cleaners of Dhaka City Corporation are reluctant to work during hartal hours fearing attack and assault by the pro-hartal activists.

"Garbage trucks are being vandalised while drivers are assaulted during political programmes. The city service might be hampered if this trend continues," said Dhaka South City Corporation in a press release. The corporation urged

all to cooperate to ensure uninterrupted city service. BNP LAMBASTS HANIF The main opposition yesterday censured ruling Awami League leader Mahbubul Alam Hanif for his comment that BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia would also be arrested and brought under trial.

"Think of your [Hanif] own protection. The people will bring you all under trial for corruption, killing and

violence," said Tariqul Islam, also a senior member of the BNP standing committee.

He said, "Hanif was a shrimp trader and the vice president of Bheramara upazila Awami League. He was promoted as the joint general secretary of the party as he is a relative to the prime minister and now he is threatening Khaleda Zia. People will track him down and give him a good lesson."

Meanwhile, Rahat Ara Begum, wife of Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, yesterday demanded release of her husband saying the government had arrested him only to make the situation worse.

She was talking to journalists on the Kashimpur jail premises.

Meanwhile, Khaleda addressing the leaders of Muktijoddha

Gonoparishad at her Gulshan office said, "This government has failed and is incompetent. The country will be destroyed if we fail to oust the government

from power." At least 90 members of the organisation formally joined the BNP yesterday.

Referring to the killing of Biswajit Das by Chhatra League activists, the BNP chairperson said, "You have witnessed the way Biswajit has been murdered in public, but the killers are still at large. The Awami League is conducting the killings and filing [false] cases against opposition activists."

Biswajit was beaten and hacked to death by Chhatra League activists in the capital on Sunday during the BNP-led oppositionsponsored countrywide road blockade programme.

Tailoring shop owner

Water crisis

told a press conference at

ency on groundwater will

come down to 78 percent

from 87 percent, men-

has 632 deep tube wells.

The underground water

table is depleting alarm-

ingly in the capital every

year as most of the city's

Dhaka Wasa currently

tioned Tagsem.

Wasa Bhaban yesterday.

FROM PAGE 20 percent by 2021. Khan, managing director of

To achieve the target, Dhaka Water Supply and construction of three more Sewerage Authority (Wasa), water treatment plants is

underway.

The plants are Padma-Prime Minister Sheikh Jasholdi treatment plant Hasina is expected to with a capacity of 45 crore launch the production in litre, Sayedabad phase-III the plant's new phase today. treatment plant with a With the commissioning capacity of 45 crore litre of the new phase, Dhaka and Khilkhet water treat-Wasa's daily water supply ment plant with a capacity capacity will increase to 242 of 50 crore litre per day. crore litres and depend-

IAEA to visit Iran today

AFP, Vienna

The UN atomic agency's chief inspector said he hopes Iran will grant his team access to the Parchin military base during talks 225 crore litre demand is in Tehran today.

IAEA says it has evimet by underground water. The MD said they have a dence suggesting Iran conducted explosives plan to reduce the dependency on groundwater to 30 research at Parchin.

Low prices, plant safety compatible Pay more, ensure workplace safety FROM PAGE 20

offices of the Council on Foreign Relations.

"This is not a price discussion," Duke said. "This is just a case if a factory is not going to operate with high standards then we will not purchase from that factory, and there's no discussion about price," Duke said.

A fire at a Bangladesh factory that made clothes for Wal- Mart killed more than a hundred people last month, prompting labourrights groups to call for the world's largest retailer and other Western companies to do more to make garment factories safer. Wal-Mart said the factory was

not authorised to make its clothes and fired a supplier that was using it. In a wide-ranging con-

versation that covered everything from wages paid to workers in US stores to questions about the retailer's e-commerce, Duke said his company faces high expectations from the public because of its size. Duke also took questions from the audience at the event.

LATEST CHALLENGE

The Bangladesh fire was just the latest challenge faced by Wal-Mart overseas. Earlier this year, the US Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission

began investigating possible violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act at Wal-Mart's Mexico unit. Meanwhile, at home, union-backed protesters demanding better pay and benefits have picketed the company's US stores.

On the Mexico probes, Duke said the company "will take appropriate action upon the conclusion of this investigation." "We use every experience like this to try to be a better company," Duke said.

In response, Wal-Mart has spent \$30 million revamping its corporate structure. It's also investigating its operations in Brazil, China and India for

Date

Invitation Ref No

possible violations. The retailer has seen its

stock surpass \$70 this year for the first time ever after sales improved in the US, its largest market. Duke and Bill Simon, head of Wal-Mart US, have changed course by returning thousands of items to stores that had been removed and invested in cutting prices to reinforce its slogan of "Save Money. Live Better."

E-COMMERCE REGRETS Duke has been reducing prices to lure US shoppers who are still suffering amid sluggish economic growth and high unemployment. Discount chains such as

and Dollar Tree Inc. (DLTR) have attracted some of those customers with smaller-format stores that allow for quicker trips and by adding food items. Asked about his regrets,

Duke said he wished the company had been more aggressive in e-commerce, where it has faced increasing competition from online retailers such as Amazon.com Inc. "We should've moved

faster," said Duke, who has been in the job for almost four years.

Wal-Mart fell 1.8 percent to \$70.89 at the close in New York yesterday. The shares have gained 19 percent this year.

Date: 11/12/2012

RETIRED ARMED FORCES OFFICERS'

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Invitation for Tender

ested firms for supply and installation of 180 Ton Ducted split type Air conditioner. Country of origin shall be of UK, USA, Germany, Japan, Spain, Italy, Sweden and France. Interested firms are requested to visit the site before submission of their quotation. The offer should reach this office on or before 24 December 2012.

Secretary General

WELFARE ASSOCIATION (RAOWA) VIP Road, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1206.

Sealed quotation are invited from the inter-

largest exporter of garment products. "The prospect of our nal health significantly in readymade garments is rural areas. It has ultimately being discussed globally. empowered poor women.

টিএমএসএস মেডিকেল কলেজ

রংপুর রোড, ঠেঙ্গামারা, বগুড়া-৫৮০০ ফোন ও ফ্যাব্স ঃ ০৫১-৬১৮৩০, ইমেইল: tmcbogra@gmail.com ওয়েব: www.tmssmedicalcollege.com,www.tmsshealth.com

২০১২-২০১৩ শিক্ষাবর্ষে এমবিবিএস কোর্সে ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয় অনুমোদিত, বিএম এভ ডিসি কর্তৃক স্বীকৃতিপ্রাপ্ত ও রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় অধিভুক্ত।

মেডিকেল কলেজে ভর্তির যোগ্যতা

স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর কর্তক গহীত লিখিত পরীক্ষায় মেধা স্কোর ১১০ থেকে তদুর্দ্ধে প্রাপ্ত ছাত্র/ছাত্রীদের নিকট থেকে আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। আবেদন ফরম ১.০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) পরিশোধ সাপেক্ষে নিম্নলিখিত ঠিকানা হইতে সংগ্রহ ও জমা দেওয়া যাইবে।

ভির্তি ফরম সংগ্রহ ও জমাদানের শেষ তারিখ

১০/১২/২০১২ হইতে ২০/১২/২০১২ পর্যন্ত। (সকাল ৮টা থেকে বিকাল ৫:০০ টা) 回 অস্বচ্ছল ও মেধাবী ছাত্র/ছাত্রীদের জন্য ৫% আসনে ভর্তির সুযোগ থাকিবে। মুক্তিযোদ্ধাদের সন্তানদের জন্য মোট আসনের ২% আসন সংরক্ষিত থাকিবে।

টিএমএসএস মেডিকেল কলেজ (TMC) এর সুবিধা সমূহ

- ে কলেজের প্রতিটি বিভাগেই উচ্চতর ডিগ্রীধারী পূর্ণকালীন অভিজ্ঞ, দক্ষ, আন্তরিক, সুখ্যাতি সম্পন্ন শিক্ষকমণ্ডলী আছেন ে পর্যাপ্ত শিক্ষা উপকরণ ও শিক্ষার সুষ্ঠ পরিবেশ, উন্নতমানের ল্যাবরেটরী, অত্যাধুনিকমানের লেকচার গ্যালারী, ইন্টারনেট সমৃদ্ধ কম্পিউটার ল্যাবরেটরী, পর্যাপ্ত মেডিকেল বই সমৃদ্ধ লাইব্রেরী রহিয়াছে। া চিকিৎসা সেবার সকল সুবিধা সম্বলিত আধুনিক হাসপাতাল রহিয়াছে।
- া কলেজ, হাসপাতাল ও হোস্টেলে ২৪ ঘন্টা বিদ্যুৎ সুবিধা।
- ছাত্র/ছাত্রী ও শিক্ষকমণ্ডলীর জন্য নিয়মিত পরিবহন ব্যবস্থা।
- া শরীরচর্চার জন্য জীমনেশিয়াম ও উন্মুক্ত খেলার মাঠ। ে টিএমএসএস এর সমগ্র বাংলাদেশের অফিস সমূহের আয়োজন ও জনবল থেকে প্রয়োজনীয় সেবা গ্রহণের অধিকার 🔾 ১০০০ আসন বিশিষ্ট গ্রাণ্ড অডিটোরিয়াম।
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⚠ UTTARA BANK LIMITED Engineering Department (4th Floor) Head Office: 47, Bir Uttam Shahid Asfakussamad Sarak (Former - 90, Motijheel C/A), Dhaka-1000

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Quotations are hereby invited from the bonafide, well experienced & Technically sound Architectural / Engineering Firms for Internal Decoration & Renovation Works of Uttara Bank Limited, Barisal Branch, Barisal & Maizdee Court Branch, Noakhali.

Intending any indivisual Firm having prerequisite qualification & at least 10(ten) years' practical experience may apply on or before 20.12.2012 during office hours on their letter head pad alongwith the attested copies of requisite work completion certificates, up to date IT clearance certificate, VAT Registration Certificate, valid Trade Licence and academic certificates of the Architects under their regular service for purchasing Tender Documents. Tender Documents will be available from the office of the undersigned on cash payment of Tk.1,500/- (Non refundable) per set on or before 23.12.2012 during office hours. Firms having no working experience for the same nature of Internal Renovation & Decoration Works valued not less than Tk.30.00 lac in a single work order for a single Branch/Office in any Govt. Bank or Private Bank within the last 2 years and not having at least 1 (one) Graduate Architect with minimum 5 years' practical experience or at least one Diploma Architect with minimum 7 years' practical experience in their regular service need not submit any application.

The Bank will supply necessary Plan and Drawings for the work. The successful Tenderer will have to prepare detailed working drawings and will have to make necessary changes/alterations in the Plan and Drawings as per practical requirement free of cost in consultation with the Bank Management.

Tenders will be received upto 2-30 P.M. on 24.12.2012 in the Tender Boxes placed at the office of the undersigned. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 03-00 P.M. for Barisal Branch and at 05-00 P.M. for Maizdee Court Branch in presence of the tenderers or their representatives, if any. Other details will be available in the Tender Document. For any further details anybody may contact the undersigned during office hours.

The Uttara Bank Limited reserves the right not to accept the lowest Tender and to reject any Tender or part thereof or all Tenders without assigning any reason what so ever. Engr. M.A. Awal

GENERAL MANAGER

Social Development Foundation (SDF) "Z" House, 6/6 - Block - F, Lalmatia, Mohammadpur,

Dollar General Corp. (DG)

Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh

Invitation for Re-Tenders

11/12/2012

KEY INFORMATION

For procurement of 720 Bi- Cycles GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH			
2	Agency	Social Development Foundation (SDF)	
3	Procuring Entity Name	Managing Director, SDF	
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present	
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh	
6	Invitation for Tender	Supply of Bi-cycles with all accessories	

SDF/Proc./Bi-Cycle/G 20.1(ENJ)/2012/1264

Open Tender Method-OTM (NCB) Procurement Method **FUNDING INFORMATION** Budget and Source of Funds IDA Credit No. 4757-BD Development Partners (if applicable) PARTICULAR INFORMATION Project / Programme Code (if applicable) Project / Programme Name (if applicable) Empowerment and Livelihood Improvement- Nuton Jibon Project. Tender Package No. G 20.1(ENJ) Supply of 720 (Seven hundred & twenty) Bi-cycles with all accessories 15 Tender Package Name to Regional Offices (Rangpur, Jamalpur & Barisal) Tender Publication Date 13/12 / 2012 Tender Document Selling Date 13/12/2012

Tender Last Selling Date 01/01/2013 Date Time Tender submission Date and Time 02/01/2013 2:00 p.m. Tender Opening Date and Time 02 / 01 / 2013 2:30 p.m. Name & Address of the office(s) Address Social Development Foundation (SDF) Selling Tender Document (Principal) "Z" House, 6/6-Block-F, Lalmatia, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh. Selling Tender Document (Others)

Social Development Foundation (SDF) Receiving Tender Document "Z" House, 6/6-Block-F, Lalmatia, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh Social Development Foundation (SDF) Opening Tender Document "Z" House, 6/6- Block-F, Lalmatia, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh

Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Conference Room, SDF Meeting (Optional) Date: 24/12/2012 Time: 11:00 a.m. INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

Eligibility of Tenderer As defined in Tender Data Sheet of Bidding Document. Brief Description of Goods or Works Supply of 720 Bi-cycles with all accessories 25 Brief Description of Related Services None 26 Price of Tender Document (Tk) Tk. 2000/- (two thousand) only Tender Completion Lot Identification of Lot Time Location Security

8 Weeks Social Development Foundation (SDF) Tk. 2,00,000/-"Z" House, 6/6- Block- F, Lalmatia, (Two Lac) after signing accessories Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh only of contract PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS 28 Name of Official Inviting Tender Md. Nurul Islam Sardar Designation of Official Inviting Tender Managing Director

Address of Official Inviting Tender Social Development Foundation (SDF), "Z" House, 6/6- Block- F, Lalmatia, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh Contact details of Official Inviting Tender Email: Telephone: Fax: 8100505, 8100480 8100497 md@sdfbd.org Special Instructions: (i) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender Proceedings

> (Md. Nurul Islam Sardar) Managing Director

Amount

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