

Azad verdict anytime soon N-power deal

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Azad's case is the second awaiting verdict and it is the only one that had been held in absence of the accused.

The case proceeding against Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee is also awaiting verdict at Tribunal-1, but his defence has filed a petition seeking retrial of his case after the resignation of Justice Md Nizamul Huq.

In Azad's case, it took only one month to complete recording testimonies of witnesses and arguments of both sides, as there were no defence witnesses in the case filed in connection with crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.

Twenty-two prosecution witnesses, including alleged victims and family members of victims, had testified.

The state-appointed defence counsel failed to produce any witnesses due to non-cooperation of Azad's family members.

The charges against Azad include genocide, murders, and rapes. He went into hiding around seven hours before Tribunal-2 issued an arrest warrant against him on April 3.

The trial proceedings of Azad came to an end with the prosecution completing its closing arguments yesterday. The defence counsel had completed his argument on Monday.

Tribunal-2 Chairman Justice Obaidul Hassan yesterday said according to the latest amendment to the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973, the tribunal has to provide the certified copy of the verdict on the very day it delivers the verdict.

"So we keep it [case] as CAV. We will inform you [lawyers] one-two days

before delivering the verdict," said Justice Hassan.

Expressing gratitude towards the judges, the investigation agency members, visitors and the media, Prosecutor Syed Haider Ali said they, through the prosecution witnesses, were able to "prove the charges against Azad beyond the shadow of any reasonable doubt".

"We seek the highest punishment of Abul Kalam Azad cited in section 20 of the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973," said Haider Ali.

Section 20 (2) says, "Upon conviction of an accused person, the tribunal shall award sentence of death or such other punishment proportionate to the gravity of the crimes as appears to the tribunal to be just and proper."

Closing the arguments on Monday, state-appointed defence counsel Abdus Shukur Khan said the incidents mentioned in the charges might have taken place "but my client [Azad] was not involved in such incidents. It was committed by the Pakistani army".

Shukur sought Azad's acquittal saying the prosecution had failed to prove the charges.

On July 26, the investigation agency, designated to deal with war crimes probes, completed its enquiry against Azad and handed over the report to the prosecution on July 29.

On September 2, the prosecution submitted the formal charges against the former leader of Islami Chhatra Sangha, the then student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, accusing him of 10 types of crimes against humanity.

On October 7, the tribunal decided to hold Azad's trial in his absence as even after publication of newspa-

per ads asking him to appear before the tribunal he failed to show up. The tribunal appointed Supreme Court lawyer Abdus Sukur Khan as the defence lawyer for Azad.

The tribunal indicted Azad, a close associate of another war crimes accused Jamaat leader Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, with eight charges of crimes against humanity, based on eight incidents that left at least 12 unarmed people dead and two women raped in Faridpur in 1971.

The charges against Azad are: abduction, confinement and torture of Ranjit Kumar Nath alias Babu Nath of Faridpur in the first week of June 1971; abduction, torture and 43-day confinement in an army camp of Abu Yusuf Pakhi from July 26, 1971; killing of one Sudhangshu Mohan Roy of Kolaran village in Faridpur on May 14; killing of Madhab Chandra Biswas of Purura Namapara village of Faridpur on May 16, 1971; rape of two Hindu women in Natibodia village in Boalmari of Faridpur on June 8, 1971; killing of Chitta Ranjan Das of Fulbaria in Faridpur on June 3, 1971; attack on the Hindu-majority Hasamdia village in Faridpur, looting and burning of houses and shooting seven dead on May 17; and abduction of a Hindu girl of Ujirpur Bazarpara in Faridpur on May 18, 1971.

The tribunal started recording the prosecution's opening statement and testimonies of witnesses on November 26.

Prosecution and defence placed their closing arguments on December 23, 24 and 26.

Four other Jamaat and BNP leaders are facing trial at the tribunal on similar charges.

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than 3 percent. They have also agreed to provide 90 percent of the total cost of the nuclear plant," he said.

Earlier, Moscow assured Dhaka it would provide 85 percent of the total cost. A 1,000-megawatt nuclear plant would cost Tk 12,000 crore to Tk 15,000 crore.

The two sides have agreed that Bangladesh will repay the first-phase \$500 million (around Tk 4,000 crore) loan in 10 years with five years of grace period. They have also reached an understanding that the second-phase loan will be repaid in 28 years with 10 years of grace period.

Bangladesh will complete all the preparatory work of the nuclear plant, including conducting tests, preparing designs, providing training and developing site with the \$500 million, the state minister said.

Yeafesh added the total costs of the plant would be determined during the first phase.

During Hasina's visit, Moscow and Dhaka would ink a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the second phase loan deal. "The memorandum of understanding will clearly spell out the interest rate, repayment period and other conditions," Yeafesh added.

Asked if the 3 percent interest rate was still much higher, the state minister said, "You will hardly find any donors for this kind of project. The World Bank and other donors don't offer loans for such projects."

Insiders at the science and technology ministry say at least two years is needed to complete the preparatory work or pre-construction

phase. That means construction, which usually takes five to six years for a 1,000 MW nuclear plant, won't start before 2015, they add.

"Bangladesh will have its first nuclear plant if everything goes smoothly," said a senior official of the ministry.

Yeafesh said an info centre would be set up at Bangabandhu Novo Theatre with Russian financing. People would learn about the plant and its safety measures from that centre, he added.

Acting Finance Minister of Russia Sergey Storchak led his side that included officials of the Russian foreign ministry and Nuclear Energy State Corporation (Rosatom).

In the last four years, the government has made considerable headway in meeting the requirements specified by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for building the long-cherished nuclear plant to resolve the country's energy crisis.

A number of deals, framework agreements and MoUs have already been signed with Russia for peaceful use of nuclear power, technology transfer, creating human resources to run the plant, supply of required fuel and taking spent fuel back.

Earlier in 1961, the then government decided to build a nuclear plant, and accordingly acquired 292 acres of land -- 260 acres for the plant and 32 acres for offices and residences -- in Ishwardi of Pabna.

All students to get new books on Jan 1

Says education minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All students of primary and secondary grades across the country will receive a new set of textbooks on the very first day of the new academic session.

The government is all set to start distributing free textbooks from January 1 amid festivity.

Around 27 crore copies of textbooks will be distributed among 3,68,86,172 students of primary, secondary, madrasa and technical institutions this time, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said.

He was addressing a press briefing at his ministry's conference room yesterday.

"Students attending their schools on January 1 will return home with a new set of textbooks," he said, adding that preparation for distributing free textbooks was at the final stage.

The prime minister will open the textbook distribution programme at Gono Bhaban in the capital on December 31. A Textbook

Festival will also be inaugurated centrally from Residential Model School and College on January 1, headed.

"January 1 has become a festival day for tens of thousands of students as they receive free textbooks on that day," Nahid said.

The minister mentioned that more than 10.78 crore copies of textbooks will be distributed for students at primary level, over 1.72 crore at ebtdai (primary level of madrasa), 11.48 crore at secondary, 2.05 crore at madrasa and 13.28 lakh at technical levels.

"Almost all the textbooks have already been transported to upazilas, and the process of sending the textbooks to schools is on," he said, adding that around 10,507 trucks were being used for transporting the textbooks.

The e-book version of textbooks will also be available on website www.ebook.gov.bd and NCTB's (National Curriculum and Textbook Board) website www.nctb.gov.bd from

January 1.

The main feature of this year's textbooks was that those were printed under the new curriculum. The government brought major modifications to 111 textbooks of class I-IX after 17 years, the minister said.

He urged all guardians not to buy the textbooks meant for free distribution from any store.

Nahid warned of stern action if any school authority forces anyone to buy textbooks, saying that his ministry would monitor the distribution of free textbooks.

The government has been distributing free textbooks to both primary and secondary level students since 2010.

In earlier years, the students and their parents had to wait four to five months to get their books, which eventually hampered their studies.

Education Secretary Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury and NCTB Chairman Prof Mostafa Kamal Uddin also spoke at the press briefing.

It's almost like hartal

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road blockade on December 9.

Though it was not a shutdown yesterday, the city thoroughfares were almost empty with a small number of cars, CNG-run three-wheelers and taxicabs.

"I needed to do some work in Motijheel, but I preferred to stay at home to avoid any hassle or facing damage to my car," said Noor Ahmed, a resident of Pallabi.

Abdus Salam, driver of a

CNG-run three-wheeler, said only around 30 percent three-wheelers operated yesterday.

He reached Motijheel from Kazipara in less than one hour around 8:00am, which takes around one and a half hours on any working day.

From Motijheel, he went to Dhanmondi in only 20 minutes, which is a one-hour trip.

Another three-wheeler

driver Md Munna said the roads were almost empty like a strike day and they could move smoothly without waiting at any traffic signal on the way.

Kamrul Hasan, a resident of Shewrapara, said though he was worried about reaching his office on time, he could reach Gulshan-1 in only 25 minutes by a CNG-run three-wheeler, which usually takes one and a half hours.

Bangladesh Power Development Board

“বিদ্যুৎ সশ্রয়ী বাতি ব্যবহার করুন”

Invitation for International Tender

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB).
3. Procuring entity name	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
4. Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5. Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
6. Invitation for	Procurement of Force Draft (FD) Fan Motor for Sikalbaha 60 MW Power Station, BPDB, Chittagong.
7. Invitation Ref. No.	Pur-333/2012
8. Date	23-12-2012

KEY INFORMATION

9. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (single stage two envelope).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10. Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (Cash Foreign Exchange Allocation) of BPDB.
11. Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12. Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13. Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14. Tender package No.	GR-2-(FY 2012-2013).
15. Tender package name	Procurement of Force Draft (FD) Fan Motor for Sikalbaha 60 MW Power Station, BPDB, Chittagong.
16. Tender publication date	23-12-2012
17. Tender last selling date	12-02-2013 during office hours.
18. Tender closing date and time	13-02-2013 at 11:00am (Tenders can be submitted on any date before closing time during office hours).
19. Tender opening date and time	13-02-2013 at 11:30am.
20. Name & address of the office(s)	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
Selling tender (principal)	
Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.	
Selling tender document (others)	
Not applicable.	
Receiving tender document	
Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.	
Opening tender document	
Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.	
21. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22. Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderers from all countries except the countries specified in TDS.
23. Brief description of goods or works	Procurement of Force Draft (FD) Fan Motor for Sikalbaha 60 MW Power Station, BPDB, Chittagong.
24. Brief description of related services	As per tender document.
25. Tender document price	Non-refundable BD Taka 2,000/- (two thousand) only in the form of Pay Order in favour of Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.

Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount	Completion time
26. Nil	Procurement of Force Draft (FD) Fan Motor	Sikalbaha 60 MW Power Station, BPDB, Chittagong	USD 800.00 or BDT 65,000.00	180 days from the date of L/C opening

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

27. Validity of tender and tender security	120 & 148 days respectively from tender opening date.
28. Name of official inviting tender	Abul Baser Khan.
29. Designation of official inviting tender	Director.
30. Address of official inviting tender	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
31. Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. 9550532, 9568132 Fax 7126151
32. Special instruction	The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender or to annul the tender process, or to reject any or all tenders at any time prior to contract award.

This tender will be performed according to "The Public Procurement Rules-2008".

Abul Baser Khan
Director
Directorate of Purchase
BPDB, Dhaka

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয় প্র(সোসেবা) অধিশাখা
৯১, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা

নং-৩৬.০০.০০০০.০৪৮.০২৬.০০৫.১২-১০৭৯ তারিখঃ ২৪-১২-২০১২

মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়ার দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

টেভার ডকুমেন্টে উল্লিখিত শর্তে শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়ের কর্মকর্তাদের সরকারি কাজে ব্যবহারের নিমিত্ত দৈনিক ভিত্তিতে একটি ১২ (বার) আসন বিশিষ্ট শীতাতপ নিয়ন্ত্রিত উন্নতমানের মাইক্রোবাস (সিএনজি চালিত) ভাড়া করার লক্ষ্যে প্রকৃত পরিবহন ব্যবসায়ীদের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

১। মন্ত্রণালয়/ডিভিশন	ঃ	শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়।
২। ক্রয়কারীর নাম	ঃ	শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়।
৩। ক্রয় পদ্ধতি	ঃ	খোলা দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ওটিএম)।
৪। অর্থের উৎস	ঃ	সরকারি (জিওবি)।
৫। দরপত্র নং ও তারিখ	ঃ	৩৬.০০.০০০০.০৪৮.০২৬.০০৫.১২-১০৭৯ তারিখঃ ২৪-১২-২০১২
৬। গাড়ি ভাড়ার মেয়াদকাল	ঃ	১ (এক) বছর (১২ ক্যালেন্ডার মাস)।
৭। দরদাতাদের যোগ্যতা	ঃ	প্রকৃত পরিবহন মালিক হতে হবে এবং গাড়ির ফিটনেস এবং ড্রাইভারের ড্রাইভিং লাইসেন্স সংক্রান্ত হালনাগাদ কাগজপত্র থাকতে হবে।
৮। দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	ঃ	২০০/- (দুইশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
৯। টেন্ডার সিডিউরিটার টাকার পরিমাণ	ঃ	২৫,০০০/- (পঁচিশ হাজার) টাকা।
১০। সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান	ঃ	প্রশা(সেবা) অধিশাখা (৪র্থ তলা), কক্ষ নং ৪১২/এ, শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়, ৯১, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা।
১১। দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলার স্থান	ঃ	প্রশাসন (সোসে) অধিশাখা (৪র্থ তলা), কক্ষ নং ৪২৮, শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়, ৯১, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা।
১২। সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	১৩-০১-২০১৩ তারিখ বিকাল ৫ঃ০০টা।
১৩। দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	১৪-০১-২০১৩ তারিখ বেলা ১২ঃ৩০ মিনিট।
১৪। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	১৪-০১-২০১৩ তারিখ বেলা ১২ঃ৪৫ মিনিট।
১৫। দরপত্র আহবানকারীর নাম ও ঠিকানা	ঃ	জনাব মোঃ নাজমুল হক, উপ-সচিব, প্রশা(সোসে) অধিশাখা, শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়, ৯১, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা।
১৬। বিশেষ নির্দেশনা	ঃ	কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন/সকল টেন্ডার গ্রহণ/প্রত্যাহান করার অধিকার মন্ত্রণালয় সংরক্ষণ করে।
১৭। অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী	ঃ	পিপিআর-২০০৮ অনুসারে টেন্ডার কার্যক্রম পরিচালিত হবে।

মোঃ নাজমুল হক
উপ-সচিব, প্র(সোসে) অধিশাখা
ফোনঃ ৯৫৫৫২০০

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BPDB's Local Re-Tender Notice

“বিদ্যুৎ সশ্রয়ী বাতি ব্যবহার করুন”

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource/Power Division.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board.
3. Procuring entity name	Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
4. Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6. Invitation for	Supply of Single Phase Digital Energy Meter.
7. Invitation for tenders Ref. No.	Pur-145/GMCO/Energy Meter/Rev/LC/RE/2012-2013.
8. Date	23-12-2012.

KEY INFORMATION

9. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10. Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (Local).
11. Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12. Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13. Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14. Tender package No.	GDL-43 (FY 2012-2013).
15. Tender package name	Supply of Single Phase Digital Energy Meter.
16. Tender publication date	23-12-2012.
17. Tender selling date	27/12/2012 to 22/01/2013.
18. Tender closing date and time	23/01/2013 at 11:00am (tenders can be submitted at any date before 23/01/2013 during office hours).
19. Tender opening date and time	23-01-2013 at 11:30am.
20. Name & address of the office	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
Selling tender document (principal)	
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.	
Selling tender document (other)	
Not applicable.	
Receiving tender document	
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.	
Opening tender document	
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.	
21. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	N/A.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22. Eligibility of tenderer	As per tender document.
23. Brief description of goods or works	Supply of Single Phase Digital Energy Meter.
24. Brief description of related services	N/A.
25. Price of tender document (BDT)	Tk. 1,000.00 (one thousand only) as Pay-Order (non-refundable) from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.

Lot	Identification of lot	Local of delivery	Tender security amount in Tk.	Completion time
26. 1	Supply of Single Phase Digital Energy Meter-5,000 Nos	BPDB Central Store, Tongi	BDT 2,00,000/-	120 days from the date of contract signing

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

27. Name of official inviting tender	Abul Baser Khan.
28. Designation of official inviting tender	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
29. Address of official inviting tender	WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
30. Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel.: +88 02 9550532 & 7120887 Fax: +88 02 7126151.
31. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.	

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