

# Stop sale of illegal study guides

## NCTB writes to DCs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) has sent a letter to all deputy commissioners (DC) in the country asking them to stop sales of illegal note books and fake textbooks in markets.

"Our drive against illegal and fake books will continue. Like the previous year, we have already requested the DCs to look into the matter," NCTB Chairman Prof Mostofa Kamal Uddin told The Daily Star yesterday.

The letter has been sent in the wake of unabated sales of study guides and note books for primary and secondary level students across the country, flouting the ban on printing, import, sale and distribution of these items.

A section of unscrupulous printers in the capital's Banglabazar and elsewhere in the country are printing and selling note and guide books, said the letter.

It requested the DCs to take legal action for printing and sale of these illegal books.

In 1980, the government had banned study guides for the students of class-II to class-VIII, on the consideration that such books dent students' creativity. According to the Note-books (prohibition) Act, 1980, such study guides cannot be printed or marketed.

CID and NCTB officials in a joint drive on Monday seized around 1.50 lakh copies of illegal study guides and printed pages of such guides from Old Dhaka.

The NCTB chairman said they will continue their drive to track down the unapproved supplementary books. He hoped the problem will end soon.

This year the government is providing supplementary grammar books on English and Bangla to the students of classes VI to IX for free.

But since their supply was delayed, dishonest printers in connivance with some teachers flooded the market with illegal books.

# 5 robbers beaten to death

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correspondent from Comilla.

Meanwhile, local people did not let a police team leave a school's premises for five hours after the law enforcers had rescued Mamun, 27, from a mob that suspected him of being involved in the robbery.

A gang of at least 20 robbers stormed into the house of an expatriate in the USA, Abdul Malek alias Manik at Bhaupur village around 2:50am, said Zahirul Anwar, officer-in-charge of Monoharganj Police Station.

They stabbed Manik, who had recently come to Bangladesh, and beat up four of his family members for trying to resist the robbers, the OC said.

Hearing cries of the family members, neighbours sought help from the loudspeaker of a local mosque.

Hundreds of people of Bhaupur and adjacent villages then rushed to the spot and chased the robbers to village Panchrui.

In order to escape, the gang members fired at the villagers, leaving madrasa

student Arif Hossain, 15, dead on the spot, the police official said

Three other villagers sustained bullet wounds and two stab injuries during the chase.

The mob could catch five robbers at Batabaria and Keyari and beat them to death. Police later recovered the bodies.

Three bullet-hit villagers -- Delwar Hossain, 42, Arman Hossain, 40, and Solaiman, 45 -- and Manik were rushed to local hospitals in Laksam and Comilla city.

Manik's family claimed that the robbers had taken away cash, dollars, gold ornaments and other valuables worth Tk 15 lakh from their house.

Around 10:00am yesterday, villagers caught and beat up Mamun, son of Golam Hossain of Batabaria village, suspecting that he had been involved in the looting.

On information, police rushed to the spot to rescue Mamun but were resisted by the villagers.

At one stage, the law enforcers fired in the air

and saved Mamun. But the agitating villagers blocked a road, setting fire to a timber when Mamun was being taken to the police station.

They surrounded the policemen along with Mamun in Batabaria Bangabandhu High School.

The villagers cleared the way at 2:45pm when Additional Superintendent of Police in Comilla Ali Ashraf and Upazila Nirbahi Officer Zahedur Rahman assured them of a proper investigation into the incident, said Iqbal Hossain, additional district magistrate, who was also present at the scene.

OC Zahirul Anwar confirmed the incident.

The bodies of Arif, a class X student of Shahpur Madrasa, and another five deceased were sent to Comilla Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion and police were posted at Bhaupur village to avoid further clashes.

# Hina lashes out at India

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Pakistan army's director-general of military operation yesterday telephoned his Indian counterpart to "strongly protest" over the death, an official told AFP.

The country's Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar hit out at strident comments by Indian politicians over the incidents, and warned against "upping the ante" between the nuclear-armed neighbours.

"We see warmongering," Khar said at the Asia Society in New York late Tuesday.

"It is deeply disturbing to hear statements which are upping the ante, where one politician is competing with the other to give a more hostile statement."

India says two of its soldiers have been killed, one of them beheaded, since hostilities erupted along the Line of Control (LoC), the de facto border in Kashmir where a ceasefire has been in place since 2003.

It has demanded the return of the soldier's head which is still missing. Pakistan denies its forces are responsible for the killings and says three of its troops have now been killed in several incidents.

India's army chief Bikram Singh, who has already called on his commanders to respond "ag-

gressively" to any Pakistani firing, made a highly-charged visit yesterday to the home of the beheaded soldier.

"Whatever we need to do we are doing," Singh said in brief comments to reporters outside the home in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh.

The two countries have fought three wars since their independence in 1947, two of them over the Himalayan region of Kashmir. But Khar said they had to get over their "narrative of hostility".

"The doors to dialogue are open," she said. "We need to meet at any level. I think we need to call each other, we need to become mature countries which know how to handle their truth."

Khar again denied Indian accusations that Pakistani forces had beheaded one of the two soldiers and said an inquiry had found "no evidence" of the deaths.

Her comments are likely to stoke further indignation in India, whose prime minister Manmohan Singh on Tuesday condemned the beheading as "unacceptable".

"It cannot be business as usual" with Pakistan, Singh said in his first public reaction to the attack which has caused outrage in the army's ranks.

After the collapse in ties following the 2008 Mumbai attacks, which India blamed on Pakistan-based militants, relations had been making steady progress, with talks focused on opening up trade and offering more lenient visa regimes.

But the mood has soured dramatically since the apparent tit-for-tat exchanges along the militarised border. India's commerce minister yesterday warned of a possible impact on further efforts to increase cross-border trade.

"Economic engagement can be enhanced in an environment of peace and stability, and anything which undermines that environment is not conducive," Anand Sharma told reporters.

On Tuesday India was meant to begin allowing Pakistanis over the age of 65 to obtain a visa on arrival at the border in Punjab.

However the programme was put on hold indefinitely hours after Indian officials said it had come into force, although the delay was attributed to "technical" reasons.

Nine Pakistani players were also withdrawn from a new field hockey league in India and asked to return home just before Singh's comments.



Masud, a victim of acid violence from Mymensingh, yesterday joins a human chain formed in front of Eden Girls College in the capital to press home the demand for punishment to those who committed such crimes. Story on page 5.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

# Safety nets mostly miss target groups

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Minister for Women and Children Affairs Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury and US Ambassador in Bangladesh Dan Mozena also spoke at the workshop "Feed the Future Zone and the Rest of Bangladesh: A Comparison of Food Security Aspects."

Quoting from the BIHS data, Akhter said the government's old-age allowance is split almost 50:50 among the poorest 40 percent and comparatively better-off 60 percent of the surveyed population.

Similarly, a sizeable segment of the benefits under some other safety net programmes like vulnerable group development (VGD), vulnerable group feeding (VGF) and gratuitous relief (GR) are also reaching out to the comparatively richer seg-

ment of population, which should not be the case, he said.

The survey data will be used to assess the impact of food security programmes in Bangladesh, including the US government's Feed the Future (FTF) Initiative that US President Barack Obama initiated in 2010. Bangladesh is one of the 21 FTF-beneficiary countries.

The survey shows, as many as 36.3 percent of the farmers in the country are marginal with less than 0.5 acre of land, while 44.6 percent are small farmers with average farm size in between 0.5 and 1.49 acres. The percentages of medium and big farmers are 11.8 and 7.3.

The data show that small farmers irrigate more of their land on a percentage basis, use more fertiliser

per hectare, and have higher yields than the big farmers. However, small farmers have much lower access to credit and they access extension services at a much lower rate than large farmers.

Women in Barisal division are the most empowered in the country while their counterparts in Chittagong division the least.

The survey rated the women empowerment aspects by taking into consideration the five domains of empowerment (5DE) -- production, resources, income, leadership and time. That means how much choices the women can make in these domains determine the level of empowerment they enjoy.

According to the survey, on average, 24 percent of

the country's women enjoy empowerment. It is 34 percent in Barisal, 31 percent in Dhaka, 29 percent in Rajshahi, and 23, 22, 15 and 12 percents in Khulna, Rangpur, Sylhet and Chittagong.

Speaking as the chief guest, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury said in order to cope with the increasing population and alarmingly depleting farmlands, "we need to re-direct focus on the southern zone, which was once the food basket of Bangladesh. We have to develop stress-tolerant crops and enhance the productivity in the south."

Economist Hossain Zillur Rahman echoed the agriculture minister, and said in the past, attention was given to the East and the North zones to increase rice production there,

leaving the South underdeveloped in agriculture.

Zillur, also a former adviser to a caretaker government, however, said the Southern region offers hopes for future food security. "South remains the last untapped area to double agricultural production. Future feeding potential will come from the South."

Mentioning that the country's population is projected to reach 18.5 crore by 2020, Food Minister Razzaque said Bangladesh faces formidable challenge in ensuring food security for the future.

In an effort to boost crop production, the government has initiated the second phase of Green Revolution with a focus on agricultural research that emphasises developing stress-tolerant seeds.

**জাতীয় বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি জাদুঘর**

আগারপাও, শেরেবাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭

নং: ৪০২.০২৬.০১৫.০০.০৮৫.২০১২-২৬৩ তারিখ: ১৫/০১/২০১৩

**মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়ার দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

১। মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ : বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি মন্ত্রণালয়।

২। একেশী/প্রতিষ্ঠান : জাতীয় বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি জাদুঘর।

৩। প্রকল্প/এনটিসি/এনটিসি/এনটিসি : মহাপরিচালক, জাতীয় বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি জাদুঘর।

৪। প্রকল্প/এনটিসি/এনটিসি/এনটিসি : প্রয়োজ্য নয়।

৫। প্রকল্প/এনটিসি/এনটিসি/এনটিসি : ঢাকা।

৬। দরপত্রের ধরন : জাতীয় বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি জাদুঘরের দার্শনিক কাজে ব্যবহারের জন্য উন্নতমানের সিএনজি চালিত ন্যূনতম ১৮০০ (±৫) সিপি, চালকসহ ০৮ আসনবিশিষ্ট মাইক্রোবাস মাসিক ভাড়ায় সরবরাহ।

৭। অন্যান্য প্রাসঙ্গিক বিষয় : ২০০৫ সনের মডেলের পূর্ববর্তী কোন মাইক্রোবাস গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। প্রয়োজনীয় জ্বালানি (সিএনজি, ইঞ্জিন অয়েল ও অন্যান্য), রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ, মেসারমত ও চালকের বেতনসহ যাবতীয় ব্যয় সরবরাহকারী বহন করবে এবং চালকের বেধ লাইসেন্স থাকতে হবে।

৮। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং : ৪০২.০২৬.০১৫.০০.০৮৫.২০১২-২৬৩।

৯। তারিখ : ১৫/০১/২০১৩।

১০। ক্রম পদ্ধতি : উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।

১১। তহবিলের উৎস : জি ও বি (GOB)।

১২। ঠিকাদানের যোগ্যতা : সরকারি নিম্ন মোতাবেক রাস্তায় চলাচলের উপযোগী উন্নতমানের মাইক্রোবাস মাসিক ভিত্তিতে ভাড়া প্রদানে আয়তী ব্যবসায়ী/ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী।

১৩। চুক্তির মেয়াদ : কার্যাদেশ দেয়ার তারিখ থেকে ২ (দুই) বছর।

১৪। দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য : ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।

১৫। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের স্থান : হিসাব শাখা, জাতীয় বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি জাদুঘর।

১৬। দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান : প্রশাসন শাখা, জাতীয় বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি জাদুঘর।

১৭। দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময় : ৩০/০১/২০১৩: বিকাল ০৪-০৩ মিনিট।

১৮। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময় : ০১/০১/২০১৩: বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা।

১৯। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় : ০১/০১/২০১৩: বেলা ১২-১৫ মিনিট।

২০। দরপত্র খোলার স্থান : কনফারেন্স রুম, জাতীয় বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি জাদুঘর। দরপত্র বাগ/খাম বিধি মোতাবেক কমিটির উপস্থিতিতে (দরদাতার অথবা তাঁর প্রতিনিধির [যদি উপস্থিত থাকেন] উপস্থিতিতে) খোলা হবে।

২১। দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম : মোহাম্মদ সাইদুর রহমান।

২২। দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর পদবী : মহাপরিচালক।

২৩। দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর ঠিকানা : জাতীয় বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি জাদুঘর, আগারপাও, শেরেবাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭।

২৪। যোগাযোগ : ফোন: ৯১১২০৮৪; ফ্যাক্স: ৯১১৪৩১; ই-মেইল: infonmst@gmail.com

২৫। দরপত্রের সাথে নিম্নলিখিত কাগজপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে: হালনাগাদ ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও আয়কর সনদপত্র, সরকারি/সেসরকারি/ব্যক্তিগত/প্রতিষ্ঠান মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়া প্রদানের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র (যদি থাকে), সরবরাহযোগ্য মাইক্রোবাসের রেজিস্ট্রেশন, হালনাগাদ ফিটনেস, বীমা, টায়ার পরিশোধিত সনদপত্র।

২৬। কোনরকম দায়-দায়িত্ব গ্রহণ অথবা কারণ প্রদর্শন ছাড়াই কর্তৃপক্ষ যেকোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিলের অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।

২৭। উপযুক্ত ঠিকানায় হাতে হাতে, পোস্ট অথবা কুরিয়ার সার্ভিসের মাধ্যমে দরপত্র দাখিল করা যাবে।

মোহাম্মদ সাইদুর রহমান  
মহাপরিচালক

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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**

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**Invitation for Re-Tender**  
**Periodic Maintenance Programme (PMP)/BZ-02/2012-2013**

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers as defined in the re-tender document for the following works as per terms & conditions given below:

01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Communications.
02	Agency	Roads & Highways Department.
03	Procuring entity name	Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Barisal Zone, Barisal.
04	Procuring entity district	Barisal/Jhalakathi/Barguna.
05	Invitation for	Strengthening, Repairing & DBS (Overlay) Works.
06	Invitation Ref No.	BZ-02/2012-2013.
07	Date	13/01/2013.

**KEY INFORMATION**

08	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

09	Source of fund	Periodic Maintenance Programme (Road) (GOB).
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**PARITURUL INFORMATION**

10	Re-tender package name & No.	As given under Sl. No. 21 mentioned below.
11	Re-tender publication date	13/01/2013.
12	Re-tender last selling date	29/01/2013.
13	Re-tender closing date and time	30/01/2013. Time: Up to 12:00 hours.
14	Re-tender opening date and time	30/01/2013. Time: At 04:00pm.

**NAME & ADDRESS OF THE OFFICE(S)**

15	Selling re-tender document	1. Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barisal/Jhalakathi/Projpur/Bhola/Patuaakhali/ Barguna. 2. Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning Division-1, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka. 3. Executive Engineer, RHD, Documentation & Procurement Division, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka. 4. Divisional Commissioner, Barisal.
16	Receiving re-tender document	1. Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Barisal Zone, Barisal. 2. Divisional Commissioner, Barisal. 3. Office of the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Barisal/Patuaakhali. 4. Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division Barisal/Jhalakathi/Barguna.
17	Opening re-tender document	Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Barisal Zone, Barisal.

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

18	Eligibility of tenderers	1. All tenderers regardless of whether enlisted or not enlisted with the employer may submit re-tenders provided that they are otherwise qualified. Tenderers of the categories specified in the TDS of tender document are eligible to participate in the tender. 2. Tenderers shall provide documentary evidence signed by the concerned Project Director/Project Manager/Executive Engineer in support of their eligibility under the above criteria at the time of purchase of tender documents. 3. Qualification criteria shall be as specified in the tender documents.
19	Brief description of works	Strengthening, Repairing & DBS (Overlay) at different roads in different Road Divisions under Barisal Zone, Barisal during the year 2012-2013.
20	Price of re-tender document	Tk. 10,000.00 (ten thousand) only.

**PACKAGE LIST:**

Contract package No. & division	Name of work	Road name & LRP (Chainage)	Re-tender security	Time of completion (months)
PMP/BZ-02/2012-2013-Package No. 01 (one) under Road Division Jhalakathi.	Strengthening, Repairing & DBS (Overlay) at different roads in different Road Divisions under Barisal Zone, Barisal during the year 2012-2013.	(i) (R-870) Barisal-Jhalakathi-Rajapur-Bhandaria-Projpur Road, LRP-019 (Ch: 18.677)-LRP-022b (Ch: 23.168)= 4.491km, LRP-026b (Ch: 27.00)-LRP-028a (Ch: 29.168)= 2.168km, LRP-028b (Ch: 29.293)-LRP-030a (Ch: 31.257)= 1.964km, (ii) (Z-8056) (Dapadia-Nality-Mollarhat Road), LRP (Ch: 0.000) LRP005+91 (Ch: 5.500)= 5.5km, LRP 007+142 (Ch: 7.000) LRP 010+2715 (Ch: 12.500)= 5.5km, (iii) (Z-8708) (Rajapur-Kathalia-Amua-Banna-Patharghata Road) LRP020+4000 (Ch: 24.000)-LRP025+1000 (Ch: 26.000)=2.00km, LRP 025+4000 (Ch: 29.00)-LRP030+2000 (Ch: 32.000)=3.00km.	20.00 (twenty) lac only in the shape of Bank Draft or Pay-Order or Irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any schedule bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Road Division, Jhalakathi	9 (nine) months
PMP/BZ-02/2012-2013-Package No. 02 (two) under Road Division Barisal/Barguna	Strengthening, Repairing & DBS (Overlay) at different roads in different Road Divisions under Barisal Zone, Barisal during the year 2012-2013.	(i) (Z-8810) (Bakerganj-Padrishipur-Kathalia-Subidkhali-Barguna Road) LRP 002+470 (Ch: 2.600)-LRP 006+392 (Ch: 6.600)=4.00km, (ii) (Z-8810) (Bakerganj-Padrishipur-Barisal Zone, Barisal) LRP 016+189 (Ch: 16.450)-LRP 020+263 (Ch: 20.700)=4.25km, LRP 021+699 (Ch: 22.150)-LRP 024+918 (Ch: 25.600)= 3.45 km & LRP 032+5123 (Ch: 38.000)-LRP 032+16663 (Ch: 49.540)= 11.54 km.	19.00 (nineteen) lac only in the shape of Bank Draft or Pay-Order or Irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any schedule bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Road Division, Barguna.	9 (nine) months

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

22	Name of official inviting re-tender	Tapash Kumar Paul.
23	Designation & address of official inviting re-tender	Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Barisal Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Barisal. Tel: 880-431-64651, Fax: 880-431-2175022.
24	Special instruction	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.

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