

Moon rocked

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Environment Office said in a statement. "It exploded in a flash nearly 10 times as bright as anything we've ever seen before." [The Greatest Lunar Crashes Ever]

NASA astronomers have been monitoring the moon for lunar meteor impacts for the past eight years, and haven't seen anything this powerful before.

Scientists didn't see the impact occur in real time. It was only when Ron Suggs, an analyst at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., reviewed a video of the bright moon crash recorded by one of the moon monitoring program's 14-inch telescopes that the event was discovered.

"It jumped right out at me, it was so bright," Suggs said. Scientists deduced the rock had been roughly 1-foot-wide (between 0.3 to 0.4 meters) and weighed

about 88 lbs (40 kg).The explosion it created was as powerful as 5 tons of TNT, NASA scientists said.

When researchers looked back at their records from March, they found that the moon meteor might not have been an isolated event.

"On the night of March 17, NASA and University of Western Ontario all-sky cameras picked up an unusual number of deep-penetrating meteors right here on Earth," Cooke said. "These fireballs were traveling along nearly identical orbits between Earth and the asteroid belt."

Though Earth's atmosphere protected our planet's surface from being hit by these meteors, the moon has no such luck. Its lack of an atmosphere exposes it to all incoming space rocks, and the NASA monitoring program has spotted more than 300 meteor strikes that

reached its surface since 2005.

Part of the motivation for the program is NASA's eventual intent to send astronauts back to the moon. When they arrive, they'll need to know how often meteors impact the surface, and whether certain parts of the year, coinciding with the moon's passage through crowded bits of the solar system, pose special dangers.

"We'll be keeping an eye out for signs of a repeat performance next year when the Earth-Moon system passes through the same region of space," Cooke said. "Meanwhile, our analysis of the March 17th event continues."

The scientists also hope to use NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter to photograph the impact site to learn more about how the crash occurred.

Gecko recovered, man held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was arrested for illegal possession of a gecko in the capital's Kataban yesterday.

The arrestee, Anwar Hossain, 53, was roaming suspiciously with the lizard around noon.

Seeing this, locals caught Anwar and handed him over to the police.

Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation Division has filed a case with the Newmarket Police Station in this connection.

Contacted, Md Shohel Rana, inspector at the division, said they would release the gecko in a Gazipur forest today.

15 editors

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the editor of daily Sangram.

Expressing deep concern at the ongoing government actions on the media, they termed it an alarming threat to press freedom.

"This type of incidents will undoubtedly weaken the foundations of democracy," said the statement.

The arrest of an editor, stopping the publication of a newspaper and the broadcast of two TV channels are sending a negative message to the world about Bangladesh's democratic values, culture, and tolerance. The actions were "unexpected" and "upsetting", it added.

The editors further said, "As an unavoidable outcome of these actions, many journalists will be thrown into unemployment, which will not be favourable for the image of an elected and democratic government."

The signatories are: Mahbulul Alam of the Independent; Golam Sarwar of Samakal; Mahfuz Anam of The Daily Star; Motiur Rahman of Prothom Alo; Riazuddin Ahmed of News Today; AMM Bahauddin of Inqilab; Alamgir Mohiuddin of Naya Diganta; Motiur Rahman Chowdhury of Dainik Manabjamine; Moazzem Hossain of Financial Express; Nurul Kabir of New Age; Imdadul Haq Milon of Kaler Kantho; Mostafa Kamal Majumder of The New Nation; Noim Nizam of Bangladesh Protidin; acting editor of daily Sangbad Moniruzzaman and Saiful Alam, executive editor of daily Jugantor.

None aware of Rangabali

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Mizanur. He should know, for he is among 12 people who have been teaching at the lone girls' school on the island for several years.

As we made our way to the school at the end of Gabunia village, Mosharrof Hossain, Hafizul Islam, Helaluddin and Zakir Hosain described to us how their houses, standing crops, boats and trees had been damaged by the cyclone.

Peyara Begum, Hafizur Rahman's wife, trying to retrieve her household goods from underneath the twisted ruined house, said the family would have to start afresh as it had lost everything it had in the destruction of the small tiny tin-roofed house.

The family was yet to go back to the kitchen since the cyclone hit, she said.

Besides, Abul Hasnat Abdullah, union parishad chairman of Baro-Baishdia union, said around 5000 people lived on the island, mostly farmers and fishermen by profession.

"At least 1,800 houses are totally damaged and hundreds of others have been damaged partially," he said.

When asked about the damage to trees, the chairman estimated that it would not be less than 25,000. The broken branches of trees and fallen leaves, scattered all across around the 26 square km island, were proof, if proof were needed, of the havoc wreaked.

And then there was Zakir Hossain Mridha, the local union Parishad member. He joined the other villagers as they pointed out to us the many signs of devastation Mahasen had wrought in Gabunia village.

Mridha was emphatic in his view. There was, he said, no casualty this time around, as almost all the people had taken refuge at the cyclone shelter centre on the island and it was low

tide when the cyclone hit. The tidal surge could not make its way to the island owing to the embankment around the island.

Memories flooded Mridha's soul. Aged 60 years, he has been witness to cyclone Gorky, cyclone Sidr and also the cyclone of 1991.

In his opinion, Cyclone

Mahasen has been the most harmful in terms of loss of property. Mamun Gazi picked up the thread of the story. President of the Nabagram Unnayan Parishad, a local NGO, Gazi informed us that yellow lentils and red lentils were two of the main crops grown on the island. Mahasen had left a trail of devastation all

across the fields given over to the cultivation of lentils.

"Farmers cultivated lentils on over 100 acres of land, all of which have been ruined," said Mamun Gazi.

The cyclone had left the nets and sea-going boats of fishermen in a shambles, said Gazi.

The reality was not hard to imagine.



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Corrigendum Notice

Date: 14-05-2013

Loan No. and Title: ADB Loan No.: 2623-BAN(SF) Natural Gas Access Improvement Project Contract No. and Title: ICB No. PD.2312/392-ADB(SEIP)/Remote Meter-Design-build, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Remote Metering System (with necessary Hardware & Software) including Procurement, Supply and Installation of 680 Nos. of Turbine Gas Meters Equipped with EVC on Turn-key Basis.

This is for the information of all concerned that, the following amendments have been made to the IFB and Bidding Documents of ICB No. PD.2312/392-ADB(SEIP)/Remote Meter dated 21-03-2013;

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All other terms & conditions of the above bids will remain unchanged and this corrigendum notice will be an integral part of the bidding document.

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Fix law, get benefits

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"There is a lack of clarity in the law and we cannot, as a programme, get involved in monitoring factories and being seen as resolving conflicts when, in fact, we are not empowered to do that."

Lejo Sibbel, the programme's senior design adviser, told The Daily Star that some legal reforms which would increase transparency in the legislature were imperative.

"We are trying to reduce the risks as we genuinely want the programme to be effective and successful."

The participation of Bangladesh in the programme will be ensured if the government implements at least some major issues tied to workers' freedom of association.

"And it should be done in an environment conducive to dialogue between employers and workers," Sibbel added.

The ILO's stance underlines pressure on Bangladesh to reform its labour law, which the government has paid some heed to.

The cabinet approved a draft last week to an amended labour law, which, among others, is said to give greater freedom to the formation of trade unions. The draft is slated to go before parliament in June.

It stipulates at least 30 percent representation of workers of a factory for the

formation of a trade union and workers only within the factory are eligible for the position of union leaders.

Trade unions are currently not allowed at garment factories, and labour leaders on Thursday last week claimed the amendments went against workers in the apparel industry.

"Some factories have upwards of 40,000 workers, and it would be almost impossible to assemble that many workers in one place to take their consent on trade union," said Mojibur Rahman Bhuiyan, general secretary of Bangladesh Mukto Shramik Federation.

"These provisions -- all of which prevent formation of unions freely -- go against ILO Convention 87," said Bhuiyan, who is also the vice-chairman of the Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies, an apex body of labour unions.

Sibbel said the ILO has yet to receive a copy of the amended draft.

Meanwhile, Rees told the Washington Post that the Better Work programme, if it does come to terms with Bangladesh in the near future, would likely be able to monitor only a couple of hundred factories in its early years.

"While that could grow over time, it is a mistake to see these initiatives as an alternative to good governance. There is not an alternative to goods laws, well enforced."

The programme,

launched in August 2006, currently monitors some textile factories in Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam and elsewhere, the Washington Post reports.

The Better Work programme yields three major benefits: it reduces the hassles for factory owners of multiple inspections by international retailers, as it puts in place a uniform system of factory inspections by "enterprise advisers" hired by ILO.

It increases capacity building in the sector through training factory managers and workers, together with brightening the image of the sector as a whole as compliance goes up several notches.

SARABJIT CASE

Pak judge appeals for online submissions

PTI, Lahore

A Pakistani judge investigating the murder of Indian death row convict Sarabjit Singh has appealed to Indian nationals having information about the matter to file written submissions with relevant documents within seven days.

Justice Syed Mazahar Ali Akbar Naqvi of the Lahore High Court is investigating the death of Sarabjit following a brutal assault by prisoners within Kot Lakhpat Jail.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

কমিশনারের কার্যালয়

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১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	ঃ	অভ্যন্তরীণ সম্পদ বিভাগ, অর্থ মন্ত্রণালয়।
২.	সংস্থা	ঃ	জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড, ঢাকা।
৩.	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার নাম	ঃ	কাস্টমস্, এক্সাইজ ও ভ্যাট কমিশনারেট, ঢাকা (পশ্চিম), ঢাকা।
৪.	দরপত্রের নাম	ঃ	অফিস সরঞ্জামাদি সরবরাহের কাজ।
৫.	দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	ঃ	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
৬.	ব্যয়ের উৎস	ঃ	সরকারি অনুমোদিত রাজস্ব ব্যয় বাজেট (২০১২-২১৩)।
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৮.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	২৮/০৫/১৩খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ৫.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত সময়ে সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাবে।
৯.	দরপত্র প্রাপ্তির দপ্তরের নাম ও গ্রহণকারী অফিসের নাম	ঃ	কাস্টমস্, এক্সাইজ ও ভ্যাট কমিশনারেট, ঢাকা (পশ্চিম), ঢাকা।
১০.	দরপত্র খোলার দপ্তরের নাম ও ঠিকানা	ঃ	অতিঃ কমিশনার, কাস্টমস্, এক্সাইজ ও ভ্যাট কমিশনারেট, ঢাকা (পশ্চিম), ঢাকা, প্রশিকা ভবন (২য় তলা ও ৪র্থ তলা), আই/১-গ, সেকশন-২, মিরপুর, ঢাকা।
১১.	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	২৯/০৫/২০১৩খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১২.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	২৯/০৫/২০১৩খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ৩.০০ ঘটিকা। দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।
১৩.	শর্তাবলী	ঃ	ক) দরপত্র সম্পর্কিত সকল কার্যাদি The Public Procurement Rules-2008 and The Public Procurement Act-2006 অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হবে। খ) দরপত্রের সাথে নিম্নবর্ণিত কাগজপত্রাদি দাখিল করতে হবেঃ ১। হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স। ২। হালনাগাদ আয়কর সংক্রান্ত সনদ (টিআইএন সহ)। ৩। ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট। ৪। ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট। গ) অনুমোদিত দরপত্রদাতার বিল হতে বিধি মোতাবেক ভ্যাট ও অগ্রীম আয়কর কর্তন করা হবে। ঘ) সিডিউল মোতাবেক সরবরাহকৃত মালামাল অবশ্যই নতুন, জেনুইন এবং সিডিউলে বর্ণিত কনফিগারেশন অনুযায়ী হতে হবে। ঙ) দরপত্র যথাযথভাবে পূরণ করতে হবে। অসম্পূর্ণ দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। চ) যে কোন দরদাতা যে কোন একটি লট অথবা উভয় লটের বিপরীতে ভিন্ন ভিন্ন দরপত্র দাখিল করতে পারবেন। প্রতিটি লটের জন্য লটভিত্তিক আলাদা আলাদাভাবে দর উল্লেখ করতে হবে। ছ) প্রধান হিসাবরক্ষণ অফিস হতে বিল পাশ হওয়ার পর এ দপ্তরের হিসাব শাখা হতে চেক প্রদান করা হবে। জ) বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক অথবা সোনালী ব্যাংকের যে কোন শাখায় যথাযথ চালানকোডে ১০০/- (একশত) টাকা (অফসেটযোগ্য) জমা প্রদানপূর্বক মূলচালান এ দপ্তরে জমা প্রদান করে সিডিউল ক্রয় করতে হবে।
১৪.	পণ্যের বিবরণঃ		

লট-০১ঃ

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০১.	ফটোকপিয়ার	০১ (এক)টি	মোট মূল্যের ৩% আনেক্সটম্যানি	সিডিউলের মূল্য-১০০/- টাকা
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০৩.	ফ্যাক্স মেশিন	০১ (এক)টি		
০৪.	আইপিএস-১৬০০ ভিএ	০২ (দুই)টি		

লট-০২ঃ

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০১.	ইউপিএস-১০০০ ভিএ	২০ (বিশ)টি	মোট মূল্যের ৩% আনেক্সটম্যানি	সিডিউলের মূল্য-১০০/- টাকা
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০৩.	ডেস্কটপ কম্পিউটার (প্রিন্টারসহ)	০২ (দুই)টি		
০৪.	ডিজিটাল ক্যামেরা	০১ (এক)টি		

১৫। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনরূপ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

মোঃ আজিজুর রহমান
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MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES

DIRECTORATE OF WORKS & CHIEF ENGINEER (ARMY)

INVITATION FOR TENDER

1.	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Defence								
2.	Agency	:	Military Engineer Services								
3.	Procuring Entity Name	:	DW & CE (Army) Dhaka Cantt								
4.	Tender Name	:	Different E/M Works under Works Programme of Bangladesh Army for the financial year 2012-2013 (As per ser no. 14).								
5.	Invitation for Tender No	:	38 of 2012-2013/E-4 Dated 13 May 2013								
6.	Procurement Method	:	Open Tendering Method								
7.	Source of Funds	:	GOB.								
8.	Tender Publication Date	:	23 May 2013								
9.	Tender Last Selling Date	:	05 June 2013 upto 1430 hours.								
10.	Tender Submission Date & Time	:	06 June 2013, 1200 hurs.								
11.	Tender Opening Date & Time	:	06 June 2013, 1230 hurs.								
12.	Name & Address of the office(s)	:									
	Selling Tender Documents	:	a. Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW & CE (Army) at GE (Army) Project, Dhaka Cantt. b. DW & CE (Army), Dhaka Cantt								
	Receiving Tender Document	:	Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW & CE (Army) at GE (Army) Project, Dhaka Cantt.								
	Opening Tender Document	:	Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW & CE (Army) at GE (Army) Project, Dhaka								
13.	Eligibility of Tenderer	:	(a) Contractors enlisted in MES Class 'C' & 'D' having experience in doing similar work. (b) Contractors enlisted in other Govt/Semi-Govt/autonomous organisations in similar capacity having necessary security clearance.								
14.	Description of works	:	<table><thead><tr><th>Location</th><th>Price of Tender Document (Non refundable)</th><th>Amount of Tender Security (Taka) (In the shape of Bank Draft/ Pay order in favour of DW & CE (Army)</th><th>Time of Completion of Wks</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Momenshahi Cantt</td><td>Taka 2000.00</td><td>Tk. 1,75,000.00</td><td>06 (Six) Months</td></tr></tbody></table>	Location	Price of Tender Document (Non refundable)	Amount of Tender Security (Taka) (In the shape of Bank Draft/ Pay order in favour of DW & CE (Army)	Time of Completion of Wks	Momenshahi Cantt	Taka 2000.00	Tk. 1,75,000.00	06 (Six) Months
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a.	Provision of Gas supply line including fittings/fixtures for construction of SM BK Complex for ARTDOC at Momenshahi Cantt.										
15.	Contract details	:	Phone : 8752680 Extn 2680, Fax : (02) 8752684 Web Site : www.army.mil.bd								
16.	Special Instructions	:	a. Tenderer shall submit copy of letter of valid enlistment & security clearance with application on company letter-head when purchasing tender. b. Detailed requirements are mentioned in Tender Data sheet of Tender documents. c. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.								

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