



Crushing sugarcane to make molasses is now a common sight in different areas of Thakurgaon district as many farmers, despite agreement with sugar mills to supply the item, are selling it to molasses producers for more profit. The situation is likely to cause shortage of sugarcane in the new crushing season starting today.

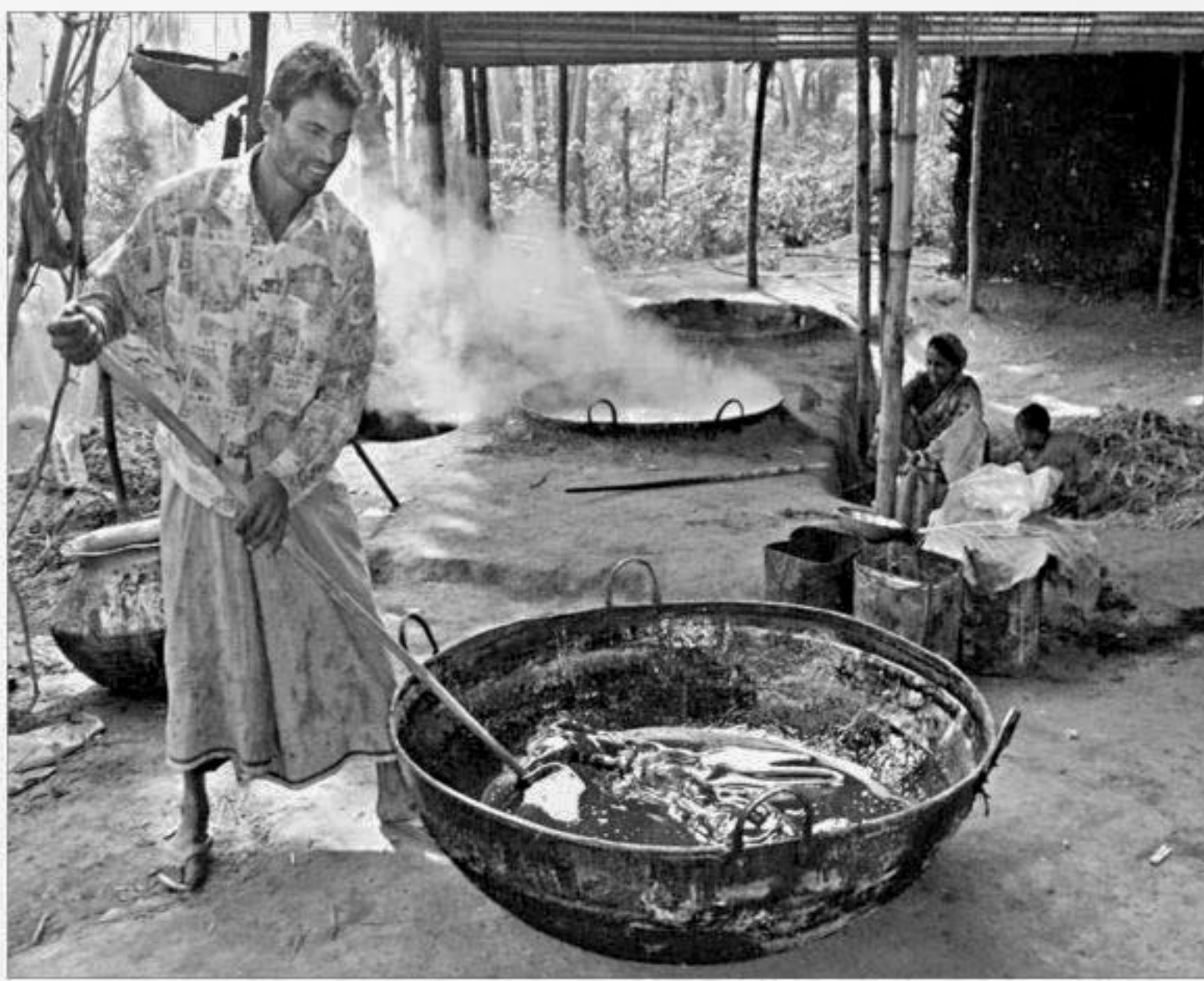


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CANE CRUSHING STARTS IN TWO NORTHERN DISTRICTS

Loss spirals due to unsold sugar

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Two sugar mills in Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts are going to start their cane crushing season today in spite of large stocks of unsold sugar in their warehouses.

Thakurgaon Sugar Mill is burdened with about 12,000 metric tones of unsold sugar of their last three seasons while Panchagarh Sugar Mill has unsold sugar of about 8,000 tonnes of last two seasons.

Both the sugar mills will start their operation today for the current crushing season.

The authorities of the two mills have been facing loss and acute space crisis due to the previous years' stocks of unsold sugar of about 20,000 tonnes worth Tk 74 crore, said officials.

The situation will further deteriorate during the upcoming cane crushing season as the authorities are already facing trouble with huge quantities of unsold sugar, they said.

In 2013-2014, 2012-13,

and 2011-12 crushing seasons, Thakurgaon Sugar Mill produced 8,090 tonnes, 5,468 tonnes and 6,300 tonnes of sugar while only 7,790 tonnes were sold.

Panchagarh Sugar Mill produced 6,191 tonnes, 4,401 tonnes and 4,363 tonnes of sugar in the same three crushing seasons while only 6,955 tonnes were sold.

Thakurgaon Sugar Mill has fixed a production target of 5,800 metric

tonnes of sugar by crushing 80,000 tonnes of sugarcanes with a recovery rate of 7.2 percent this season while Panchagarh Sugar Mill has targeted to produce 5,600 metric tonnes of sugar by crushing 85,000 metric tonnes of sugarcanes with a recovery rate of 7.00 percent.

Yakub Ali, a dealer, told this correspondent over cell phone that the dealers of Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation are

unwilling to draw sugar from the two state-owned mills as their rate is Tk 37 per kg at mill gate whereas sugar is now available in the retail market at Tk 35/36 a kg. Besides, consumers prefer imported sugar and that of private mills as they look fresher, he said.

Contacted, Managing Director of Thakurgaon Sugar Mill SM Abdul Aziz said, huge sugar lying unsold at the mill's warehouses as the importers set

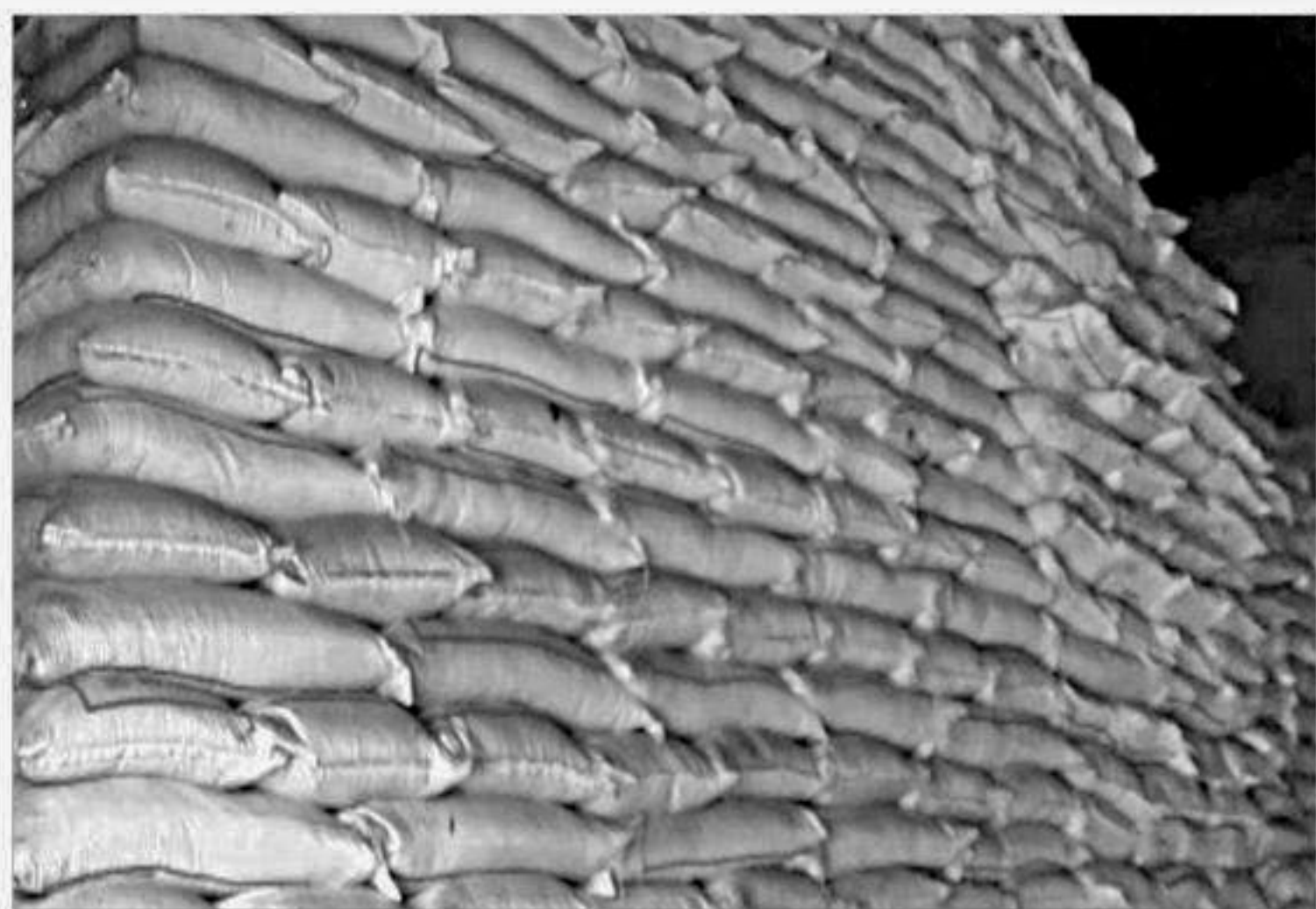
the prices lower than state-owned mills.

The government should increase the import duty on sugar to save the state-owned sugar mills, he suggested.

Replying to a query, the MD further said that salary disbursement and payment to cane growers became irregular as the unsold sugar led to the mill's fund crisis.

Besides, the authorities of the expressed concern as the farmers are showing a tendency to sell their sugarcanes to local illegal molasses producers as they get better price of sugarcanes from them.

During a recent visit to different villages including Mohamadpur, Begunbari, Danarhat in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila and Munshipara, Kosadangipara Pirganj upazila this correspondent saw a good number of illegal molasses producers were producing molasses buying sugarcanes from the farmers who had signed agreement with the sugar mill and also took loan from the mill.



Huge quantity of sugar from previous seasons is lying unsold at Panchagarh Sugar Mills although the new crushing season for sugarcane starts today.

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Directorate General of Family Planning
Logistics & Supply unit (5th Floor)
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BIDDER'S ORIENTATION

The Director (Logistics & Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage & Supply Management) Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) invites tenderers/bidders/suppliers for family planning and reproductive health commodities to attend an orientation session on bidding process. Interested prospective tenderers/bidders/suppliers are requested to register themselves at Logistics & Supply unit, DGFP, 6, Kawranabazar (5th floor) for participation in the orientation session.

Registration period: From the publication of this advertisement till 24 December 2014 upto 2:00 PM at the L&S unit.

Please note that only one person from each organisation will be allowed to register and participate.

This invitation is only open to prospective tenderers/bidders/suppliers of the following items:

1. Contraceptives
2. DDS kits/ Medicines
3. Medical & Surgical Requisites (MSRs)
4. Equipment

Date, Time and Place

Date : 28 December 2014, Sunday
Time : From 12:00 to 3:00 PM
Place : IEM Conference Room (6th floor), DGFP

Signed
Director, Logistics & Supply
DGFP

Cop among 2 hurt in 'gunfight' with criminals

UNB, Laxmipur

Two people including a policeman were injured in a 'gunfight' between the law enforcers and a gang of criminals in Sadar upazila of the district on Wednesday night.

Mayen Uddin, a constable of Sadar Police Station, is among the injured.

Police, however, arrested two criminals along with 17 bullets and three crude bombs from the spot.

Wednesday morning, a gang abducted three construction labourers-- Shakil, Suján and Jamal at gunpoint from Uttar Maguri area and demanded ransom from the victim's family members for their release.

Being informed, police conducted a drive around 9:00pm. Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the gang members opened fire on them, prompting the police to fire back.

Jamal Uddin, sub-inspector of Duttapara Investigation Centre, said later police rescued the abducted labourers from a garden and arrested Shohag and Ismail from the spot.

BNP calls 8-hr hartal in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Bogra district BNP has called a half-day hartal (shutdown) for tomorrow demanding immediate release of the five local BNP leaders and protesting the attack on Rafiul Islam Rubel, president of Jubo Dal's district unit.

District unit of BNP announced the shutdown programme through a press release on Wednesday night.

Contacted, Mir Shahe Alam, organising secretary of district unit, said the district BNP in an urgent meeting with its district unit vice-president Saiful Islam in the chair, decided to enforce the shutdown programme from 6:00am tomorrow if their detained district unit leaders, were not freed by Thursday.

However, yesterday, the hearing of the case filed for attacking a local AL leader was shifted to December 24.

Earlier, on December 3, an unidentified gang stabbed Rafiul Islam, Jubo Dal president of the district unit, at Satgram area of the town around 2:45pm, when he went to visit his in-laws there.

Associate Project Analyst

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24 'mega' projects taken up to develop Khulna region

UNB, Khulna

With an aim to modernise Khulna region, the Khulna Development Authorities (KDA) has taken up 24 'mega projects', sources said.

Apart from remodeling Khulna city, the schemes are targeted to develop Noapara industrial belt and Mongla port with new infrastructures.

Besides, seven more such projects, funded by KDA, at present are being implemented, they said.

KDA sources said, once the projects are materialised, the region, including the divisional city, will have a completely new look.

The projects mainly focus on solution to the housing problems, expansion of urbanisation, easing pressure on the roads, setting up a number of industries and income-generation of a large population.

The KDA sources added they were attaching importance mainly to the development of the city, Noapara and Mongla port.

The projects includes construction of different roads in Noapara involving Tk500 crore, construction of dams and bridges along with tunnels on both sides of the Rupsha River and construction of a park on its bank at a cost of Tk 2,000 crore, construction of a bridge connecting Mongla with Khanjahan Ali Bridge and a road on the Passur riverside involving Tk 1,700 crore, civic services development costing Tk300 crore, development the city centre

on the Rupsha Bridge approach road at a cost of Tk400 crore, construction of a link road from Niklapur to Tilka at a cost of Tk 48 crore, construction of a five-star hotel involving Tk 300 crore, construction of a satellite town covering Noapara, Rupsha and Mongla involving Tk five crore, repair and construction of residential area for the KDA employees at a cost of Tk 300 crore, construction of an internal road network in the city at a cost of Tk 250 crore, construction of several roads including Rayer Mahal-Koira Bazar Road and Khulna-Satkhira Road involving Tk 250 crore, construction of an IT village park involving Tk 250 crore, construction of a bypass road at Noapara involving Tk 300 crore and renovation of KDA New Market at a cost of Tk 280 crore.

The projects have been set to be implemented by the year 2018, the sources added.

The KDA, apart from these, are implementing seven more approved and unapproved projects for the development of Khulna.

The approved projects include construction of the extension building of KDA at a cost of Tk 16.68 crore, construction of a commercial complex in Nirala Residential Area at a cost of Tk 10.6 crore, development work of Ahsanabad Residential Area at a cost of

Tk 125.11 crore, construction work of a digital archive and management software centre at a cost of Tk5.39 crore and construction of a rest house at a cost of Tk4.1 crore.

Construction of KDA Water World at a cost of Tk 8.42 crore and construction of KDA building at a cost of Tk 18 crore are among the unapproved projects.

Implementation of these projects is expected to be complete by the year 2016.

Meanwhile, six more projects are awaiting approval.

These are construction of 21.20 kilometre road from Barakpur to Chandanimahal at a cost of Tk 532.66 crore, construction of Sheikh Russel Civic Centre at a cost of Tk103.60 crore, construction of a three-storey building at Khalispur Natun Rasta intersection with auditorium, gymnasium and club facilities, construction of three link roads from Satkhira Road to city bypass at a cost of Tk 266.12 crore and construction of a 450-metre long overpass at Phulbari level crossing at a cost of Tk153.63 crore.

Kazi Mohammad Sabirul Alam, superintendent engineer of KDA, said a massive change will take place in the city after the implementation of these projects.

Besides, the city will wear a new look with extension of its area, increase in its entertainment facilities and eased traffic congestion.

BPDB's Local Tender Notice					
বিদ্যুৎ সাস্রয়ী 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		Procurement of ACSR Gross Beak Conductor.		
7	Invitation for tenders Ref. No.		Pur-114/PDS DP/Ctg/GL-4/Grossbeak/2014-15.		
8	Date		11/12/2014.		
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement method		Open Tendering Method.		
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and source of funds		GOB (Local).		
11	Development partners (if applicable)		N/A.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)		N/A.		
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)		Project Director, Power Distribution System Development Project, Ctg Zone, BPDB.		
14	Tender package No.		PDS DP-GL-4(FY 2014-2015).		
15	Tender package name		Procurement of ACSR Gross Beak Conductor.		
16	Tender publication date		11/12/2014.		
17	Tender document selling date		22/12/2014 to 28/01/2015.		
18	Tender closing date and time		29/01/2015 at 11:00am (Tender receive any day before 29/01/2015 during office hour).		
19	Tender opening date and time		29/01/2015 at 11:30am.		
20	Name & address of the office		Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Selling tender document (principal)		Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Selling tender document (other)		N/A.		
	Receiving tender document		Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Opening tender document		Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building(9 th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting		N/A.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
22	Eligibility of tenderer		Local Renowned Manufacturer/Local Supplier.		
23	Brief description of goods or works		Procurement of ACSR Gross Beak Conductor.		
24	Brief description of related services		N/A.		
25	Price of tender document (BDT)		Tk 20,000.00 (twenty thousand only) as Pay-Order (non-refundable) from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Director of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.		
26	Lot	Identification of lot	Location of delivery	Tender security amount in Tk.	Completion time
	1	ACSR Gross Beak Conductor-273.9KM	BPDB's Project Store at Chittagong	Tk. 25,00,000/-	As per tender document
	2	ACSR Gross Beak Conductor-273.9KM	BPDB's Project Store at Chittagong	Tk. 25,00,000/-	As per tender document
	3	ACSR Gross Beak Conductor-273.9KM	BPDB's Project Store at Chittagong	Tk. 25,00,000/-	As per tender document
	4	ACSR Gross Beak Conductor-273.9KM	BPDB's Project Store at Chittagong	Tk. 25,00,000/-	As per tender document
	5	ACSR Gross Beak Conductor-273.9KM	BPDB's Project Store at Hill Tracts	Tk. 25,00,000/-	As per tender document
27	Validity of tender		As per tender document.		
28	Validity of tender security		As per tender document.		
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
29	Name of official inviting tender		Md. Abu Yousuf.		
30	Designation of official inviting tender		Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.		
31	Address of official inviting tender		WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.		
32	Contact details of official inviting		Tel: +88 02 9550532, 7120089, Fax:- +88 02 7126151		
33	Special instructions		Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected and returned unopened to the tenderer. The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender to annul the tender process or to reject any or all tenders at any time prior to contract award.		
34	Notification of Award and signing of the contract will be executed after having ADP allocation for Power Distribution System Development Project, Chittagong Zone, BPDB.				
35	This tender will be performed according to "The Public Procurement Rules-2008".				
Md. Abu Yousuf Director Directorate of Purchase BPDB, Dhaka					
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