



Imported coal piled up at Gubrakura land port premises in Haluaghat upazila of Mymensingh. Right, the road leading to Karoitala land port is still too narrow for large vehicles carrying imported items. PHOTO: STAR

## ASSAULT OF TEACHER UP chairman sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A case has been filed against the local union parishad chairman on charge of assaulting the headmaster of Khidrbaria High School in Singra upazila under the district on Saturday. "The victim's brother submitted a complaint to Singra Police Station on Monday evening and we recorded it as a case today," said Nasir Uddin, officer-in-charge of Singra Police Station. According to the complaint, five people led by Jahedul Islam Bhola, chairman of Chaugram union parishad, also joint secretary of Singra upazila unit of Awami League, beat up Rafiqul Islam, headmaster of Khidrbaria High School, on Saturday noon. Rafiqul, now undergoing treatment at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital in Bogra, expressed fear that he might not get justice. "The followers of the attackers are going to hold a human chain at the school compound in favour of Jahedul Islam. It proves how powerful they are," he said. Mir Asaduzzaman, assistant superintendent of police in Natore, said police are trying to arrest the criminals. Asked about the human chain, he said they will take necessary steps according to the instructions of higher officers.

# FOUR YEARS OF OPENING OF GUBRAKURA, KAROITALI LAND PORTS Yet to see full operation

MD AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Over four years after the inauguration, Gubrakura and Karoitali land ports in Haluaghat under the district are yet to start full-fledged functioning. Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan formally inaugurated the land ports, first of its kind in Mymensingh region, on September 15 in 2012. But the land ports, some 174 kilometres from Dhaka and 57 kilometres from Mymensingh town, are used mainly for a limited scale import of coal. Traders have urged development of sufficient infrastructure including wide roads, warehouse, yards, weighbridge, administrative building at the land ports to boost export

and import through them. Check post with immigration facilities should be introduced immediately to make the ports fully functional, said M Suruj Miah, president of Karoitali Coal and Coke Importers Welfare Association. "Border market and corridor at the land ports should open soon to boost economic growth in this area and the country as well. "We want a four-lane road from the land ports to Mymensingh for easy transport of the import and export items. This year 5000 tonnes of stone was imported through the ports," he said. If the land port starts full function, the government and the people, especially of this area, would be benefited as financial activities will

see a boost and more job opportunities will be created, said traders. Ismail Hossain Mondol, secretary of Karoitali Coal and Coke Importers Welfare Association, said some 1000 importers are engaged in coal import at Karoitali and Gubrakura Land Customs (LC) stations now but the import and export will increase manifold when the port becomes fully functional. "If the land port starts functioning in full swing, we will be able to import coal, stone, bamboo, raw materials of cement, chemicals, fruits, spices, paper, motorcycle, light and heavy vehicles, spare parts and so on," said Ali Asgar, secretary of Haluaghat Exporters and Importers Group. It will ease export of readymade garments, cement, melamine, ceram-

ics, cosmetics, juice, frozen and dry fishes and packaged food items to India and Bhutan, he added. Fully functional land ports with immigration and export facilities will bring added revenue for the government round the year, traders said, adding that it will also help easy visit to many Indian states including Meghalaya, Assam, Tripura, Arunachal and West Bengal. Md Lutfur Rahman, revenue officer of Gubrakura and Karoitali LC stations, said the government earned around Tk 70 crore as revenue in two years till October last year from the two land ports. If immigration and export facilities are available through the ports, the revenue earning would be doubled, he hoped.

## BSF returns Bangladeshi

Indian border guards regret to BGB at flag meeting

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) returned a Bangladeshi national following a commanding officer level flag meeting with Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday. The meeting took place at Ghagra border in Sada upazila of Panchagarh. The returnee is Awlad Hossain, 48, son of Bahal Uddin of Mominpara village under the upazila. Acting Commanding Officer of BGB-56 Battalion Major Mizanur Rahman Khan told this correspondent over cellphone that BSF members of Berubari camp picked up the Bangladeshi national from a place between pillars No 753/1-S and No 753/2-S near Ghagra border while he was returning from a local bazar with other villagers on Monday night. On getting the information, BGB officials requested their Indian counterparts to return him immediately. Responding to the letter, BSF attended the flag meeting. In the meeting, BSF regretted the matter and handed over Awlad with his motorbike to BGB. BGB returned Awlad to his family the same afternoon, Major Mizan said.

## USE OF DATE TREES IN BRICK KILNS CUTS JUICE OUTPUT Enthusiasm for juicy pithas waning

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thalakhathi

It is winter, a season for enjoying various kinds of juicy pithas (cakes) prepared with date juice, but the juice has become very rare in the district due to cutting down of date trees. "Date trees are cut mainly for burning in the brick kilns," said Rajapur Upazila Forest Officer Md Alamgir Hossain Khan. Fourteen to sixteen percent of date trees were cut down or destroyed per year in the last five years, according to the forest office. If this continues, the trees will soon disappear from the area, he said, adding that many birds have lost their shelters and source of food. Production of date juice has decreased

by 15 to 18 percent per year in the last five years, Alamgir said. "A small jar of the juice was sold for Tk 30 to Tk 40 five years ago, while it is Tk 100 to Tk 120 now," said Sabur.



"I collected 15 to 20 jars of juice per day in winter some years ago, while I can collect only three to five jars now,"

said Nuralom, a juice collector of Indrapasha in Rajapur. People are not interested in planting date trees as they cannot be sold in the wood market like other trees, said forest officer Alamgir. "A proposal has been sent to the higher authorities for planting date trees in coastal areas and the district will get around one lakh date plants after the proposal is passed," he added. "About 85 to 90 percent of the trees have disappeared from the area within the last few years, and date juice is not available in any market, though the area would be flooded with the juice in winter five to six years ago," said Prof Md Shamsul Alam Babul Gazi of Rajapur Degree College.

### The Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh (IBB)

BDBL Bhaban (10<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
12, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

Invitation for Tender No: C&D/IBB/DRT/2017/96 Date: 24/01/2017

#### INVITATION FOR TENDER THROUGH WEB

Tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide contractors/firms/authorized suppliers or their local agent distributor/reputed manufacturer's for "Interior Decoration with Modern Workstation & Office Furniture in The Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh (IBB) at DR Tower (12<sup>th</sup> Floor), 65/2/2, Bir Protik Gazi Golam Dastagir Road (Box Culvert Road), Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000." Necessary information are given below:

1. Procuring entity	: The Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh (IBB)
2. Source of Fund	: Own fund of The Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh (IBB)
3. Method of Procurement	: Open Tendering Method (OTM)
4. Eligibility of Tenderer	: a) The tenderer must have 5(Five) years overall business experience. b) Having the experience in Interior Decoration with Modern Workstation & Office Furniture at least BDT 1 (one) crore in a single contract in last 05(five) years in any Govt./Semi-Govt./Autonomous organization/Foreign missions/International organizations/Foreign companies/Registered Limited companies in Bangladesh. The tenderer shall have to furnish certificate in this respect from the Officers not below the rank of Executive Engineer/authorised person of limited company or equivalent and shall meet all other criteria, terms & conditions as specified in Tender document. c) Liquid Assets/Credit Facilities: Minimum liquid assets/credit facility shall be 50 (fifty) lakh. d) The tenderer must submit up-to date Trade License, Bank Solvency, VAT & INCOME TAX Certificate.
5. Address of collecting and submission tender document.	: Submit in web: <a href="http://www.bangladeshbank.org.bd">www.bangladeshbank.org.bd</a> <a href="http://www.bangladeshbank-bank.org">www.bangladeshbank-bank.org</a> (e-Tender)
6. Last date & time for Submission tenders	: 14/02/2017 on or before 2.30 p.m.
7. Name & Address of the Office Receiving Tender security & Other Documentary Evidence.	: Secretary General (Incharge), The Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh (IBB), BDBL Bhaban (10 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 12, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
8. Last Date & Time for receiving Original tender security and other documentary evidence	: 14/02/2017 on or before 2.45 pm.
9. Date, Time and Place for tender Opening	: All tender will be opened at the Office of Secretary General (Incharge), The Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh (IBB), BDBL Bhaban (10 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 12, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215 on 14/02/2017 at 3.00 pm (intending tenders or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the tender Opening).
10. Time for completion of the works.	: 30 (thirty) days from the date issue of Award of contract.
11. Tender security	: Each tender must accompanied by a tender security money amounting to Tk. 2,50,000.00 (Taka two lakh fifty thousand) only in the form of Bank Draft (BD) or Pay Order (PO) from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh issued in favour of The Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh (IBB), BDBL Bhaban (10 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 12, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
12. Special Instruction	: i) Tender submission letter should be completed and signed by the Authorized Signatory on the Letter-Head Pad. The original Tender submission letter should be sent to the Secretary General (Incharge), The Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh (IBB), BDBL Bhaban (10 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 12, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215 within scheduled time as per TDS (Tender Data Sheet). ii) Original PO/BD as Tender Security along with original Tender submission letter must be submitted to the Secretary General (Incharge), The Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh (IBB), BDBL Bhaban (10 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 12, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215 within stipulated date and time of TDS. iii) Specification Submission sheet must be submitted with detail technical data, otherwise the tender would be considered as non-responsive. iv) Furnishing of any false, misleading documents may result in rejection of tender and may lead to action under Rules 127 of PPR 2008. v) Submission of tender after the specified time shall not be acceptable under any circumstances. vi) Submission of tender and original Tender Security & Tender submission letter after the specified time shall not be accepted under any circumstances. vii) The Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh authority shall not be bound to accept the lowest priced tender. viii) Any Corrigendum (if any) will also be a part of the tender and it will be binding upon the tenderer. ix) The defect liability period of the work shall be 12 (twelve) months from the date of completion of the work. In case of detecting any kind of defect/problem of the works or any portion thereof resulting to disruption of service within the defect liability period, the defect liability period will be taken as extended by that period (services disruption period). x) The Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh (IBB) Authority reserves the right to accept in full/part or to reject any or all tenders at any time/or stage without assigning any reasons whatsoever and no claim will be entertained in this regard.

## RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited

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### PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is for information to all concerned that the Board of Directors of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited in its meeting held on January 23, 2017 between 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Bangladesh Time 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE has approved the audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2016. The key financial positions of the Consolidated Financial Statements and other major decisions of the meeting were as follows:

1. Consolidated Financial position of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2016:

Particulars	As on 31 December 2016	As on 31 December 2015
Sales	BDT 5,661.41 million	BDT 5,059.30 million
Gross profit	BDT 2,409.35 million	BDT 2,162.41 million
Income from other sources	BDT 3.11 million	BDT 841.20 million
Provision for Taxation	BDT 302.79 million	BDT 387.66 million
Net profit after Taxation	BDT 915.25 million	BDT 1,094.34 million
Earnings per Share (EPS)	BDT 2.72	BDT 3.25
Net Asset Value (NAV)	BDT 6,111.72 million	BDT 6,038.60 million
Net Asset Value (NAV) per Share	BDT 18.14	BDT 17.93
Net Operating Cash Flow per Share (NOCFS)	BDT 3.27	BDT 2.73

2. Recommendation for Dividend : The Board unanimously recommended dividend @ 20% in cash and 5% in stock of the paid up capital of the Company for the year 2016.

3. Date of AGM : March 29, 2017

4. Record date for 18th AGM and entitlement for dividend 2016 : February 14, 2017

**Notes:**  
a) Shareholders are requested to update their respective Bank Account, Address, Contact Number etc. through their respective Depository Participant (DP) before the Record Date.  
b) Shareholders are also requested to update their respective BO Account with 12 digits Taxpayer's Identification Number (e-TIN) through their respective Depository Participant (DP) before the Record Date. If anyone fails to update e-TIN in BO Account before the Record Date, disbursement of respective cash dividend will be subject to deduction of Advance Income Tax (AIT) @15% instead of @10% as per income tax regulation.

Sd/-  
**(Muhammad Shahidul Islam FCS)**  
Company Secretary

Date: January 23, 2017