

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA H 30.2 L 18.5	MYMENSINGH H 28.5 L 16.5	CHITTAGONG H 26.8 L 17.4	SYLHET H 28.5 L 16.1	RAJSHAHI H 29.1 L 13.4	RANGPUR H 27.8 L 14.4	KHULNA H 29.5 L 16.0	BARISAL H 30.2 L 15.0	COX'S BAZAR H 28.7 L 18.0
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Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Night temperature may fall slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged, says Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:49pm and rises tomorrow at 6:35am. Country's highest temperature 31.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Mongla and lowest 11.6 in Rajshahi.

TEACHERS CONTINUE STRIKE Ruet students fear session jam

A CORRESPONDENT, RU

Students of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet) are in fear of facing a session jam as teachers refrained from taking classes and examinations for the second consecutive day as part of their indefinite strike demanding punishment for students who had confined them during their demonstration for cancellation of "33 Credit System".

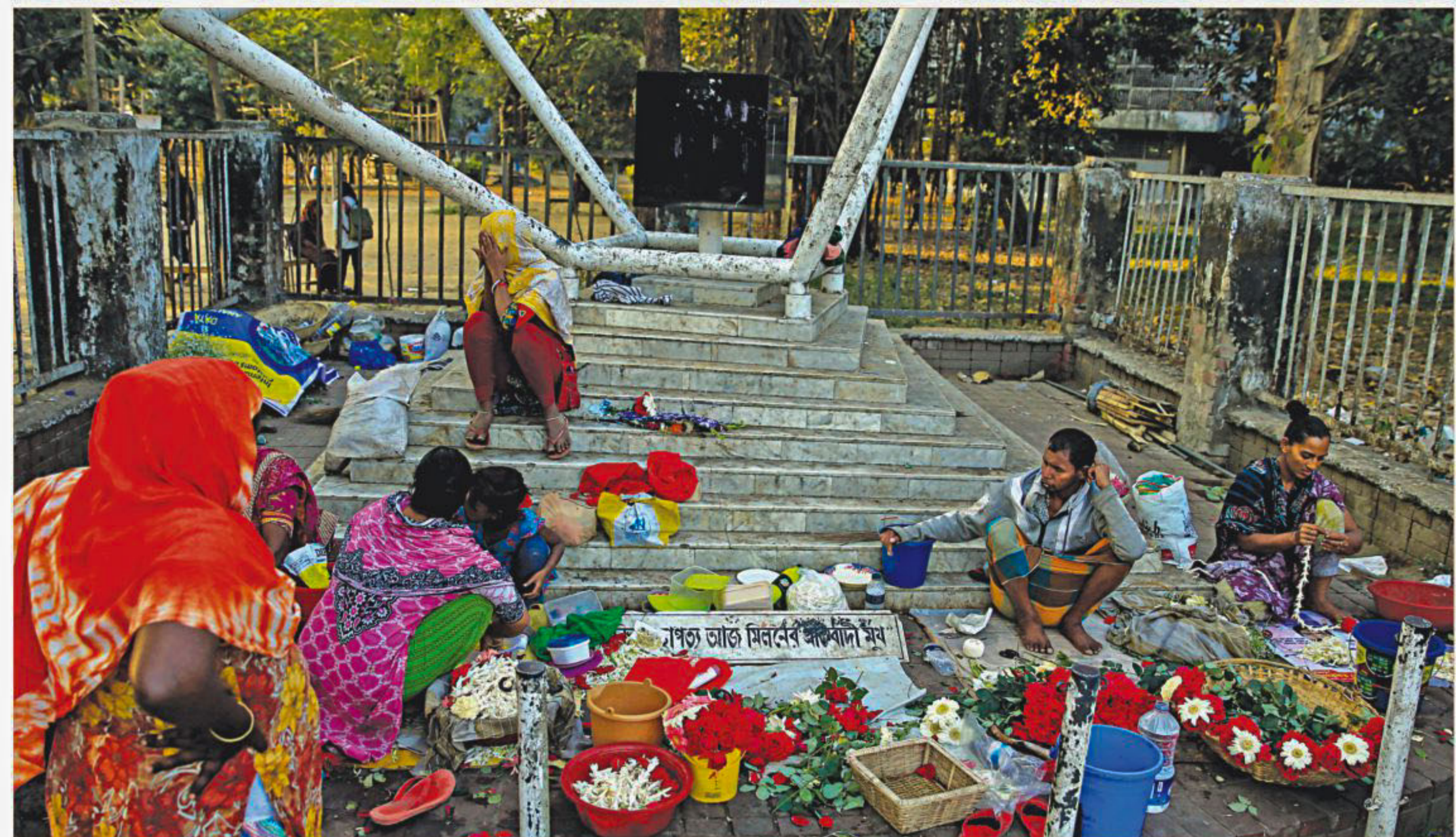
Some students of 2012-13 session said their final examination is scheduled to start on February 14. If the strike continues they will face a session jam. All the students should not suffer due to the ongoing situation since only a section of students took part in the demonstration, they added.

Earlier on Sunday, Ruet Teachers' Association declared the indefinite strike demanding punishment for the students who confined teachers including the vice chancellor for nearly 20 hours from Saturday evening during their demonstration demanding cancellation of the credit system.

Nirendranath Mustafi, president of Ruet Teachers' Association, said teachers were shamed and insulted during the confinement.

Ruet VC Rafiqul Alam Beg told The Daily Star, "We are planning to have a meeting with the teachers' association on this issue. Decision can be made after the meeting."

Mentionable, on January 28, a section of students of 2014-15 and 2015-16 sessions started demonstrating demanding cancellation of the "33 Credit System" which was introduced in 2013. Later, the Ruet authority cancelled the credit requisite on Sunday.



Flower vendors running a business occupying the 'Dr Milon Memorial' in Teacher-Student Centre area at Dhaka University, thanks to the negligence of the authorities concerned. Milon, then joint secretary of Bangladesh Medical Association, was gunned down in the area in 1990 by the armed cadres of then autocratic ruler HM Ershad. The photo was taken on Sunday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

LAND PURCHASE SCAM RU replies to UGC letter, comes up with new figures

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The Rajshahi University authorities yesterday replied to the letter of the University Grants Commission (UGC) that sought explanation from RU regarding the allegations of corruption and irregularities in the Tk 14-crore procurement of a land with high-rise building for the institute's guesthouse in Dhaka.

RU Registrar Prof Entajul Haque said, "In reply, we have sent (UGC) the same statement we gave the journalists [on Monday]."

Earlier on Sunday, Dr Ferdous Zaman, additional director of public university management department of the UGC, in a letter asked the RU registrar to explain the issue within seven days. The Daily Star obtained a copy of the letter.

The statement -- signed by RU Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan -- sent to journalists on Monday, came up with new facts and figures, dissimilar with those approved by the syndicate earlier.

The statement now claims the RU authorities did not purchase any land individually, they bought a building along with its land. They gave a break-up of the total expenditure showing a new value of the seven-storey building was Tk 10.88 crore. The rest 2.37 crore was being spent on the building's registration, ownership transfer fees and boundary wall construction.

But the Hatirpoul land deed shows it was bought at Tk 3.50 crore on October 20, 2016 and the university's syndicate on November 29, 2016 approved that they bought the land at Tk 11 crore and they were constructing a seven-storey building at Tk 2.25 crore on the land.

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Cooperation must for fair polls: President

UNB, Dhaka

President Abdul Hamid yesterday said cooperation from all political parties and general people to hold free, fair and credible elections is a must.

"Apart from the Election Commission (EC), cooperation from political parties and general people is a must to hold a free, fair and credible election," he told a meeting with outgoing election commissioners at Bangabhaban.

President's Press Secretary Joyal Abedin briefed reporters after the meeting.

The outgoing election commissioners, led by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad, made the farewell call on the president in the afternoon.

During the meeting, Rakibuddin said the EC had tried its best to perform their constitutional duty overcoming various barriers.

Expressing gratitude to the president and common people for their cooperation in completing their assignment, the election commissioners said the president's instructions helped them perform their duties.

Four election commissioners -- Mohammad Abdul Mobarak, Mohammad Abu Hafiz, Brig Gen (ret'd) Md Zayed Ali and Md Shah Nawaz, and EC Secretary Mohammad Abdullah -- were present.

Acute gas crisis cripples Ctg life

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

An acute shortage of gas supply in many parts of the port city over the past week has been disrupting everyday life of the city residents.

Less than normal supply of gas from the national grid is causing this shortage, said officials at KGDCL (Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited).

The KGDCL is responsible for distribution of gas to the city after receiving it from the national grid.

The situation deteriorated in the Chittagong region recently as the KGDCL is now facing a shortage of at least 70 million metric standard cubic feet (MMCF) of gas each day, the KGDCL officials explained.

Moreover, the recent resumption of gas supply to Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Limited (CUFL) might have added fuel to the crisis, they said, adding that the supply to both

households and industries has been affected since they started supplying gas to the CUFL on January 20.

The areas that have been hit the hardest with the gas shortage are Kapasgola, Chawk Bazar, Bakalia, Nandan Kanan, Oxygen, Shulak Bahar, Bahaddarhat, Badurtala, Dewan Bazar, Chandanpura, Sub Area, Rahamatganj, Dewanji Pukur Par, Jamal Khan, Katalganj, Ghat Farhadbegh and Anderkillia.

While speaking with The Daily Star around 2:30pm yesterday, Nandan Kanan resident Rupa Dutta, a physician by profession, said the pressure of gas in her house has been too low for cooking lately. "I started cooking at 10 in the morning, but I still couldn't finish it. Usually it takes only an hour and a half for me to finish all my cooking."

In many areas, the supply completely shuts down in the morning and it resumes for a maximum of

two hours in the afternoon. The supply then stops again and remains that way throughout the evening till late at night when the gas flow returns to its normal stage.

"My wife cannot prepare breakfast for my school-going children as the supply of gas stops early in the morning," said Alamgir Hossain, a resident of Bakalia area, "I haven't been able to take lunch from my house for over a week now."

He has been feeding restaurant food to his family members, especially in the mornings, Alamgir said. "The gas supply resumes around 3:00pm for nearly an hour when my wife starts cooking lunch for all. She has to do most of her cooking after 11:00pm when the supply becomes normal."

Asked about the crisis, Anupam Dutta, manager (load monitoring) at KGDCL, admitted to have received complaints, from consum-

ers living in different areas, regarding gas shortage in the mornings and in the evenings.

"In fact we cannot do anything at present to address the situation since the volume of gas we are receiving from the national grid is less than normal."

"Currently we are getting 220 MMCF to 230 MMCF from the national grid," as opposed to "our daily demand of 450 MMCF," he said, adding that they usually receive around 300 MMCF daily.

When asked if they were able to take any measure to ease the situation, Anupam said last week they stopped gas supply to the gas-fired Raosan Thermal Power Plant to make up for the shortage, but it did not improve the situation to a noticeable extent.

In addition, they spoke with Petrobangla officials who had assured them of taking necessary measures to remedy the situation.



Outgoing Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad along with other commissioners pays a farewell call on President Abdul Hamid at the latter's office yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

Habiganj tea workers again on strike against SEZ

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

After fourteen months of agitation, tea garden workers in Habiganj's Chunarughat upazila yesterday again started work stoppage from 8:00am to 10:00am demanding cancellation of a special economic zone (SEZ) construction project in the area.

They said they will keep continuing it for an indefinite period. The government in 2015 announced that it will build a SEZ on around 512 acres in Chandpur under its Economic Zones Development Project to attract both foreign and domestic investments.

But the workers started protesting against the decision in December 2015 as the SEZ is planned to be built on the land where they have been cultivating crops for survival for

over a century. The protest started again as the assistant commissioner (land) of the upazila forbade the workers on Monday to farm the land, and also sized four tractors with police's help, said demonstrators including workers of Chandpore Tea Estate, Ramgongga Tea Estate, Begumkhan Tea Estate and Jhal Bangla Tea Garden.

Atit Bakti, only bread earner of a five-member family, said, "We will starve to death, if the government acquires the land."

Nripen Paul, GS of Bangladesh Cha Sramik Union, said, "We have been living and cultivating here for more than 150 years, but still we do not have the ownership of the land." The protesters threatened to wage tougher movement if the project is not cancelled.

ACC arrests

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filed with Chandgaon Police Station in this connection.

Ali Akbar, however, denied the allegation and claimed that the whole incident was part of a conspiracy against him.

"The ACC officials did not find any money [bribe] from me and I only have Tk 324 on me," he claimed while speaking with reporters.

Meanwhile, our staff correspondent in Dhaka reports that the ACC yesterday arrested Sirajul Islam Mir, director of Mir Enterprise, for misappropriating about Tk 9.34 crore of Janata Bank.

According to case document, Mir Enterprise opened 24 back-to-back Letters of Credit (LC) for Chowdhury Towel Industries Ltd and Chowdhury Knitwear, but the firm did not import or export any goods against the LCs.

Sirajul, in collaboration with officials of the bank's Ramna corporate branch, produced fake documents to embezzle Tk 9,34,84,537 from the bank, said sources at the ACC. Sirajul was arrested from Dhanmondi in connection with the case filed with Paltan Model Police Station on February 6, 2015.



Workers of four tea gardens at a protest rally in Chandpur area of Chunarughat upazila in Habiganj yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR



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INVITATION FOR TENDERS (INTERNATIONAL)

1 Ministry / Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.
2 Agency	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited.
3 Procuring Entity name	Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant.
4 Procuring Entity Code	N/A
5 Procuring Entity District	Narayanganj
6 Invitation for	Procurement of Goods (Single Lot)
7 Invitation Ref. No.	27.27.2666.103.03.008.2016.350
8 Date	06/02/2017
KEY INFORMATION	
9 Procurement Method	ICT (Open Tendering Method)
FUNDING INFORMATION	
10 Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (Own fund of EGCB Ltd.)
11 Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
12 Project/ Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A
13 Project/ Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A
14 Tender Package No.	N/A
15 Tender Package Name	Procurement of I&C spares (Field Instrument, Transmitter, Analyzer kit and accessories for HRSG, BOP and SWAS) for Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh.
16 Tender Publication Date	08/02/2017
17 Tender Last Selling Date	22/03/2017 up to 15:00 Hr (BST)
18 Tender Submission Date & Time	23/03/2017 up to 12:00 Hr (BST)
19 Tender Opening Date & Time	23/03/2017 on 12:30 Hrs (BST) (Tenderers or their authorized representatives, if any, are allowed to attend).
20 Name and Address of the office(s) - Selling Tender Document	Executive Engineer (Procurement), Corporate Office, Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited, Unique Heights (Level-16), 117, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh.
- Receiving Tender Document	Executive Engineer (Procurement), Corporate Office, Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited, Unique Heights (Level-15), 117, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh.
- Opening Tender Document	Executive Engineer (Procurement), Corporate Office, Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited, Unique Heights (Level-15), 117, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh.
21 Place/Date/Time of Pre Tender Meeting	N/A.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
22 Eligibility of Tenderer	(a) Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract, shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes and social security contributions under the provisions of laws and regulations of the country of its origin and shall not have a conflict of interest pursuant to Rule 55 of the Public Procurement Rules-2008. (b) The maximum three (3) numbers of arbitration against the Tenderer over a period of last five (5) years. (c) The Tenderer/Manufacturer shall have a minimum of five (5) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. (d) The Tenderer/Manufacturer shall have experience of satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of minimum BDT eight (08) million value under a single contract in the last five (5) years (i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of Invitation for Tenders (IFT) in the newspaper). (e) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is BDT ten (10) million.
23 Brief Description of Goods	Procurement of I&C spares (Field Instrument, Transmitter, Analyzer kit and accessories for HRSG, BOP and SWAS) for Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh.
24 Brief Description of Related services	N/A
25 Price of Tender Document	TK 2,000/= (Two thousand) or USD 25/= (Twenty Five) to be paid in the form of Bank Draft / Pay order in favor of "Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited"
26 Lot No.	Identification of Lot Location Tender Security Amount Completion Time
01.	Procurement of I&C spares (Field Instrument, Transmitter, Analyzer kit and accessories for HRSG, BOP and SWAS) for Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh. Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh. USD 3,200,000 or BDT 2,50,000.00 Within 240 days from the date of issuance of letter of credit.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
27 Name of Official Inviting the Tender	Mohammad Noore Alam Siddiki
28 Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Executive Engineer (Procurement)
29 Address of Official Inviting the Tender	Corporate office, EGCB Ltd., Unique Heights (Level-15 & 16), 117, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh.
30 Contact details of Official Inviting the Tender:	Tel: 880-2-55138633-36, Ext-1114, Fax: 880-2-55138637, E-mail: noore.alam@egcb.com.bd
31	a) The Full Tender Document will be available in PDF format in the website of EGCB Ltd. (www.egcb.com.bd). b) The Tenderers are requested to read the tender document carefully before submission of their offer.
32	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.



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