

Tk 1.87 lakh stolen from UNO office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Burglars looted Tk 1.87 lakh from the office of Galachipa Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Touchif Ahmed.

A gang stole the money by breaking almirahs of two rooms at the office on Monday night.

Of the amount, Tk 1.65 lakh was stolen from an almirah and the rest of money from another almirah, said UNO office sources.

A case was filed in connection with the incident, said Md Zahid Hossain, officer-in-charge of Galachipa Police Station.

Police are raiding different areas to arrest the culprits, said the OC.



Manila Chakma cooks on an eco-friendly stove at No 1 Prokalpo village in Sadar upazila of Khagrachhari. The photo was taken a few days ago.

PHOTO: STAR

Eco-friendly stove gets popular

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Environment-friendly stove is becoming popular in the district as it saves firewood.

Perachara Union Parishad (UP) in Sadar upazila distributed 40 such stoves in No 1 Prokalpo, Giriful and Baurapara villages.

The housewives realised within a few days that the eco-friendly stove needed less firewood and made cooking easier. It also created less smoke and kept the environment clean.

Housewife Manila Chakma of Prokalpo village said she needs one-third the amount of firewood she needed before to cook food for her family. There is much less smoke and the environment remains clean, she added.

Maloti Chakma at the village said she was hesitant to use the stove at first, but now she understands its benefits.

Karbari (village chief) Tarun Kanti Chakma said he had heard about the environment-friendly stoves, so he requested the chairman to supply them. The chairman provided 25 stoves at his village, Tarun said, adding that all of them are being used.

Perachara UP Chairman Tapan Bikash Tripura said 40 eco-friendly stoves have been provided at three villages in his union.

If every household uses eco-friendly stoves, it will save a huge amount of firewood, thus saving the forests, he added.

Former UP member shot dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A former union parishad member was shot dead by unidentified people yesterday morning in Toichakma Dajar Para area under Naniarchar upazila of the district.

The deceased was identified as Anadi Ranjan Chakma.

Rangamati-Khagrachhari road was closed from 10:00am to 5:00pm due to the incident.

A press release signed by Sentu Chakma, member secretary of Nobbo Mukhosh Bahini Protirodh Committee, announced a half-day blockade of roads and waterways in the district on Thursday, protesting against the murder of the former UP member.

The press release alleges that the newly formed group United People's Democratic Front (Democratic) was involved in the murder.

Officer-in-Charge of Naniarchar Police Station Muhammad Abdul Latif said they recovered the body.

Sheikh Hasina Software Park opens Sunday

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Sheikh Hasina Software and Technology Park in Jessore town will open on Sunday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the hi-tech park through a video conference.

The authorities concerned are expecting that the inauguration of the IT Park will reduce unemployment in the southwest region and will also create an industrial revolution in the IT sector of the country.

The 1 acre software park will consist of IT firms and 55 companies have already been allocated space in the park, said Sheikh Jahangir Alam, project director and joint secretary of Software Technology Park.

While inaugurating a job fair in Jessore on October 4, State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak visited at the ongoing project.

Out of the allocation of Tk 305 crore for the project, Tk 290 crore has already been spent, he said.

Under the project the government will provide job opportunities to nearly three lakh unemployed job seekers in the next three years.

Besides, it will arrange training for about 20 lakh youths by 2021, the minister added.

The 55 companies include Ideas Limited, Varna IT, Partu, Premier Lab, Water Speed, Saj Telecom, Spectrum Engineers Consortium Limited, Fire Systems Limited, Dohaatek New Media, Augaidix Bangladesh Limited, MCC, On Air International Limited, Qazi IT Centre, Fiftech, E-Generation Limited, Sentencing, Disikon Technologies, Walton Computers, Brilliant Stellar Digital Limited and Emba Ltd.

Protidin editor sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A Tk 10 crore defamation case has been filed against Naem Nizam, editor of the Bangladesh Pratidin, and its reporter Ruhul Amin Rasel with a Patuakhali court.

Sultan Ahmed Mridha, husband of Lutfunnesa, lawmaker from Patuakhali (reserve seat for women), filed the case on November 30 and Jinnat Jahan Jhunu, first district joint judge, issued summons to the accused after receiving the case, said Mridha's lawyer Obaidul Alam.

The court asked the accused to submit their statement over the matter on January 18, he said.

A news item titled 'MP's swami bole kotha' (as he is the husband of an MP) was published in the Bangladesh Pratidin on October 30.

District unit AL member Mridha is also former chairman of Patuakhali municipality and Sadar upazila parishad.

"Publishing of the item has tarnished his prestige and image socially and politically and so, we filed the case," Obaidul said.

Krishak League man, aide held with Yaba

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police arrested a local Krishak League leader and his associate on charge of trading Yaba at Shahpur Natunhat More point of Ishwardi upazila under the district on Monday evening.

The arrestees are Abu Bakar Malitha, 45, of Patirajpur in Ishwardi, also secretary of the upazila's Muladuli union unit of Krishak League, and Dulal Sheikh, 40, of Boraigram village in Natore district.

"Acting on a tip, Ishwardi police arrested Abu Bakar Malitha and his associate Dulal Sheikh from Shahpur Natunhat More point around 6:00pm on Monday when they were trying to trade drug. Police seized 200 Yaba pills from their possession," said Md Azim Uddin, officer-in-charge (OC) of Ishwardi Police Station.

"A case was filed against the two arrestees on charge of illegal drug trading and they were sent to jail through the court this morning," the OC said yesterday.

Locals seeking anonymity said Abu Bakkar was conducting drug business in his area for long, with blessing from influential political leaders including a minister and Selim Uddin Malitha, chairman of Muladuli union parishad.

Selim, also a leader of Awami League's Ishwardi upazila unit, said, "Everybody wants to remain in touch with political leaders for their own interest. It does not mean that the minister and I backed them for drug peddling."

Those who have been held with drug pills have no support from the party, Selim added.

Lalmonirhat free day today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

On this day in 1971, the northern border district was freed from the Pakistani occupation forces. The district town was the headquarters of Sector 6 during the Liberation War.

Freedom fighter (FF) Abdul Karim, 73, a retired railway staff of the area, said as Lalmonirhat was a railway divisional town, many Biharis (Urdu-speaking people) lived here as railway employees.

During the war, Pakistani army with the help of the Biharis easily attacked Bangalees and picked up local women and tortured them at camps, he said.

Another FF Shafiqul Islam Mantu, 69, said getting message from sector commander Air Marshal Khademul Bashar on December 3, freedom fighters attacked Pakistani soldiers at different points in the district.

While fleeing Lalmonirhat, the Pakistani soldiers damaged a portion of Teesta Railway Bridge over the river Teesta by hurling bombs on December 5, he said.

We declared free Lalmonirhat from Pakistani occupation at dawn on December 6 and hoisted our national flag with slogan Joy Bangla in Lalmonirhat town," said Mantu, also the freedom fighters' platoon commander during the Liberation War in the town.




Bid Notice

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) For Procurement Services

Date: December 6, 2017

1. The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Bangladesh Office invites eligible Bidders to participate in bidding for the Procurement Services of Goods for the Project "National Institute of Advanced Nursing Education & Research in Bangladesh". The Project is to be Project implemented with the grant aid of the Government of the Republic of Korea.

Description of Project
- Bid Title: Procurement Services of Goods for the Project "National Institute of Advanced Nursing Education & Research in Bangladesh"

(Bidding No.: KOICA Bangladesh 2017-05)
- Summary of Works: Procurement service of Goods
- Duration: 1.5 Months from the effective date
- Site: NIANER, Mugdapara, Dhaka
- Approx. Budget: (Lot No. 01) Medical Goods = BDT 1,751,000 (VAT included)
(Lot No. 02) Utility Goods = BDT 1,611,500 (VAT included)

① Employer: Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Bangladesh Office
② Bid Type: Open Competitive Bidding
③ Selection of the Successful Bidder:
- By the Qualification Evaluation of the Bid Proposal
- Bid Proposal Evaluation Criteria
i. Performance Capacity (30 scores)
ii. Bid Price (70 scores)
Price Proposal shall be equal or less than the 'Expected Price' and equal or more than the 'Minimum Price'. Any Bid exceeding these two limitations may result in disqualification of its bid.
- 'Expected Price' will be decided and announced at the Bid Opening after the calculation of Average Price of Four (4) selected among the 15 Nos of preparatory prices, which will be generated at random strictly in accordance with the KOICA standard system.
- Details of Selection of the Successful Bidder, Qualification Examination, Determination of 'Expected Price' and 'Minimum Price' will be explained at Bid Conference.

④ Applicants are required to send a Letter of Interest (LOI) to the KOICA Bangladesh Office via E-mail: From this date until December 11, 2017, 17:00. KOICA will send the PQ Application Form via E-mail to the Applicants.
⑤ Submission of PQ Documents: by Dec 16, 2017, 17:00
⑥ Send the Letter of Invitation to Bid: Dec 19, 2017
⑦ Bid Conference: Dec 26, 2017, 10:00 at KOICA Bangladesh Office
⑧ Submission of Bid Documents: by Jan 2, 2018, 11:00 KOICA Bangladesh Office
* Joint venture is not allowed.
* Bid Attendance: Bidders who pass the Pre-Qualification and attend the Bid Conference.

⑨ Opening of Bid: Jan 2, 2018, 11:00 at KOICA Office
⑩ Language of Bid: English
⑪ Name of Currency: BDT

2. PQ Application documents are:
① Letter of Interest (Form PQ-1)
② Company Profile (Form PQ-2) with evidential document
- Copy of Certificate of Business Registration
- Copy of License [Registration] for Building Contractor
③ History of Contract Nonfulfillment (Form PQ-3)
④ Pending Litigation (Form PQ-4)
⑤ Financial Situation (Form PQ-5) with evidential document
⑥ Goods supply Experience (Form PQ-6) with evidential document

4. The KOICA Bangladesh Office will send a Letter of Invitation for Bid to the eligible bidders (who pass the PQ process) via E-mail.

5. The eligible bidders who received the invitation letter may obtain further bid information at Bid Conference.

6. KOICA will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

7. Failure to furnish all information required by the bidding documents or submission of a bid not substantially responsive to the bidding documents in every respect shall be at the Bidder's risk and may result in the rejection of bid.

8. The KOICA Bangladesh Office requires that Bidders and Contractors observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, KOICA:
(a) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the Bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract.
(b) will recognize such a contractor as ineligible for a period determined by KOICA.

9. Note: Eligible Bidders can take part in Bidding by Lot wise or can take part for both the Lot.

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Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission

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Bangladesh

No. 14.32.0000.007.51.061.15.1596 Date: 04-12-2017

Invitation of Offers/Proposals for Assignment of Spectrum from 2100 MHz, 1800 MHz and 900 MHz Bands and Granting License for Radio Communications Apparatus License

1. The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission ('Commission' or 'BTRC') invites offers/proposals from Existing Cellular Mobile Phone Operator(s) in Bangladesh for Assignment of Spectrum in 2100 MHz, 1800 MHz and 900 MHz bands in order to provide and operate 2G, 3G and 4G/LTE Services in Bangladesh having respective Cellular Mobile Phone Operator License. However, New Entrant(s) will be eligible to participate in the 2100 MHz spectrum Auction subject to their success during the primary evaluation of the applications/offers. The winning new entrant in the auction of 2100 MHz spectrum band, if any, will be eligible to participate in the auction of 1800 MHz and 900 MHz spectrum bands to operate as a Cellular Mobile Phone Services Operator to provide 2G, 3G, 4G/LTE services having respective licenses.
2. The applicant companies/partnership firms shall have to be registered with the RJSCF, as well as with the concerned chamber of commerce and industries (if applicable). In case of foreign companies, the Certificate of Registration from the concerned authority of its Country of Origin shall have to be provided with the proposal/offer.
3. The prescribed application form along with general terms and conditions are included in the "Guidelines for Assignment of Spectrum from 2100, 1800 and 900 MHz Band to Cellular Mobile Phone Service Operators and Issuing Radio Communications Apparatus License" bearing No. 14.32.0000.007.51.061.15.1593, dated: 04-12-2017 ('Guideline') which is available in the BTRC website: www.btrc.gov.bd for information only.
4. The prospective applicant shall purchase the Guidelines from the Commission by submitting an application to the Chairman, BTRC endorsing BDT 5,000/- (five thousand) and 15% (fifteen percent) VAT thereon in BDT in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft in favour of Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission.
5. The application is to be made addressing the Chairman, BTRC duly sealed and submitted in the Commission, IEB Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka-1000 at 12:00 hrs on 14-01-2018. The sealed application will be opened by the representative of BTRC at 12:30 hrs in the office of the Commission on the same day in the presence of the applicants or their representatives. No application will be received after the deadline.
6. Any offers/proposals submitted that does not comply with the terms and conditions of the abovementioned guidelines will not be accepted.
7. The Commission reserves the right and authority to accept or reject any or all offers/proposals for any reason as per law.
8. Any applicant may communicate with the Director (Licensing), Legal and Licensing Division, Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, IEB Bhaban (5th Floor), Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh, in writing and/or through e-mail (taleb.hossain@btrc.gov.bd) for further clarification on the subject, during office hours on working days till 19-12-2017.

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