

Dhaka, Delhi

FROM PAGE 16 will identify its defence hardware needs and India will examine the armaments it makes so that the two sides can move forward in this sector, said the official who was present at the meeting.

Bangladesh can also use a "certain percentage" of the \$500 million line of credit to buy weapons from countries other than India subject to India's approval, the official added.

Besides, Bangladesh has to make a major part of the defence procurement under the line of credit from India.

This was the first formal meeting between the two countries specifically on defence cooperation since they signed their first overarching bilateral defence cooperation agreement during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's official visit to India in April last year. Under that agreement, India would provide \$500 million to Bangladesh to procure military hardware.

Two separate MoUs were signed by the Bangladesh Navy's Khulna shipyard and Indian Navy for collaboration on joint projects, the official said.

Asked if this meant for joint production of warships, he did not specify.

Another MoU was signed for a programme of exchange of students of military schools in India and Bangladesh.

The meeting also discussed how the India-Bangladesh defence cooperation could be enhanced through more joint exercises and expeditions.

While economic and connectivity projects between India and Bangladesh have gone up substantially in the last eight years, the two countries for the first time diversified their cooperation in the defence sector in April 2017.

Prior to Wednesday's meeting and the signing of the MoUs, the visiting Bangladeshi delegation called on Indian Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Foreign Secretary Vijay Keshav Gokhale and chiefs of the Indian army, air force and navy, according to the official.

It's genocide

FROM PAGE 16 Human beings deserve democracy and freedom, she said, adding, democracy is a must for development and development is essential for peace.

Tawakkol then urged the students of AUW to fight against corruption and for justice. "Corruption leads to poverty," she said.

"Your victory begins through your leadership," she said, adding, "Be a leader in every field you are contributing... if you want to change, lead the change."

Pramila Patten, special representative of the UN Secretary-General on Sexual-Violence in Conflict and UN Under Secretary General, said sectarian violence has been left

unpunished for a long time. She said what Myanmar did to the Rohingyas was "war crime". "Many witnesses told me many girls and women were literally raped to death," she said, adding, "Not a single soldier or commander has been made accountable for their offence."

"I would like to congratulate both the government and the people of Bangladesh for saving the lives of the Rohingya people," she said, urging the world to stand beside Bangladesh.

"It is not the problem of Bangladesh, it is the problem of international community and I think the ball is now in the court of the international community."

Ismail Serageldin, former vice president of World Bank and founding director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, said the world should keep open the door for the refugees.

Izzeldin Abuellaish, a professor of the University of Toronto, termed the persecution of the Rohingyas "crime against humanity".

"The Rohingyas have been living in Myanmar for decades. So, the Myanmar government should recognise them," he said at the programme.

Kamal Ahmad, founder of AUW, and Prof Nirmala Rao, vice-chancellor of the university, also spoke among others.

Gazipur BNP faces tough challenge

FROM PAGE 1 been on the run since the case was filed against them on May 7.

"It was an evil design by the government to keep me away from party leaders and activists. Those who were in the election convening committee were accused in the case," Hasan told this newspaper yesterday.

"It was done to create panic among the party men."

A couple of hours after the High Court stayed the Gazipur city polls on May 6, police raided areas adjacent to Hasan's house and arrested 13 BNP leaders.

The following day, Tongi police filed a case against 103 BNP men, including the 13. Most of the accused were involved in electioneering and are closely associated with Hasan.

Talking to this correspondent, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said, "Whatever happened centering the Gazipur polls over the last few days was nothing but a drama.

"We now face a new challenge as a case was filed against BNP leaders

and activists in Gazipur. Now they have to be busy securing bail from court."

Fakhru further said the party urged the Election Commission to withdraw Gazipur Superintendent of Police Harunur Rashid, but the commission did not take any step.

He also mentioned that though no case was filed against BNP men in Khulna city that goes into polls on May 15, more than 200 party leaders and activists were arrested there.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court lifted the stay on holding the election in Gazipur, and asked the EC to hold it by June 28.

Electioneering for the polls is set to resume after the Eid-ul-Fitr.

The EC will sit tomorrow to rearrange the election schedule.

As per the schedule announced by the EC on March 31, the election was to be held on May 15. But a sudden three-month stay on the polls by an HC bench, in response to a writ petition, forced the commission to postpone the election.

EC officials said they do not

hold any major election during the month of Ramadan, which is likely to begin on May 17.

Election activities would resume after the Eid and the candidates may get a week for electioneering, they added.

India for safe

FROM PAGE 2 The minister also met the Commander in Chief of the Myanmar Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, during the visit, said Indian External Affairs Ministry.

Seven agreements/MOUs were signed during the visit. These included the agreement on Land Border Crossing.

The agreement is a landmark in bilateral relations between the two countries as it will enable people from both countries to cross the land border with passports and visas, including for accessing health and education services, pilgrimage and tourism, said the Indian ministry yesterday.

Road crashes kill 10

FROM PAGE 16 Police seized the bus, but its staff managed to flee, the OC added.

Hearing the news, locals put a barricade on the road for around half an hour. On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

In the capital, three people -- two students and a minor girl -- were killed and at least 10 others wounded as a bus hit a human haulier, popularly known as "Leguna", in Mirpur. All the victims were passengers of the human haulier.

Two of the deceased were identified as Shibli Sadiq, 27, a student of computer science and engineering department at American International University-Bangladesh, and Yeasin Shuvo, 24, a third-year student of electrical and electronic engineering department at Manarat International University.

The identity of the girl, aged around six, could not be confirmed.

AB Siddique, officer-in-charge of Shah Ali Police Station, said the bus coming from Birulia of Savar hit the human haulier in Diabari area around 2:00pm, injuring at least 13 people.

Three of them were declared dead after being taken to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital. Two injured were undergoing treatment there, while four others were referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Yeasmin Begum, mother of Shuvo, said her son was returning home at section-6 in Mirpur from his university campus yesterday afternoon.

"My son used to tell me that he would help the family after completing his graduation. Now who will shoulder the responsibility of running my family?" she asked.

Police seized both the vehicles.

In another accident, Narayan Saha, 45, a private organisation employee, was killed in Uttara when he was taking his son to a coaching centre on a rickshaw yesterday morning. A bus hit the rickshaw near Polwel Market around 9:00am, injuring Narayan and his son, said Sub-Inspector Anwar Hossain of Uttara East Police Station.

The injured were taken to a local hospital. They were later moved to DMCH where Narayan was declared dead around noon.

The bus was seized, but the driver fled the spot, police said.

At least 87 percent buses and minibuses ply the roads in the capital recklessly in violation of traffic rules, creating anarchy in the public transport sector, according to a report of Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity published in April.

Road accidents increased by 15.5 percent, deaths in crashes increased by 22.2 percent and the number of injured by about 2 percent last year from that in 2016, the report said.

At least 1,841 people were killed and 5,477 others injured in 1,779 road accidents between January 1 and April 20 this year. Of the wounded, 288 were maimed, the report added.

Manhunt after South Africa mosque attack

AFP, Verulam

South African police hunting for three men who stabbed worshippers at a mosque outside Durban said yesterday that the attackers' motive was unknown but "elements of extremism" were involved.

Three attackers killed one worshipper, reported to be an imam, and seriously injured two others after midday prayers on Thursday at a mosque in Verulam town, on the outskirts of the eastern port city.

The assailants, who also set off a petrol bomb inside the Shia mosque, escaped in a car after the attack. "There are elements of extremism because the incident happened in a place of worship and the manner in which it was conducted," Simphiwe Mhlongo, spokesman for the Hawks police unit, told AFP.

"It shows hatred towards the worshippers."

Mhlongo stressed that the motive for the attack was still unknown, adding that a major hunt was under way to find the attackers.

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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Name of Country: Bangladesh Name of Project: PEDP-IV

Contract Title: Printing, Binding and Supplying of Primary Level Textbooks for Classes I to V for the Academic Year-2019

Reference Number: NCTB/ICB/03/75, Date: 10/05/2018

1. The name of Borrower: Ministry of Primary and Mass Education (MoPME), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

2. The name of Implementing Agency: National Curriculum & Textbook Board (NCTB) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Printing, Binding & Supplying of Primary Level Textbooks for Classes I-V for the academic year-2019. The following (a) Schedule which showing the Package No., Lot No., Quantities of Textbooks, Delivery Point, Delivery Period and Margin of Preference etc:

Table with 6 columns: Package No., Lot No., Estimated number of books (approx.), Delivery point, Delivery period, Margin of preference. Rows include P4-P01 to P4-P20.

3. The following experience & qualification is required: (A) Financial Capability

(i) The bidder must have minimum amount of liquid asset in the form of working capital or credit facility of BDT 25 million or USD 3,03,000 for each lot, regardless of size of the lot.

(ii) The bidders who participate in multiple lots must have cumulative financial capability for those lots.

(B) Experience and Technical Capacity

(i) Experience: The bidder must have 5 (five) years experience of printing, binding and supplying Textbooks of minimum 80% of the quantity for each lot under a single or multiple contract. Years counting from January-2013.

(ii) Technical Capacity

(a) (i) The bidder must have own sufficient 4 (four) colour Web printing machine of size 20"x30" (ii) Auto/perfect binding machineries to execute the contract.

(b) The bidder must have U.V (Ultra varnish) machine for cover paper of the Textbooks.

(c) The minimum production capacity of printing and Auto binding machineries of textbooks in 30 days shall be 50% in quantity of each lot to qualify for each lot.

Bidders participating in multiple lots must have required experience and technical capacity for those lots.

(C) If Bidder is JV (Joint Venture Company):

(a) If the bidder is JV, any partners previous firm must have experience of printing of books within last 3 (three) years with sufficient machineries, production and financial capacity to execute the contract which is accepted by the purchaser.

(b) The bidder any partner's previous firm must have minimum amount of liquid asset in form of working capital or credit facility of 25 million BDT or 3,03,000 USD for each lot regardless of the size of the lots.

(a) Bid will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: April, 2004, revised October, 2006 and May, 2010.

(b) Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits is open to all the bidders from eligible countries as defined in these guidelines.

(a) Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information at the address given in paragraph 9 below:

(b) A set of bidding documents in PDF format is available in the NCTB's (www.nctb.gov.bd) website for information purpose only.

(a) A complete set of Bidding Documents in ENGLISH may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the following address, time schedule and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 5,000/- or 60 USD only in "Pay Order" format in favour of Chairman, NCTB.

Address Member (Textbook) National Curriculum & Textbook Board (NCTB) 69-70, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 Bangladesh

Phone: +880-2-9550805, Fax: +880-2-9565724.

Date: 11/05/2018-20/06/2018, Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT + 6hrs) during all regular working days.

(b) The bidding documents have to be collected from NCTB upon purchase and bid submission shall be accompanied with original purchase receipt.

(c) For local agent, all the relevant original documents will be shown at the time of purchase of bidding document in favour of his or her Principal. If the foreign Bidder wants to purchase the bidding documents directly then they need to submit all the relevant original documents of their nominated local agent.

(a) Bids must be submitted to the following address on or before date and time stated below: National Curriculum & Textbook Board (NCTB)

Attention: The Secretary Street Address: 69-70, Motijheel Commercial Area Floor/Room number: 4th Floor/Room # 508 Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

Date: 21/06/2018 Bangladesh Standard Time: 2:00pm (GMT + 6 hrs).

(b) Electronic bidding will not be permitted.

(c) Late submission of bids will be rejected.

(d) All bids must be accompanied by Bid Security of the said amount in local currency or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency i.e. USD as mentioned in the bidding document.

(e) Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder/bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below:

National Curriculum & Textbook Board (NCTB) Street Address: 69-70, Motijheel Commercial Area Floor/Room number: 1st Floor (Conference Room) Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

Date: 21/06/2018 Time: 2:30pm Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT + 6 hrs).

All bids must be accompanied by the bid security as per ITB 19.1 in Section II of bid schedule.

The address referred for all correspondence is:

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Table with 2 columns: Sl. No. and Details. Rows 1-18 containing application details, dates, and contact information.

Table with 5 columns: Sl. No., পদের নাম, বয়স, শিক্ষাপত্র, অভিজ্ঞতা ও অন্যান্য যোগ্যতা. Rows ১৮-২০ for candidate details.

১৯. শর্তাবলী:

- (ক) দরপত্র দাখিলে চাহিত তথ্যাদি ও দলিলাদি যথাযথভাবে সংযুক্তকরতে সীল ও স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত বন্ধ খামে বিগত ত্রিকানায় রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্বে নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে দরপত্র জমা দিতে হবে। দরপত্র খামের উপর প্যাকেজ নম্বর ও "প্রকৌশলী সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে পরামর্শক প্রতিষ্ঠান নিয়োগের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি" স্পষ্টাকারে উল্লেখ করতে হবে। (খ) দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত নির্ধারিত সময়সূচি মোতাবেক উপস্থিত দরদাতা/প্রতিনিধির সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হবে। (গ) উক্ত দর অস্পষ্ট/খুইড দ্বারা সংশোধিত কিংবা ওভাররাইট করা হলে দরপত্র অগ্রহণযোগ্য মর্মে বিবেচিত হবে। (ঘ) প্রত্যেক প্রকৌশলীদের প্রাপ্য প্রতিমাসের সাকুল্য বেতনের বিপরীতে সার্ভিস চার্জ উদ্ধৃত করতে হবে। উদ্ধৃত সার্ভিস চার্জ ভাট ও আয়কর অন্তর্ভুক্ত করতে হবে। প্রতিটি উৎসব ভাতার সার্ভিস চার্জ এবং নববর্ষ প্রদানো ভাতার সার্ভিস চার্জ মাসিক সাকুল্য বেতনের সার্ভিস চার্জের অনুপাতিক হারে প্রাপ্য হবে। (ঙ) জনবল সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের বিল থেকে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড কর্তৃক জারিকৃত সর্বশেষ পরিপত্রের মর্মানুযায়ী উৎস আয়কর কর্তন করা হবে। সার্ভিস চার্জ উদ্ধৃত করার সময় বিষয়টি বিবেচনায় নিতে হবে। (চ) সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের উদ্ধৃত সার্ভিস চার্জের স্বপক্ষে যুক্তি দাখিল করতে হবে। (ছ) শতকরা হারে কোন সার্ভিস চার্জ উদ্ধৃত করা যাবে না। (জ) নির্বাচিত ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের সাথে ০১ (এক) বছরের চুক্তি হবে। প্রয়োজনে আলোচনার মাধ্যমে এ চুক্তির মেয়াদ বৃদ্ধি করা যাবে। (ঝ) জনবল সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান কর্তৃক নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত প্রকৌশলীকে নিয়োগপত্র ও পরিচয়পত্র প্রদান করতে হবে। (ঞ) কোন প্রকৌশলীর কার্যক্রম সমন্বয়জনক না হলে সমন্বয়কারী প্রকৌশলী দ্বারা প্রতিস্থাপন করতে হবে।