

Fire breaks out at CMP headquarters

Probe body formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A fire broke out at the office of Detective Branch (DB) located at Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) headquarters yesterday morning.

Jasim Uddin, deputy assistant director of Fire Service and Civil Defence in Chittagong, said several tool boxes and DB jackets were damaged in the fire.

Mohammed Shahidullah, deputy commissioner of DB (port), said several equipment of bomb disposal unit were also damaged.

The firearms and ammunition, which were stored just beside the damaged room, were safe, said Additional Commissioner (crime and operation) Ameena Begum.

Those were removed to a safer place after the fire, she added.

However, no causality was reported, said police officials.

Jasim Uddin said the fire originated from a short circuit at the server station on the second floor of the three-storey building due to high voltage of electricity.

Three fire fighting units doused the blaze in one hour,

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Fire fighters dousing the blaze at Chittagong Metropolitan Police headquarters yesterday.

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CITY CORPORATION ELECTIONS 2018

BARISAL

Hotels packed with influx of campaigners

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal

Hotel rooms in Barisal are filling up fast, with a large number of people coming in to the city to take part in electoral campaigns ahead of the city corporation polls.

Apu, manager of Hotel Athena, told The Daily Star that all 35 of their rooms are already booked till the election date of July 30 by AL activists and a number of union parishad chairmen. Another hotel of theirs, Arena, is also already booked till that day.

Tariqul Alom Mithu, chairman of Muladi upazila and AL president of the upazila, said

he rented a room at Hotel Ali to take part in campaigning.

The high-end hotel has all but one single room already booked, its manager told The Daily Star.

Former home minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury of BNP also came to Barisal recently for two days, and rented a VIP suite at Hotel Sedona.

Milon, manager of Sedona, said hotel rooms are not available due to heavy rush of election campaigners. Many activists and members of both AL and BNP are now in the

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Finance

Finance Division

Loan 3131 and Loan 3468-BAN: Skills Employment Investment Program (SEIP)

Tranches 1 and 2

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Consultancy Services for Technical Feasibility Study for the Upgrading of Technical Training Centers (TTCs)

Contract No. SD-09

No. FD/SEIP/SD-4/2017/1152

Date: 23 July 2018

1. The Finance Division, Ministry of Finance has been allocated public funds from the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Skills Employment Investment Program (SEIP) and, intends to apply part of the proceeds of these funds under the ADB Loan No. 3131-BAN: SEIP Tranche 1 and Loan 3468-BAN: SEIP Tranche 2, to eligible payments under the contract for consultancy services for Technical Feasibility Study for the Upgrading of Technical Training Centers (TTCs) by a Consulting Firm (International).
2. The overall objective of the Project is to qualitatively and quantitatively expand the skilling capacity of identified public and private training providers by establishing and operationalizing a responsive skills ecosystem and delivery mechanism through a combination of well-defined set of funding triggers and targeted capacity support. The objective of the assignment is to improve the educational environment in Bangladesh's technical training sector and establish a long-term strategy to improve the employment start-up rate through the training of Mid-Skill labour manpower. The specific objective is to repair aged facilities of technical training and to design and supervise all related facilities considering demolition, new construction, and expansion of related equipment.
3. The assignment will ensure engagement of international positions of 1 (One) Team Leader for 8 person-months (PM) (intermittent), 1 (One) Structural Engineer for 3 PM (intermittent), 1 (One) Project Architect for 5 PM (intermittent), 1 (One) Mechanical Engineer for 2 PM (intermittent), 1 (One) Electrical Engineer for 2 PM (intermittent), 1 (One) Foundation/Geotechnical Engineer for 2 PM (intermittent), Senior Supervisor for 8 PM (intermittent); national positions of 1 (One) Architect for 7 PM (intermittent), 1 (One) Structural Designer for 6 PM (intermittent), 1 (One) Mechanical Designer for 6 PM (intermittent), 1 (One) Electrical Designer for 6 PM (intermittent), 1 (One) Sanitary and Plumbing Designer for 6 PM (intermittent), 1 (One) Quantity Engineer for 4 PM (intermittent), 1 (One) ICT Expert for 1 PM (intermittent), 1 (One) Senior Architectural Supervisor for 5 PM (intermittent), 1 (One) Architectural Supervisor for 15 PM (intermittent), 1 (One) Structural Supervisor for 6 PM (intermittent), 1 (One) Mechanical Supervisor for 6 PM and 1 (One) Electrical Supervisor for 3 PM (intermittent) to complete the assignment. The duration of the assignment is tentatively 30 months. It is expected that the services will commence in December, 2018.
4. The project will engage a consulting firm to organize and implement Technical Feasibility Study for the Upgrading of Technical Training Centers (TTCs). For this assignment, the Draft Terms of Reference (TOR), which will be detailed and modified, if need be, to be issued with Request for Proposal, is available in ADB's CSRN or Consulting Management System (CMS) website (csrn.adb.org or cms.adb.org) and SEIP Project website (www.seip-fd.gov.bd).
5. SEIP now invites international eligible consulting firms to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) for providing the required services. The interested consulting firms may obtain further information from ADB's CMS and, if necessary, by applying to the address below during regular office hours.
6. The consulting firm(s) should have proven track record in rendering Technical Feasibility, Design, and Construction Services in Technical/Vocational Education sector or Skill Training and development sector may submit EOI independently or in association with another firm/s in the form of joint venture or sub-consultancy with national and/or international firm(s).
7. EOI must be submitted in standard template through ADB's CMS. Only online submission in ADB's CMS will be evaluated.
8. A Consultant will be selected using the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method in accordance with the ADB Guidelines for Use of Consultants. Long-list shall be prepared on the basis of eligibility requirement such as legal entity, eligibility declaration in ADB's standard format, membership eligibility, ADB's sanction, State's ownership in the firm in the borrower's country and conflict of interest situation.
9. In addition to eligibility requirements, the short-listing shall be carried out using the following three major criteria corresponding to the EOI Evaluation Template:
 - a. Management Competence
 - b. Technical Competence including similar project experience
 - c. Geographical/Regional Experience
10. Under no circumstances will ADB or Finance Division be responsible for any cost incurred in submission of this EOI.
11. The deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest (EOI) is 11:59pm (Manila local time) on 27 August, 2018 through ADB CMS.
12. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs received without assigning any reason thereof.

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SNAPS & snippets

RMG workers' body demands

Tk 16,000 minimum wage

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Garments Sramik Odhikar Andolon, a rights platform of RMG workers, at a rally yesterday demanded Tk 16,000 as minimum wage and Tk 10,000 basic salary for RMG workers, according to a press release.

Speakers at the rally, held in front of the National Museum, rejected minimum wage proposal of Tk 6,360 by garment industry owners as well as the Tk 12,020 proposal previously made by labour leaders.

Terming the proposals a sham, Sayed Sultan Uddin Ahmed, executive director of Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies, said wage board is a legal institution of the government, and it cannot implement lower wage by any means.

He said the proposal of garment owners in the wage board is less than that proposed in 2013.



Anindya Banerjee, assistant high commissioner of India to Bangladesh, inaugurates a two-day "Study in India" expo at a Chittagong city hotel yesterday.

4 arrested with 10,000 yaba pills, 500 bottles of Phensedyl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in separate drives yesterday arrested four people including two women and seized 10,050 yaba pills along with 500 bottles of Phensedyl from their possession.

According to Rab-7, the arrestees are Mohammad Ibrahim, 49, Fazey Mowla, 23, Shamsunnahar, 37, and Shamsunnahar, 41.

Mohammad Ibrahim, a covered van driver, was arrested in Mirsarai upazila with the Phensedyl while the other three, all yaba dealers, were arrested at New Madina Hotel in New Railway Station area of Chittagong city, said Mintanur Rahman, Rab-7 Media Wing assistant director.

Cases were filed and the arrestees were handed over to police.

Ershad meets Indian home minister

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

After Awami League and BNP, it is now turn for the Jatiya Party leader Hussain Muhammad Ershad to visit the Indian capital -- meeting the country's leaders ahead of the general elections in Bangladesh.

Ershad, leading a three-member delegation comprising of his former ministers Ziauddin Bablu, Ruhul Amin Haolada and Salil Shubhra Roy, met the Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh, who was in Dhaka recently. They discussed bilateral issues, the political situation and coming elections in Bangladesh.

The meeting between Ershad and Rajnath, held at the latter's official residence, lasted for about half an hour, sources told The Daily Star.

Ershad arrived here yesterday and is slated to return to Dhaka on July 26.

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