

AL hails EC for 'wonderful' election

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League yesterday congratulated the Election Commission (EC) for holding a "wonderful, free and fair national election".

An AL delegation led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Advisor HT Imam also conveyed a message to Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda, saying people will have more confidence in the EC after this national election.

"We came to the commission to felicitate them on completing a wonderful election," HT Imam told reporters, emerging from a meeting with the CEC at Nirbachon Bhaban.

He said no other election of the past was so disciplined and well-coordinated. The EC performed their constitutional duties beautifully.

When his attention was drawn on Jatiya Oilyafront and BNP's demand of fresh polls under a neutral government, HT Imam said, "New election is not possible. Demand of caretaker government is an old one. So discussion on that will not be fruitful."

He said the EC will certainly take necessary steps if there were any irregularities during the election.

Tk 1,077cr dev projects for Rajshahi residents

BSS, Rajshahi

The Rajshahi Development Authority (RDA) is implementing 11 development projects involving around Tk 1,077.59 crore for elevating the living and livelihood conditions of the city dwellers.

Abdullah al Tarique, executive engineer of RDA, said a road-widening project from Court to Bypass road is being implemented, involving around Tk 106.58 crore.

The project has the provision of constructing 2.25km bituminous road carpeting, 3,010-metre RCC drain with common duct, eight RCC culverts, 4,500-metre water, electricity and gas supply lines each and 2,250-metre T&T line along the four-lane road.

The RDA is also constructing another 5km four-lane road from near RUET campus to Bypass road at a cost of around Tk 159.29 crore.

It will also implement another project to make Rajshahi Metropolitan Development Plan' impervious to disaster risks through updating the Effective Mega and Detailed Area Plans at a cost of around Tk 18.36 crore.

"We are going to establish 'Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Square' at Talaimari crossing with an estimated cost of around Tk 59.28 crore," said executive engineer Tarique.

Majority work on Barnoy Residential Area Development project was completed.

Major works of the Tk 69.56-crore project are: development of 227 residential plots, construction of 1.86km single-lane road with bituminous carpeting, 4,086-metre RCC drain and 18 culverts, and water and power supply to the entire area.

At present, there are five other projects in the pipeline involving Tk 694.97 crore. Three new connecting roads -- one from Shalbagan to Sucharan crossing via Kapasia, another from Binodpur to Halidagachhi and the last from Chhotobangram to Meherchandi -- will be constructed.

Captain Monsur Ali Park will be modernised and the Parijat Lake will be developed to attract more visitors. RDA has a plan of vertically extending its five-storey building at an estimated cost of around Tk 21.04 crore.



ICRC

TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) hereby invite contractors/consultant having experience in water supply system assessment consultancy to provide quotation in order to conduct a details assessment to upgrade and renovate the existing water supply system from source to mouth of 250 bed Cox's bazar Sadar (general) hospital. Contractors/consultant must be experienced in consultancy related sector especially in assessment and design of water supply system of buildings, cities, communities etc. Bidders must have at least three years practical experiences in consultancy services with few completed and ongoing project on water supply. ICRC require sealed bids from suitably qualified and experienced contractors.

Name of work and package details:

Name of project	Description of work and location
Technical Study for Water System for CXB Sadar Hospital	A) Prepare a technical file for securing the quality of the complete water supply and the functioning of main features (underground reservoir, booster pump stations). B) Make a detailed assessment to plan the renovation of the water distribution system based on user needs and priorities

Contractors can collect the tender documents either from ICRC Dhaka Delegation, House # 72, Road # 18, Block # 1, Banani or by sending request to Dha_logtender_services@icrc.org Dhaka during working days from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, between **Sunday 13 January, 2019 and Tuesday 22 January, 2019**. Tender documents contain terms of references (ToR), Consultancy contract template, general condition for consulting contract, code of conduct for employees of the ICRC. A pre-bid meetings will be conducted at Cox's bazar Sadar hospital on **Sunday 20 January 2019**. All prospective tenderers must attend by their own cost. After the meeting, a site visit to the concerned workplace will be organized for bidders.

All Bidders registered will be able to formulate any questions by letter to jsanromancanosa@icrc.org with CC to vmelihaud@icrc.org before **Wednesday 23 January 2019**. A common reply to all these questions will be distributed likewise to all bidders.

Quotations complete in all respects and in a sealed envelope, should be submitted by **Sunday 27 January 2019 before 5:00 PM** at ICRC Dhaka Delegation, House # 72, Road # 18, Block # J, Banani, Dhaka.

The ICRC reserves the right to split, accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason whatsoever and is not bound to accept the lowest bid.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Principal

Cumilla Polytechnic Institute, Kotbari, Cumilla

Invitation for Tender

GOODS

1. Ministry	Ministry of Education.		
2. Agency	Directorate of Technical Education.		
3. Procuring entity name	Principal, Cumilla Polytechnic Institute, Kotbari, Cumilla.		
4. Procuring entity district	Cumilla.		
5. Invitation for	Procurement of Alternator and 500KVA Transformer with Controlling Equipment for Cumilla Polytechnic.		
6. Invitation Ref. No.	Tender-2019/CP1/STEP/OTM/43 Package No. CML/AF/GD-03		
7. Date	06/01/2019		
8. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National Competitive Tender).		
9. Budget & source of fund	World Bank.		
10. Development partners	N/A.		
11. Project code	N/A.		
12. Project name	Skills & Training Enhancement Project (STEP).		
13. Package No.	CML/AF/GD-03		
14. Package name	Procurement of Alternator and 500KVA Transformer with Controlling Equipment.		
15. Tender publication date	08/01/2019		
16. Pre-tender meeting	16/01/2019 at 11:30am.		
17. Tender last selling date & time	29/01/2019 at 3:00pm.		
18. Tender submission last date and time	30/01/2019 at 12:00 Noon.		
19. Tender closing date and time	30/01/2019 at 12:00 Noon.		
20. Tender opening date and time	30/01/2019 at 12:30pm.		
21. Selling tender document (principal)	Office of the Principal, Cumilla Polytechnic Institute, Kotbari, Cumilla.		
22. Receiving and opening of tender document	Office of the Principal, Cumilla Polytechnic Institute, Kotbari, Cumilla.		
23. Eligibility of tenderer	As mentioned in the Section-3 (General Condition of Contract) of tender document.		
24. Brief description of goods	As mentioned in the Section-6 (Schedule of Requirements) of tender document.		
25. Brief description of related services	As mentioned in the Section-6 (Schedule of Requirements) of tender document.		
26. Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 1,000/- (one thousand on cash through receipt from Cashier of Cumilla Polytechnic Institute).		
27. Contract Package No. & Lots			
Package No.	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Tender security amount in BDT
CML/AF/GD-03	Single	Supply of Alternator and 500KVA Transformer with Controlling Equipment	Tk 75,000.00 (seventy-five thousand)
28. Completion time	30 days from the date of contract signing.		
29. Name of official inviting tender	Mohammed Rehan Uddin.		
30. Designation of official inviting tender	Principal, Cumilla Polytechnic Institute, Kotbari, Cumilla.		
31. Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Principal, Cumilla Polytechnic Institute, Kotbari, Cumilla.		
32. Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone: 081-76077 Electronic mail address: comillapoly65054@yahoo.com www.comillapoly.gov.bd		



A rickshaw on Akhtaruzzaman Flyover in Chattogram city yesterday. While it is illegal for this non-motorised, slow-moving vehicle to use flyovers, many may keep wondering how this rickshaw-puller got there in the first place. PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

'Not an isolated incident'

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"economic system..." said Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) President Mujahidul Islam Selim at the briefing.

It is the result of the ruling party's effort to remain in power through intimidation, he added.

About the role of Jatiya Party as opposition in the new parliament, he alleged that it has been staged by AL to create a "fake" opposition in the "fake" parliament.

Ershad said he is the opposition party leader [in the parliament]. It's ridiculous... They [JP] participated in the election as part of the AL-led grand alliance," he said.

In the afternoon, Nari Samhati, a pro-women body of Ganashamhati Andolan, formed a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club, demanding justice for the victim.

"We cannot find any hope for justice from this illegal government that assumed power through a farcical election... a woman was also raped by activists of the ruling party," said Shamoli Shil, president of Nari Samhati.

She urged the countrymen to launch a tougher movement so that no one dares to commit such atrocity in the future.

Taslima Akter, vice-president of Nari Samhati, alleged that AL activists raped the woman in Noakhali to establish their dominance so that people, out of fear, remain silent.

She also alleged that the incidents of rape, abduction, killing and attack on minorities are increasing as political parties are failing to uphold democratic values properly.

Four killed in road crashes

STAR REPORT

Four people, including a woman and her son were killed in three road accidents across the country in the last two days.

In Netrakona, Tania Akter, 35, and her 12-year-old son Momen Mia died after a CNG-run auto-rickshaw they were in collided head-on with a bus on Netrakona-Madan road in Gadaikandi area around 8am, reports our Mymensingh correspondent.

Tania died on the spot, while Momen succumbed to his injuries at Netrakona Sadar Hospital, said Netrakona Model Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Borhan Uddin Khan.

Tania's daughter Habiba Akter, 15, sustained serious injuries in the accident. She was undergoing treatment at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, the OC said, adding that dense fog might have caused the accident.

Police seized the vehicles, but drivers of both vehicles managed to flee. A case was filed in this connection.

In Chapainawabganj, a seven-year-old boy was run over by a bus while crossing the road in Hogla area of Gomostapur upazila, reports our correspondent.

Jasimuddin, OC of Gomostapur Police Station, said the accident took place around 7am. The boy was identified as Md Ibrahim, 7, son of Anarul Islam from Hogla village.

Police seized the bus and arrested its driver.

Meanwhile in Dhaka, a female admission seeker to Jagannath University was killed when a pickup truck knocked her down near Postogola bridge at Shyampur on Saturday night, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Afroza Akter, 25, daughter of Rabul Islam from Jurain area in the city.

The vehicle hit Afroza around 9pm while she was waiting for a bus to get home after private tuition, said her brother Shariful Islam.

She was later rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the doctors pronounced her dead around 10:15pm, said Sub-inspector (SI) Bachchu Mia of DMCH police outpost.

The body was sent to the morgue for autopsy, the SI added.

One-stop emergency

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"Considering the situation, DMCH authorities have taken an initiative to set up all the test equipment and bring all facilities under one roof, so that patients do not need to wander around. This kills time and worsens their condition," he said.

"It will take a maximum of two hours to complete necessary tests and the primary treatment of each patient. They can be shifted to the relevant wards once their condition becomes stable," he added.

One killed, five injured

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under Bhola, and Bhashanchar, Sreepur and Patarhat under Mehdiganj in Barishal.

According to experts, the waterways in the region need to have a minimum depth of 10 feet for safe navigability and considering the poor navigability issue, the authorities concerned must complete necessary dredging of the waterways.

When asked, Ajmol Huda Mithu said BIWTA will start dredging at around 20 points soon.

9th accused in Noakhali

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were not named in the FIR (first information report), police arrested them as their involvement was revealed during the course of investigation, police said.

The woman, who was being treated at Noakhali General Hospital with severe injuries, claimed that she was raped by 10 to 12 accomplices of Ruhul Amin at his instruction for voting for "sheaf of paddy", the electoral symbol of BNP.

Awami League on Saturday expelled Ruhul Amin from the party for his alleged involvement in the gang-rape.

The case was handed over to the Detective Branch (DB) for further investigation.

Two more witnesses

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midnight, police rescued him and took him to United Hospital for treatment. After four days, he was shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Ashraf in his statement said he was a waiter in the restaurant, and was working there. All of a sudden, he heard a sound of bomb explosion at around 8:30pm. He also saw two youths with firearms, while another bomb exploded that created panic among guests.