Rooppur power plant to get equipment soon for radiation monitoring

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Twenty three units of automated radiation monitoring systems (ARMS) shipped from Russia for the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant are expected to be delivered to the project site shortly, Rosatom, the general designer and contractor of the power plant, said in a statement.

The state atomic energy corporation of Russia said the shipped cargo includes 23 units of ARMS for the plant -- 15 for unit-1 and eight for unit 2.

ARMS is designed to collect, process, record, and display data on the radiation state parameters of the controlled objects.

Nuclear power plants, nuclear fuel cycle enterprises, RAW storage and processing facilities, and scientific and research centers are equipped with these systems, according to the statement.

These were developed specifically for the Rooppur plant to meet the specific project requirements, it said, adding that the Specialized Scientific Research Institute for Instrumentation Engineering (SNIIP), a sister concern of Rosatom, has manufactured the equipment.

Moreover, approximately 300 units of individual dosimetry equipment and a batch of filter holders will be shipped by the end of this year, it added.

"We are very happy to have the systems, which are to play a key role in the preparation for the startup," said Alexander Kartsev, CEO of SNIIP.

"The ARMS is going to be delivered as a single package to the Rooppur NPP site. It will be used for the first time for the Rooppur project. The dosimeters and other individual dosimetry meant for the NPP personnel will be shipped to Bangladesh by the end of this year, but the main hardware will be already at hand at the project site by that time," he said.

Earlier, SNIIP shipped the equipment for continuous radiation monitoring of rooms, detection units, and devices for process radiation monitoring to the

Rooppur NPP. In addition, the software and hardware complex of a unique individual dosimetric monitoring system is already

delivered to the site. The system collects data from dosimeters used by the NPP personnel

during inspections and other activities.

Onion prices fall at wholesale

but retail rates remain higher

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saying the arrival of imported onion helped reduce prices by ensuring sufficient supply of the bulb this year.

impact on retail prices as each transportation costs and other Md Rabiul Islam, a local onion kilogramme (kg) of onion is selling expenses," said Md Nannu, a year, Rokonuzzaman said.

wholesale trader, echoed the same, for about Tk 100 to Tk 110, marking a decrease of just Tk 10 over the past week.

"We buy each maund for Tk 4,000 at wholesale, so we have However, this has had little to sell each kg for Tk 110 to cover leading vegetable trader in Pabna. Still though, he claims the price of onion is lower at present compared to what it was during last year.

"We sold onion for up to Tk 140 per kg last year as the wholesale price was higher," Nannu added.

Md Rokonuzzaman, additional deputy director the Department of Agricultural Extension in Pabna, said the district is one of the biggest producing regions, contributing as much as 30 percent of the overall onion cultivation each year.

"The farmers in Pabna keep onions in reserve to sell them at wholesale markets across the country year-round," he added.

He also informed that the farmers will likely begin cultivating the early season variety of onion from mid-October to get yields by early next year.

Besides, the reserve onion will be available until fresh harvests reach the market, so there is no scope for supply shortages this

Why stock market was overrun

blamed a lack of monitoring the stock market regulator Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) and minimal punitive measures violations of regulations mutual funds.

for the prevalence of manipulation. instance, after unearthing the price manipulation of quite a to flee. few stocks, the BSEC in 2022 had imposed a fine

of only Tk 21 crore whereas managers misappropriated the wrongdoers gained Tk funds of investors. In 2023, they gained another Tk 15 crore on on a massive scale for a being fined Tk 2 crore for

price manipulation. The trend was the same almost on losing their funds, throughout the last 15 involvement of listed and

non-listed companies in the manipulation of stocks growth of 6 percent on an grew over the years, an average, it did not permeate return to the main board of ominous sign for a market the stock market, he said. already facing a confidence Prior to 2021, one or the

manipulation 2022. In 2023, six firms market. were found to have been

manipulators had enough they

time to pack up and leave. received allegations of officials Universal Financial Solutions (UFS) having misappropriated substantial around Tk 180 crore from

involved ample opportunity This is not the sole instance when fund

running manipulation long time, many general investors left the market said Shahidul Islam, chief executive officer of VIPB Asset Management.

Although the country's economy witnessed a GDP

of accountability and Exchange even though they two firms were found to insignificant amounts as the move. have been engaged in price fines on manipulators, the whereas manipulation turned into a Tamijuddin Textile Mills, the number crossed 15 in regular phenomenon of the Bangladesh Monospool at manipulating prices,

investigations so slow that with manipulators as Fabrics. were invited to

several roadshows. So, Take the instance when the BSEC failed to control manipulation." Islam said.

Sometimes, the BSEC approved the listing of many companies that had little intrinsic value. So, essentially, the regulator allowed manipulators It ran an investigation to manipulate the stock that took four months, prices so that they rise and which gave the people get a justification for the approval of the IPO, Islam added.

> Since 2010, at least four brokerage houses -- Banco Securities, Crest Securities, Tamha Securities and Shah Mohammad Sagir and Co were shut for allegedly embezzling around Tk 200 crore of general investors.

> Some 68 brokerage firms were found to have unethically transferred clients' deposits, worth around Tk 430 crore. BSEC allowed The

several over-the-counter (OTC) market companies to the Dhaka Stock Exchange As there was a lack and Chittagong Stock BSEC imposed had no potential to justify

Paper "Moreover, investors saw Co, Paper Processing and engaged in manipulation. that the BSEC high-ups Packaging, Sonali Paper and now they believe that At times, the BSEC ran maintained connections and Board Mills and Monno

These have been traded

on the OTC market for the past 10 years for their noncompliance to regulations.

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Onion prices at wholesale markets

in Bangladesh have decreased over

the past week thanks to imports of

the popular cooking ingredient,

but prices at the retail level remain

onion were cultivated this year,

with farmers keeping 1.03 lakh

tonnes in reserve for sale during

the off-season, according to the

Department of Agricultural

onion farmer in Durgapur village

under Sujanagar upazila of Pabna,

said that each maund (roughly 37

kilogrammes) of onion sold for

between Tk 4,000 and Tk 4,200

just a week back. Now though, the

price per maund has declined by

"The wholesale price has declined as there is sufficient

supply in the market," he added.

about Tk 200 to Tk 300.

Md Kamruzzaman, a leading

About 7.71 lakh tonnes of

mostly unchanged.

Extension.

Thanks to the absence proper enforcement of rules and regulations, manipulation has been fuelled over the last 15 years, said Ali Imam, managing director and CEO of Edge Asset Management.

The regulator's efficacy was highly compromised and there was no political intention either to penalise manipulators. Moreover, the manipulators earned a huge amount of money through manipulation and utilised it to influence the regulator.

The triumph of the manipulation essentially spoiled professionalism, competitiveness and the market environment as a whole, he said.

instance, manipulators assured investors they would double their money within three months while professional fund managers can offer a yearly gain of around 15 percent to 20 percent, that too after holding onto The companies include investments for a long time. Due to trading aimed

> Manufacturing people ultimately lost their interest in the stock market they will lose money if they invest in the stock market. Imam added.

How 11,000 bhori gold 1,984 applications that

were approved by the Dhaka branch of Samabaya Bank.

It found that only 120 of those applications were made by the rightful owners while the remaining 335 showed discrepancies in signatures and did not match with associated national IDs.

investigation The revealed that these individuals fraudulently received the gold instead of the rightful owners. In this manner, gold totalling 1,594 bhori and 14 aana, valued at Tk 8.64 crore at the time, was embezzled. It was also found that

lower-ranking officials were threatened with termination if they did not cooperate.

Narayanganj Cooperative Credit Ltd had also deposited a large amount of gold belonging to their customers with the Bangladesh Samabava Bank. For that mortgaged gold, the ACC uncovered

were approved, out of which only three were valid. rest

mismatched signatures and fraudulent identities. As a result, 5,803 bhori and 13 aana, with a total value of Tk 31.44 crore at the time, was embezzled. In total, gold worth Tk

40.08 crore at the time was embezzled from 2,316 customers. However, as the mortgage was paid, this fraudulent activity resulted in a net embezzlement of Tk 11.39 crore. Ghani, the bank's acting

general manager and CEO, lamented: "When the bank's chairman is the main perpetrator, there is little the bank can do. However, all the accused have been made OSD (Officer on Special Duty), and none of them have been brought back to the bank."

He also mentioned that the current board would cooperate with any fresh

Government of the people's Republic of Bangladesh

Land Reforms Board

Invitation for Tenders

Bhumi Bhaban Complex, 98, Shahid

Tajuddin Ahamed Sarani, Tejgaon, Dhaka- 1208.



Achim Tröster, German ambassador to Bangladesh, and Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank PLC, shake hands and exchange signed documents of a joint declaration of intent at a function at the German **Embassy in Dhaka yesterday.**

EBL, German embassy

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The winners will be selected by a panel of judges, comprised of experts from academia, civil society, media, and international partners like the German embassy.

"Mitigating climate change and adapting to it can only work if governments, private effort needs leadership,

learning by all actors," the German ambassador said. "Germany and EBI

share a common goal of promoting work to combat climate change challenges impacting Bangladesh. Through this award we aim to inspire and motivate more actors to join the fight against climate sector and civil society change in Bangladesh,' work hand in hand. This the EBL managing director

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Chief Adviser's Office **Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority Dhaka Export Processing Zone** Ashulia, Savar, Dhaka-1349. (www.bepza.gov.bd)



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Date: 01-10-2024

Amendment Notice (Auction Notice (4th Call) no. 03.06.2672.333.33.032.24-1214 Dated: 09.09.2024}

This is for information of all concerned that the auction notice (4th call) no. 03.06.2672.333.33.032.24-1214 Dated: 09.09.2024 of closed & terminated Play suits, Tracks suits, Coats, Overcoats, Pants, T-Shirts, Trousers, Jumpers, Rompers, Pajamas, Night wears etc. manufacturing industry named M/s. Lenny Fashions Ltd., Plot # 66-68, Dhaka EPZ (Old Zone) under Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) will be amended as follows:

SI. no.	Auction Notice (4th Call) no. & Date	Name of Work	Subject of Amendment	Existing Date	Amendment Date
01	03.06.2672.333.33.0 32.24-1214 Dated: 09/09/2024	Invitation of sealed auctions from the interested National/Foreign Buyers/Companies in order to sell Inventoried & Valuated Structure, Machinery, Equipment & other Assets by auction "as is where basis" of closed & terminated garments manufacturing industry named M/s. Lenny Fashions Ltd., Plot # 66-68, Dhaka EPZ (Old Zone) or to operate	Physical Visit	29/09/2024 To 02/10/2024	06/10/2024 To 09/10/2024
			Auction Shedule Purchase	02/10/2024	09/10/2024
			Auction Shedule Submit & Opening	10/10/2024	17/10/2024

This amendment auction notice will be considered as a part of the main auction notice no. 03.06.2672.333.33.032.24-1214 Dated: 09.09.2024. All others terms & conditions of auction notice (4th call) will remain unchanged.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH Ministry of Land Ministry/Division Land Reforms Board Agency Procuring Entity Name Land Reforms Board Procuring Entity District Dhaka Invitation for Selection of Firms/Company for Vehicles Rental Invitation Ref No 31.02.0000.012.27.003.21.471 Date 01.10.2024 National Open Tender Method (NOTM) Procurement Method Budget and Source of Funds GoB 10 Tender Package Name Rental of Vehicles (One 11 sitter or more microbus & One 5-6 sitter car) Time 12 Tender Publication Date 02.10.2024 21.10.2024 Tender Last Selling Date 3.00PM 13 (must be the date prior to the day of Tender Closing Date) Tender Closing Date and Time 22.10.2024 01.00 PM Tender Opening Date and Time 22.10.2024 02.00 PM (within one hour of Tender Closing) a) Name & Address of the office(s) Address Sraboni Roy, Assistant Land Reforms Commissioner-2, Land Reforms b) Selling Tender Document b) Receiving tender Document Board, Bhumi Bhaban Complex, 98, Shahid Tajuddin Ahamed Sarani NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS Brief Description of Services Rental of Vehicles (One Microbus 11 or more sitter Microbus & One 5-6 sitter sedan car) Eligibility of Tenderer i). The minimum General experience of the Tenderer as prime Contractor/Sub contractor/Management Contractor Shall be 03 (Three) Years. ii). The minimum specific experience as a Contractor/Service Provider in providing Vehicle Rental Service of at least Two contract completed over a period of last 03 (Three) years each with a value of at least of TK 20,00,000.00 (Tk. Twenty Lac only) shall be required. iii). The required average annual turnover of the Tenderer of the Tenderer shall be at least of the amount of Tk 10,00,000.00 (Ten Lac only) within best 2 (Two) Years of last 3 (Three) Years. iv) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e working capital or credit line (s) of the tenderer shall be Tk 10,00,000.00 (Ten Lac only)) v) The Tenderer must be the owner of the hired vehicle. 20 Price of Tender Document (Tk) 1000 Tk Tender Security Completion Time in Weeks / Place of Performance Identification of Location Amount (Tk) Months Package 3^{r d} Floor, Bhumi 80,000/- (Eighty Initially one year (it may be Rental vehicles (One 11 Bhaban Complex thousand) extended upon satisfactory or more sitter performance) microbus & One 5-6 sitter car) PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS Md. Helal Uddin 22 Name of Official Inviting Tender Designation of Official Inviting Tender Deputy Land Reforms Commissioner Address of Official Inviting Tender Reforms Board, Bhumi Bhaban Complex, Shahid Tajuddin Sarani, Tejgaon, Dhaka- 1208 25 Contact details of Official Inviting Tender Phone: 02-41010450 Email: dlrc2@lrb.gov.bd The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.

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