

Malpractices in calendar printing alleged

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Mr. Mohammad Obaidullah, President, Bangladesh Printers Association in a statement on Saturday alleged underhand dealings in the printings of calendars of the public corporations and industrial houses.

He said advertisement of tenders for printing the calendar was only done to comply with formalities. He alleged "the form of advertisement and the conditions set suggest that the work has already been given to a favoured party."

The President of the Printers Association said, the Bangladesh Biman advertisement asking quotations for 30,000 copies of calendar of 12 pages each and on 180 gsm and those are to be ready in four weeks time was something beyond his comprehension. He said it would not be possible for anyone to finish the work in four weeks time. He expressed his surprise at Biman's specification of 180 gsm whereas even the most reputed airlines of the world do not use such heavy paper. He alleged that the specification has been given only to suit one particular party.

He said during the last fortnight several corporations have advertised for printing of calendars and he fears many of these have been manipulated to favour some particular party. He has, therefore, urged the Government to look into the matter and retender these for a fair competition.