

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh			
Office of the Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer (Telecom) Bangladesh Railway 16, Abdul Gani Road, Rail Bhaban, Dhaka-1000			
Invitation for Tender of WD3 Package Under Construction of Khulna-Mongla Port Rail Line Project (International)			
1. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Railways.		
2. Agency	: Bangladesh Railway.		
3. Procuring entity name	: Project Director, Construction of Khulna-Mongla Port Rail Line Project, Bangladesh Railway, Kamalapur, Dhaka. Telephone: 8801711505313 e-mail: gmp@railway.gov.bd		
4. Procuring entity code	: Not used at present.		
5. Procuring entity district	: Dhaka.		
6. Invitation for	: Package No. WD3: Construction of Non-interlocked color light Signaling System for all stations (09) including construction of Telecommunication System with optical fiber.		
7. Invitation References No.	: 54.01.0000.501.16.015.17-1394		
8. Date	: 30.07.2020		
KEY INFORMATION			
9. Procurement method	: One Stage Two Envelope (International) (within Indian firms or Contractors only).		
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10. Budget and source of fund	: GOB and Indian Line of Credit (LOC).		
11. Development partners	: Government of India through Exim Bank of India.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12. Project/programme code	: 5560		
13. Project name	: Construction of Khulna-Mongla Port Rail Line.		
14. Tender Package No.	: WD-3.		
15. Tender package name	: Package No. WD3: Construction of Non-interlocked color light Signaling System for all stations (09) including construction of Telecommunication System with optical fiber.		
16. Tender publication date	: 30.07.2020		
17. Tender document last selling date	: 22.09.2020 (during office hour).		
18. Tender closing date and time	: Date: 23.09.2020 Time: Up to 12.00 hrs BST		
19. Tender opening date and time	: Date: 23.09.2020 Time: 12.30 hrs BST		
20. Name & address of the office(s):			
Selling of tender document (principal)	: Office of the Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer (CSTT)(Telecom), Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. Telephone: 88029562365 E-mail: cstet@railway.gov.bd, dstethq@railway.gov.bd		
Selling of document (others)	: Office of the Project Director, Construction of Khulna-Mongla Port Rail Line, Bangladesh Railway, Kamalapur, Dhaka. Mobile: 8801711505313 e-mail: gmp@railway.gov.bd		
Receiving of tender document	: Office of the Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer (CSTE)(Telecom), Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban, Dhaka-1000. Telephone: 88029562365 Email: cstet@railway.gov.bd, dstethq@railway.gov.bd		
Opening of tender document	: Office of the Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer (CSTE)(Telecom), Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. Telephone: 88029562365 E-mail: cstet@railway.gov.bd, dstethq@railway.gov.bd		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
21. Eligibility of tenderer	: Tenderers only from India. The tenderer of India shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years of overall experience as prime contractor in the supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Non-Interlocked and/or Interlocked Colour Light Signaling System and optical fiber based Telecommunication network with IP transmission network based voice and data for Railway use or any other purposes in India and/or outside India.		
22. Brief description of works and services	: Design, supply, installation, testing, commissioning and related services of non-interlocked color light Signaling System at all stations (Nine stations) and optical fiber based Telecommunication System in connection with construction of railway line from Khulna to Mongla Port.		
23. Brief description of related services	: Design, installation, testing, commission and maintenance of Signaling and Telecommunication System with providing training, spare materials.		
24. Price of tender document (Tk)	: BDT 10,000.00 (ten thousand) in cash (non-refundable).		
25. Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Completion time in months
WD-3	Construction of Non-interlocked color light Signaling System for all stations (09) including construction of Telecommunication System with optical fiber.	Khulna to Mongla Port	Eight (08) months
26. Tender security amount	BDT 50,00,000.00 in favour of Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer (Project), Bangladesh Railway, Kamalapur, Dhaka.		
EMPLOYER DETAILS			
27. Name of official inviting application	Ahmed Istiaque Johur.		
28. Designation of official inviting application	Divisional Signal and Telecommunication Engineer (DSTE)(Telecom), HQ Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban, Dhaka.		
29. Address of official inviting application	Office of the Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer (CSTE)(Telecom), Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. Telephone: +88029562365 Email: cstet@railway.gov.bd, dstethq@railway.gov.bd		
30. Contact details of official inviting application	Mobile: +8801711-500893 Email: dstethq@railway.gov.bd		
31. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the applications or hold the application proceedings.			
Ahmed Istiaque Johur DSTE (Telecom) HQ Bangladesh Railway Rail Bhaban, Dhaka			



A worker sorts pineapple harvested from the field of Nazrul Islam at Moterbazar under Mohishmara union in Tangail's Madhupur upazila. Below, Nazrul, who cultivates the fruit without using any hormone, holds a Jaldugi variety of ripe pineapple at his orchard.

PHOTO: STAR

Famous Madhupur pineapples getting back taste and flavour

A section of growers returning to its hormone-free cultivation

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

When the famous Madhupur pineapple started losing its reputation amid use of excessive hormones for increasing the size and early ripening of the popular fruit, several growers returned to its production in natural ways, bringing back its original taste and flavour.

One of them, Nazrul Islam of Moterbazar area under Mohishmara union

cultivated 'Honey Queen' (locally called Jaldugi) pineapples on three acres and 'Giant Q' (locally called Calendar) varieties on one acre of his lands this season.

Awal Mahmud, director of Nirapod Khadya Andolon, a private organisation in the district town, bought around 60,000 Jaldugi and 10,000 Calendar variety of pineapple from Nazrul with advance payment.

They are taking away the pineapples from the orchard every week on trucks and selling these to wholesalers at different places including Dhaka and Tangail.

Mirza Shajahan, quality controller of the organisation, said the hormone-free pineapples, which are juicy and tasty, have got



so much popularity that the stock is sold out within a short time.

Demand of pineapple is also high this year as people want to take the nutritious fruit during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, he said.

A pair of Jaldugi is selling at Tk 50 to Tk 60 while Calendar, a larger variety, at Tk 70 to Tk 80, he added.

Asma Khan, a housewife of Victoria Road in the town, said she bought 10 Jaldugi pineapples from them at Tk 250.

It is really tasty and have good flavour, she added.

Pineapple grower Nazrul, who does a government job in Tangail, said he started cultivating pineapple five years ago but he produced the fruits without using any hormones for the first time this year, being inspired by Sanwar

Hossain, another pineapple grower in adjacent Garobazar area.

"I have spent around Tk 3 lakh for the cultivation and hope to sell the produces for Tk 10 lakh. I shall cultivate the fruit on a larger area the next season," he said.

Contacted, Sanwar Hossain said he has been producing pineapples without using hormones since 2015 and following him several others in the upazila also started doing so.

"Local growers use hormones to make pineapples larger and ripen it faster for getting early market and sell the popular fruit for higher prices. The representatives of the hormone producing companies and a section of agriculture officers also encourage them to use the hormones in the fruits," he said.

Now with the resumption of hormone-free pineapple cultivation by some growers, reputation of the famous Madhupur pineapple along with its real taste and flavour is returning, he said.

Like many others, Shamsul Haque, a large-scale pineapple grower of Aushnara area uses hormones in his fruits.

Asked why he uses the hormones, Shamsul said the pineapple produced without using

hormone is small in size and looks dark green but the buyers like large yellow colour fruits.

"The wholesalers prefer the fruits ripened with hormone as it lasts about double time than the fruits that ripen naturally.

Moreover, I can take specific amount of the fruit to the market by ripening it with hormones. Otherwise, the fruits ripens on the orchard at a time and I incur loss for not getting sufficient buyers," he added.

Madmudul Hasan, upazila agriculture officer in Madhupur, said around two lakh tonnes of pineapple is produced on around 6,500 hectares of land in Madhupur upazila every year.

It is also cultivated on over 3,000 hectares of land at adjacent Ghatail upazila in Tangail and Fulbaria upazila in Mymensingh.

"The hormones that the local pineapple growers use are not so harmful. However, use of the hormones has been reduced a lot," he said.

"The Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation is looking for a land in Madhupur for setting up a food processing factory based on pineapple and other fruits produce here," he added.

Woman found dead in Jashore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Police recovered the hanging body of a housewife from her in-law's house in Jashore's Manirampur upazila on Tuesday night.

The deceased, Sharmin Khatun, 20, mother of a girl child, was wife of Raju Ahmed of Madhupur village in the upazila.

Victim's father Abdus Salam, however, claimed that his daughter was murdered in a pre-planned way as there had a feud between him and his son-in-law Raju for the last couple of months. Police recovered the body and sent it to Jashore General Hospital for autopsy.

HC can't ask JS to enact

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of the law," the Appellate Division of the SC said in the verdict.

Following a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh, the HC on February 3 last year declared the Turag a "legal person" and a "living entity" and also directed the authorities concerned to free the river from all kinds of encroachments.

The HC issued a 17-point directive to save the country's rivers and waterbodies from grabbers and pollution.

It directed the Election Commission to disqualify people responsible for river grabbing and pollution from running for public office. It declared the principle of compensations made by the river polluters as a part of the law.

The HC also said the grabbers and polluters would not be able to get bank loans.

The HC in its verdict asked the government to recover the land of the

Turag under the possession of Nishut Jute Mills Ltd of Hameem Group and Hossain Dyeing and Printing Mills Ltd of Anwar Group.

Challenging the HC verdict, jute mills and the dyeing company appealed with the SC. The top court rejected the appeals on February 4 this year.

However, the SC held an additional hearing on February 17 and passed a short judgement the same day.

The SC recently released the full text of the verdict after four judges concerned of the apex court, led by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, signed it.

In the verdict, the Appellate Division said the HC cannot give such directives in accordance with the law.

However, the three directives of the HC mentioned could be its opinions or suggestions in such matter of public interest, the SC said in the full text of the verdict.

The Appellate Division observed,

"The government must be very cautious about deciding the matter and the government shall not under any circumstances lease or sell any land within the boundary of the river Turag, including its foreshore areas or for that matter, any other river of Bangladesh to protect the biodiversity, ecological balance and environment of Bangladesh".

"The government or authorities concerned must bear in mind that at the time of survey it shall always start survey from CS [cadastral survey] map and then go to RS [revisional survey] map and not the other way round," the apex court said.

Lawyer Manzill Murshid, who moved the writ petition before the HC and placed arguments before the Appellate Division on behalf of the writ petitioner Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh, told The Daily Star yesterday that the government, following the SC verdict, could recover the land in possession of the companies.



OBITUARY
Abdul Mannan, one of the Founders and Chairman of Bengal Airlift Group passed away on Tuesday, 04 August 2020 at 9:15 PM in Evercare Hospital, Dhaka. Inna Lillahi wa inna ilaihi Raji'un.

He was 78 years old and was suffering from several health complications for the last few days.

He was Fellow & Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (FCMA), London, UK. During his successful and illustrious career spanning four decades, he was the quintessential person in establishing Bengal Airlift Group as a pioneer in travel, logistics and supply chain solutions. The major business concerns of the Group are Bengal Airlift Limited, Bengal Knitex Ltd., Bengal NFK Textiles Ltd., Air Alliance Ltd. (Authorized service contractor of UPS) and many others.

He was an esteemed former Member of Parliament from 1991-2006, former State Minister for Civil Aviation & Tourism, former State Minister for Ministry of Textiles, former Chairman of Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture, former Director of Finance and Managing Director of Biman Bangladesh Airlines from August 1978 to May 1982, former Director of Finance in Bangladesh Tanneries Corporation and Bangladesh Forest Industries Corporation.

He was also former President of South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA), former Council Member of The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants (ICMA), former President of Pacific Asia Travel Association Bangladesh Chapter (PATA), Past District Governor of Rotary International (Zilla-3280) Bangladesh and Member of Dhaka Stock Exchange.

His Namaz-E-Janaza was held on 5 August 2020 in four different places, including his birthplace at Nawabganj and his burial completed in Azimur Graveyard, Dhaka.

He is survived by his daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of admirers and well-wishers. We offer our deepest condolences and pray for eternal salvation of his departed soul.