



A mosque in Panchthakuri village of Sirajganj Sadar upazila tumbling down as the mighty Jamuna river continues its onslaught on its banks in the area. Along with the mosque, which was the only concrete structure in the village, 10 to 15 houses were also washed away by the river on Saturday.

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Villagers' clash leaves 25 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Fariapur

At least 25 people were injured in a clash between two groups of villagers in Bhanga upazila yesterday.

Quoting the villagers, police said there had been a longstanding rivalry between one Asad Matbor and Delwar Matbor of Singariya village over establishing supremacy of the locality.

On Sunday evening, supporters of both the groups locked in an altercation over the issue.

As a sequel to the Sunday's altercation, men of both the groups, equipped with sticks and sharp weapons, swooped on each other around 8:00am yesterday.

The two hour long clash left at least 25 people from both sides injured.

On information, police went to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Sub-Inspector of Bhanga Police Station Tuhin Hawladar said they raided the village and detained five people from both sides in connection with the clash.

Hamirdi Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Shamsul Alam said the clash took place due to personal enmity, not political.

NATORE AL LEADER MURDER

Death penalty for 2

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A Natore court yesterday sentenced two people to death in connection with a case for killing Awami League (AL) leader Dr Aynal Haque Talukder in 2002.

Natore Additional District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Saiful Islam Siddique also acquitted 11 other accused in the case as charges brought against them could not be proved.

The convicts, Mohammad Torab, son of Bahar Uddin Mollah of Mahishbhanga area under Bonpara municipality, and Shamim, son of Palan Mollah, were also fined Tk 10,000 each.

Quoting the case statement, Public Prosecutor (PP) Sirajul Islam said, on March 28 in 2002, a group of BNP leaders and activists, led by the then Baraigram upazila unit BNP President Ekramul Alam, attacked Dr Aynal Haque, then president of Baraigram upazila unit AL, inside his chamber at Bonpara Bazar and beat him mercilessly.

At one stage, the attackers dragged the veteran leader out of his chamber and stabbed him with sharp weapon, leaving him severely injured.

Later, Dr Aynal's family members and relatives rescued him in critical condition and admitted him to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital the same night.

The following day, Dr Aynal succumbed to his injuries while undergoing treatment there.

On March 31 the same year, Dr Aynal's daughter-in-law Nazma Begum, wife of incumbent municipality Mayor KM Zakir Hossain, filed a murder case with Baraigram Police Station and, after investigation, police submitted the charge-sheet to the court.

Mentionable, the prime accused in the case Ekramul and three others -- Saher Uddin, Ziaul Haque Sentu and Alamuddin -- died, during the trial proceedings of the case.

Flood strikes Sirajganj again

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

When people started to return to their homes after floodwaters from the Jamuna river started to recede for the first time in the last three months in Sirajganj, they were hit by another wave of floods in the past few days.

People who started to rebuild their damaged houses while cultivating their land to recuperate losses caused by the flood are now baffled by the second wave of the flood.

Rafiqul Islam, sub-divisional engineer of Water Development Board in Sirajganj, said water level in the Jamuna has increased significantly over the past few days.

On Saturday morning at Kazipur point, the water in the river was flowing at 15.31 metre mark -- six centimetres above the danger level, and at Hard Point, it was flowing at 13.30 metre mark, which is five centimetres below the danger level.

An increase in rainfall in the upstream of the Jamuna has caused the water level in the river to rise for

the moment, he also said.

Flood is nothing new to the people of Sirajganj district. But back-to-back flooding of the area in such a short period of time in the same year is causing hindrances to relief and rehabilitation work, said affected people in Sirajganj.

Kohinoor Begum, from Betilchar village in Chouhali upazila, said she and her family took shelter on a nearby flood protection embankment after their house was flooded in early June.

After the water receded, they came back home only two weeks ago and started repairing their damaged house. But after finishing reconstructing the earthen floor, it got washed away again by the second flood wave.

"I'm totally flabbergasted at the situation. I took a loan with high interest and spent it all on the repair work of the house. Now I'm trying to figure out how I would repay the loan and find money again to repair the

house," said the frustrated woman.

Anticipating a second flood, inhabitants of Shubhogachha union in Kazipur upazila did not return home from their flood shelters yet. But the new Aman rice seedbeds, which they made in their villages to recover their losses, are now flooded.

Nayan Sardar, a member of Shubhogachha Union Parishad, said with the seedbeds damaged by the flood, rice cultivation in the area, dependent on agricultural, will be affected severely. "People never witnessed devastation by flood to this extent before."

Contacted, Rezaul Karim, agriculture officer in Kazipur upazila, said as part of their rehabilitation effort, they had distributed Aman seeds to 900 farmers affected by the flood.

But as their seedbeds for Aman rice sustained damage in the new wave of the flood, renewed efforts will be made to help the affected people get back on their feet, he assured.



Seeing floodwaters receding, farmers planted Aman rice in Kazipur upazila of Sirajganj. But to the bemusement of the locals, their crops are getting inundated yet again.

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Invitation for Bids

Date	21 September 2020
Loan/Grant No. and Title	ADB Loan 3705/Grant 0607-BAN: Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-Additional Financing (UPHCSDP-AF)
Contract No. and Title	Framework Agreement(s): Procurement of Medicines
Deadline for Submission of Bids	22 October 2020 at 14:00 hours (Bangladesh Standard Time)

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of **Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-Additional Financing (UPHCSDP-AF)**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under Call-off Contracts that may be awarded under the Framework Agreements (FAs) for the Supply of Medicines concluded through this IFB Primary Procurement process.
- The Procuring Agency on behalf of the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives ("the Purchaser") is undertaking the Primary Procurement with a view to concluding *Framework Agreements*. The Procuring Agency invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for **Supply of Medicines** for 45 partnership areas (PAs) during a period of two and half years.
- The Framework Agreements to be concluded will be "Multi-User". A list of the users (participating Purchasers/NGOs) entitled to purchase under the Framework Agreements is provided in the Bidding document.
- The Framework Agreements to be concluded will be "Multi-Supplier."
- The selection of a FA Supplier to be awarded a Call-off Contract will be done through a Secondary Procurement process as defined in Framework Agreement. However, the conclusion of a Framework Agreement shall not impose any obligation on the Procuring Agency, including participating Purchasers, to purchase Goods under a Call-off Contract. The conclusion Framework Agreement does not guarantee that a FA Supplier will be awarded a Call-off Contract.
- National Competitive Bidding** will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: One-Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB as described in the Bidding Documents.
- Bidders may submit Bids for at least 60 numbers of items or more items.
- Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualification should participate in this Bidding.
 - Contractual Experience:** Successful completion as main supplier within the last five (5) years, of at least two (2) contracts total valued at BDT 25 crore with nature and complexity.
 - Technical Experience:** The Bidder shall demonstrate that the goods offered have (i) been in production for at least three (3) years ii) been sold a minimum of 60 items of required medicines and pharmaceuticals over the last three (3) years iii) been in operation for a minimum of five (5) years.

- Average Annual Turnover:** Minimum average annual turnover of BDT 100 crore calculated as total payments received for contracts completed or under execution over the last three (3) years.

The complete eligibility and qualification criteria are described in the Bidding Document. Eligible Bidders may include a natural person/distributor, private entity or government owned enterprise subject to ITB 4.5 or any combination of them.

- The Primary Procurement shall establish a Closed Framework Agreement(s). The Framework Agreements shall be concluded for a Term of two (2) years and six (6) months from the commencement date stated in the Framework Agreement.
- To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Document, Bidders should contact the address given below.
- To purchase the Bidding Document in English, eligible Bidders should:
 - Visit the Office of the Project Director at the address indicated above between 9:00 and 17:00 hours on working days until 19 October 2020 and pay a non-refundable fee of Bangladesh Taka 5,000.00 (five thousand) by Pay Order or Bank Draft in favour of the "Project Director, UPHCSDP-II" on behalf of the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, for each set of Bidding Documents.

OR

- Request for delivery by sending a written application to the address above requesting for the above Bidding Document. The application must include a non-refundable fee of Bangladesh Taka 5,000.00 (five thousand) (domestic delivery) by Pay Order or Bank Draft in favour of the "Project Director, UPHCSDP-II" on behalf of the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, for each set of Bidding Documents.

The documents may be sent by air mail or courier or may be collected through authorized representatives. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.

- The Bidders are advised to deliver their bids:
 - to the address below
 - On or before the deadline 14:00 hours on 22 October 2020.
- Electronic Bidding will not be permitted.
- Bids will be opened at 14:30 hours on 22 October 2020 in the presence of Bidders' representatives or their authorized representatives who choose to attend. Late Bids shall be rejected.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 hours on 30 September 2020 as mentioned in the bidding document. All prospective bidders are requested to attend. The pre-bid meeting will be held at the address given below.
- The Project will not be responsible for any cost or expense incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation, attending pre-bid meeting, site visits and delivery of bids.
- The Purchaser reserves the right to accept any bid and reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.
- The address referred to above is as follows:

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