



Three forums of indigenous people form a human chain in front of Khagrachhari Press Club yesterday demanding amendment to the 'controversial sections' of the Land Commission Act 2001 in the upcoming parliament session.

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JAN 27 MAYORAL POLL IN MAGURA

Candidates backed by AL, JP appear potential

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Five persons are contesting for the mayoral post, 63 candidates for 9 general councillor posts and 21 others for three reserved seats of female councillors in Magura municipality election to be held on Thursday.

The mayor candidates are Altaf Hossain (backed by Awami League), advocate Hasan Seraj Suja (Jatiya Party), Ayub Hossain (BNP), 'rebel' candidate of BNP Farukuzzaman and BM Moon (independent), also a former leader of Jatiyatobadi Chhatra Dal.

The main contest is, however, expected to be limited between Altaf Hossain and Hasan Seraj Suja, said local observers.

"As our party has been dogged by internal feud, two candidates of rival factions Ayub Hossain and Farukuzzaman are fighting for the mayoral posts but none of them are popular in the area. Even they have failed to gain the support of party activists. Grass roots level leaders have already decided to support the Jatiya Party-backed candidate," said a top

leader of municipality unit BNP.

Since July 2009, Magura district unit BNP has been dogged by internal feud over formation of committees at different levels, which has recently spread even to upazila, municipality and union units, party insiders said.

Meanwhile, some AL activists are also supporting Hasan Seraj Suja because they think Altaf Hossain and several other local Awami League leaders have deprived them of all sorts of facilities after the present government assumed power.

31 rescued while being trafficked to India

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) rescued 31 people while they were being trafficked to India through Boroachra border in Benapole yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, BGB personnel launched a drive in the area and rescued the victims. They were later handed over to Benapole port police.

The victims are Ayesha Begum, 22, Shila Begum, 23, Sathi Begum, 22, Ishanti Mondol, 30, Shapna Begum, 20, Sumi Akhter, 24, Gita Ghose, 22, Hena Begum, 32, Sharmin Akhter, 21, Shimu Begum, 20, Baby Akhter, 5, Akhter Mollah, 25, Enamul Sikdar, 30, Sakhat Hossain, 40, Nasir Sheikh, 40, Sohag Hossain, 18, Nazmul Hossain, 18, Shanto Mia, 23, Subod Biswas, 43, Alo Ghose, 20, Shahidullah, 21, Mizan, 42, Ujjal Mia, 18, A Alim, 25, Mintu Mia, 30, Ismail Hossain, 24, Ali Akbar, 24, Shariful, 28, Sujan Kumar, 25, Choyon Kumar, 18, and Pronoy Biswas, 24.

BGB Benapole camp in-charge Nazrul Islam said a gang of traffickers brought the 31 people from Barisal, Sylhet and Chittagong districts and was sending them to India, promising good jobs.

BGB could not arrest any of the traffickers as they fled the scene, sensing presence of the border guards.

Madrasa student murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Police on Sunday recovered a beheaded body of a madrasah student from the bank of the Dharla River at Pachgachhi union under Kurigram Sadar upazila.

Locals found the body of Kafil Uddin, 14, son of Tayab Ali of North Kadomtola village under Sadar upazila. Police and locals said Kafil, a class-six student of Nayarhat Dakhil Madrasah, went to nearby Shulkur Bazar to recharge his cell phone in the evening on January 17. Since then he was missing.

On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Kurigram Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Contacted, the officer-in-charge (OC) of Sadar police station, Md Taharul Islam said they would take action after an investigation.

8 shops gutted

UNB, Sherpur

Eight shops were gutted in a devastating fire at Viadanga bazaar in Sribordi upazila Sunday morning. Fire service sources said, the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a shop at about 8:00am and soon engulfed seven adjacent shops of the market.

On information, fire fighters from Sadar upazila headquarters rushed to the spot and doused the fire with the help of local people.

Rapist gets life

UNB, Bagerhat

A tribunal here on Sunday sentenced a man to life term imprisonment for violating a physically challenged girl at Saralia village in Morelganj upazila in 2009.

The convict was identified as Shahidul Sheikh, 30, son of Mohammad Shiekh of the village. The tribunal also fined him Tk 5,000, in default, he is to suffer six months more RI in jail.

One killed, 8 hurt as rival groups clash in B' baria

Kishoreganj clash leaves 40 injured

STAR NATIONAL DESK

One person was killed and eight others were injured in a clash between two rival groups at Krishnanagar village under Nabinagar upazila of Brahmanbaria district yesterday morning.

The dead was identified as Md Jahangir Alam, 30, son the Md. Nuroo Sarder of the village.

Police and witnesses said the clash was a sequel to a long-standing enmity between Shafial Mia and Kazal Mia of Krishnanagar village. To establish supremacy at the village, supporters of the two equipped with lethal locked in a clash in Kandapara area at around 10:30am, leaving at least nine from both sides injured, according to our correspondent.

Of them, Md Jahangir Alam, 30, succumbed to his injuries on the way to Nabinagar Upazila Health Complex while eight others, including Jahangir's father Md Nuru Sarder, were admitted to the hospital.

The body was sent to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital for autopsy. No case was filed with the police station concerned as of 6:00pm yesterday.

Our Kishoreganj correspondent reported that at least 40 were injured in a clash

between two groups over capture of a water body in Austagram upazila on Sunday night.

Police quoted locals as saying that two groups, one led by Kamal Pasha, chairman of Abdullahpur Union in Austagram upazila, and another by Mannar Kha group of Abdullahpur village, clashed over capture of Chhairachandi water body at around 10:00pm.

The feuding groups used firearms, iron rods and other deadly weapons during the clash, leaving at least 50 people from both sides injured. Of them, eight were injured by bullets and sent to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital.

They are Yahiya Khan, 27, Humayun Kha, 26, Rubel Khan, 15, Subar Khan, 20, Sujan Khan, 24, Dulal Mia, 28, Kutub Mia, 40 and Yasmin Akhter, 27.

The rest of the injured were admitted Kishoreganj Adhunik Sadar Hospital, Habiganj Hospital and Austagram Upazila Health Complex.

Mannar Khan group said they went to take control of the water body as per court order, but Kamal Pasha and his men attacked them. Alam Bepary of Kamal Pasha group alleged that they came under attack as they tried to prevent Mannan Khan's men from capturing the water body.



PHOTO: STAR

A colourful procession paraded Thakurgaon town as road show 'Catch Bangladesh Catch' reached the town yesterday ahead of the 2011 World Cup Cricket in Bangladesh, starting from February 19.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Agriculture

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Request for Expression of Interest for Selection of International Consulting Firm

EOI Ref. No. PS/Hortex/18/08-09

Date : 23/01/2011

The Government of Bangladesh has received a loan from IDA and IFAD for implementing National Agricultural Technology Project-Phase-1. Supply Chain Development Component (SCDC) is one of the components of the project. The implementing agency for this component is Hortex Foundation. Hortex has started the implementation of SCDC and intends to apply a part of this loan for payments under contract for the provision of consultancy services for the project by a consulting firm (International).

The Services include : Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for short-listing of Consulting Firms for providing various consultants for management support, technical advice and guidance for the implementation of supply chain development activities in commercial farming of high value agricultural commodities with an emphasis on "Strengthening Farmer-Market Linkages in 10 selected Upazilas of Bangladesh."

Short-listed consulting firms will be invited to submit detailed technical and financial proposal to be selected the most competent firm for delivery the services. An international consulting firm will be recruited in accordance with Public Procurement Regulations and World Bank's Guidelines on the use of consultants.

The contract for consulting services will be for 48 person-months of expatriate consultancy services in several disciplines of the SCDC in market led high value agricultural commodities promotion for one year from the date of contract in the current financial year (April, 2011 to November, 2011).

The experience, resources and delivery capacity required :

- Interested consulting firms/organizations should have adequate knowledge on supply chain as well as value chain development management of commercial agricultural farming especially high value agricultural commodities with competent professionals;
- Reputed firms should have minimum five (5) years of experiences of providing supply chain development management in market led HVA involving the small and marginal producers and agri-business enterprises;
- Working experience in agriculture and rural development field in Bangladesh /south east Asian countries would be preferred;
- Firms should have adequate resource and delivery capacity to provide services in time with expected quality.

Hortex Foundation invites eligible consulting firms to express their interest to providing the above services. Interested consulting firms are requested to provide the following information with appropriate documentary evidences indicating they are qualified to deliver the services :

- Background, Organization and experiences of the firm, including description of assignments of similar nature done and experiences in undertaking similar assignments in the south east Asian countries during the last 10 years,
- the copy of its original registration,
- availability of specialists with appropriate qualification and professional experiences,
- detailed curriculum vitae for each specialist
- financial resource/Bank solvency,
- annual turn over for last five years,
- audit report for last three years,
- Brochures.

One (1) original and four (4) copies of the Expression of Interest (EOI) along with all relevant documents shall be submitted by 3.00 pm on or before 17 February, 2011, in sealed envelope to the Managing Director, Hortex Foundation Sech Bhaban (3rd Floor, Western side), 22, Manik Mia Avenue, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh, and be clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Selection of International Consulting Firm."

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs received without assigning any reason thereof.

Interested firms may visit www.hortex.org for detailed background information, which may also be collected from the Hortex Foundation office with a written request to the Managing Director.

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Managing Director
Hortex Foundation

Bangladesh Scouts, National Headquarters, 60, Anjuman Mufidul Islam Road, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000

Memo No.BS(Dev)48599/2011

Dated: 25 / 01 / 2011

Request for Expressions of Interest

For providing Consulting Service for 1) Construction of Administrative Building, Kitchen, Guard Room, Generator Room, M.P theater, Gang way, Reception centre, R.C.C Road at Mouchak, Gazipur, 2) Dormitory, Guard Room, Generator Room, R.C.C Road at Bhadurpur, Gazipur, 3) Renovation and Upgradation of NHQ Building, Annex Building at NIQ, 4) Renovation, Extension and upgradation of Female dormitory, Dining hall, Doyel Cottage, Cub Bhaban, Session hall, Training Complex (Dormitory), Two Wings Session hall at Mouchak, Gazipur

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education
2	Agency	Bangladesh Scouts
3	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Secretary, Bangladesh Scouts
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not applicable
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Gazipur
6	Expression of Interest For Selection of	Consultants For providing Consulting Service for Construction of Administrative Building, Kitchen, Guard Room, Generator Room, M.P theater, Gang way, Reception centre, R.C.C Road at Mouchak, Gazipur, Dormitory, Guard Room, Generator Room, R.C.C Road at Bhadurpur, Gazipur, Renovation and Upgradation of NHQ Building, Annex Building at NIQ, Renovation, Extension and upgradation of Female dormitory, Dining hall, Doyel Cottage, Cub Bhaban, Session hall, Training Complex (Dormitory), Two Wings Session hall at Mouchak, Gazipur
KEY INFORMATION		
7	Procurement method	Selection under Fixed Budget (SFB)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
8	Budget and Source of fund	GOB (Project, Infrastructure development & organizing the 24 th Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference and other ancillary events in 2012 in Bangladesh.) (under subject to approval of the project)
9	Development Partners (if applicable)	Not applicable
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
10	Project/Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A
11	Project/Programme Name (if applicable)	Infrastructure development & organizing the 24 th Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference and other ancillary events in 2012 in Bangladesh.
12	EOI Document last Selling date	23 / 02 / 2011
13	EOI Closing Date and Time	24 / 02 / 2011 at 2-00 pm
14	Name & Address of the Office(s)	Place of Selling EOI: Office of the Executive Secretary, Bangladesh Scouts, 1 st Floor, National Scout Building, Kakrail, Dhaka Place of Receiving EOI: Office of the Executive Secretary, Bangladesh Scouts, 1 st Floor, National Scout Building, Kakrail, Dhaka
15	Price of EOI Document	8000.00 (Light thousand) Non Refundable.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
16	Brief Description of Assignment	Consulting services: Preparation of Architectural, Structural, plumbing & Electromechanical drawing, Tender documentation & design, monitoring, reporting, top supervision for the Construction and renovation works (Mention in the item no-6)
17	Qualification and Experience	i) The firm should have minimum 10 years professional experience in the field of architectural and engineering consultancy services. ii) The firm should have experience of designing and Construction management of at least one three storied and above Building during last five years. (iii) The firm Should have Institutional base Consultancy Services.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
18	Name of Official inviting EOI	Md. Majibar Rahman Mannan
19	Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Executive Secretary, Bangladesh Scouts
20	Address of Official Inviting EOI	Bangladesh Scouts; 60, Anjuman Mufidul Islam Road, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000.
21	Contact details of Official Inviting EOI	Tel: 02-9337714; Fax: 02-9342226
22	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs	

(Md. Majibar Rahman Mannan)
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