

# Toll money gobbled up

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A serious lax in monitoring the bridge's operations and maintenance, and inaction of the Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA) against the perpetrators are responsible for the situation.  
Embezzlement of toll money has been taking place since the opening of the bridge in 1998. But there was hardly any talk about the corruption until The Daily Star and other media exposed stories of the embezzlement of Tk 11.93 lakh in three months early last year.  
The BBA officials through random scrutiny of toll records of January, February 2012 and December 2011 found the

money missing. The money was siphoned off by hiding real data on the computers and duplication of money receipts.  
It was, however, just a tip of the iceberg.  
As the authorities finally started monitoring the toll collection procedure following detection of last year's anomalies, they were surprised to see a sudden leap in the number of vehicles.  
The latest data show an additional Tk 10-12 lakh is being collected from the bridge as toll every month. The actual amount would be more if a round-the-clock monitoring can be installed, BBA sources say.  
“We are now scrutinis-

ing toll data and video footage twice and thrice a week,” Kabir Ahmed, chief engineer of the BBA, told The Daily Star recently.  
On an average, Tk 95 lakh toll is collected every day.  
A similar picture was detected through Buet's inspection after the bridge was opened.  
“Buet was assigned to monitor traffic and toll collection for the first five years. The graph of toll collection had increased sharply during the visit of Buet team and audit of statistics,” recalled Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury.  
The average daily toll collection was Tk 16 lakh in 1999.  
A recent visit to the

Bangabandhu Bridge revealed that the BBA's monitoring of toll collection had failed to stop the embezzlement. Evidence of it was found when a toll collector was caught for stealing money. However, it could not be known how much money he had embezzled.  
Kabir Ahmed said automation of the entire system and proper monitoring are needed to fully stop the malpractices.  
Although the BBA has been able to reduce toll money embezzlement, it has failed to stop malpractices at the weighing machines. Every night operators allow overloaded trucks to cross the bridge by taking bribes from drivers.  
A strong warning in this regard by Communications Minister Obaidul Quader yielded no result as it has been a good source of income.  
Finding no other way, the BBA decided to form a vigilance team a few months ago but the committee is yet to be formed.  
“We came to know from various sources that taking bribes and allowing overloaded trucks to operate still go on. A chaotic situation also rules the two weighing machines at night. The team's task will be to bring discipline there,” said a BBA official.  
Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury said the weighing machines installed to check overloading have become an eyewash. He suggested monitoring by an independent body to stop all malpractices.  
Two parking zones have been established adjacent to two weighing bridges where all the overloaded trucks are forced to go. Every truck has to pay Tk 50 in the name of maintenance of the parking zones.  
An intelligence agency official posted at the bridge said Tk 3-5 lakh is realised from the zones every month. The money goes into the pockets of bridge operators and BBA officials.  
Dozens of illegal shops and structures have been

set up on BBA land, which is also a good source of income.  
The BBA officials at the bridge denied the allegations.  
While visiting the bridge recently, Communications Minister Obaidul Quader pledged to get rid of the irregularities.  
The BBA's action against the corrupt is very disappointing. It has so far filed corruption cases against 12 toll collectors for siphoning off Tk 11.93 lakh. But it could not go for any action against the companies responsible.  
Two local companies -- Shamim Enterprise Ltd (SEL) and UDC -- are operating and maintaining the bridge under a Tk 60 crore

contract. None of them had previous experience but got the job by using joint venture with two Chinese firms -- Goangxi Scientific Institute of Communications (GSIC), and Meteorological Construction Company (MCC).  
Asked why the BBA had failed to take action despite so much evidence of corruption against the companies, the Bridge Division chief engineer said there were some powerful persons behind the companies.  
He, however, said the BBA was putting pressure on the companies to stop all kinds of irregularities and operate and maintain the bridge properly.

Many BBA officials believe the corruption continues mainly because of inaction against the companies. As per contracts, the government can cancel the agreements with the companies.  
Investigations note that there has always been a race among influential quarters for the bridge's toll collection and maintenance job. The reason was to make money both legally and illegally.  
As part of this row, SEL and UDC quoted Tk 60 crore to do the job for five years. The amount was lower than estimated.  
“They were desperate to get the job by showing the lowest cost. Their intention was not to do the task

properly and to make money through various illicit means,” said a senior BBA official seeking anonymity.  
First a British-South African-Bangladeshi company was assigned for operation and maintenance job followed by an Indonesia-Bangladeshi joint venture.  
The army also did the job for two years in 2008-09. SEL and UDC got the job in 2010 for five years.  
There were influential people behind every local company, with financial interests involved. Corruption went on unabated as they provided strong backing to the companies.

# Yusuf faces war crimes probe

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Khulna with 96 Jamaat activists.  
Before establishing the force, Yusuf, as the chairman of the Peace Committee of greater Khulna (Khulna, Satkhira and Bagerhat) had formed peace committees in every sub-division, police station and union, said the investigator.  
The war crimes suspect had gathered men to form the Razakar force since April 18, 1971, he added.  
“We got these pieces of information from victims, eyewitnesses as well as documentary evidence including newspapers and books,” said Helal, adding that he had visited Khulna region four times to gather the information.  
According to historic documents, Razakars were active in Bangladesh from May, 1971, but the then Pakistan government formally established the force through a gazette notification on August 2.  
The probe agency started the investigation into the alleged crimes of Yusuf, who hails from Rajair Kaliarpar under Sarankhola in Bagerhat, on January 22, 2012.  
He is in Dhaka now, sources claimed.  
The suspect, as the then ameer of Khulna district unit Jamaat, led all the anti-liberation elements and political parties in the

region where the Pakistani army and their collaborators killed at least 1 lakh people, said the investigator.  
“Ekattorer Ghatok O Dalalra Ke Kothaye”, a book published by Muktiuddha Chetana Bikash Kendra, would be used as prosecution evidence in Yusuf's case, agency sources said.  
According to the book, Yusuf, who was a member of AM Malek's cabinet in 1971, monitored activities of several peace committees, Razakar and Al-Badr forces and delivered speeches at different anti-liberation rallies.  
Inspecting a Razakar camp in Satkhira on November 12, 1971, Yusuf said, “The Razakars of Satkhira have played a vital role in destroying the Indian agents and infiltrators.” He guaranteed that arrangements would be made to provide jobs for all Razakars, the book reads.  
On November 28, 1971, speaking to journalists at Karachi in Pakistan, Yusuf said, “The Razakars are standing shoulder to shoulder with our brave soldiers in combating the Indian aggression.”  
He suggested that the Razakars should be provided with more modern weapons in order to annihilate “miscreants”, read the book.  
The Pakistan government, army and their col-

laborators used to identify the freedom fighters as “Indian agents”, “infiltrators”, “miscreants” and termed the Liberation War “Indian aggression”.  
The sources said Yusuf was arrested under the Collaborator Order, 1972, after independence but was released after cancellation of the law on December 31, 1975.  
Meanwhile, investigation against another war crimes suspect Faridpur BNP leader MA Zahid Hossain Khokon, who is on the run, is likely to be completed within this month, investigators said.  
The international crimes tribunals have already delivered verdicts against two Jamaat leaders Abdul Qader Mollah and Delawar Hossain Sayedee while two war crime cases against former Jamaat chief Ghulam Azam and M u h a m m a d Kamaruzzaman are awaiting verdict delivery.  
Expelled Jamaat member Abul Kalam Azad was also sentenced to death.  
Besides, Jamaat Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami and General Secretary Ali A h s a n M o h a m m a d Mojaheed are facing the trials. Investigations against three detained Jamaat leaders -- Mir Quasheem Ali, Abdus Sobhan and ATM Azharul Islam -- are underway.

## Indian child 'critical' after brutal rape

AFP, New Delhi

A five-year-old Indian girl was battling for her life yesterday after being kidnapped and brutally raped in the latest incident of sexual violence which has triggered nationwide protests.  
The girl was attacked inside a locked room over a 48-hour period, police said, after being abducted as she played outside on Monday in a lower-middle class area of the capital New Delhi.  
“We initially registered a case of kidnapping. We have now launched a preliminary inquiry into rape and attempted murder,” Rajan Bhagat told AFP, adding a hunt was on to catch a family neighbour who is the main accused.  
The child was admitted to the intensive care unit of a city hospital on Wednesday and doctors said her condition was “critical” as news channels provided wall-to-wall coverage.  
“The girl was traumatised when she was brought to us. There were injuries to her lips, cheeks and chest wall. There were bruises on her neck,” RN Bansal, medical superintendent of a local government hospital, told NDTV news channel.

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স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়ের জন্য ডেপুটি কমিশিউটার, লেজার প্রিন্টার ও ইউপিএস ক্রয়ের নিমিত্ত প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী, সরবরাহকারী, আমদানিকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।					
১।	মন্ত্রণালয়	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়।			
২।	এজেন্সি	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়।			
৩।	প্রকিউরিং এনটিটি নাম	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়।			
৪।	প্রকিউরিং এন টি টি কোড	৩-২২০১-০০০১-৬৮১৫।			
৫।	দরপত্র নং	৪৪.০০.০০০০.০২০.১৯.০০৭.১২-৩৪৬।			
৬।	তারিখ	১৬/০৪/২০১৩।			
৭।	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।			
৮।	বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস	রাজস্ব।			
৯।	দরপত্রের প্রকাশের তারিখ	২০/০৪/২০১৩।			
১০।	দরপত্রের বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	০৫/০৫/২০১৩।			
১১।	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	০৭/০৫/২০১৩ তারিখ দুপুর ২.০০ ঘটিকা।			
১২।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০৭/০৫/২০১৩ তারিখ দুপুর ২.৩০ ঘটিকা।			
১৩।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়কারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	অভ্যর্থনা কক্ষ, কাউন্টার নং-১, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা-১০০০।			
১৪।	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারীর দপ্তর	সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব (প্রশাসন-২) এর অফিস কক্ষ, কক্ষ নং-৩১৭, ভবন নং-৮, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা-১০০০।			
১৫।	দরপত্র খোলার দপ্তর	সমন্বিত কক্ষ, স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়, কক্ষ নং-২০৬, ভবন নং-৮, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।			
১৬।	দরপত্রাদাতাদের যোগাযা	পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা-২০০৮ অনুযায়ী এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের জন্য প্রণীত দরপত্রে বর্ণিত শর্তানুযায়ী।			
১৭।	দরপত্রে বর্ণিত মালামালের সর্বক্ষিপ্ত বর্ণনা	ডেপুটি কমিশিউটার, লেজার প্রিন্টার, ইউপিএস ও পেনড্রাইভ।			
১৮।	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	প্রতি লট ৫০০/= (পাঁচশত টাকা) অফেরতযোগ্য।			
১৯।	লট নং	মালামালের বিবরণ	অবস্থান	টেডার সিকিউরিটির টাকা	সরবরাহের সময়
২০।	০১।	মন্ত্রণালয়ের দাপ্তরিক কাজে ব্যবহারের জন্য ডেপুটি কমিশিউটার, প্রিন্টার, ইউপিএস ও পেনড্রাইভ সরবরাহ	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়	৪০,০০০/= (চল্লিশ হাজার) টাকার ব্যাংক গ্যারান্টি।	সিডিউল মোতাবেক।
২১।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	মোঃ তৌফিক আল মাহমুদ।			
২২।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব।			
২৩।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	কক্ষ নং-৩১৭, ভবন নং-৮, স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।			
২৪।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম	ফোন নম্বর- ৯৫৭৪৫১৬।			
২৫।	১) অন্যান্য শর্তাদি দরপত্র সিডিউলে বর্ণিত রয়েছে। ২) সকল দরপত্র বাতিল/গ্রহণের ক্ষমতা সংগ্রাহক সত্তা কর্তৃক সংরক্ষিত।				
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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি	
মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তরধীন শ্রীমঙ্গল ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টারের শিশুদের জন্য মাসিক ভিত্তিতে একটানা ১২ (বার) মাসের জন্য (সরকারি ছুটির দিন ব্যতীত) খাদ্যদ্রব্যাদি সরবরাহের ঠিকাদার নিয়োগের নিমিত্তে নিম্নলিখিতভাবে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।	
১. প্রকৃত প্রতিষ্ঠান ও সরবরাহকারী যাদের হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, হালনাগাদ ইনকম ট্যাক্স ও ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট আছে, ব্যাংক সচ্ছলতার সনদ এবং খাদ্যদ্রব্যাদি সরবরাহের ২ (দুই) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা আছে।	
২. বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক বা সোনালী ব্যাংক টেন্ডারের সিডিউলের মূল্য বাবদ ৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা ১-৩০২১-০০০০-২৩৬৬ কোডে (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা দিয়ে চালানের ফটোকপি জমা দেয়া সাপেক্ষে দরপত্র সিডিউল নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয় থেকে গ্রহণ করা এবং জমা দেয়া যাবে।	
৩. দরপত্রের সাথে মোট ৩০,০০০/- (তেরিশ হাজার) টাকা দরপত্র জামানত (ফেরতযোগ্য) কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক হতে ডে-কেয়ার অফিসার শ্রীমঙ্গল এর অনুকূলে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে জমা দিতে হবে।	
৪. খাদ্যসামগ্রীর বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ও শর্তাবলী দরপত্রে সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকবে।	
৫. দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়ঃ ০৬/০৫/২০১৩ইং অফিস চলাকালীন পর্যন্ত।	
৬. দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়ঃ ০৭/০৫/২০১৩ইং তারিখ বেলাঃ ১৪৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।	
৭. দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়ঃ ০৭/০৫/২০১৩ইং বেলাঃ ২৪৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।	
৮. দরপত্র খোলার স্থান ও ঠিকানাঃ ডে-কেয়ার অফিসারের কার্যালয়, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর, শ্রীমঙ্গল।	
৯. বিস্তারিত তথ্যাদি নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয়ে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে জানা যাবে।	
১০. পিপিআর এর শর্তাবলী অনুসরণ করতে হবে।	
১১. কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	
মোঃ আবু নাছের জামির তালুকদার ডে-কেয়ার অফিসার মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর শ্রীমঙ্গল, মৌলভীবাজার	
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Memo No. HED/HPNSDP/IDA/Drug Admin/Tender-860/2013/230						Dated: 15/04/2013	
Invitation for Tender (IFT)							
1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA Credit No. 4954-BD) towards the cost of the Health, Population & Nutrition Sector Development Program (HPNSDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this fund to eligible payments under the contract for Construction of Drug Administration Office Building at Mohakhali, Dhaka under Strengthening of Drug Administration and Management Project as described in Para-2 (Sl. 6) below:							
2. Sealed tenders are hereby invited from among the eligible tenderers for the works mentioned above. The details of the tender are shown in the table below:							
1	Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW).					
2	Agency	Health Engineering Department (HED).					
3	Procuring entity name	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED).					
4	Procuring entity code	None.					
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.					
6	Invitation for	Construction of Drug Administration Office Building at Mohakhali, Dhaka under Strengthening of Drug Administration and Management Project, Package No. WP-2.					
7	Invitation Ref. No.	HED/HPNSDP/IDA/Drug Admin/Tender-860/2013/230					
8	Date	15.04.2013					
KEY INFORMATION							
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National).					
FUNDING INFORMATION							
10	Budget and source of funds	RPA through GOB and IDA Credit No. 4954-BD.					
11	Development partners	International Development Association (IDA).					
PARTICULAR INFORMATION							
12	Project/programme code	5-2701-5480					
13	Project/programme name	Health, Population & Nutrition Sector Development Program (HPNSDP).					
14	Tender package No.	WP-2.					
15	Tender package name	Construction of Drug Administration Office Building at Mohakhali, Dhaka under Strengthening of Drug Administration and Management Project, Package No. WP-2.					
16	Tender publication date	17.04.2013					
17	Tender last selling date and time	Date: 15.05.2013, Time: 1700 hours.					
18	Tender closing date and time	Date: 16.05.2013, Time: 1300 hours.					
19	Tender opening date and time	Date: 16.05.2013, Time: 1400 hours.					
20	Name & address of the office(s) for selling tender document	i. Office of the Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. ii. Office of the Director General, Directorate General of Drug Administration, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. iii. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division. iv. Office of the Superintending Engineer, HED, Circle-1. v. Office of the Executive Engineer, HED, Dhaka City Division.					
21	Name and address of the office for receiving tender document	Office of the Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.					
22	Name & address of the office for opening tender document	Office of the Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.					
23	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Pre-tender meeting will be held on 07.05.2013 at 11:00am in 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Lobby of HED Headquarter.					
INFORMATION FOR TNERER							
24	Eligibility of tenderer	As mentioned in tender document.					
25	Brief description of works	As mentioned in tender document.					
26	Brief description of physical services	As mentioned in tender document.					
27	Price of tender document (Tk)	Non-refundable BD Tk. 3,000.00 (three thousand) only in the form of Pay-Order or Bank Draft in favour of Chief Engineer, HED, Dhaka from any schedule bank of Bangladesh for each package.					
3. Qualification Information:							
Sl. No.	Identification of package No.	Name of work (location)	Tender security (Taka in lac)	The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be (Taka in lac)	Required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than over the last 5 (five) years (Taka in lac)	Least value of works as specific experience, successfully completed during last 5 (five) years (Taka in lac)	Completion time
2	WP-2P	Construction of Drug Administration Office Building at Mohakhali, Dhaka under Strengthening of Drug Administration and Management Project	Tk. 19.00	Tk. 230.00	Tk. 1200.00	Tk. 518.00	12 months
4. PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS							
1.	Name of official inviting tender		A S M Syedul Alam.				
2.	Designation of official inviting tender		Executive Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED), Head Office.				
3.	Address of official inviting tender		105-106, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.				
4.	Contact details of official inviting tender		i. Telephone No.: 880-2-7169309 ii. Fax No: 880-2-7169312 iii. E-mail address: hedhq@yahoo.com				
5.	Special instructions		i. All submittals and/or documents must be signed by the tenderer or his authorised representative. If not signed, it will be treated as non-responsive. ii. In case of submitting tenders by post/courier service must reach in the Office of the Chief Engineer, HED within the time as mentioned in Sl. No. 18.				
6.	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders prior to acceptance without assigning any reason thereof.						
A S M Syedul Alam Executive Engineer Health Engineering Department (HED) Headquarter							
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