

# West Bank settlement population growing rapidly: Report

AFP, Jerusalem

The population in Israel's controversial West Bank settlements has grown twice as much as in Israel itself, military radio said yesterday, quoting official statistics.

The figures released by the interior ministry are likely to add to Palestinian misgivings about resuming peace talks in Washington last week with the Israelis. The talks broke down three years ago over the settlement issue.

According to the radio, the figures show an increase of 7,700 settlers in the occupied West Bank during the first six month of 2013 for a total settler population of 367,000.

This represents a 2.1 per cent increase in six months compared to an annual population growth of two percent registered in Israel.

The number of settlers in West Bank outposts that could be dismantled as part of an eventual peace agree-

ment between Israel and the Palestinians rose by 1.7 percent in the first half of the year, the report added.

The Israeli government on Sunday added 20 settlements to a list drawn up in 2009 of Jewish communities prioritised for aid.

Some of the settlements on the list are strongholds of Jewish Home, a nationalist party in the government coalition of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has rejected Palestinian calls for a freeze on settlement construction as a condition to resume peace talks.

Settlement building in the West Bank and mostly Arab east Jerusalem, which Israel seized in the 1967 Six-Day War, are considered illegal under international law.

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators agreed at an initial meeting in Washington last week hosted by US Secretary of State John Kerry to aim for a peace deal within nine months.

But analysts say the issue of Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank, which triggered the breakdown of the last round of talks in September 2010, would prove even more of a sticking point this time with hardline pro-settler ministers inside the Israeli government.

Yesha, the main settler organisation, has urged the government to launch new tenders for the construction of homes in the settlements to meet what is says is a "growing demand."

Israeli anti-settlement group Peace Now has accused the government of encouraging Israelis to move into Jewish settlements.

"The government is offering land free of charge (to settlers)... and under such conditions it is no surprise that Israelis are moving into settlements," said Peace Now head Yairiv Oppenheimer.

# Holidaymakers suffer

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in Chandina upazila of Comilla to Bhater Char in Gazaria of Munshiganj, said Mizanur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Gouripur Highway Police. Traffic operations resumed around 11:00am.

Meanwhile, Communications Minister Obaidul Quader had to travel on the wrong side of the highway while going to Feni.

A frustrated Quader phoned Asaduzzaman Mia, deputy inspector general of Highway Police, and asked him to take immediate steps to ease the movement of traffic.

Also on the day, bad conditions of the roads and haphazard parking of vehicles obstructed the traffic flow on the Dhaka-Gazipur route.

Vehicles moved very slowly from Tongi bridge up to Joydevpur Chourasta throughout the day due to haphazard picking and dropping of passengers, waterlogging caused by rain and illegal shops on the highways, reports our

Gazipur correspondent.

Also, a tailback gripped the highway for half-an-hour in the afternoon due to a blockade by garment workers in Tongi College gate area around 5:30pm.

From Joydevpur, the movement of traffic was smooth up to Mymensingh and other districts.

According to transport operators, buses were being smoothly ferried across the river Padma through Paturia and Mawa terminals so far. Thirteen ferries were carrying vehicles on the Paturia-Daulatdia route.

However, loading and offloading of vehicles was disrupted at Mawa terminal due to a downpour in the morning. Fourteen ferries are now in operation on the Mawa-Kaorakandi ferry route. Two more ferries will be added tomorrow.

The transport and launch operators say this year's situation is better so far, but they fear that there will be a huge pressure today.

Already, bus and launch terminals and railway stations were crowded with

holidaymakers yesterday. The mad rush will reach its peak today and tomorrow.

A usual scenario of traffic congestion was seen at the exit points of Dhaka, except in Jatrabari.

As on other days, commuters had to face difficulties in crossing the Jatrabari exit point due to the nagging traffic jam caused by a haphazard parking of vehicles on roads. The jam covered a 4-kilometre stretch from Jatrabari.

Traffic on the Dhaka-Tangail Highway was normal all day long yesterday and the holidaymakers were seen going to their destinations without much suffering.

Highway Police said removing the unnecessary speed breakers at different places on the highway was helping a smooth movement of vehicles.

Asaduzzaman Mia, deputy inspector general of highway police, told The Daily Star that the force was working round the clock to minimize the traffic jam on the highways.

# Brazilian scientists to test AIDS vaccine on monkeys

AFP, Sao Paulo

Brazilian scientists have developed an HIV vaccine and plan to begin testing on monkeys later this year, a sponsor institution said Monday.

Known as the HIVBr18, the vaccine against the virus that causes AIDS was developed and patented by a team from the Medicine Faculty of the University of Sao Paulo, the Sao Paulo state Research Foundation (FAPESP) said.

The scientists said that, at its current stage of development, the vaccine would not totally eliminate the virus from the organism.

But the vaccine would be able to maintain it at a viral load low enough that the infected person will neither develop an immunodeficiency nor transmit the virus, they explained.

The foundation said the monkey trials are expected to last two years.

"Our goal is to test various immunization methods to select the one capable of inducing a stronger immunological response and thus be able to test it on humans," FAPESP quoted Cunha Neto as saying.

Provided adequate funding is available, the first clinical trials could then be launched, it added.

Work on the vaccine began in 2001 and the research team -- Edecio Cunha Neto, Jorge Kalil and Simone Fonseca -- plan to test it on a colony of rhesus monkeys provided by Sao Paulo state's Butantan biomedical research institute.

# Obama to decide on Russia trip 'in coming days'

AFP, Washington

The White House said Monday it would decide "in coming days" whether President Barack Obama will go ahead with a summit in Moscow in early September.

The United States has said it is reviewing whether Obama will meet President Vladimir Putin in Moscow after Russia last week gave asylum to Edward Snowden, who is wanted by Washington for leaking details of US surveillance programs.

"While we have a wide range of interests with the Russians, we are continuing to evaluate the utility of a summit," White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters.

"I think it's fair to say that you can expect we'll have a decision to announce in coming days," he said.

Snowden, a former US government contractor, fled the United States for Hong Kong and later Russia after leaking details of widespread US government monitoring of citizens' communications.

"We obviously disagree with the Russians very strongly about the decision they've made on Mr. Snowden," Carney said.

Carney said that the United States also took issue with Russia on other issues, pointing to its support for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in his campaign against rebels.

"We've made those disagreements plain, both publicly and privately, in our discussions with the Russians," Carney said.

On whether to hold a summit in Moscow, "we are evaluating that against not just our disagreement over Mr. Snowden but some of the other issues where we have failed to see, thus far, eye to eye," he said.

Obama had agreed to meet Putin in Moscow ahead of a September 5-6 summit of the Group of 20 major economic powers in Saint Petersburg.

The White House has not cast doubt on Obama's participation at the G20.

But two US senators, Republican Lindsey Graham and Democrat Chuck Schumer, have called for a change in location of the G20 summit if Russia does not hand over Snowden.

Gay rights activists have also urged Obama to step up pressure on Russia over tough news laws on homosexuality.

# Footpaths abuzz

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after Eid by begging a whole day at Azimpur graveyard, a popular spot for beggars.

Kajol, a mother of two, who hauls vegetables in Karwan Bazar, wishes for a zakat sari for herself and a lungi for her husband from businessmen.

"If the shopkeepers pay me some extra, I will buy frocks for my daughters -- one aged five and the other eight. I look forward to spending Tk 50 for vermicelli and if I can save some more money for ghee, we will have pilau. I just want to make the day special for my family," said Kajol, who sweats blood and tears trying to breathe life into her small house.

Sheuli, 17, who works at a tailoring shop in the capital's Gausia market, picked up a hair barrette with Tk 20 from a pavement stall in front of the market.

Both of her parents died two years ago. She has since been on her own in the unforgiving city of Dhaka. She lives in a girls' mess in Kamrangirchar.

Her hard-earned salary, which she got less than a week before Eid, is all hers to spend and she intends to live up to this Eid by shopping to look her best.

"I have bought a set of unstitched shalwar-kameez for Tk 500. The master tailor said if I finished my day's work early, he would let me use a sewing machine late at night to make my Eid dress. I

will wear it and go out with my friends," she said.

Markets in and around the capital's Farmgate, Motijheel, Mohammadpur and Chawkbazar have also been frequented by those with constricted wallets.

A shopkeeper displaying a variety of sandals under a large sheet of tarpaulin on a footpath in Farmgate said the speciality of his footwear is that they are very cheap and sturdy.

"None of the sandals here cost more than Tk 150 because I bring them directly from factories in Old Dhaka. Women of almost all classes buy from me. The well-off buy them for casual wear while garment workers and people like them spend much time in choosing their footwear as those would be their only pairs," he said.

Yet there are those for whom providence has a greater plan and has not granted an Eid this year.

Single mother Rokeya looks at Eid in despair. Her sadness stems from the realities around her.

"I have two sons and the younger one is too little to talk. His birth left me too sick and weak for work. I have not worked since the Ramadan started. My elder son begs on the streets and tries to meet our ends from that. He is also too young to understand why kids of others will have new clothes in Eid and they won't," said the mother, trying to hide a deep sigh.

# Illegal billboards

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Contacted, Captain Bipon Kumar, chief waste management officer of DNCC, said they had permitted only five advertising boards near the Sonargaon hotel in March last year. These boards were placed in a way that they do not create any visual barriers to the pedestrians and motor drivers, he added.

"Unplanned installation of billboards is totally unacceptable as these not only sully the beauty of the landscape, but also trigger accidents at times," said Prof Mujibur Rahman of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet). His team had studied the project's feasibility.

If the installation of billboards goes on in this way, the beauty of the lake will be ruined, mentioned Anisur Rahman, a resident of Kunipara.

A landlord in the area, Alimuzzaman said several advertising firms had contacted him to set up bill-

boards on the roof of his four-story building. But he did not agree as he thought it would impair the beauty of his residence as well as of Hatirjheel.

Rajuk Chairman Nurul Huda said the organisation will take action against illegal billboards after the Eid-ul-Fitr.

**RAJUK READIES GUIDELINE**

Rajuk was preparing a guideline for all houses and structures within 300 metres of Hatirjheel to keep the area environment-friendly. The Buet, civil society members and some other green groups were helping the Rajuk prepare the plan by October, said Rajuk Chief Engineer Emdadul Islam.

"We are not approving any building plan in the area before finalising the guideline to ensure the beauty and safe environment of the project," he noted.

**POLLUTED WATER**

As construction work of the Dasherbandi sewage treatment plant was yet to get

underway, the water of Hatirjheel has become highly polluted and stinky.

Located five kilometres off Rampura, the treatment plant is imperative to keep Hatirjheel water clean.

Prof Mujibur of Buet said human and industrial wastes from different adjoining areas are released in the Hatirjheel-Begunbari canals through 11 outlets, making it difficult to keep the water clean.

New Eskaton resident FBG Fattah said the polluted water of Hatirjheel was spreading a bad odour and producing huge mosquitoes, putting the local residents to great inconvenience.

Asked about the treatment plant, a Wasa official said the drawing, design and feasibility study of the plant have already been completed and now they were looking for Tk1,500 crore fund for the project. The process to acquire necessary land was also underway, he added.

# Tk 150cr loss

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wherever it chose to, without caring to take permission from the advertising agencies or the advertisers.

"We will file complaints over it after Eid, and will also hold a press conference on the issue", said Rashed.

He said they usually received payments from clients before Eid. But this time the clients refused to pay following the grabbing

of the billboards.

"We have requested our clients to give us some time to get back the billboards," he said, adding that there are around 2,000 legal billboards in the city.

Neither the Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) nor the Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) has taken any step to recover the billboards grabbed by the

ruling party men.

The officials of the city corporations said they couldn't take any action as they were yet to receive any complaint over the grabbing of the billboards.

DSCC Administrator Nozmul Islam said, "We have given permission to put up 503 billboards in the DSCC. If the owners of the billboards file any complaint with us, we will take action."



## Optical Behavior and Structure Analysis of Non-linear Materials


Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (CP 557, HEQEP)  
Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet

### Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.			
2	Agency	Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet.			
3	Procuring entity name	Sub-Project Manager, Optical Behavior and Structure Analysis of Non-linear Materials (HEQEP CP-557), Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet.			
4	Procuring entity code	Not used.			
5	Procuring entity district	Sylhet			
6	Invitation for	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Optical Detection Apparatus: Light Detection System (Phase-2).			
7	Invitation Ref No.	PHY/221/SUST/HEQEP/CP-557/05/2013/159			
8	Date	28.07.2013			
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>					
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).			
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>					
10	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (Government and IDA Credit).			
11	Development partners	International Development Association (IDA).			
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>					
12	Project name	Optical Behavior and Structure Analysis of Non-linear Materials (Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project).			
13	Tender package No.	G12.2			
14	Tender package name	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Optical Detection Apparatus: Light Detection System (Phase-2).			
15	Tender publication date	On or before 02.08.2013			
16	Tender last selling date	18.08.2013			
17	Tender closing date and time	19.08.2013 at 11.00am.			
18	Tender opening date and time	19.08.2013 at 11.30am.			
19	Name and address of the office inviting tender	Optical Behavior and Structure Analysis of Non-linear Materials (HEQEP CP-557), Department of Physics, Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Kumargaon, Sylhet - 3114, Bangladesh.			
20	Place of selling tender document	Sonali Bank Ltd, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology Branch, SUST, Sylhet.			
21	Receiving & opening tender document	Department of Physics, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet.			
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>					
22	Eligibility and qualification of tenderer	1. Up-to-date trade license. 2. VAT registration certificate. 3. Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate. 4. Experience certificate in similar works of comparable value in a single tender in last five years as mentioned in TDS. 5. Bank solvency certificate as mentioned in TDS. 6. Competency certificate of after sake service and motioned in the TSD.			
23	Brief description of goods	Optical Components: Electronic Balance, Multimode Step Index Patch Cord, Rod, Rod-Holder, Lens Mounter, Bi-Convex Lens 25mm, Bi-Convex Lens 50mm, Bi-Convex Lens 125mm, Bi-Convex Lens 100mm, Mirror (Flat), Concave (100mm), Polarizer, CS-Mount UV Image Converter, Laser Beam Profiler, One Knob Stage and Imaging Device.			
24	Brief description of related service	Installation and maintenance of equipment and training of personnel.			
25	Tender document price	Cash: Tk. 1000/- (one thousand) only (A/C No. STD 36000166 Sonali Bank SUST Br.).			
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount in Taka	Completion time in weeks/months
	1	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Optical Detection Apparatus: Light Detection System (Phase-2)	Department of Physics, SUST	BDT 45,485.00 (Taka forty-five thousand four hundred eighty-five) only	Eight (8) weeks from the date of signing the contract
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>					
27	Name of official inviting tender		Prof. Dr Yasmeen Haque.		
28	Designation of official inviting tender		Sub-Project Manager, HEQEP (CP-557).		
29	Address of official inviting tender		Department of Physics, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet-3114.		
30	Contact details of official inviting tender		Telephone: 0821-2833032 or 0821-713491, 713850 Ext-253. Facsimile number: 880-821-715257, 01711339435. Electronic mail address: yasmeen@sust.edu		
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. The procuring authority also reserves the right to omit, increase and/or decrease the quantity of any item/items from the tender. The bidders must abide by the decision of the HEQEP Project authorities. Tender form schedule of items of supply, tender notice and terms and conditions etc. will from the integral part of the tender. The bidders should write the name of the lot and the name of their firm on the envelope clearly. VAT, Income Tax and other taxes, if any imposed by the govt. will be deducted from their bills as per govt. rules.				

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## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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স্মারক নং-৩৫১২/১/পিএল হিসাব (রেশন)/ তারিখঃ ৩১ জুলাই ২০১৩

### দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

২০১৩-২০১৪ অর্থ বৎসরে ২য় কোয়ার্টার (০১ অক্টোবর ২০১৩ হতে ৩১ ডিসেম্বর ২০১৩ পর্যন্ত) র‍্যাপিড একশন ব্যাটালিয়ন-৩ টিকাটুলি, ঢাকা এর র‍্যাব সদস্যদের স‍্যাবিন তৈল সরবরাহ কাজের জন্য The Public Procurement Regulations-2008 অনুযায়ী টিকাদার নিয়োগের নিমিত্তে প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী টিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতছে।

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	ঃ	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়।			
২।	সংস্থা	ঃ	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ (র‍্যাব), ঢাকা।			
৩।	সম্পাদনকারী সংস্থার নাম	ঃ	অধিনায়ক, র‍্যাব-৩, ঢাকা।			
৪।	কি জন্য দরপত্র আহবান	ঃ	২০১৩-২০১৪ অর্থ বৎসরে ২য় কোয়ার্টার (০১ অক্টোবর ২০১৩ হতে ৩১ ডিসেম্বর ২০১৩ পর্যন্ত) সময়ের জন্য স‍্যাবিন তৈল সরবরাহ।			
৫।	অর্থের উৎস	ঃ	সরকারি (জিওবি) বাজেট গ্রান্ট সাপেক্ষে।			
৬।	আহবানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	ঃ	স্মারক নং- ৩৫১২/১/পিএল হিসাব (রেশন)/৫১১ তারিখঃ ৩১ জুলাই ২০১৩।			
৭।	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	ঃ	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ওটিএম)।			
৮।	দরপত্র প্রাক্কালের নাম	ঃ	ক্রমিক নং-১৫ এর বর্ণিত লট অনুযায়ী।			
৯।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সময়সীমা	ঃ	১৮ আগষ্ট ২০১৩ হইতে ০৮ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৩ পর্যন্ত সকল কার্যদিবসে।			
১০।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	ঃ	০৮ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৩ তারিখ ১১০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।			
১১।	দরপত্র/সিডিউল গ্রহণের তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	১১ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৩ তারিখ ১২০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।			
১২।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	১১ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৩ তারিখ সময় ১০০০ ঘটিকায়। (দরপত্রাদাতা/ দরপত্রাদাতার প্রতিনিধি উক্ত সময়ে উপস্থিত থাকতে পারেন)।			
১৩।	টিউসি'র সভা	ঃ	১২ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৩ তারিখ।			
১৪।	দরপত্রাদাতার যোগ্যতা	ঃ	পিপিআর/২০০৮ এর বিধি মোতাবেক দরপত্র (সিডিউল) ক্রয়ে ইচ্ছুক প্রার্থীকে নিম্নলিখিত কাগজপত্রের মূলকপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে অন্যথায় দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের ক্ষেত্রে বিবেচনা হবে না। দরাদাতা কর্তৃক হালনাগাদ নয়াননকৃত ট্রেন্ড লাইসেন্স, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি, আয়কর ভাট নিবন্ধন সার্টিফিকেট, ন্যাপরিকল্প সদনদপত্র, অভিজ্ঞতার সদনদপত্র থাকতে হবে। দরপত্রের দলিল ক্রয়ের সময় উল্লেখিত কাগজপত্রের মূলকপি দেখিয়ে সত্যায়িত ফটোকপিসহ নিজস্ব প্যাডে আবেদনের মাধ্যমে দরপত্রের দলিল ক্রয় করতে হবে এবং দরপত্রের সহিত ফটোকপি প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত করে দাখিল করতে হবে। দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত তারিখসমূহে যদি কোন সরকারি ছুটি ঘোষণা করা হয় তাহলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে উক্ত কার্য সম্পন্ন করা হবে।			
১৫।	ক্রয় করা হইবে এমন মালামাল/সেবার বিবরণ, সিডিউলের মূল্য ও দরপত্র জামানতঃ					
	লট নং	মালামালের বিবরণ	পরিমাণ	সিডিউলের মূল্য	দরপত্র জামানতের পরিমাণ (টাকা)	কাজের সময়সীমা
	লট-১	স‍্যাবিন তৈল		৭৫০.০০	৭০,০০০.০০	০১ অক্টোবর ২০১৩ হতে ৩১ ডিসেম্বর ২০১৩ পর্যন্ত
১৬।	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম		ঃ	মল্লিক ফখরুল ইসলাম।		
১৭।	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী		ঃ	অতিঃ ডিআইজি, অধিনায়ক, র‍্যাব-৩, ঢাকা।		
১৮।	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা		ঃ	র‍্যাপিড একশন ব্যাটালিয়ন-৩, টিকাটুলি, ঢাকা।		
১৯।	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম		ঃ	ফোনঃ ৯৫১৪৩৩১ (অফিস)।		
২০।	বিশেষ নির্দেশনা		ঃ	কর্তৃপক্ষ সকল/যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।		

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