# Onion of discord Jatka catching with banned nets,

# Consumers in 8 northern districts fish looting by intruders go on are deprived of 'fair price' as TCB, dealers at loggerheads

EAM ASADUZZAMAN,

Consumers in eight northern districts are deprived of 'fair priced' onion imported by Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) as listed dealers are unwilling to draw onion from government godowns.

The dealers alleged that unreasonable conditions imposed by TCB authorities make them incur loss.

A kg of onion is now selling in open markets at Tk 70-Tk 75 in the area.

The government decided to import onion from India and other countries and sell them in open markets to contain onion prices prior to Eid-ul-Azha.

From September to first week of October, regional office of TCB in Rangpur received only 48 tonnes of imported onions in three phases to distribute in Rangpur, Dinajpur, Gaibandha, Kurigram, Lalmonirhaat, Thakurgaon, Panchgarh and Nilphamari districts, sources said.

Due to poor availability, regional TCB arranged selling of onion at Tk 55 per kg in the eight district towns only, instead of supplying it to 58 upazilas under the division.

only 19 dealers out of total 346 and a dealer was given allotment of 300-400 kg, three times each.

One of the selected dealers Satyendra Nath Roy, 35, owner of Ovi Enterprise in Nilphamari, said, "I drew 400 kg of onion only once. After spending a good amount as cost for transportation and others to take it

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Jewllery shop owners yester-

day kept their shutters down

protesting the Sunday's

robbery at M Hossain and

Brothers Jewellers at

The robbers looted gold

ornaments and cash worth Tk

two crore from the shop, police

Four people, identified as

A Kabir, proprietor of the

shop and Gadashwar

Karmaker, Abu Taleb and

Russell, three employees of

the shop, were stabbed

Abdul Quiyyum, son of

A. Kabir lodged a case with

Kotwali police station yes-

jewellery owners and work-

ers brought out a procession

in the district town yester-

day noon. During the dem-

onstration, they threw

brickbats at police when the

law enforcers intercepted

the procession at

The protesters demanded

immediate arrest of the

robbers and recovery of the

UNB, Chandpur

Ganginarpar intersection.

Protesting the incident,

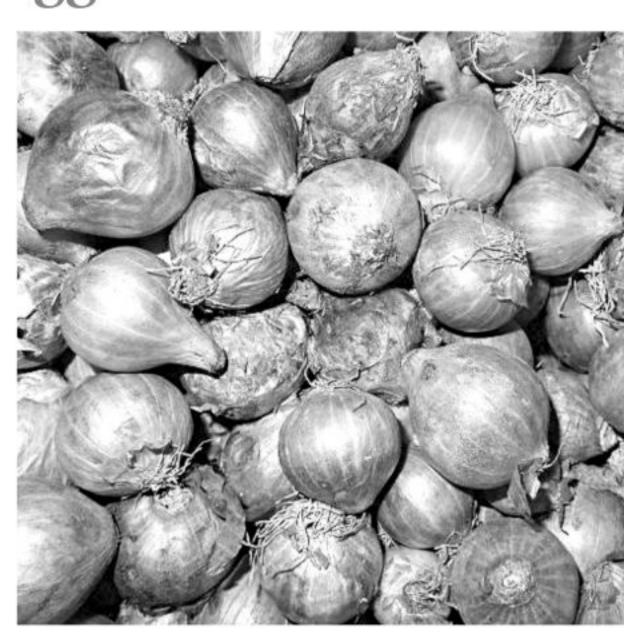
during the incident.

terday afternoon.

Ganginarpar in the town.

said quoting the owners.

Mymensingh



Imported onions, supplied by Trading Corporation of Bangladesh, become repulsive to the dealers as a portion of it is already rotten. The photo was taken from a dealer's shop in Nilphamari town.

to Nilphamari, I found that a portion of the onion was rotten. As I incurred loss, I did not, feel like drawing onion and other items although TCB allocated them thrice for me by this

Another TCB dealer of the region Rahmatullah Ruhul, owner of Messers Abdul Mannan said that as condition of receiving the small quantity of allotted For this, TCB selected onion, authorities compelled the dealers to receive other items like sugar, soybean oil and lentil but the items are of poor quality and prices higher than that in the open market.

A number of TCB dealers of different districts on condition of anonymity alleged that a group of Rangpur based traders with the help of a section of offi-

Jewellers protest robbery,

Jewellery shop owners and workers bring out a proces-

sion in Mymensingh town yesterday demanding arrest of

the robbers who looted gold ornaments and cash worth Tk

Market on February 11

exploding several cocktails.

least seven such robberies

were committed in

Durgabari and Ganginarpar

areas, the heart of the town

Chandan said, adding that

cases were lodged every time

Due to frequent robber-

but no gold was recovered.

ies, panic has gripped hun-

dreds of people linked to

jewellery business in some

250 shops in Mymensingh

town, said another leader,

demanding proper security

measures 'right now' so that

the jewellers could continue

their business without fear.

In the last three years, at

2 crore from a jewellery in the town on Sunday.

demand goes unheeded.

Chandan Kumar Ghosh,

secretary of Bangladesh

Jewellers Samity,

Mymensingh unit, said

three daring robberies took

place since February this

year but no looted gold was

Shilpalaya at Durgabari of

the town on September 3.

But the ornaments worth

TK. 15 lakh are yet to be

gang took away gold orna-

Abducted baby, girl rescued

He further said that a

recovered, he said.

Robbers looted Labonya

recovered.

looted gold. They also ments and cash worth Tk.

vowed to go for tougher two crore from Alim

movement in case the Jewellers at Imperial Super

keep shutters down

cials create situation to discourage genuine dealers to draw TCB supplied goods like imported onion and

This is done to sell the items for high prices later, they said.

Sujauddoula Sarkar, executive officer of Rangpur regional office of TCB, said, "Dealers were given allotment of imported onion in proportionate to availability and they were not intentionally given small allotment. TCB deals with onions as well as different essential commodities, which dealers must draw as a package according to rule."

He, however, admitted that a portion of the onion might have been rotten as TCB has no cold storage and the item could not be preserved more than three days.

alleged that Indian fisher- trawler owners' association men often enter 50-60 kilo- of Sharonkhola upazila in A section of fishermen have metres inside Bangladesh Bagerhat over mobile continued catching jatka sea area and catch fishes phone. (hilsa smaller than inches) there freely.

alongside larger fishes with banned categories of nets in different rivers of the dis-Meanwhile, disturbance by robbers and frequent

intrusion of Indian fisher-Jatka along with big sized hilsa are on sale at **Chandipur Bazar** During a recent visit to in Zianagar upazila under Pirojpur district. ber of fishermen catching A section of fish with banned current fishermen have nets and bandha nets (a kind continued ignorof fishing net kept tied in the ing the ban on netting the fishes) are being used in fishes smaller catching fish. Bandha nets than nine inches

able suffering, as they do not get expected fish from their legal nets. "We do not get our expected fish, as the river is full of banned current and 'bandha' fishing nets,"

alleged Abdul Alim, a fisher-

HABIBUR RAHMAN, Pirojpur

men into Bangladesh waters

remain the causes of con-

Kawcha, Sandha and

Baleshwar rivers, this corre-

spondent saw a large num-

river to trap small sized

also cause damage to eggs of

seems indifferent to such

illegal fishing for reasons

fishing nets, the genuine

fishermen are facing intoler-

Because of use of banned

unknown.

The fisheries department

cern for local fishermen.

man in the Kawcha river. "Only five percent fishermen are benefited through using banned nets while other 95% face problems for them," said district fisheries officer Oliur Rahman.

"Sometimes we conduct drives by mobile courts and seize banned nets and damage them. But due to lack of manpower we cannot do it regularly," he added.

Several fishermen returning from the Bay of Bengal Hossain, president of

"Forest robbers belong-"Illegal fishing by ing to gangs led by Shirsho, Indians disturbs Jahangir, Alif, Amir recently Bangladeshi fishermen. kidnapped 67 fishermen Mazedul Haque, com-They damage our fishing and demanded Tk 1-1.5 nets and boats, even beat us lakh for release of each. And

disturbance by Indian intruders adds to our woes," said Md Anwar Hossain, president of fish wholesal-

ers association in Sharonkhola. Contacted, Captain M

sion by Indian fishermen. However, I will look into the matter."

"We arrange patrol regularly in the rivers for fishermen's safety from the robbers and the success rate is mander of Coastguard west zone said, "I am yet to get praiseworthy," he added.

any such allegation of intru-



PHOTO: STAR

if we protest," Shahadat Hossain, a fisherman returning from the sea said at Parerhat fisheries port in Pirojpur.

"Indian fishermen's illegal entrance to Bangladesh sea area increases during the peak hilsa catching season. The Indians also take opportunity during the ban period of catching fishes. Our fishermen dare not protest as often 25-30 Indian trawlers stay together," said Abul

21. Place/Date/Time of

Pre-Tender meeting

22. Eligibility of Tenderer

Brief Description of

Brief Description of Related Services

Identification of Lot

Procurement of computer

& accessories

Procurement of

Photocopier

Price of Tender

Special Instruction

Documents

Goods

INFORMATION FOR TENDER

# Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL)

Level-16, UTC Building, 8 Panthapath, Kawran bazaar, Dhaka Telephone No.: 9102171-8, Fax No.: +880-2-8116663

# Invitation for Tenders (IFT)

	1.	Ministry/ Division	Finance/ERD
	2.	Agency	Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL)
	3.	Procuring Entity Name	Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL)
	4.	Procuring Entity Code	Not Used at Present
	5.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.
	6.	Invitation for	Tender, Goods(Multiple Lot- in lot by lot basis)
	7.	Invitation Reference No.	IDCOL/RERDP-II/NCB-2013/01
П	8.	Date	08/10/2013
П		KEY INFORMATION	
П	9.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (National Competitive Tendering)
П		FOUNDING INFORMATION	
	10.	Budget & Source of Funds	International Development Association (IDA)
	11.	Development Partner	International Development Association (IDA)/World Bank
П	PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
П	12.	Project Code	Not Applicable
	13.	Project Name	Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Development Project-II(REREDP-II)
	14.	Tender Pakage No.	G-05
	15.	Tender Publication Date	08/10/2013
	16.	Tender Last selling, Date & Time	06/11/2013, 6:00PM
П	17.	Tender closing Date & Time	07/11/2013, 12:30PM
П	18.	Tender Opening Date & Time	07/11/2013, 01:00PM
	19.	Name & Address Of The Office(s)	
П	20.	-Selling Tender Documents.	I f
		-Receiving Tender Documents	Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL) Level-16, UTC Building, 8Panthapath, Kawran bazaar, Dhaka
		-Opening Tender Documents	

at 11:00 AM

following criteria:

Pre-tender Meeting will be held on 21 October 2013

Any eligible supplier/distributor/manufacturer meeting the

1. Shall have valid trade license, Tax and VAT certificate for national

2. Shall have a minimum of 05(five) years of overall experience

4. Shall have successfully completed supply contract of similar

from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.

goods in maximum two contracts of the value mentioned

below within last three years; years counting backward

For Lot 1: minimum BDT 80,00,000 (Eighty Lakh)

For Lot 2: minimum BDT 15,00,000 (Fifteen Lakh)

5. Shall have minimum amount of liquid asset or working

Lot-1: Brand desktop computer, brand laptop computer, colour

Tenderer shall provide pay-order or Bank Draft in favor of

"Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL)"

a) This Tender notice is in brief and the details of the Tender can

be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

b) If the Tenderer Submits any false/incorrect or forged certificate,

**Tender Security** 

Amount (Tk)

BDT 2,40,000.00 (Two

Lakh Forty Thousand)

BDT 43,000.00 (Forty

Three Thousand)

Completion

Time

05 Weeks

Kawranbazar,

in the supply of similar nature of goods and related services.

tenderer and equivalent certificate for foreign tenderer

3. Shall have minimum supply capacity of Goods are:

For Lot-1: 500 desktop PC per year

For Lot-2: 30 photocopier per year

capital or credit facility or any combination is

For Lot 1: BDT 50,00,000 (Fifty Lakh)

For Lot 2: BDT 10,00,000 (Ten Lakh)

printer, printer, server, scanner and online ups

After sales service minimum 03 Years

Tk. 2000/-(Taka Two thousand only)

Location

Kawran Bazai

Dhaka

Lot-2: Brand Photocopier

# Schoolboys caned

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Two students were caned and injured allegedly by the president of a school managing committee in Kulaura upazila on Sunday. The injured are Pervez Reza, and Ruel Hosain Munna, students of class X at Dildarpur High School in the upazila. They were admitted to the upazila health complex. Headmaster Rupia Begum said Mujibur Rahman beat up the duo mercilessly in front of everyone as they quarreled with two other students over sharing seats of a bench. Despite repeated calls, this correspondent could not reach

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

Members of Bangladesh Coastguard rescued five abducted fishermen from the den of robbers near River Meghna in Dhalchar area between Hatiya and Bhola on Sunday afternoon. They also arrested two robbers along with two rifles, two revolvers, one shot gun and eight lethal weapons. The arrestees are Jahangir, 30, and Sujan, 35, members of notorious Kalam gang. On secret information, a team, led by Lt Mostafijur Rahman, raided the area and rescued the fishermen.



A section of teachers of Pabna University of Science and Technology besiege the controller's office yesterday, keeping the university proctor, deputy controller of examinations, a faculty dean, students' adviser, and five members of the examination committee confined there. They protested the university authorities' refusal to supply question papers to the halls of third year final examinations scheduled yesterday. The authorities, on the other hand, said the question papers were not supplied as only a few students came to appear at the examinations amid

# SNAPS AND SNIPPETS Acid attack on housewife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A housewife sustained burn injuries in an acid attack allegedly by mother-in-law under Ullapara upazila of Sirajganj district on Sunday morning. The victim is AP Khatun, 25, wife of Abdur Rahman of Talukderpara village. She was admitted to Bogra Medical College and Hospital. Officer incharge of Ullapara police station Md Tazul Huda said mother-in-law Roma Khatun threw acid on AP Khatun following an altercation over a trivial matter at 11:00am. Police arrested Roma and Abdur Rashid, brother-in-law of the victim, in connection with the incident.

Mujibur as his phone remained switched off.

## Fishermen freed, robbers held



boycott by most examinees. PHOTO: STAR

### the Tender security may be forfeited. PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

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	Name of Official Inviting Tender	S. M. Monirul Islam, CFO and Head of Operations, Infrastructure Development Company Limited(IDCOL) Address:Level-16, UTC Building, 8Panthapath, Kawranb Telephone No.: 9102171-8, Fax No.: +880-2-8116663,	

E-mail address: mislam@idcol.org . The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Tenders.

### Despite frantic searches in all possible places, neither Nazmul nor the child could be found. Later, Meem's father got information that

Nazmul had taken his daughter to Sengua village in Kochua upazila of Chandpur and offered to sell her to one Zakir Hossain of the village.

daughter of Mohammad Yeasin Miah of

Meem's mother Shahnaz Begum said

that their neighbour Nazmul Hassan, 19,

took Meem to a shop to buy her biscuits and

Bokadikanda area in Araihajar upazila.

since they remained missing.

An eight-month-old girl, who was abducted alleged abductor Nazmul on Saturday. from Araihajar upazila of Narayanganj on In another incident, police rescued a school-Friday, was rescued from a village of Kochua girl from Shiromoni area in Khulna city on upazila of Chandpur on Saturday. Sunday morning, 12 hours after her abduction Police also arrested a man in connection from Barandi Mollapara area in Jessore town. with the abduction. The rescued girl was identified as Meem,

The law enforcers also arrested Maniruzzaman, 40, son of Akkel Ali of Baropata village in Khulna city, in connection with the abduction.

Informed by Yeasin, Kochua police raided

the house of Zakir, rescued the girl and arrested

Police said Khoka and his men picked up the girl on Saturday evening and took her to Khulna city. Victims' father Tofayel Hossain filed a case

against them with Kotwali Model PS in Jessore. Later, on secret information, police rescued the girl from the area and arrested Maniruzzaman, brother of Khoka, on Sunday morning.