

# 428 arsenicosis patients detected in B'baria

Over 62 thousand of 1,45,250 tube-wells in the district contaminated with arsenic

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At least 428 people have been detected with arsenicosis, a slow poisoning disease leading to various complications, as massive arsenic contamination affects underground drinking water in different areas of the district.

Of the over 1,45,250 tube-wells installed in nine upazilas of the district to lift water from underground, 62,119 tube wells were painted red till June 2013 as they draw arsenic-contaminated water, says records of the Department of Public Health and Engineering (DPHE) in Brahmanbaria.

"Arsenicosis affects liver, kidney, heart and skin. It also makes dark pimple on the skin and after a period of

time the spots turn into severe ulcers," said Dr Farhad Hossain Muhammad Shahed, senior consultant of medicine of Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital.

"People must avoid the drinking of arsenic contaminated water. Eating balanced diet, small fishes, vitamins and vegetables, can reduce the effect of arsenic," he said.

A large number of people have continued drinking arsenic affected water from red-marked tube-wells as they have hardly any alternative.

According to the report of DPHE, Nabinagar and Bancharampur upazilas are largely affected with arsenic.

"We have to drink arsenic-mixed water as not a single tube-well in the village is free from the

contamination," said Md Humayun Kabir, a resident of Bitghar village of Nabinagar upazila.

Sohrab Uddin Ahmed, executive engineer of DPHE, said, "Excessive use of underground water for irrigation through shallow and deep tube-wells is the main cause of arsenic contamination. If alternative arrangement for irrigation water is not made, the layer of ordinary tube-well water will totally be contaminated with arsenic in future when people will have to depend on only deep tube-wells of drinking water."

To ensure safe drinking water, some deep tube-wells have already been installed in some areas and the work is going on, he added.



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This red-marked tube-well on the premises of Kurighar Government Primary School in Nabinagar upazila under Brahmanbaria district is one of over 62 thousand arsenic contaminated water sources in the district.



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Torture victim Shimul, now undergoing treatment at Aditmari Upazila Health Complex in Lalmonirhat district, breaks down in tears as he narrates his torment to The Daily Star correspondent yesterday.

## Brutally tortured for stealing cucumber, 2 kids land in hospital

### Accused village doctor held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Victim of merciless torture for stealing a cucumber, two primary schoolboys are groaning in pain at Aditmari Upazila Health Complex in the district.

Police arrested Shafirul Islam Badal, 38, owner of the cucumber field at Taluk Palashi village of Palashi union in Aditmari upazila, on Tuesday night after maternal uncle of one of the victims filed a case against him that evening.

Badal, also a village doctor, beat to unconsciousness Shimul Islam, 9, son of Azizul Islam, and Khairul Islam, 8, son of Abdul Hakim of Taluk Palashi village, as they plucked a cucumber from his field on Monday noon, police quoted the locals and the victim boys as saying.

Shimul and Khairul are Class III and Class II students of local Nityananda Government Primary School.

As the two boys were left senseless under the sun, locals admitted them to Aditmari Upazila Health Complex.

"We begged pardon,

but the field owner mercilessly beat us with bamboo sticks on the field at least for 20 minutes until we lost sense," said a weeping Shimul Islam, as this correspondent met him at the hospital yesterday noon.

"During the torture, we cried piteously but none came to our rescue," said another victim Khairul.

The two boys' heads, legs, hands and backs bear marks of serious beating, said Dr Mahfuzur Rahman, resident medical officer of Aditmari Upazila Health Complex.

The arrested village doctor's family members said the two boys were given a 'little punishment' for stealing cucumber.

The plaintiff of the case, Shimul's maternal uncle Mazibar Rahman said, "I lodged the case against Shariful Islam as he brutally tortured the two schoolboys over a little offence. The two boys' parents work as day labourers in Dhaka."

Aditmari Police Station officer in charge Aslam Iqbal said they will prepare a charge sheet in this connection as soon as possible.

## Kid abducted in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A four-year-old boy was abducted in Chatmohar upazila of the district yesterday.

The victim, Md Abdullah Al Nur, son of Md Abul Hossain of Shalikka village was picked up by a gang while he was playing in from of

their house in the morning.

The reason behind the abduction of the kid could not be known as of 5:00pm yesterday.

Officer-in-Charge Subrata Kumar Sarkar of Chatmohar Police Station said they are trying to rescue the boy.

# Father, two sons to die for murder in Netrakona

Man gets life for killing wife in C'nawabganj

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A Netrakona court yesterday sentenced a man and his two sons to death for killing a man at Mirzapur village in Atpara upazila of the district in 2005, reports our correspondent.

Those who have been awarded death penalty are Abdur Rahim, 50, and his sons Mokhles, 30, and Julhas, 32 of the village.

According to the prosecution, Saidur Rahman, son of Faizur Rahman of the village, was hacked to death by Abdur Rahim and his two sons as a sequel to previous enmity near his house on February 28, 2005.

Victim's father filed a

murder case with Atpara Police Station on March 1, 2005, accusing Abdur Rahim and his two sons.

After investigation, police submitted a charge sheet against the three to Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court on May 31 the same year.

After examining the witnesses and evidence, Judge Abdul Hamid found them guilty and pronounced the verdict.


In Chapainawabganj, a court here yesterday sentenced man to life imprisonment for killing his wife in Sadar upazila in 2007, according to UNB.

The convict is Mahbul, 50, son of Lal Mohammad of Joindupur-Munnapara village in the upazila.

The court also fined the convict Tk 10,000, in default, he is suffer another year in jail.

According to the prosecution, Mahbul strangled his wife Surat Begum following an altercation over a family feud on August 26 and dumped the body in the Padma River.


Later, victim's brother filed a case against Mahbul with Sadar Police Station. After examining witnesses and evidence, Additional District Judge Abdus Salam Khan handed down the verdict.



**Bangladesh Power Development Board**  
**বিদ্যুৎ সশ্রয়ী বাতি ব্যবহার করুন**

**Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Short Listing of the Consulting Firms**

01	Ministry/Division	:	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.
02	Agency	:	Bangladesh Power Development Board.
03	Procuring entity name	:	Executive Engineer, Civil Construction Division-1, PDB, Dhaka.
04	Procuring entity code	:	-
05	Procuring entity district	:	Dhaka.
06	Expression of interest for	:	A short list of consulting firms.
07	Title of service	:	Consultancy services for the construction of 20-storied residential building (800sqft. x 4 unit per floor) at Jatrabari BPDB Residential Area including details drawing & design of architectural, structural, sanitary & plumbing, electrical, fire fighting, lift, sub-station etc. for RAJUK and other Agencies approval with total cost estimation & supervision of the works.
08	EOI Ref. No.	:	Punibi-1/Pro/ 5.04/2014/628
09	Date	:	19/06/2014.
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
10	Procurement method	:	Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>			
11	Budget and source of funds	:	Revenue Budget of BPDB.
12	Development partners	:	Not applicable.
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>			
13	Project/programme name	:	-
14	EOI closing date, time and place	:	Date: 21/07/2014, Time: 12:00 noon. Place: Office of the Executive Engineer, Civil Construction Division-1, BPDB, 8th Floor, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.
<b>INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT</b>			
15	Brief description of assignment (Key point of TOR)	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• preparation of topography survey report, master plan with landscaping.</li><li>• environmental impact assessment (EIA) &amp; feasibility study.</li><li>• detailed Geo-technical investigation.</li><li>• detailed architectural design &amp; drawings.</li><li>• detailed structural design &amp; drawings.</li><li>• detailed electromechanical design &amp; drawings.</li><li>• sanitary and plumbing design &amp; drawing.</li><li>• fire protection system design and drawing.</li><li>• preparation of 3-D drawings.</li><li>• RAJUK and other agencies approval drawings.</li><li>• detailed cost estimation (BOQ).</li><li>• preparation of bid document.</li><li>• evaluation of bid document.</li><li>• full time construction supervision and preparation of "As-built drawings."</li><li>• to be followed RAJUK, BNBC &amp; other related rules &amp; regulations, relevant international code for design &amp; construction work.</li></ul>
16	Experience, resources and delivery capacity required	:	The BPDB invites expression of interest (EOI) from eligible consultants (firms) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar condition, availability of the appropriate skills among staff, etc). To prepare a short-list the EOIs would be reviewed on the basis of the following criteria and the short-listed firms will be invited to submit proposals. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Name of the firms with corresponding address.</li><li>2. Date of establishment of the firm with the proper document.</li><li>3. Availability of appropriate skill persons including furnishing organizational chart showing the firms structure.</li><li>4. Demonstrated technical &amp; financial capacity to handle such assignment.</li><li>5. The consulting firms/companies shall have experiences of completion of consulting service for at least 2 (two) Nos. 20 (twenty) storied building having one car parking basement during last 10 (ten) years in a single tender in government/semi-government/autonomous organization/reputed private organization whose project cost not less than Tk. 20.00 (twenty) crore.</li><li>6. The experience certificate of consulting services shall have to be issued by the officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer of the concerned department/organization.</li></ol>
17	Other details (if applicable)	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Short-listed firms will be selected using the selection method conformist to PPR-2008.</li><li>2. RFP will be issued to short-listed firms.</li><li>3. The proposal should be submitted in 3 (three) copies.</li><li>4. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 9:00am to 5:00pm local time (except holidays).</li></ol>
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>			
18	Name of official inviting EOI	:	Abdullah Noman.
19	Designation of official inviting EOI	:	Executive Engineer, Civil Construction Division-1, PDB, Dhaka.
20	Address of official inviting EOI	:	Biddiut Bhawan, 8th Floor, 1, Abdul Gani Road, BPDB, Dhaka-1000.
21	Contact details of official inviting EOI	:	Phone: 8802-9572082.
22	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs.		
<b>Abdullah Noman</b> ID No. 1-0790 Executive Engineer Civil Construction Divn.-1 PDB, Dhaka Phone: 9572082			
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সহকারী প্রোগ্রামার (জি আই এস)	৩০ বৎসর	১৮,৭৫০/- (আঠার হাজার সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা	(a) Master's degree in Physics/Applied Physics/Mathematics/Statistics/Commerce/Economics/Business Administration or B.Sc. (Engineering). (b) Must qualify standard aptitude test for programming. (c) Associate Member of a recognised professional Computer Society. <b>অভিজ্ঞতাঃ</b> (ক) Geoinformatics প্রশিক্ষণসহ জি আই এস পরিচালনায় প্রথম শ্রেণীর পদে অমূল্য ১(এক) বৎসরের চাকুরীর অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে; (খ) জি আই এস সফটওয়্যার হিসেবে Auto CAD Civil 3D পরিচালনায় দক্ষতা আবশ্যিক এবং (গ) Total Station/RTK/DGPS চালনার দক্ষতা আবশ্যিক।

**সাধারণ প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্যাবলীঃ**  
০১। দরখাস্ত গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ-৩১/০৭/১৪।  
০২। চাকুরীরত প্রার্থীদেরকে স্ব-স্ব নিয়োগ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে দরখাস্ত প্রেরণ করতে হবে।  
০৩। আগ্রহী প্রার্থীদের কর্ম জীবনের পূর্ণ বিবরণসহ পূর্ণাংগ জীবনবৃত্তান্ত (সি.ভি) দিতে হবে-যার মধ্যে নিম্নোক্ত বিষয়গুলো অন্তর্ভুক্ত থাকতে হবেঃ  
(ক) সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সত্যায়িত সনদপত্র,  
(খ) চাকুরীর অভিজ্ঞতা ও জিআইএস সফটওয়্যার সংক্রান্ত দক্ষতা,  
(গ) সম্প্রতি তোলা ৩(তিন) কপি পাসপোর্ট আকারের রঙিন সত্যায়িত ছবি,  
(ঘ) স্থায়ী ঠিকানার সমর্থনে ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ চেয়ারম্যান/পৌরসভার মেয়র/ওয়ার্ড কাউন্সিলর কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত (সম্প্রতি) নাগরিকতার সনদপত্রের কপি ও বর্তমান ঠিকানা,  
(ঙ) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি,  
(চ) ঢাকা ওয়াসার অনুকূলে ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা মূল্যমানের অফেরতযোগ্য পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফটসহ (পোস্টাল অর্ডার গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়) দরখাস্ত ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক, ঢাকা ওয়াসা, ওয়াসা ভবন, ৯৮, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫ এই ঠিকানায় ৩১/০৭/১৪ তারিখের মধ্যে পৌছাতে হবে।  
০৪। দরখাস্ত গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ বা তৎপূর্বে অফিস চলাকালে সংশ্লিষ্ট কার্যালয়ে না পৌছালে কোন দরখাস্ত গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। খামের উপর প্রার্থীর পদের নাম অবশ্যই স্পষ্টভাবে উল্লেখ করতে হবে।  
০৫। বাছাইকৃত (Short-listed) প্রার্থীদের লিখিত অথবা মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে। মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার মূল সনদপত্র প্রদর্শন করতে হবে।  
০৬। ঢাকা ওয়াসার ওয়েবসাইট হতে আবেদনপত্রের ফরম ডাউনলোড করা যাবে। এছাড়া, আবেদনপত্রের ফরম কাওরান বাজারস্থ ওয়াসা ভবনের ৩য় তলায় অবস্থিত প্রশাসন বিভাগ-১ হতে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে (ফটোকপি গ্রহণযোগ্য)।  
০৭। নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত সকল ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন এবং এ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি যে কোন সময় বাতিলের ক্ষমতাও কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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