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Workers sort fish for drying in the sun in Kuakata sea beach area as the ongoing dry season sees large-scale processing of the item that sells for good prices in different areas of the country. The photo was taken a few days ago.

Seasonal fish drying thrives in coastal areas

Thousands engage in the job in winter as dried fish sells for good prices

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Thousands of people including a good number of women and children are now engaged in the seasonal fish drying job in the coastal areas of Bhola, Patuakhali and Barguna districts.

A section of fishermen do the job during the dry season from November to April when there is ban on netting *jalka*.

They collect different species of sea-fish like cod fish, shark, *laitta*, *churi*, *maitta*, *kaisha*, *bhetki* etc from fishermen who catch the fishes in the Bay.

After cutting the fishes into pieces, they spread it on the bamboo or wooden platforms to dry in the sun.

When the fish dry in three to four days, it is put into sacks for marketing.

Traders from Dhaka, Chittagong and other places come here to take the dry fish.

Many people cook the dry fishes to make their favourite curry.

Besides, poultry feed and fish feed are made from dry fish, said Harun-or-Rashid, a dry fish trader at Moudubi in Rangabali upazila of Patuakhali.

"I earn Tk 200 to 250 daily by working here to dry fish. It is of much help to my family as my husband's income is very small," said Amena Begum, wife of a day labourer at Char Montaz.

"I work here six to eight hours daily for Tk 100-150. I read in class two but I work here to earn something for the family," said eight-year-old Sagor Kabiraj, who works with his mother at the same spot.

At least 10,000 fishermen in the southern coast including Kuakata, Sonar Char, Rupar Char, Char Montaz, Moudubi, Fatar Char and Char Gongamoti in Patuakhali district,

Nishanbaria, Taltali, Asar Char, and Pathorghata in Barguna district, and Char Kochchhopia, Char Aicha, Char Bestin, Char Manika and Char Kukri in Bhola district are engaged in fish drying, locals said.

Traders from Chittagong and Dhaka come to the areas to buy the dry fish and supply it to different areas of the country.

More and more fishermen are getting engaged in fish drying as it brings good profit, said Abdus Salam Howlader, a leader of trawler owners association in the southern region.

At least 500 fish drying centres have developed in different areas of Patuakhali, Barguna and Bhola districts for drying fishes and its trade, said Zakir Hossain, a fish trader who came to Kuakata from Chittagong.

Housewife beaten dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

A housewife was beaten to death allegedly by her husband following a family feud at Chingra village in Keshabpur upazila early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Zebeka Bagum, 19, wife of Harun Morol of the village.

They got married five years ago.

Police and family sources said Harun often tortured Zebeka over trivial matters.

Around 4:00am yesterday, Harun beat Zebeka up mercilessly, leaving her dead on the spot following an altercation over the issue.

The body was sent to Jessore Medical College and Hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed in this connection, said Abdul Jalil, officer-in-charge of Keshabpur Police Station.

Father kills son

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A youth was hacked to death allegedly by his father at Sodapir-Noyapara village in Badarganj upazila on Wednesday night.

Deceased Raihanul Islam Raihan, 26, son of Aminul Islam of the village, pulled rikshaw in Dhaka. He was father of a newborn.

Police and locals said Aminul and his son Raihan locked in an altercation over family matter around 8:00pm.

At one stage, Aminul attacked Raihan with a sharp weapon, leaving him dead on the spot.

On information, police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Rangpur Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

The father went into hiding after the incident, said Md Aminul Islam, officer-in-charge of Badarganj Police Station.

10 Jamaat men held

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Police arrested a local Jamaat leader in Nebudia area under Terokhada upazila of Khulna district on Wednesday night, reports our correspondent.

The arrestee is Md Nobir Ali, 50, office secretary of Terokhada upazila unit of Jamaat, and son of late Abdul Malek Sheikh of the area.

On secret information, a police team raided the area and arrested Nobir from his house at 11:00pm while he along with his associates was planning to create anarchy in the area, said Md Nasiruddin,

officer-in-charge of Terokhada Police Station.

A case was filed against him, said the OC.

In Jhenidah, police arrested nine Jamaat-Shibir men from different upazilas of the district early yesterday, reports our correspondent.

Of them, two were arrested from Moheshpur and five from Horinakundu while the rest from Kotchandpur upazila, said police.

The nine were arrested as they might carry out subversive activities in the town, said Superintendent of Police Altaf Hossain.

Driver found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police recovered the body of an auto-rickshaw driver from Pabna BSCIC compound in Sadar upazila of the district yesterday morning.

The deceased, Mostak Mondal, 35, son of Mazed Mondal of Kumarkhali upazila in Kushtia, used to reside with his in-law's family at Sadhupara village

since 10 years back.

Police quoting deceased family members said Mostak went out with his house along with his auto-rickshaw on Wednesday evening and remained missing since then.

Locals spotted his body lying at a place inside the BSCIC compound yesterday morning and informed the police, said Ahsanul Haque, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

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25th Advanced Training Course on Research Techniques in Social Sciences (Duration: 5 Weeks) (Sponsored by: Social Sciences Research Council, Ministry of Planning)
The Bureau of Economic Research of the University of Dhaka is going to organize **25th Advanced Training Course on Research Techniques in Social Sciences** to be held between January 21, 2015 to February 27, 2015. Classes will be held on Saturday, Monday and Wednesday between 4.30pm to 7.30pm.
Lectures will be arranged in the classroom and in the computer laboratory and will cover important topics in research methodology, especially data collection and analysis on socioeconomic problems, writing research proposals, preparing research report and using software like Excel and SPSS.
Candidates must have a 2nd class Master's Degree in Economics or any other subjects in Science/Social Sciences/Business. Application forms are available in the Office (Room No 3051/Ka, Second Floor, Arts Building, Dhaka University. Contact: Phone 9661920-73/Ext 4560), 01719-019694, 01556380373. Candidates must apply in the prescribed forms on or before January 15, 2015. C-05

Three men rescued, alleged abductors held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police rescued three men and arrested three alleged abductors from a hotel at Boro Indira intersection in the town on Wednesday evening.

The rescued people are Mizanuddin, 40, Abu Bakar Siddique, 45, and Jahangir Alam Liton, 38, of Narda area in Dhaka.

The arrestees are Monirul Islam Bakul, 35, son of late Abdur Rahman of Belepukur and Ashraf Hossain Pakhi, 22, son of Abdur Rahim of Masjidpara in the town and Shahidul Islam Rana, 38, son of Abdur Razzak of Baroghoria village under Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila.

Jasimuddin, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sadar police station, said Shahidul Islam Rana was involved in manpower export to

different countries through manpower businessmen Mizanuddin, Abu Bakar Siddique and Jahangir Alam Liton and they had a conflict over money.

Rana and his two accomplices tactfully abducted Mizanuddin, Abu Bakar Siddique, and Jahangir Alam Liton, from Narda area on Tuesday and brought them to Muslim Boarding in the town.

Later they shifted the three people to Zamzam Hotel on Wednesday. The abductors demanded Tk 2.5 lakh as ransom.

Informed by family members, police raided Zamzam Hotel, rescued three men from a room and arrested three abductors from there at around 5:30pm.

A case was lodged in this regard.

Police produced them before the court that sent them to jail custody on Thursday.



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Although it is the peak season for tourism, picturesque Kuakata sea beach gives a deserted look on Wednesday, as countrywide hartal enforced by Jamaat-e-Islami coupled with inclement weather kept visitors away.

West Zone Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Dev. Board) Office of the Project Director
Strengthening Power Distribution System Project
Biddiyut Bhaban Campus, Boyra Main Road, Khulna, Phone: 041-813802, Fax: 041813803
Memo No: 27.22.4785.700.50.040.14/12 Dated: 28/12/2014

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

01. Ministry	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Power Division.
02. Agency	West Zone Power Distribution Company Limited (WZPDCL), Khulna. (An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Dev. Board)
03. Name of the procuring entity	Project Director, Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, WZPDCL, Khulna.
04. Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
05. Procuring entity district	Khulna.
06. Expression of interest for selection of	Consulting firm (Lump sum).
07. EOI Ref. No.	27.22.4785.700.50.040.14/12
08. Date	28.12.2014.
09. Procurement sub method	Fixed Budget.
10. Budget and source of funds	GOB, Local Currency.
11. Project name	"Construction Services for Construction of WZPDCL Headquarter New Multistoried Office Building at Biddiyut Bhaban Campus".
12. EOI closing date and time	14.01.2015 at 12:00 noon.
13. EOI opening date and time	14.01.2015 at 01:00pm (BST).
14. Name & address of the office(s)	Project Director, Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, WZPDCL, Khulna. - Receiving EOI document 1. Office of the Director of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. 2. Office of the WZPDCL Liaison Office, Biddiyut Bhaban (4 th Floor), Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. - Opening EOI document Office of the Director of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
15. Brief description of the assignment	a) Site survey, lay-out plan & preparation of preliminary drawings. b) Soil investigation studies & report. c) Detail Architectural Plan, Structural Design, Drawings & sufficient X section with blow-up for construction of a 05 (five) storied building (having 10-storied foundation) with a basement floor. d) Design & Drawings for Electrification works including Lift, AC, HVAC installation. e) Design & Drawings for Sewerages Systems, Water Supply, Sanitary & Plumbing works. f) Design & Drawings for Gas connection works. g) Preparation of detailed estimate, pre-qualification documents & tender documents & Bill of quantities with technical specification all documents must be prepared as per PPR-2008.
16. Experience resource and delivery capacity required	Intending firms have to submit the following documents along with EOI. Brochure summarizing their facilities, areas of the expertise and general information including legal documents. Description of similar assignments. Experience in similar operating conditions. Availability of appropriate experience and professional qualifications among applicant's staff and resources to carry out the assignment. Administrative strength logistics and financial capability.
17. Association with foreign firm	Encourage.
18. Name of the official inviting	C M Motahar Hossain.
19. Designation of the official inviting EOI	Project Director (Superintending Engineer).
20. Address of the official inviting EOI	Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, Biddiyut Bhaban Campus, Boyra Main Road, WZPDCL, Khulna.
21. Contact details of official inviting EOI	Phone: 041-813794, Fax: 041-731786
22. Other details	1. A Consulting Firm will be selected in accordance with Public Procurement Regulation 2008. 2. Consultants may associate with other consultants to enhance their qualifications. 3. Envelope containing application/proposal (EOI) along with relevant supporting documents to be marked Expression of Interest (EOI) for providing services "Consultancy Services for Construction of WZPDCL Headquarter New Multistoried Office Building at Biddiyut Bhaban Campus". 1 (one) original & 4 (four) copies of Expression of Interest in sealed envelopes shall be submitted to the office of Project Director, Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, WZPDCL, Khulna.

The authority reserves all right to accept or reject any or all EOIs either partly or in full without assigning any reason thereof.

C M Motahar Hossain
Project Director
Strengthening Power Distribution System Project
WZPDCL, Khulna

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, WZPDCL, Khulna

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division.
2. Agency	West Zone Power Distribution Company Limited (WZPDCL), Khulna (An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board).
3. Procuring entity name	Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, WZPDCL, Khulna.
4. Procuring entity code	
5. Procuring entity district	WZPDCL, Khulna.
6. Expression of interest for selection of	Local consulting firm.
7. EOI Ref. No.	27.22.4785.700.50.040.14/10
8. Date (dd/mm/yy)	28/12/2014.
KEY INFORMATION	
9. Procurement method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
FUNDING INFORMATION	
10. Budget and source of funds	GOB Fund in Local Currency.
11. Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
12. Project/programme code (if applicable)	
13. Project/programme name (if applicable)	Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, WZPDCL, Khulna.
14. EOI last selling date	13/01/2015 during office hour (9.00am-5.00pm).
15. EOI closing date and time	14/01/2015 at 12.00 noon.
16. EOI opening date and time	14/01/2015 at 1.00pm (BST).
17. Name & address of the office(s)	Project Director, Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, WZPDCL, Khulna.
18. -Selling tender document (principal)	Project Director, Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, WZPDCL, Khulna.
19. -Selling tender document (others)	I. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna. II. Office of the Police Commissioner, KMP, Khulna.
20. -Receiving tender document	I. Office of the Director of Purchase, BPDB, Wapda Building (9 th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. II. Office of the WZPDCL Liaison Office, Biddiyut Bhaban (4 th Floor), Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
21. -Opening tender document	Office of the Director of Purchase, BPDB, Wapda Building (9 th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT	
22. Brief description of assignment	The service is identified as to Survey, Planning, Design, Supervision, Testing and Commissioning of 33kV, 11kV, 11/0.4kV, 0.4kV overhead & underground lines & 11/0.4kV pole mounted S/S and Supervision of Construction & Renovation works of 33/11kV S/S under Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, WZPDCL, Khulna.
23. Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	The consulting firms/consortia should be locality. The firms may have association with other local consulting firms of Bangladesh. The firms should be capable of undertaking this assignment and are requested to submit their EOI for the services required under the Scope of Service. The EOI shall be submitted by a firm either individually or in a consortium. If any firm submitted EOI individually and in a consortium, the EOI will be rejected.
24. Other details (if applicable)	1 (one) original & 4 (four) copies of expression of interest in sealed envelopes shall be submitted on or before the specified date and address. The proposals will be opened at 01.00pm (BST) on the same day in presence of the representatives of the consulting firms at office of the Director Purchase, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Wapda Building, 9 th Floor, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 if any. The queries shall be addressed to the Project Director, Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, WZPDCL, Boyra Main Road, Khulna. Any EOI submitted after closing time and date or submitted through telex/fax/mail/courier shall not be entertained.
25. Association with foreign firm is	Not applicable.
26. EOI document availability	The firms may purchase the "Document for expression of interest to provide consultancy services to the office of the Project Director, Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, WZPDCL, Khulna, office of the Police Commissioner, KMP, Khulna, office of the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna Division, Khulna & office of the Director Purchase, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB Wapda Building, 9 th Floor, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 during office hour on any working days before closing time on submission of a written application to the Project Director, Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, WZPDCL, Khulna and upon payment of BD Tk. 10,000/- (ten thousand) only in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft (non-refundable) in favour of the Project Director, Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, WZPDCL, Khulna.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
27. Name of the official inviting EOI	C.M. Motahar Hossain.
28. Designation of the official inviting EOI	Project Director (SE).
29. Address of the official inviting EOI	Strengthening Power Distribution System Project, Biddiyut Bhaban Campus, Boyra Main Road, WZPDCL, Khulna.
30. Contact details of the official inviting EOI	Phone: 041-813794, Fax: 041-731786
31. Special instructions	The procurement entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs without assigning any reason thereof.

C. M. Motahar Hossain
Project Director
Strengthening Power Distribution System Project
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