

Dubious measurement of 4,105 trees under sale

Beneficiary caretakers fear serious losses as forest office shows the years-old trees to have only 2 cft wood each

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Serious irregularities have been alleged regarding the forest department's planned sale of over 4,000 trees in different areas of Amtali upazila in Barguna district.

Estimated wood of each tree has been shown as only two cft (cubic feet) on an average although it would be minimum ten cft of wood, said locals and beneficiaries who have been looking after the trees since their planting between 1999 and 2011 on different flood control embankments of Water Development Board (WDB) in Amtali upazila.

The beneficiaries, who are supposed to get 60 percent of the total value of the trees, are now worried about their deprivation.

The forest department planned to sell trees including mahogany, rain tree, and chambol varieties as WDB requested freeing the embankments that need repair, forest department and local sources said.

In the meeting of Amtali upazila forest development committee on March 12, the forest department submitted a list of 4,105 trees on 24 kilometre embankments of WDB in Amtali upazila, showing a total of about 8,000 cft of wood and sought approval to sell them in auction.

Amtali Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Mizanur Rahman, who presided over the meeting at his office, raised question about the authenticity of measurement of the trees but Altaf Hossain, assistant conservator of forest (ACF) of Patuakhali forest department, did not make any answer.

As this correspondent visited several spots on Wednesday, locals expressed dissatisfaction over the



These trees, like over 4000 others planted between 1999 and 2011 on Water Development Board's embankments in Amtali upazila of Patuakhali district, have been officially shown to have wood measuring only two cft each on an average, before preparation to sell them at auction.

irregularities in measuring wood.

"Each of these trees has at least 15 to 20 cft of wood as they were planted 16 years ago," Dhalai Khani, a beneficiary of the project, said, showing some trees in front his house at Raugha village.

"We are to get 60 percent of total value of the trees but we will be deprived of proper benefit as forest staff did not make proper mea-

surement of wood," said Altaf Khan, a resident of the same area, also a beneficiary.

ACF Altaf Hossain said bid is under process to sell the trees as the upazila forest development committee approved the list.

"Some trees are very small in size while some are middle-sized. We calculated the total quantity of wood properly," he said.

Amtali UNO Md

Mizanur Rahman said, "I had raised objection over the matter in the meeting and now the shown amount of wood seems inauthentic."

Mihir Kanti Do, divisional forest officer in Patuakhali, said, "We are investigation the matter. We have already asked the Barguna ACF to submit a report over the matter within three days."

Sherpur UZ vice-chairman suspended

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Arifur Rahman Milon, vice-chairman of Sherpur Upazila Parishad in Bogra, was suspended on Monday as he accused in the cases for arson, vandalism, and sabotage.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) AKM Sarwar Jahan received the letter issued by the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives on Monday night.

Milon, also the joint-convenor of the upazila unit of BNP, is an accused in three cases filed with Sherpur Police Station for arson, vandalism and carrying out subversive activities in the upazila and on Bogra-Dhaka highway in the last two months.

Contacted, the UNO said the ministry has suspended Milon as he has been absconding since filing of the cases with Sherpur Police Station in January and February.

Five robbers held after gunfight with cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Five alleged robbers were arrested following a gunfight with police in Banglabazar area of Habiganj district on Wednesday night.

The arrestees are Habibur Rahman, 24, Sohel Miah, 25, Shakil Ahmed, 25, Rupon Ahmed, 26, and Abdul Azad, 30. They are from different upazilas of the district.

Of them, Azad was admitted to Habiganj Sadar Hospital with bullet injuries, said Liakat Ali, officer-in-charge of Nabiganj Police Station.

Receiving information that a gang of 7/8 robbers was looting cash, gold ornaments and mobile sets from the passengers of different vehicles on Nabiganj-Aushkandi road in the area, a police team went to the spot at around 11:00pm.

Sensing the presence of the team, the robbers opened fire, prompting the law enforcers to retaliate.

Police arrested five members of the gang with sharp weapons and bullets while the rest managed to flee, said the OC.

Meanwhile, robbers looted cash, gold ornaments and other valuables from a house at Shriramshi village in Jagannathpur upazila of Sunamganj district the same night.

A gang of 10/12 swooped on the house of Saleh Ahmed, an expatriate in UK, at around 7:00pm and held the family members hostage at gunpoint.

The robbers then took away money, four tolas of gold ornaments and mobile sets from the house, said police.

6 return from Indian jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

After serving jail terms in India, six Bangladeshi nationals returned home on Wednesday night.

Indian police handed them over to Bangladeshi immigration police at Benapole check post. The returnees hail from different areas of Bagerhat and Cox's Bazar districts.

Aslam Hossain, in-charge of Benapole check post immigration police, said a gang of human traffickers took them to India through Jessore border two years ago, promising good jobs there.

Later, Indian Police arrested them from Kerala and sent them to jail through a court.

The returnees were handed over to their family members the same night.

Incomplete road brings woe to commuters, farmers

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

A five-kilometre portion of the 21-kilometre road from Kaliganj Bazar in Kaliganj upazila to Dakbangla Bazar in Jhenidah Sadar upazila has remained incomplete one and a half years after expiry of the stipulated time, much to the sufferings of commuters of three upazilas in Jhenidah district.

Continuous exposure to dust also harms the crops beside the road, farmers said.

As potholes and cracks developed on the road, the authorities gave work order to three contractors for reconstruction of three portions of the road following tenders, said sources of Roads and Highways Department (RHD) in Jhenidah.

Tk 24 crore 25 lakh was

allotted for the purpose.

The work started in January, 2012, and was scheduled to be finished in June, 2013. Two contractors completed the work of their portions from Dakbangla to Ganna Bazar.

But another contractor Shahinur Alam has completed only three kilometres of his stipulated eight-kilometre area so far while the rest five kilometres from Ganna village to Alaipur village remains incomplete.

"It is difficult to open my shop due to dust. Residents beside the road are suffering due to the same reason," said Altaf Hossain, a shopkeeper of Ramnagar intersection.

"Earlier I sold chilli produced on my one bigha of land for Tk 70/80 thousand. But the yield had dropped due to roadside dust and I

sold the produce for only Tk 30 thousand this year," Rabiul Islam of Singdah village said.


"Pores in the leaves of the crops are filled up due to continuous exposure to dust. It hampers growth of the plants and production of crops as formation of chlorophyll is disturbed," said Md Mosharrif Hossain, Kaliganj upazila agriculture officer.

Rokibul Islam, executive engineer of RHD in Jhenidah, said the contractor concerned has been directed to complete the work soon or face lawful action.

Contractor Shahinur Alam said, "I could not complete the five-kilometre portion of the road due to various complexities. I will complete the work soon."



Dust from the incomplete portion of the damaged road in Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah district causes nuisance for locals, in addition to harming trees and plants in the adjacent areas.



DW & CE (Air) Kurmitola
Dhaka Cantonment

Invitation for Re-Tender

Notice No. 603/Part-21/30/E-6 Dated: 15 March 2015

Military Engineer Services

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence.
2.	Agency	Military Engineer Services.
3.	Procuring entity name	DW & CE (Air) Kurmitola, Dhaka Cantt.
4.	Tender name	Project Works under Works Programme of Bangladesh Air Force for the financial year 2014-2015 (As per SI No. 14).
5.	Invitation for tender No.	603/Part-21/30/E-6 Dated 15 March 2015.
6.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
7.	Source of funds	Govt. of Bangladesh (GOB).
8.	Tender publication date	19 March 2015.
9.	Tender last selling date	29 March 2015 (during office hours).
10.	Tender submission date and time	31 March 2015 at 1200 hours.
11.	Tender opening date and time	31 March 2015 at 1230 hours.
12. Name & address of the office(s)		
i)	Name & address of the tender selling, receiving and opening tender documents	DW & CE (Air) Kurmitola, Dhaka Cantt, Dhaka-1206.
13. Eligibility of tenderer		
a. Lot No. 14 (a) MES Enlisted Contractors Class: 'C'.		
b. Contractors enlisted in other govt. departments may also participate in tenders of all the works on receipt of security clearance from DGFI.		
14.	Brief description of works	Location
	Price of tender document (Taka)	Amount of tender security (Taka) in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay-Order in favour of DW & CE (Air) KTL
		Completion time in weeks/months
a.	Provn of electric supply line through express feeder from PDB Patenga Sub-station to Sub-Station No. 01 & 02 at BAF Base ZHR Ctg.	BAF Base ZHR, Ctg
	Tk. 3000/-	Tk. 3,21,000/-
		06 (six) months
15. Contact details of official inviting tender		
DW & CE (Air) Kurmitola, Dhaka Cantt., Dhaka-1206 Tel: 9836520.		
16. Special instructions		
a. Tenderer shall submit copy of letter of valid enlistment, security clearance, VAT, up-to-date trade licence, income tax, bank statement & last 05 years working list with application on company letterhead when purchasing tender.		
b. Detailed requirements are mentioned in tender data sheet of tender documents.		
c. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.		

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For DW & CE (Air) Kurmitola

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Public Administration
Government Motor Vehicle Workshop
16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000
Website: www.dgt.gov.bd

Invitation for Re-Tender (Equipment/Machineries)

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Public Administration.
2.	Agency	Department of Government Transport.
3.	Procuring entity name	Government Motor Vehicle Workshop.
4.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
5.	Invitation for	Tender for Procurement of Modern Equipment/Machineries for Government Motor Vehicle Workshop, Directorate of Gov. Transport.
6.	Invitation Ref. No.	05.03.0000.006.07.003.15(part-3)/451, 452, 453, 454 & 455.
7.	Date	15-03-2015.
8.	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
9.	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget of 2014-2015; GOB.
10.	Tender package No.	1 (One). Total Lot Nos. 03 (Three).
11.	Tender package name	Purchase of Modern Equipment/Machineries for Government Motor Vehicle Workshop, Department of Govt Transport.
12.	Tender schedule last selling date	02-04-2015 up to 12:00 noon.
13.	Tender closing date and time	05-04-2015, 1:00pm.
14.	Tender opening date and time	05-04-2015, 2:00pm.
15. Name & address of the office(s)		
Selling tender document (principal)		1. Manager, Government Motor Vehicle Workshop. 2. Director (Road), Department of Gov. Transport. 3. Director General, Department of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. 4. Chief Executive Officer, Dhaka City Corporation South, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka.
Receiving tender document		1. Manager, Government Motor Vehicle Workshop. 2. Director (Road), Department of Gov. Transport. 3. Director General, Department of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. 4. Chief Executive Officer, Dhaka City Corporation South, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka.
Opening tender document		Office of the Manager, Government Motor Vehicle Workshop, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
Earnest money to be submitted		In favour of Manager, Government Motor Vehicle Workshop, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka through Bank Draft or Pay Order.
Money to be deposited for purchasing tender schedule		In favour of Manager, Government Motor Vehicle Workshop, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka through Bank Draft or Pay Order.
16.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	30-03-2015 (Office of the Manager, Government Motor Vehicle Workshop, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka).
17.	Eligibility of tenderer or works	Well-reputed and financially solvent tenderers (authorised agents/distributors) having office establishment, logistic support, stock position, good performance, qualification and past experience of supplying new and good quality modern equipment/machineries in government sectors within assigned time.
18. Brief description of goods or works		
Lot-01 (11 Items), Lot-02 (30 Items) & Lot-03 (35 Items) total 76 items of various kinds of Equipment/Machineries for Government Motor Vehicle Workshop (Detail specifications in schedule of requirement Section-6).		
19.	Lot No.	Identification of lot
		Location
		Price of tender document (Tk)
		Tender security amount (Tk)
		Completion time in days/months
	1.	11 Major Equipment/Machineries for Government Motor Vehicle Workshop
		Dhaka
		1,500,000 (one thousand five hundred)
		2,14,000/- (two lac fourteen thousand)
	2.	30 Major Equipment/Machineries for Government Motor Vehicle Workshop
		Dhaka
		2,05,000/- (two lac five thousand)
	3.	35 Major Equipment/Machineries for Government Motor Vehicle Workshop
		Dhaka
		2,10,000/- (two lac ten thousand)
20. Special instructions (if any)		
Nil.		
21. Name of official inviting tender		
Abul Kalam Azad.		
22. Designation of official inviting tender		
Manager, Government Motor Vehicle Workshop.		
23. Address of official inviting tender		
16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.		
24. Contact details of official inviting tender		
Tel. No. 9561670		Fax No. 9566623
		E-mail: azadamir22@gmail.com
The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all or any tender without showing any cause.		

Abul Kalam Azad
Manager

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