

Bangladesh to import potash from Canada

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh will import high quality potash fertiliser worth US\$44 million from Canada.

Canadian Commercial Corporation, Canadian government's government-to-government contracting organisation, signed the contract with Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation this month.

The high quality Canadian potash will be mined from member mines of Canpotex Limited, a joint venture among Potash Producers in Saskatchewan of the North American country, said a press release of the Canadian high commission.

The contract includes an option to supply an additional US\$22 million worth of potash. The new agreement builds on last year's US\$40 million contract to supply potash to BADC, which was signed and delivered in 2014.

Canada resumed potash export to Bangladesh by a government-to-government contract in 2014 after many years.

Canada is one of the world's largest producers of potash, with about 33 percent of global potash fertiliser production occurring in Saskatchewan.



A woman fans her child with a hand fan in the child ward of Pirojpur General Hospital due to malfunctioning ceiling fans yesterday. Of the total eight fans, one is missing, two are out of order, and one moves too slowly.

PIROJPUR GENERAL HOSPITAL Double blow for child patients

4 out of 8 ceiling fans of child ward malfunctioning while summer temperature on rise

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

In the soaring summer heat, child patients in Pirojpur General Hospital are undergoing immense sufferings due to malfunctioning ceiling fans in the child ward and a total halt of water supply.

Parents have already complained of the problems to the authorities, but to no avail.

Khadiza Begum, who had her one-year-old daughter admitted for physical disability on Monday, said she had not found water in the ward since that very day.

Parents said they collected water from other wards for daily use.

"In the bathrooms, we don't get water for bathing and other use," said Lucky Begum, whose eight-year-old daughter was admitted three days ago with cold and fever.

With the temperature hitting 35 degrees Celsius in the district yesterday, the sufferings of patients multiplied because out of the eight fans that should have been there, one is missing, two are not functioning, and a fourth one moves too slowly.

In a visit yesterday, this correspondent saw Salma Begum trying to protect her nine-month-old daughter from the punishing heat with a hand fan. But she said, it was not working.

Wishing anonymity, a duty nurse told The Daily Star that the fans had not been functioning for the last one week.

Dr Fakrul Alam, the district's civil surgeon and superintendent of the hospital, said the fans went out of order due to fluctuations of voltage. "We will fix them soon," he said.

He avoided a direct answer when asked about the total halt of water supply, saying parents and relatives of the patients often kept the taps open, causing waste of water.

Marma youth murdered

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The bloodstained man, who was found with injuries in the head and back, was taken to Laxmichhari Upazila Health Complex where he was declared dead, the OC said.

Relatives said they did not find the victim's mobile and wallet in his pocket. The OC could not confirm whether the man was mugged or the attackers were muggers. Demanding arrest of the criminals, the Marma community brought out a procession in the upazila headquarters.

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