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Like this one at Purnabazar in Lalmonirhat town, six LSD godowns in the district purchased wheat from the middlemen during the ongoing procurement season, making futile the government initiative to ensure fair price to the growers.

GOVT WAREHOUSES IN LALMONIRHAT

Growers deprived as wheat procured from middlemen

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Depriving the growers, a section of unscrupulous food officials have already completed wheat procurement from the middlemen at six government-owned local supply depots (LSD) in five upazilas under the district. The six LSD godowns were scheduled to procure 563 tonnes of wheat from the farmers by June 30 but the whole amount was procured from the middlemen a month ago, sources said. Now one kg of wheat is selling at Tk 17 to 18 only at the local markets whereas the government fixed rate is Tk 28. Wheat was cultivated on

1500 hectares of land with a target of 4,500 tonnes of yield in five upazilas of the district this season and the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) sent a list of 2400 wheat farmers to the food department for procuring the crop from the growers, DAE officials said. Harendra Nath Barmon, a farmer of Rajpur village in Lalmonirhat Sadar, said he produced 52 maunds (one maund = 40 kg) of wheat from his five bighas of land this year but he could not sell even a small amount at the local LSD godown. "I sold per kg of wheat for Tk 18 in the local market, whereas the government fixed rate is Tk 28. Unscrupulous food officials always procure wheat and paddy from middlemen, apparently in exchange of bribe," he said. Rezaul Karim, a farmer at Khalaighat village in Lalmonirhat Sadar, said he cultivated wheat on his two bighas of land this year, and got 16 maunds of yield. "As the officials of LSD godown declined to receive my wheat at the government rate I had to sell my production at a low rate in the local market," he said. "The government should take necessary measures to ensure procuring wheat and paddy from the farmers, to encourage them to cultivate the crops," said another

farmer Mafuz Ali at Rajpur village in village. Contacted, officer in charge of Lalmonirhat LSD godown Masudur Rahman, said wheat was procured from the farmers according to the list that was sent from the DAE. As this correspondent wanted to see the list, he said it is preserved in the district food controller's office. On the other hand, District Food Controller Golam Mawla said the farmers' list is preserved at the LSD godown offices concerned. The official kept silent when asked why wheat was procured from middlemen.

Harnessing the Strength of the Octopus in Himchhari

BY ANDREW EAGLE

In the hilltop community of Amtoli Para in Himchhari of Cox's Bazar, 20 women from the 70 households are gathered on a mat. With sweeping views down to the beach and across the Bay of Bengal the scene is idyllic, suitable for a picnic if it wasn't quite as hot. Below, along the coast were once their permanent addresses, their homes, shops and gardens. Cows grazed foreshore grasses; goats roamed. The 1991 cyclone changed all that, proving that a permanent address isn't always permanent. In one respect the villagers were lucky. Although the nearest cyclone shelter was 1.5 kilometres away nobody died; and the worst of the cyclone was destined to be met elsewhere. But crops were ruined; cattle and houses were swept away. With villages destroyed and land no longer inhabitable they turned from the sea.

for about half his income, given the smaller loads she can carry and her competing home duties. It's a livelihood that degrades the national park and has caused the forest to shy away from the coast over the years, exposing the area to even greater erosion risk. But more recently the village women of Amtoli Para have turned attention back towards an oceanic theme, in the form of crocheting toy octopuses. From March 2015 the social enterprise Hathay Bunano and the Chittagong-based NGO Community Development Centre, in liaison with relevant government departments and under the auspices of the Climate Resilience Ecosystems and Livelihood project, have begun implementing a new project in the hope of find-

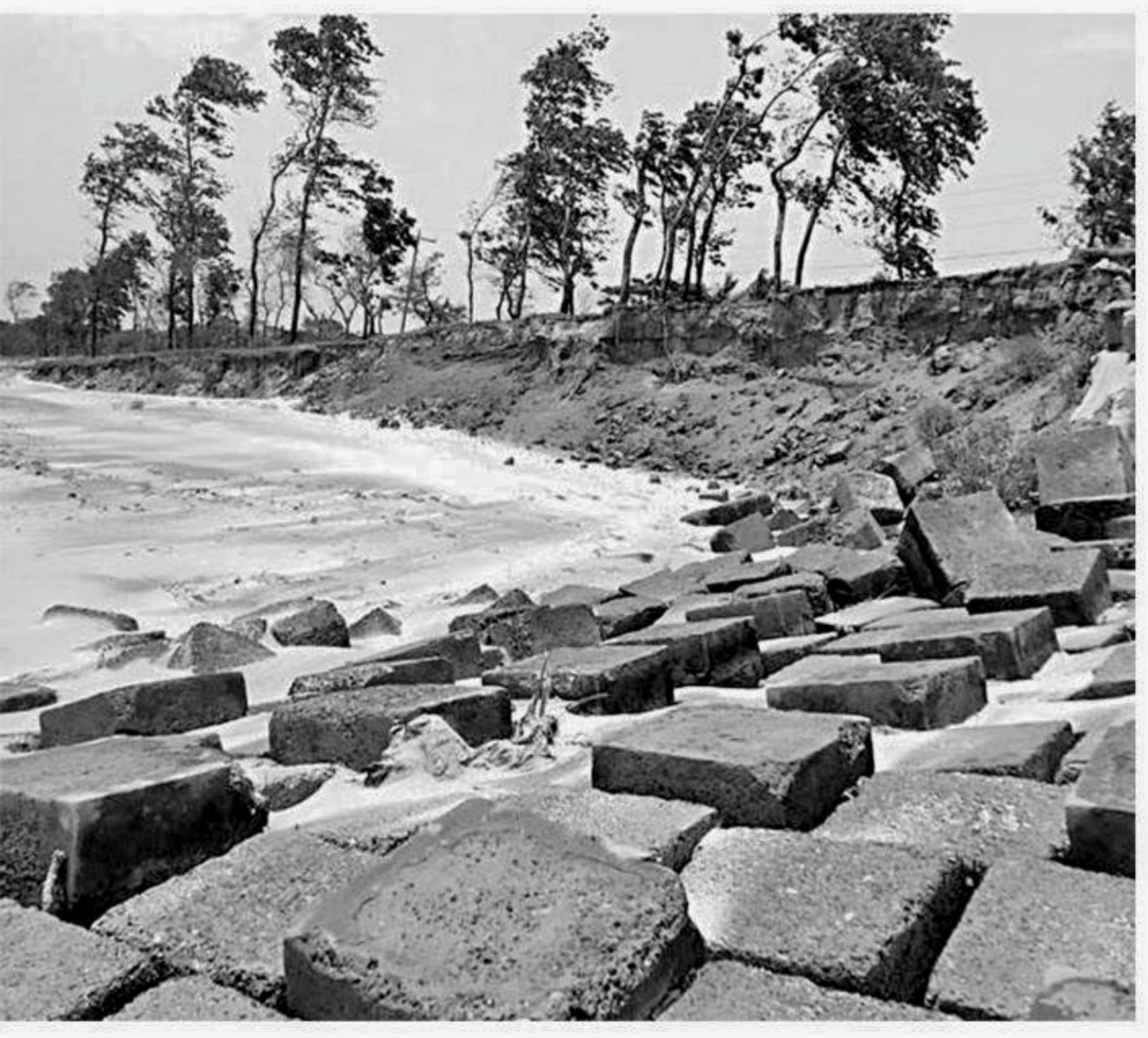
ing sustainable livelihoods for the villagers while better protecting the forest. The project will teach 28 local women to crochet, with guaranteed buyers of their toy octopuses and other items arranged abroad. Their products will likely find homes in babies' cots in the UK, USA, Australia and South Korea. "There will be 28 fewer pairs of hands cutting wood," says Livelihood Facilitator Ruma Majumder, "and that's good news for the forest." With two months' training, it's hoped each woman may earn up to 4,000 taka per month if she works full-time. "I like it," says Sultana, "Yes, there'll be some difficulties in learning the new skill but it will be okay." Unfortunately nearby Rohingya households can't be included for lack of

residency rights. They will have no chance to move out of forest harvesting. With only a non-formal NGO school to rely on, that currently teaches to class 5; in a place where few children study beyond that due to the 25-taka transport cost to the nearest government primary school proving prohibitive, basic entrepreneurial activities come with the hope of improved opportunities, even where the household income rise is modest. Through crocheting, through harnessing the strength of the toy octopus, Amtoli Para's women are set to better contribute to finally overcoming the multigenerational consequences of the cyclone, to the benefit of their families and the forest.



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Women engaged in crocheting toy octopuses at Amtolipara in Himchhari of Cox's Bazar district, thanks to the initiative to teach the money-earning handiwork under the auspices of the Climate Resilience Ecosystems and Livelihood project.



ALLEGED CORRUPTION BY OFFICIAL Locals besiege Samaj Seba office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Local people, including the union parishad chairman, besieged the government Samaj Seba office in Sadullapur upazila of the district yesterday, demanding removal of its official allegedly involved in different irregularities. They confined the staff to the office for about three hours from 11:00am to press their demand. Samaj Seba officer Delwer Hossain and his staff working in union level were allegedly involved in corrupt practices in distributing government allowances allocated for different beneficiaries, said locals, adding that many of the genuine elderly people and widows

have been left out of the beneficiary lists. Fazlul Kaiyum Huda, chairman of Bongram Union Parishad, said "A total of 103 men and women beneficiaries of the project died in the last two years, but Delwar and his staff have tactfully withdrawn allowances against many of the deceased." "They also issued fresh cards to able persons in exchange of bribe. This way, many of the genuine beneficiaries remained deprived from government help," he said. Despite repeated attempts, this correspondent could not reach the officer for his comments in this regard as his cellphone remained switched off.

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The flood control embankment at Mirabari in Kuakata sea beach area of Patuakhali district is badly threatened due to pressure from tidal surges.

6 BCL men hurt in clash with security guards

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

At least six activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League were injured in a clash with the security guards of Ragib Rabia Medical College over parking a motorcycle on the college premises in the town on Wednesday night.

The injured are undergoing treatment at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College. Quoting locals, police said BCL activists locked in an altercation with the on-duty security guards as they asked BCL man Mizan Pervaz not to park his motorbike on the campus around 11:30pm. At one stage, both sides equipped with bamboos and iron rods attacked each other, leaving six BCL men injured. Additional police have been deployed in the area to avert any further incident, Aminul Islam, sub-inspector of Jalalabad Police Station, said.

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Memo No: Pur-414/2015/RE/3815 Date: 22-06-2015

Amendment No. 1

Amendment of Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Fire Fighting System of the Storage Tank & Day Tank of Fuel Oil (HSD) of Bheramara Power Station, BPDB, Kushtia against Tender Enquiry No. Pur-414/2015/RE, dated 31-05-2015

Tender invited for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Fire Fighting System of the Storage Tank & Day Tank of Fuel Oil (HSD) of Bheramara Power Station, BPDB, Kushtia against Tender Enquiry No. Pur-414/2015/RE, dated 31-05-2015 is hereby amended as follows:

Sl. No.	Clause No.	Existing	Amended as
1.	Rejection clause No. 6	A tenderer shall submit only one (1) tender, individually (ITT-20);	A tenderer shall submit only one (1) tender, either individually or as a JVCA (ITT-20);
	Section-2: TDS; ITT-18.2	The minimum qualification requirements of leading partner & other partner (s) of a JVCA shall be as follows: Not Applicable.	The minimum qualification requirements of leading partner & other partner(s) of a JVCA shall be as follows:
	Section-5: Tender & contract forms (Form PW3-3)	JVCA Partner information (Form PW3-3)- Not Applicable.	JVCA Partner information (Form PW3-3)

All other terms & conditions remain unchanged.

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Procurement Division
Procurement & Logistic Support Directorate
Tender No.: DACPP/AUCTION/12/GSE/MT/2014-15 Date: 23-06-2015

Auction Tender for Sale of U/S GSE & MT Item

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for sale of following GSE & MT items on "As is, where it is" basis:

Lot No.	Descriptions of Items	Value of tender schedule
01.	Container Platform Size: 7'8" R x 66" Qy-02EA, Total 10,296sqft. Made of MS Angle, GI Pipe etc. Weight:35 Tons (approx.) (As per schedule).	Tk. 2,000/= (Taka two thousand) only (non-refundable)
02.	U/S Aluminum Covering Roller Qty-2400 Pcs. (approx.) (As per schedule).	
03.	U/S MT Tyre/Tube, scrap etc. Qty-350EA (approx.) (As per schedule).	

Tender schedule may be purchased from Asstt. Manager Accounts, Cash & Banking, Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd, Bataka Bhaban (Ground Floor), HSA, Dhaka-1229 on all working days within office hours up to 27-07-2015. An application on companies letterhead pad mentioning Tender No. will be required for purchasing of tender schedule.
Intending bidders may visit the GSE & MT items mentioned in the schedule on 28-07-2015 at 11:30 hrs. showing original (Yellow) Cash Receipt for purchasing of tender schedule to Manager Commercial Stores, Biman Admin. Building, HSA, Dhaka.

Tender in sealed covers to be dropped in the tender box kept in the Office of the Manager Commercial Stores, Procurement & Logistic Support Directorate, Biman Admin. Building (1st Floor), Room # 205, HSA, Dhaka as well as Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Ground Floor, 1# 12 Storied Gov. Office Building, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000 latest by 11:30 hrs. (BST) on 30-07-2015. Offers via Postal Mail/Courier Service will also be accepted but no offers shall be accepted after closing time & date. Tender will be opened on the same day at 14:30 hrs. (BST) in the Tender Room of Procurement & Logistic Support Directorate in presence of the bidder(s)/representative(s), if any. Biman Bangladesh Airlines Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

ABM Alamgir
Manager Commercial Stores
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Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha
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Memo No. RAJUK/Purbachal/ Date:

Corrigendum for Tender Notice (05/2014-2015)

Invitation Ref. No. Rajuk/Purbachal/IFT-05/2014-2015, Dated: 14/05/2015

Due to unavoidable circumstances the abovementioned tender last selling date and closing date & time for Construction of Internal Roads & Surface Drain at different Sectors of Purbachal New Town Project are rescheduled as follows:

SI #	Description	Original date & time	Revised date & time
14.	Last date of selling tender documents	28.06.2015 during bank office hours	12.07.2015 during bank office hours
15.	Tender closing date & time	29.06.2015 at 12:00 noon	13.07.2015 at 12:00 noon
16.	Tender opening date & time	29.06.2015 at 02:00pm	13.07.2015 at 02:00pm

- All other terms & conditions of the invitation for tender notice will remain unchanged.
- The tender notice along with the corrigendum will be the part and parcel of the tender document.

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