

PATUAKHALI

# Salinity tolerant jute sees successful farming

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

A salinity-tolerant variety of jute sees successful cultivation in Kalapara upazila under the district, much to the happiness of farmers and agriculture officials.

"Once jute was cultivated in the area but the lands gradually became unfit for growing common varieties of jute due to increase of salinity. We invented a salinity tolerant variety of jute that has already been

approved by National Seed Board," Dr Mahmud Al Hossain, acting scientific officer of the Jute Research Institute at Pakhimara village in Kalapara upazila.

"We arranged cultivation of this new variety at farmers' level this year and initially about 25 acres of land of 250 farmers in five villages under the upazila have been brought under the cultivation of salinity tolerant jute.

"As the variety is growing

well, more farmers are showing interest to cultivate the cash crop. We have a plan to introduce salinity tolerant jute on vast areas as there is 1.55 lakh hectares of salinity-prone land in Patuakhali district.

"Besides, around 10 lakh six thousand hectares of land in 18 coastal districts remain uncultivated due to salinity. Cultivation of salinity tolerant jute there would bring good profit to farmers," he said.

"Now we hope to cultivate jute again as officials are providing seeds of its salinity tolerant variety," said Md Sultan Gazi, a farmer of Pakhimara village.

To motivate local farmers to cultivate jute and provide required training for the purpose, the Ministry of Agriculture set up Jute Research Institute on 10 acres of land at Pakhimara village beside Patuakhali-Kuakata road in 2001.



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Salinity tolerant jute sees successful cultivation on the land of Pakhimara Jute Research Institute in Kalapara upazila under Patuakhali district. *Inset*, jute researcher Mahmud Al Hossain.

## 5 to die for killing minor boy in Jamalpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A court here yesterday sentenced five people to death for killing a minor boy after abduction in Sadar upazila in 2001.

The death penalty awardees are Tofayel Islam Hira, 35 his father Lokman Ali, 57, of Dariahamidpur village; Anwar Hossain, 37, his father Aynul Haq, 60, and Soheli Rana alias Shipon, 36, of Nandina Kharkhar village in the upazila.

According to the prosecution, there was a family feud between Lokman and his

brother Lutfur Rahman. As a sequel to that, Lokman's son Hira with the help of Soheli and Anwar picked up Muttasim Billah, 7, son of Lutfur Rahman, an expatriate in USA, from in front of his house at Amlapara in the district town on May 31, 2001.

Later, they took Muttasim to Aynul's house at Nandina Kharkhar village and strangled him.

Following a general diary (GD) filed by Muttasim's family with Sadar Police Station, police arrested Shipon. On the basis of his confessional statement, law enforcers recovered

Muttasim's body from a room of Aynul's house 80 days after the murder.

Muttasim's maternal uncle filed a case, accusing with Jamalpur Police Station, accusing Hira, Lokman, Anwar, Aynul, Soheli, and Faruk. After investigation, police pressed charges against the six.

After examining the records and witnesses, Additional District and Sessions Judge M o h a m m e d Waheduzzaman Shikdar handed down the verdict, acquitting Faruk as allegation brought against him could not be proved.

## Robbers loot 15 goods-laden trucks in Sylhet

UNB, Sylhet

A gang of armed robbers waylaid 15 trucks at Barni on the Sylhet-Companiganj road on Tuesday night and looted goods.

Witnesses said the robber gang, split into three groups, carried out the robbery in the Sylhet-bound vehicles around 8:00pm.

Policemen were present near the spot but they did not take any steps to prevent the robbery, witnesses added.

Refuting the allegation, Delwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Companiganj

## IOJ leader arrested in Kishoreganj

UNB, Kishoreganj

Police arrested Maulana Abdul Momen Sherjahan, president of the district unit of Islami Okya Jote (IOJ), from Sholakia Bazar on Tuesday night.

Police said Maulana Momen, also general secretary of the district unit of Hefajat-e-Islam, was wanted in 25 cases, including for murder, vandalising vehicles and torturing women, filed with Mithamain Police Station.

He is from Ghagra village in the upazila.

Sub-Inspector Shafiqul Islam of Kishoreganj Model Police Station said, law enforcers, acting on a tip-off, conducted a drive in Sholakia Bazar area at around 8:30pm and arrested the IOJ leader.

## Bid to abduct schoolgirl, two held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Local people caught two abductors red handed when they made an attempt to kidnap a schoolgirl in Munshiganj Sadar upazila yesterday.

They were identified as Pappu Bhuiyan and Mamun.

Witnesses said, a gang of 7/8 forced the victim, a Class X student of Bakultola High School, into a microbus while she was going to school in the morning.

As she shouted for help, local people rushed to the spot and caught the two while the others managed



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This bamboo bridge over the Khatamari River in Nilphamari Sadar upazila serves as the lone means for crossing the water body for the locals, including school children.

## Demand for concrete bridge falls on deaf ears

Thousands depend on risky bamboo bridge to cross Khatamari River in Nilphamari

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

About six thousand people of five villages under Kundopukur union of Sadar upazila under the district have to depend on a risky bamboo bridge to cross the Khatamari River.

Visiting the area on Monday, it was found that people of Kamarpara, Angarpara, Kacharipara, Shalmara and Kumarpara villages on two sides of the river were using the bridge amid great difficulties.

During the rainy season when the river is full to the brim, villagers cross the river with boats and banana rafts but when the water recedes, they have to use the bamboo bridge for going to their croplands, educational institutions, banks, hospitals, markets and important government

offices.

"My little daughter slipped from the bamboo bridge and fell into the river while going to school last week. She was luckily saved by the farm workers from a nearby crop field. But I have stopped sending her to school in fear," said Nanobala, mother of Suborna, a Class-1 student of Kundopukur Government Primary School.

Khokaram Roy, headmaster of Kundopukur High School, said many students fail to attend classes regularly due to problem in crossing the river.

Several farmers including Bakkar, 35, Bhoirab Roy, 40, Gopal, 42, said they find it difficult to carry crops, fertiliser or agricultural tools across the river as their house and croplands are on two sides

of the river.

Many villagers said they face serious problems to take patients, especially pregnant women and elderly people, to hospitals in absence of a concrete bridge over the river.

"I stressed the need of bridge construction in the upazila coordination committee meeting several times. The officials concerned noted down the matter but to no effect," said Shahjahan Ali Chowdhury, chairman of Kundopukur union parishad.

Motiar Rahman, Sadar upazila engineer of Local Government Engineering Department, said his office is aware of the problem and will send a project proposal to the higher authority for approval soon.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh



Office of the General Manager/Project Director  
Tongi-Bhairab Bazar Double Line Construction Project  
(Railway Sector Investment Program-Project 1)  
Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban  
16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000

### Invitation for Tender

1.	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Railways.
2.	Agency	:	Bangladesh Railway.
3.	Procuring entity name	:	General Manager/Project Director Tongi-Bhairab Bazar Double Line Project (Railway Sector Investment Program-Project 1) Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
4.	Procuring entity district	:	N/A.
5.	Invitation for	:	Construction of cast in situ permanent Railway land boundary pillar in between Bhairab Bazar and Tongi Railway Station.
6.	Invitation Ref. No.	:	PD/TBDLP/Boundary pillar/15
7.	Date	:	12/11/2015

#### KEY INFORMATION

8.	Procuring method	:	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
9.	Budget and source of fund	:	GOB (TBDLP).
10.	Tender package No.	:	W4
11.	Tender package name	:	Construction of permanent boundary pillar.
12.	Tender publication date	:	12/11/2015
13.	Tender last selling date	:	14/12/2015 (during office hour).
14.	Tender submission date and time	:	15/12/2015 at 12:00 hrs.
15.	Tender opening date and time	:	15/12/2015 at 12:30 hrs.
16.	Name and address of the office(s)	:	
	(i) Selling tender document	:	Office of the General Manager/Project Director Tongi-Bhairab Bazar Double Line Project Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.
	(ii) Receiving tender document	:	Do
	(iii) Opening tender document	:	Do
17.	Price of tender document	:	Tk. 500.00 (five hundred) only (non-refundable).
18.	Performance security	:	Shall be 10% of the contract price.
19.	Tender security amount	:	65,000.00 (sixty-five thousand) in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft shall be submitted in favour of FA & CAO/Project/Dhaka.
20.	Completion time	:	3 (three) months.

#### PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

21.	Name of official inviting tender	:	Sagar Krishna Chakraborty.
22.	Designation of official inviting tender	:	General Manager/Project Director.
23.	Address of official inviting tender	:	General Manager/Project Director Tongi-Bhairab Bazar Double Line Project Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.
24.	Contact details of official inviting tender	:	General Manager/Project Director Tongi-Bhairab Bazar Double Line Project Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. Telephone: 880-2-9568296 Fax No.: 880-2-9581433 E-mail: gmppc@railway.gov.bd
25.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.		

S. K. Chakraborty  
General Manager/Project Director  
Tongi-Bhairab Bazar Double Line Project  
Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban, Dhaka

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## Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Ltd.

(A Company of Petrobangla)

Head Office: 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong

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### Invitation for Tender

01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/ Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
02	Agency	Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources Corporation (Petrobangla).
03	Procuring entity name	Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited (KGDC).
04	Procuring entity code	Not used at Present.
05	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.
06	Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 01 No. 500 KVA ±10% Gas Generator Set for Head Office Building of Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Ltd. at 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong.
07	Invitation for tender No.	28.15.0000.116.02.103.14
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
08	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
09	Budget and source of funds	KGDC's Budget, KGDC's own source.
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
10	Tender publication date	19/11/2015
11	Tender last selling date	17/12/2015 up to 12:00 hrs.
12	Tender closing date and time	Date: 20/12/2015 Time: 12:00 hrs
13	Tender opening date and time	Date: 20/12/2015 Time: 12:15 hrs
14	Name & address of the office(s)	Address: Accounts Section (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor), Head Office, 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong.
	- Selling tender document	Purchase Department (5 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited (KGDC), 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong. Time & Date: 12:00 noon on 20/12/2015.
	- Receiving tender document	Purchase Department (5 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited (KGDC), 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong. Time & Date: 12:15pm on 20/12/2015.
	- Opening tender document	
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>		
15	Eligibility of tenderer	i) The tenderers must have minimum work experience of 7 (seven) years in Supply and Installation of Generator Sets in Bangladesh. ii) The tenderers must have experience during last 5 (five) years in satisfactory completion (Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning) of 10 (ten) Generator Sets (min 300 kva capacity) in Bangladesh and must have maintenance record of minimum 5 Gen Sets each for a period of minimum 1 year (Photocopy of Work Order/Completion Certificate must be submitted with the tender). iii) Minimum 5 Nos. Gen Sets (min 300 kva capacity) of the same brand and origin which the tenderer intends to offer for this tender must be supplied and installed in Bangladesh during last 5 (five) years, and are operating satisfactorily (Documents evidences must be submitted with the tender). iv) The tenderer's offered brand and origin Gen Set's manufacturer must have overseas export record to minimum 5 countries (Certificate from Chamber of Commerce of the manufacturer's country or origin must be submitted with the tender). v) Financially Solvent. vi) The tenderers must have A.B.C category license for Electrical works. vii) The tenderers must have valid trade license, up-to-date Income Tax clearing certificate and VAT registration certificate. Other conditions as mentioned in the tender document.
16	Brief description of works	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 01 No. 500 KVA ±10% Gas Generator Set for Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Ltd. at 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong.
17	Price of tender document	Tk. 2,000.00 (Two thousand) only.
18	Name of the work	137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong.
	Location of the work	137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong.
	Tender security amount (Tk)	Tk. 7,00,000.00 (seven lac taka) only in favour of Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Co. Ltd. (KGDC) in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft from any schedule bank of Bangladesh.
	Completion time	270 days
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>		
19	Name of official inviting tender	Engr. Md. Anis Uddin Ahmed.
20	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager, Pipe Line & Civil Construction Department.
21	Address of official inviting tender	KGDC, Sholoshahar, Chittagong.
22	Contact details of official inviting tender	Mobile No.: 01730728426 Fax No.: _____ e-mail: _____
23	Special Instruction:	
(a)	KGDC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.	
(b)	If the tender cannot be received and opened due to any unavoidable circumstances or holiday(s) on the schedule date and time, the same shall be received and opened at the same venue and time on the subsequent working day.	
(c)	Tenderer should fill and submit all the necessary forms & documents according to the tender document.	
	All activities in connection with the said procurement works will be guided as per "The Public Procurement Regulation-2008".	
<b>Deputy General Manager (PLCC)</b> Sholoshahar, Chittagong		

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