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Remains of trunks bear testimony to illegal felling of trees beside Jagannathpur-Pagla road at Goiashpur in Sunamganj Sadar upazila.

100 roadside trees felled in Sunamganj

MINTU DESHWARA,
MOULVIBAZAR, back from
Sunamganj

A section of unscrupulous people felled around 100 trees along Jagannathpur-Pagla road in Sadar upazila of Sunamganj district in the last two months.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found a local elderly man collecting felled trees from two sides of Goiashpur point of the road for firewood.

Dharakhai, Kunakhali and Mojipur areas along the road witnessed the same incident during the period.

The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) planted mahogany, eucalyptus and other trees in 21 kilometres area along the road 15 years ago.

Unscrupulous people continued random tree felling through the areas but no initiative has been taken in this regard, said college

student Saiful Islam, a resident of Goiashpur village.

Nurul Haque, president of Jagannathpur Upazila Nagorik Forum, said, "Criminals felled at least 100 trees along the road in different areas of Sadar upazila for over last two months but the authorities are yet to take any initiative in this regard."

Farid Ahmed, an employee of Sunamganj RHD, said a gang felled the trees with the help of some

local people at night.

Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa), Sylhet chapter, said criminals continued felling trees, threatening the environment.

Anwarul Amin, executive engineer of RHD in Sunamganj, said they will take legal actions against the persons involved after investigation.

SNIPPETS

Jamaat men held with bombs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Police arrested two Jamaat men including the ameer of Rampal upazila unit on Friday night. The detainees were identified as Julfikar Ali, ameer of Rampal upazila unit of Jamaat, and Mostafizur Rahman, a Jamaat activist. Officer-in-Charge (OC) Rafiqul Islam of Rampal Police Station said, receiving secret information that the two Jamaat men were planning sabotage activities at Sonatunia Dakhil Madrasa in the upazila, law enforcers raided the madrasa at around 9:00pm arrested them with 10 crude bombs. Police yesterday produced Julfikar and Mustafiz in a court that sent them to jail. Julfikar was wanted in sabotage cases. Meanwhile, police in special drives arrested 25 people from different areas in the district on Friday night and early yesterday.

World unites

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charter specifically to authorise the use of outside military force within the borders of a sovereign state. It was nonetheless crafted in a way clearly meant to give countries additional diplomatic and political cover and impetus to target IS and eliminate it.

Describing IS as a "global and unprecedented threat to international peace and security," the resolution calls for sanctions and urges countries to step up efforts to cut off the flow of foreign fighters to Iraq and Syria.

The resolution "unequivocally condemns in the strongest terms the horrifying terrorist attacks" in Paris and in Beirut, and also mentions violence in Tunisia, Turkey and Egypt this year.

The action in New York came as the world watched another terror crisis unfold in Mali where Islamic militants stormed a hotel in the capital, Bamako, briefly taking 170 people hostage,

before the hotel was stormed by security forces. Among hostages were citizens of China, France and

the United States. 19 people were killed in the assault.

French President Francois Hollande welcomed the adoption, saying the resolution would "help mobilise nations to eliminate Daesh" (IS), which has claimed responsibility for the Paris attacks.

Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said countries should now find concrete ways to shore up the fight, "either through military action, the search for political solutions or the battle against terrorist financing."

"This resolution is a powerful international recognition of the threat posed by ISIL," said British Ambassador Matthew Rycroft, who chairs the council this month.

The British envoy described it as a "call to action" to member-states to join in international efforts to defeat IS.

Russia's Ambassador Vitaly Churkin stressed that the resolution was a "political appeal" and did not "change the legal basis" for states confronting terrorism.

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Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges

Road Transport and Highways Division

Roads and Highways Department

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Invitation for Bids

Date	19 November 2015.
Loan/grant No.	2862/2863/2864-BAN: Greater Dhaka Sustainable Urban Transport Project (BRT, Gazipur-Airport).
Contract No. and title	GDSUTP(BRT, Gazipur-Airport) RHD/ICB/PW-01 Upgrading and widening of pavement with provision of BRT lanes and construction of flyovers and BRT stations including access to stations (Ch 0+00 to 2+600 and 7+100 to 20+200).
Deadline for submission of bids	Date: 07 January 2016 Time 11.00am (local time).

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh ("the borrower") has received financing from ADB, AFD and GEF towards the cost of "Greater Dhaka Sustainable Urban Transport Project (BRT, Gazipur-Airport)." Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contract named above. Bidding is open to bidders from all eligible ADB member countries.

2. Roads and Highways Department ("the employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction and completion of "Upgrading and widening of pavement with provision of BRT lanes and construction of flyovers & BRT stations including access to stations (Ch 0+00 to 2+600 and 7+100 to 20+200)" ("the works") which includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Road pavement;
- flyovers;
- Culverts and drainage;
- BRT stations including access to stations;
- Incidental works; and
- Social and environmental safeguards

Time for completion of the works from the commencement date will be 30 months.

3. International Competitive Bidding (ICB) will be conducted in accordance with ADB's single-stage: Two-envelope bidding procedure.

4. Only eligible bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in the bidding:

- Have a minimum average annual construction turnover of \$US 70 million calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last five years;
- Must be able to demonstrate access to, or availability of, liquid assets, lines of credit, or other financial resources (other than any contractual advance payments) to meet the bidder's financial resources requirement comprising:
 - \$US 12 million for the subject works
 - Plus current commitments.
- Participation in at least one contract that has been successfully or substantially completed within the last ten years (counting from 28 days prior to the deadline for bid submission) and where the works (road/highway and PC box girder bridge/PC box girder flyover) undertaken by the bidder are similar to the proposed works and the value of the similar works undertaken by the bidder in one contract exceed US\$ 90 million.

OR
Participation in at least two contracts that have been successfully or substantially completed within the last ten years (counting from 28 days prior to the deadline for bid submission) where:

- the works (road/highway) undertaken by the bidder are similar to the proposed works and where the value of the bidder's participation exceeds US\$ 60 million, and
- where the works (PC box girder bridge/PC box girder flyover) undertaken by the bidder are similar to the proposed works and where the value of the bidder's participation exceeds US\$ 40 million.

- For any contract executed within the last ten years, a minimum construction experience in the following key activities:
 - a) Placement of 35,000 m³ of aggregate base course in a single contract;
 - b) Placement of 40,000 m³ of asphalt concrete pavement in a single contract;
 - c) 50,000 m³ of reinforced concrete (bridge/flyover) in a single contract;
 - d) Concrete box girder bridge of minimum total length of 500 m on pile foundation including one bridge of minimum span length of 30 m in a single contract;
 - e) Management of traffic on operation road/highway during construction activities of road/highway/flyover for continuous 4 months along a length of road of at least 5 km carrying average daily traffic of at least 10,000.
- Must meet all eligibility and qualification criteria in the bidding documents.

- 5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the following office and inspect the bidding documents during normal office hours (from 9:00am to 5:00pm local time) on all working days:

• Attention: Mr Md. Afif Uddin, Project Director, RHD, GDSUTP (BRT, Gazipur-Airport)
Road No-21, House No-04 (2nd Floor), Sector-04, Uttara City: Dhaka
ZIP Code: 1230
Country: Bangladesh
Telephone: +880 28932135
Facsimile number: +880 27711029
Electronic mail address: pdrh.dgsutp@gmail.com

- 6. To purchase the bidding documents in English, eligible bidders should:

- Write to address above requesting the bidding documents for "Upgrading and widening of pavement with provision of BRT lanes and construction of flyovers and BRT stations including access to stations (Ch 0+00 to 2+600 and 7+100 to 20+200)"
- Pay a non-refundable fee of BDT 30,000 or \$US 400. The mode of payment shall be a Pay Order in favour of Project Director, RHD, GDSUTP (BRT, Gazipur-Airport), Road No-21, House No-04 (2nd Floor), Sector-04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh.

- 7. Deliver your bid:
 - To the address above
 - On or before the deadline: Date 07 January 2016, Time: 11.00am (local time).
 - Together with a bid security and described in the bidding documents.

Technical bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for bid submission in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

- 8. The invitation for bids (IFB) is available in the Roads and Highways Department (RHD), Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) websites at www.rhd.gov.bd, www.cptu.gov.bd and www.adb.org respectively and DG Market (www.dgmarket.com).

- 9. The employer reserves all rights to accept any bid or to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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The district office of Jatiya Party in Nilphamari has remained closed since a factional clash centring the mayoral candidature for the upcoming local municipality election left four people injured last week.

NILPHAMARI MUNICIPALITY

JP factions face off centring mayoral polls

EAM ASADUZZAMAN,
Nilphamari

Two feuding factions of Jatiya Party (JP-Ershad) in the district are now facing off centring the ensuing municipality election.

Sources said Shawkat Chowdhury, party's district convenor, also lawmaker from Nilphamari-4 constituency and opposition whip in parliament, is leading a faction and supporting the party's member secretary Sazzad Parvez as mayor candidate.

They will be on guard until further instructions, he added.

President of district unit of Sramik Jote Bazlar Rahman is a stalwart of the faction.

The rival faction, led by joint convenor of the party and former lawmaker Jafar Iqbal Siddique, has strong support for Mahbub Ali Bulu for his candidature in mayor post.

Both Mahbub Ali Bulu and Sazzad Parvez claimed to be the deserving person as candidate for the mayoral post.

Amid serious rivalry between the two JP factions, locals have expressed fear of further clash in the area.

Jafar Iqbal Siddique, who is leading a faction, said

President of district unit of Jatiyo Chhatra Samaj Abdul Hannan also belongs to this faction.

A meeting called at the local party office for choosing a mayoral candidate for the municipality and fixing up the date for district conference was foiled as the factions locked in a fierce clash last week.

The clash left injured four people including member secretary Sazzad Parvez and former president of district unit of Jatiyo Chhatra Samaj Saiful Alam Saju.

Since then, the district party office has remained locked while both groups continued flexing muscles and arranged showdowns in the town calling separate processions and meetings.

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Security beefed up

verdicts upholding their death penalty handed down by the International Crimes Tribunal in 2013.

Twenty platoons of BGB deployed in the capital were to remain on duty until this morning, said Mohsin Reza, public relations officer at the BGB headquarters in Dhaka.

Debdas Bhattacharya, additional commissioner (crime and operation) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, said additional forces had been deployed across the city to prevent subversive activities.

Sixteen teams of special riot force of the police were deployed in the port city, he said, adding they would be on the alert for any untoward incident and conduct raids in different areas.

Additional forces were also deployed in different upazilas of Chittagong district, said

The measures were taken hours after Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said Salauddin and Mojahed had pleaded for presidential clemency.

Their long legal battles ended on Wednesday as the Supreme Court dismissed their appeals for review of the