END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence

N the 28th of November, The Daily Star and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) jointly organized a policy-level dialogue at the Azimur Rahman Conference Hall, The Daily Star Centre. The title of the discussion was "End Violence against Women and Girl Child: 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence". Participants at the dialogue included representatives from NGOS, law enforcement agencies and policy makers. The Chief Guest was MP, Waseqa Ayesha Khan and the roundtable was moderated by Shahnoor Wahid.

Ayesha Khanum, President of the Jatiyo Mahila Parishad presented the key paper discussing issues such as the prevalence of gender-based violence and typologies of violence, ranging from emotional to physical and sexual violence. Ms. Khanum especially highlighted the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the accompanying Programme of Action as a milestone document especially as it specifically addresses the elimination of all forms of discrimination against girl children and addresses the root causes of son preference and its detrimental impact in the form of female infanticide. National laws and policies in Bangladesh should therefore also be aligned with international agreements and goals, such as the ICPD and the new Agenda 2030.

Kato, Deputy Representative, UNFPA spoke of the staggering number of 4.5 million people globally who fall victim to forced sexual exploitation, of whom nearly 98%, are girls and women. Mr. Kato affirmed that violence against women is a human rights violation - it is both a cause and consequence of this gender inequality and discrimination stemming from a patriarchal culture. The first ever study on violence against women, undertaken by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, with UNFPA support, in 2011 brought to light that 87% of ever married women and girls have experienced some form of violence from their husbands, 65 percent physical violence and 37 percent sexual violence.

In his introductory remarks Mr. Iori

Mr. Kato went on to mention child marriage as another form of gender based violence, which is particularly common in Bangladesh, with the highest prevalence in all of Asia. While speaking about the consequences of GBV the UNFPA Deputy Representative

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called to attention the tremendous

leading to physical injuries in some

tion. Many of them have to give up

munity and thereby impacting the

country as a whole. The costs of GBV

are not only limited to a personal or

on national budgets, due to health

costs in terms of educational gain,

productivity and economic profits,

that the cost of GBV in Bangladesh

among others. A study by CARE shows

represents 12 to 13 percent of the entire

annual expenditure, or two percent of

the entire GDP. The occurrence of natu-

ral disasters or conflicts exasperates the

historic setting of this year's campaign:

against GBV at a historic juncture. This

launched the 7th Five-Year Plan, which

speaks of freedom from violence. 2015

is also historic globally because UN

members including Bangladesh have

Goals (SDGs), Agenda 2030, for the

adopted the Sustainable Development

first time in history include the explicit

targets to eliminate GBV, carrying for-

ward the unfinished agenda of ICPD.

try of almost 100 million women and

women and girls are empowered and

reach their full potential, there will be

no real prosperity or sustainable devel-

opment. Now the question before all of

us is how long more we want to see our

fellow women, girls and boys fall vic-

tims to violence. If all of us, the govern-

ment, the police, the parliamentarians,

sector, religious leaders, school teachers,

can not only reduce but eliminate GBV.

development partners including the

United Nations, civil society, private

parents and others work together, we

girls so unless everyone including

By 2030 Bangladesh will be a coun-

"We are observing 16 day activism

year Bangladesh Government has

GBV. Mr. Kato moreover mentioned the

expense, legal expenses, opportunity

family level, but also have implications

negative impact on the lives of victims;

cases even death, life-long psychological

trauma, forced pregnancy, forced abor-

their education or work and they have

to live the rest of their lives in fear and

stigma. GBV breaks the fabric of a com-

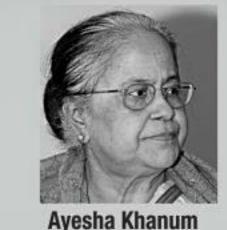
- Discrimination and violence against religious and ethnic minority women and men must be stopped.
- The SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) developed by UNFPA has become very useful in the training of the police force and needs to be scaled up in all the districts. Work needs to be done to change the patriarchal mindset.
- A policy of posting one mental health counselor in every
- hospital is important to help change the mindset of to-beperpetrators.
- Political parties and the administration must put GBV on the agenda and political manifestos.
- · Teaching boys how to respect women; that women are human beings too even before they enter school.
- Sensitization of the members of the police force regard-
- ing how to handle abused victims is crucial. • Girls must learn to protest when faced with discrimina-
- tion let that be in the work place, in educational institutes, at home and outside
- The prominent UN 'He for She' campaign, should be spread throughout Bangladesh.



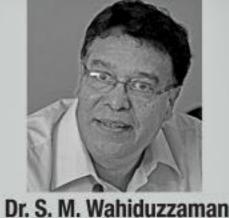
PARTICIPANTS



Waseqa Ayesha Khan **Member of Parliament**



President Jatiyo Mahila Parishad



Director (Col. & Admin.), DSHE



Md. Tareq Jubayer Senior ASP, Police Staff College



Advocate, Naripokkho



Saila Sayeed Coordinator-BLAST

UNFPA will not stop the efforts to prevent and respond to GBV until the day comes when all the women, all the girls and all the boys feel safe and have the dignity that they deserve."

Prof.Dr.S.M. Wahiduzzaman, **Director of Secondary Higher Education** stressed that GBV is not only violence against women and girls but against humanity and it must be stopped. He informed that the Ministry of Education has taken steps to stop sexual

harassment. In school curriculum chapters on GBV and sexual violence have been included to raise awareness level.

Senior ASP, Md. Tareq Jubayer said that girls and women only come to the police for help when they are in desperate situations. The Bangladesh police have started Victim Support Centres, now called Women Support and Investigation Division under the supervision of a woman Deputy Police Commissioner. There is also a Cell for

Prevention of Women and Children Violence. He informed that the issue of GBV has been incorporated in the police training curriculum and gender sensitive policing in police management course. He thinks the SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) developed by UNFPA has become very useful in the training of the police force. He is of the opinion that if the program is scaled up in all the districts from the present pilot it would be very helpful in ending GBV.

Advocate Kamrun Nahar from Naripakkha observed that the continuing prevalence of GBV is due to the inferior status of women in society. However, one change has taken place, the silence has been broken. Women are talking about the violence they experience, reporting it to the police and media. Advocate Nahar however expressed doubts whether the perpetrators of violence were being dealt with effectively. A small study (2011) undertaken by Naripakkha revealed that men continue to believe they have the right to commit violence against women. Many said they deserve to be beaten for violation of dress codes. Kamrun Nahar believes work needs to be done to change the patriarchal mindset. She feels the policy of posting one mental health counselor in every hospital is a good idea as they can address the to-beperpetrators and help change their mindset.

Shamima Pervin from UNFPA said that though there are some remarkable achievements such as the domestic violence act and dowry act that have been passed, implementation is still largely lacking. She observed that discussions on gender and women issues are often not considered important. Many invitees from the government sector for example choose to not attend seminars or roundtables dealing with gender issues. She questioned why it should take 44 years to implement laws to bring about the desired changes in society. Acknowledging the fact that GBV is a global problem she, in the

context of Bangladesh, questioned the existing culture of impunity. She suggested we learn from other countries where they have overcome the culture of impunity and brought down the rate of GBV. Ms. Pervin believes that unless the political parties and the administration put GBV on the agenda and political manifestos the issue will never be adequately addressed. In her words, " We are teaching our boys so many things but not how to respect women. Social media can play an important role in this regard. Honourable Member of Parliament

Waseqa Ayesha Khan assured that gender and women's issues are incorporated in the manifesto of the ruling Awami League. Policies ensure that there is no gender discrimination. "We have achieved gender parity in the primary level and presently there are more girls enrolled than boys," She informed. She stressed that awareness and social values are of utmost importance teaching boys how to respect women; that women are human beings too, a lesson that needs to be taught even before boys enter school. The Honourable MP emphasized that if boys see a sister or a female member being abused or discriminated, he will learn the same thing. She mentioned a UNFPA study where male respondents said they believe they have the right to abuse women - emotionally and sexually, and 52 percent of them said that they physically assaulted their intimate partners. She agrees that sensitization of the members of the police force regarding how to handle abused victims is very important. She said, "Our girls will face discrimination in the work place, in educational institutes, at home and outside but we have to teach them to protest." She gave the example of the prominent UN 'He for She' campaign, calling for it to be spread throughout Bangladesh. The Honourable MP further observed that our culture does not teach us to disrespect women. The idea of masculinity has to change. Being masculine does not mean being violent.

Towards the end of the roundtable, Ayesha Khanam requested the Honourable MP to push the agenda along with the women caucus in parliament. Shamima Pervin from UNFPA provided a brief on the 16 Day Activism against GBV. In his concluding remark Mr. Iori Kato said that gender inequality is a social norm deeply rooted and the challenge is how to address it. He believes this is the task ahead of all of us.



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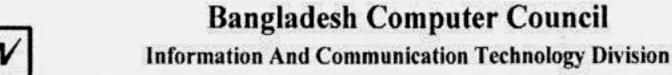
Procuring entity name

Invitation for Tender (IFT) **Padma Oil Company Limited**

(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation) Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chittagong

2	Invitation for	Construction of 1200 MT Capacity Petroleum Oil Storage Tank with low expansion foam system at Jalokathi Depot. Construction of 2000 MT Capacity Petroleum Oil Storage Tank with low expansion foam system at Chandpur Depot.			
3	Budget and source of funds	Own source of POCL.			
4	Invitation for tender ref. No.	E&P/Capex:24,26/P-37/15-16			
5	Tender last selling date	17/01/2016 up to 1400 hrs.			
6	Tender closing date and time	Date	Time		
1	A384	18/01/2016	1500 hrs		
7	Tender opening date and time	18/01/2016	1530 hrs		
8	Name & address of the office(s)	Address(s)			
	Selling tender document	a) Padma Oil Company Limited, Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chittagong. b) DGM (Dhaka)'s Office, 6, Paribagh, Dhaka.			
	- Receiving tender document	a) Padma Oil Company Limited, Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chittagong. b) DGM (Dhaka)'s Office, 6, Paribagh, Dhaka.			
	- Opening tender document	a) Padma Oil Company Limited, Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chittagong. b) DGM (Dhaka)'s Office, 6, Paribagh, Dhaka.			
9	Eligibility of tenderer	Open to eligible tenderers as per tender schedule.			
10	Tender document price	BDT 5,000/- per tender schedule (non-refundable).			
11	Tender security amount in Taka & Type of Payment for security amount	a) BDT 3,00,000 (three lac) in the form of PO/DD in favour of Padma Oil Company Limited for Group a. b) BDT 5,50,000.00 (five lac and fifty thousand) in the form of PO/DD in			
	amount	favour of Padma Oil Company Limited for Group b.			
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Request for Comments on Reports by Consultant on IT/ITES **Industry Promotion Plan & Strategy**

Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) through Leveraging ICT for Growth, Employment & Governance Project has employed Tholons Inc. & AoN Hewitt JV and Tholons Inc. & Team Asia JV as consultant for developing the IT/ITES Industry Strategy and IT/ITES Industry promotion plan. The consultant have submitted three (3) reports which are available at the following website:

http://lict.gov.bd/publishdocs/Industry Promotions.pdf http://lict.gov.bd/publishdocs/Draft RDC.pdf http://lict.gov.bd/publishdocs/Draft RIS.pdf The documents are also available at:

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BCC seeks IT/ITES Industry, Stakeholders comments prior to national workshop. All

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or can be sent by mail addressed to Executive Director Bangladesh Computer Council BCC Bhaban Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Dhaka 1207

ALL COMMENTS must reach by 3 January 2016

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Change of Bid Selling, **Submission & Opening Date**

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Project: Public Procurement Reform Project II (2nd Revised)

Credit Number: 4350-BD & 5242-BD

The date of Bid Selling, Submission & Opening in connection with the Invitation for Bids (IFB) invited Reference IFB IFT against 21.361.025.10.00.561.2015-1839; Dated: November 2015 and Pre-Bid Meeting on 02 December 2015 for the Procurement-Bangladesh e-GP: Supply, Installation and Commissioning of New Data Center and Mirror Data Center is changed as

Subject	Original Date	Amendment Date	
Bid selling date	29-12-2015 14:00 hours local time (GMT+6 hours).	13.01.2016 14:00 hours local time (GMT+6 hours)	
Bid submission date	30.12.2015 14:00 hours local time (GMT +6 hours).	14.01.2016 14:00 hours local time (GMT+6 hours)	
Bid opening date	30.12.2015 14:30 hours local time (GMT+6 hours).	14.01.2016 14:30 hours local time (GMT+6 hours)	

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ অধিনায়কের কার্যালয় র্যাপিড এ্যাকশন ব্যাটালিয়ন-১১

স্মারক নং র্যাব-১১/৯৮২৯/৭০১৬-নির্মাণ প্রকল্প/হিসাব/৯৪৯

আদমজীনগর, নারায়ণগঞ্জ ০৩ পৌষ ১৪২২

১৭ ডিসেম্বর ২০১৫ "The Public Procurement Regulation-2008" মোতাবেক চলতি ২০১৫-২০১৬ অর্থ বৎসরে র্যাব-১১, আদমজীনগর, নারায়ণগঞ্জের জন্য নিম্নে বর্ণিত নির্মাণ কাজ বাস্তবায়নের জন্য প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশের ঠিকাদার/নির্মাণ প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত খামে প্রতিযোগীতামূলক দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছেঃ

মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ স্বরষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়। র্যাব-১১, আদমজীনগর, নারায়ণগঞ্জ সংস্থা পরিচালক, র্যাব-১১। সংগ্রহ সতার নাম

সংগ্রহ স্বত্বাধিকারী কোড বর্তমানে ব্যবহৃত হচ্ছে না।

সংগ্রাহক সত্তার জেলা পূর্ত নির্মাণ কাজ দরপত্রের বিষয়

দরপত্রের সূত্র নম্বর

র্যাব হেঃ কোঃ স্মারক নং ৫৯৬/উন্নয়ন/কন্ট্রন্ট/৮৪৪ তারিখ ১৯ নভেম্বর ২০১৫ এবং ৫৯৬/উন্নয়ন/কন্ট্রাক্ট/৮৫৬ তারিখ ২৪ নভেম্বর

20161 উন্মক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি। দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি

বাজেট ও বরাদ্দের উৎস রাজস্ব বাজেটের আওতায় র্যাবের অনুকূলে বরাদ্দ। উন্নয়ন ০১/২০১৫-২০১৬। দরপত্র প্যাকেজ নং

সিডিউল সর্বশেষ প্রাপ্তির ১০ জানুয়ারি ২০১৬খ্রিঃ সময় ১২ঃ৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। দরপত্র

দরপত্র জমা প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ১১ জানুয়ারি ২০১৬খ্রিঃ সময় ১২ঃ০০ ঘটিকা। 251 ও সময়

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"The Public Procurement Regulation-2008" অনুযায়ী পূর্ত নির্মাণ ও মেরামত কাজের অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন সরকারি/স্বায়ত্তশাসিত

সংস্থার তালিকাভুক্ত বৈধ ঠিকাদার

সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজ বাস্তবায়ন সংক্রান্তে ঠিকাদারী লাইসেন্স, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, দরপত্রের সাথে যে সমস্ত কাগজপত্র হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদপত্র, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্র, দরপত্র জমা প্রদান করতে হইবে

জামানতের পে-অর্ডার এবং কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদপত্র। কাজের বিবরণ সিডিউলের কাজ সমাপ্তির দরপত্র জামানত

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		31	র্যাব-১১ আদজীনগর, নারায়ণগঞ্জ ব্যাটালিয় সদর দপ্তরের জন্য ১ তলা ভিতসহ ১ তল ইন্টারগেশন সেল নির্মাণ কাজ	24	\$,000,00	৯২,৪০০.০০	১২০ দি	
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দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার সাথে যোগাযোগের ঃ ফোন নং- ৭৬৯৪৯৩৩

ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বতাধিকারীর স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক পরিচালক র্যাব-১১, আদমজীনগর,

নারায়ণগঞ্জ হইতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত দরপত্র সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে। দরপত্র সংক্রান্তে অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলী দরপত্র সংগ্রহকালে নিমুস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয় হইতে জানা যাইবে।

দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ হইতে দাখিলকৃত দরপত্র ৬০ দিন পর্যন্ত বলবৎ থাকিবে।

অনুমোদিত বরাদ্দের আলোকে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হইবে। এতদসংক্রান্ত কোন আপত্তি গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না।

দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত সময়ের মধ্যে কার্য সম্পাদন করিতে হইবে। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে।

কোন প্রকার কাটা ছেঁড়া, ঘষামাজা বা কারেকটিং ফ্রুইড ব্যবহার করা যাবে না। সিডিউল ক্রয়ের সময় অবশ্যই বাংলাদেশের তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদার প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইসেন্সের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি আনতে হবে।

> মোঃ আনোয়ার লতিফ খান লেঃ কর্ণেল পরিচালক টেলিফোনঃ ৭৬৯৪৯৩৩

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