

PROTECTION FOR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES' LAND Policy execution shortfall pushing Adivasis out

Reveals JS caucus survey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lands of indigenous people are being grabbed unabated in Chapainawabganj's Nachole upazila as the government policies and legislation in this regard are not being fully implemented, says a survey of the Parliamentary Caucus on Indigenous Peoples.

It also stated that the employment quota for the indigenous communities is not being enforced. The findings were revealed with some recommendations at "Human Rights Assessment on Plain Land Indigenous Peoples: National Level Sharing Meeting on Field Visit to Nachole in Chapai Nawabganj by the Fact Finding Mission" at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

Supported by UNDP and assisted by Research Development Collective (RDC), Parliamentary Caucus on Indigenous Peoples conducted the three-day survey from December 18 to December 20 in Nachole, an area of at least 12 indigenous communities.

The recommendations include implementation of policies and laws to protect the rights and interest of indigenous communities, enforcement of the employment quota, ensuring punishment for the land grabbers, passage of the Bangladesh Indigenous Rights Bill, and constitutional recognition of the communities.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque told the programme that it was not possible to recover and protect their lands under the existing laws. It is also necessary to formulate a separate land commission for the plain land indigenous peoples, he said.

Fazle Hossain Badsha, convener of the Parliamentary Caucus, said the land officers concerned had to be provided special training to deal with the matter.

Maybelline Massey, professional consultant, UNDP Bangladesh, read out the report.

Prof Mesbah Kamal, technocrat member and coordinator, Parliamentary Caucus on Indigenous Peoples; Obaidul Mukhtar Chowdhury, chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs; lawmaker Kazi Rosy; Prosecutor Rana Das Gupta, among others, spoke. RDC general secretary Zannat-E-Ferdousi moderated the programme.

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Acting Vice Chancellor of Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet) Prof Dr Md Syed Ali Molla and Director of Student Welfare Prof Dr Sobahan Mia of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Kuet visit the Celebrating Life photo exhibition on the campus yesterday. Celebrating Life is hosted by The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank.

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UAP sports tournament held

CITY DESK

The English Department Sports Club of University of Asia Pacific (UAP) organised four-day "Intra-Department Sports Tournament, Fall-2015" on the department premises on December 14.

A prize giving ceremony was held on the last day of the tournament. Head of the department Shawkat Hussain handed over the prizes to the winners.

Rickshaw-van puller beaten to death for loan default

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A rickshaw-van puller was allegedly beaten to death during a local arbitration at Dendabor in Ashulia, outside the capital, on Tuesday night only because he could not repay a loan of Tk 2,000 in time.

Some 10 people beat Md Moinuddin, 26, of Sherpur, and his friend Morshed Ali with iron rods and sticks soon after they attended the arbitration, said the case filed in this regard.

The lender, Rafiqul Islam, fish trader, took the matter to the arbitration which is run by "Jubo League activists", said locals.

Police said the 10 accused are absconding. Morshed was admitted to Habib Clinic.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2015

BNP's Bodi denied bail in Savar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday denied bail to Bodiuzzaman Bodi, pro-BNP mayoral candidate for Savar municipality election, in a violence case.

The bench of Justice Tariq ul Hakim and Justice JBM Hassan rejected a petition filed by Bodiuzzaman seeking anticipatory bail in the case, considering that it was not properly placed before it.

Bodiuzzaman's lawyer M Masud Rana told The Daily Star that the case was filed against his client after

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Rangunia, Sitakunda of Ctg abuzz with campaigns

Mayoral aspirants seek votes through election pledges

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY and MINHAJ UDDIN, Ctg

As the municipality election is only around a week away, all mayoral candidates in Rangunia and Sitakunda municipalities of Chittagong are busy campaigning with their election pledges from early morning to midnight.

Visiting the areas, The Daily Star found that the lanes and by-lanes were abuzz with campaigns.

In Rangunia, people expect that the future mayor will resolve the problems of river bank erosion as the municipality is situated on the banks of the Ichhamoti and Karnaphuli. Besides, they demand that the problems of dilapidated roads

and public toilets be resolved. Dula Miya, whose houses have been devoured by the Ichhamoti, said people of the area would cast votes for the candidate who would take steps to check the river bank erosion.

Harun-ur Rashid, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver, said many wards had to face waterlogging during monsoon as the municipality had no drainage system.

In Ichhakhali, some vehicles of the Awami League candidate Shajahan Sikdar and BNP's Helal Uddin Shah were seen campaigning by playing folk songs to attract voters.

Locals said the vote battle will basically take place in the December 30 polls between the

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HC allows AL rebel in Kachua mayoral race

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to allow Awami League's rebel candidate Ahsan Habib Pranjol to contest for the mayoral post in Kachua municipality election in Chandpur.

Responding to a writ petition filed by Ahsan challenging the legality of rejecting his nomination, it also issued a rule upon the authorities to explain why their decision to cancel the nomination of Ahsan Habib should not be declared illegal.

Khurshid Aslam Khan, Ahsan's lawyer, said the returning officer of Chandpur cancelled his client's nomination on December 6 over concealing information about the number of cases filed against him.

Ahsan in the affidavit submitted to the returning officer mentioned that he had secured acquittal in all the five cases against him whereas the actual number of cases filed against him was 15 in which he got acquittal too, Khurshid added.

The returning officer can overlook such minor mistakes as per the relevant electoral rules, the lawyer said.

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Sl.	Name of the item(s)	Quantity	Schedule Price
01.	Upgradation of Hotel PABX Infrastructure	01 Lot.	Tk. 5000
02.	Disaster Recovery (DR) & Backup	01 Lot.	Tk. 3000

Interested bidders may obtain Tender Schedule from the Purchasing Department on submission of a letter on their respective letterhead from **December 28, 2015 to January 20, 2016** during office hours. A pre-bid meeting will be held on January 25, 2016. Tender will be received up to **02:30 p.m. on February 02, 2016** and will be opened on the same day at **03:00 p.m.** in presence of bidders, if any.

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Sl.	Name of Project as per Tender Document	Period of selling of Tender Document		Pre-bid Meeting	Last date of submission
		from	to		
1.	Interior Decoration and Furniture Work of new premise for relocation of Cox's Bazar Branch.	04.01.2016	19.01.2016	17.01.2016	19.01.2016

Eligibility and other conditions:

- Interested bidder-
 - Should have minimum experience of 5 years in Interior Decoration and Furniture work of any Bank's Branch or Head Office.
 - Must have experience of executing work of Tk.35.00 Lac or above in a single tender.
 - Should have valid Registration, ownership document, VAT & TIN Certificate, up-to-date Trade License and Bank Solvency Certificate.
- The interested bidder(s) shall submit an application addressing the undersigned for purchasing tender documents. The application should be accompanied by documentary evidence as per SL.1.
- The Tender Schedule shall be available from the office of the undersigned on payment of **Tk.2,000.00** (Taka Two Thousand) only in the form of Payment Order (non-refundable) favoring Prime Bank Limited issued by any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh during office hours (10:00 am to 4:00 pm) on any working day within the mentioned period.
- No tender schedule will be sold after last date of sale as mentioned above.
- The interested bidders shall have to attend a pre-bid meeting at the office of the undersigned at 3:00 pm as per above mentioned date.
- Tender must be submitted in sealed envelope mentioning the name of work on top of the envelope within 3:00 pm on the mentioned date. Earnest Money (refundable to the unsuccessful bidder) equivalent to 2.5% of the quoted amount in the form of Payment Order in favor of Prime Bank Limited, issued by any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh shall have to be submitted along with the tender documents, **without which the tender will be rejected outright.**
- The Authority reserves the right to accept, modify or reject any or all of the proposals or may divide the works amongst the participants without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- Submission of tender after the specified time shall not be acceptable under any circumstances.

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Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-Operative Union Ltd.
Head Office: Dugdha Bhaban
139-140 Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208.

Invitation for International Tender.

Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-Operative Union Ltd.		
Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method		
Source of Funds	Own Fund		
Invitation for Tenders No.	PD/Tender-16/2014/ 10	Date:	23.12.2015
Tenders Name & Brief Description			
Sl. No.	Tender Package No.	Item Name	Cost of Schedule (Nonrefundable)
1.	PD/FMDV/LC-06/2015/26	FMD Vaccine	TK. 2000.00
Validity of tender offer		120 days from the date of submission of tender	
Validity of tender security		148 days from the date of submission of tender	
Name & address of the office for selling the tender documents		(a) Accounts Division, Head Office, 139-140, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka (b) Accounts Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant, Mirpur Sec.-7, Dhaka. & (c) Divisional Commissioner office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.	
Name & address of the office for receiving of the tender documents		(a) Procurement Division, Head Office, 139-140, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka (b) Security Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant, Mirpur Sec.-7, Dhaka. & (c) Divisional Commissioner office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.	
Starting date for selling tender documents		28.12.2015 during office hour.	
Tender last selling date		08.02.2016 during office hour	
Tender closing Place, Date & Time		(a) Procurement Division, Head Office, (b) Security Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant (c) Divisional Commissioner Office.	09.02.2016 at 12.30 PM
Tender opening Place, Date and time		Head Office: Conference Room, 139-140 Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208	09.02.2016 at 2.30 PM
Other Instruction All other terms & conditions are mentioned in the tender schedule			
Procuring Entity Details			
Name of the Official Inviting Tender		Md. Zahir Uddin Babar	
Designation of the Official Inviting Tender		Managing Director & CEO	
Address of the Official Inviting Tender		Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-Operative Union Limited 139-140, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208	
Contact details of the official inviting tender		Tel : 8870432, 8879279 (PABX) 8870444, 8870445, Ext-102/103/105/140, Fax : 880-2-8870433, E-mail: md.milkvita@gmail.com/mvppurchase.ho@gmail.com	
Other Information			
Special Conditions	i) In case, the tender can not be received on the day mentioned for reasons beyond control of BIMPUL (Milk Vita), the same will be received on the next working day at the same time & venue. ii) The authority also reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.		
This tender will be conducted as per the Public Procurement Rules-2008 of Bangladesh.			
Md. Zahir Uddin Babar		Managing Director & CEO	

Procurement Notice

Reference: RFP-BD-2015-039

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh hereby seeks Proposals from interested, well qualified proposers for **Development of Solar PV Based Boat in Bangladesh.**

A pre-proposal conference will be held to share details and background of the requirement on **Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 11.00 AM** at UNDP Bangladesh Country Office, 12th Floor, IDB Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.

These procurement processes will be conducted through e-tendering module of UNDP. Bidders who wish to submit an offer must register in the system in order to access the bidding document and submit a proposal. To register please visit the link: <https://etendering.partneragencies.org> and use the user name and password provided below to start the registration for the e-tendering.

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The complete user guide can also be found from the procurement notice posted in UNDP Bangladesh website in the link below: <http://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/procurement/>

Deadline for the submission of proposal is **4.30 PM (Bangladesh Time), Monday, January 18, 2016**