

FINAL PHASE OF UP POLLS

# Voting ends amid violence, ballot stuffing, boycott

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The sixth and final phase of election to 698 union parishads ended yesterday amid sporadic violence and irregularities.

In Chittagong, incidents of arson, vandalism, clashes and chases and counter-chases marked the union parishad (UP) polls in Anwara upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

Apart from temporary suspension of voting in a few centres, the authorities had to cancel voting at one centre due to various reasons, including 'tense situation' among the supporters of the rival candidates.

Voting was cancelled at Talsara Government Primary School centre under Paraikoura union as ballot papers were found outside the centre, said Mohammad Saiful Islam, Anwara Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO).

Except for a few stray incidents of violence in

different areas of the upazila, the election was by and large peaceful, he claimed.

In Patiya upazila, Haji Shamsul Alam, BNP-nominated chairman candidate in Shobhandandi union, boycotted the election, alleging that the ruling party men ousted his agents from the polling centres.

He announced his withdrawal from the election race at a press conference in Hawakhana area of the union.

"They (AL men) ousted my agents from the centres and stamped the ballot papers and stuffed them into ballot boxes. No voter was allowed to enter the centers at that time" he alleged.

Mohammad Abul Hashem, UNO of Patiya, however, said no incidents of vote snatching and capturing polling centres took place in the union.

In Mymensingh, polling at Chaponhala Government

Primary School Centre in Kanihari union of Trishal upazila was postponed as the supporters of AL-nominated chairman candidate allegedly snatched away six boxes with ballots from the centre around 10:45am.

Police arrested four people for their involvement in the incident, but they could not recover the ballot boxes as of 6:00pm. Following the incident, the authorities concerned postponed voting at the centre.

At least 10 people, including a policeman, were injured when the supporters of two member candidates locked in a clash at Patlashi Government Primary School Centre in Niguari Union of Gafargaon upazila around 11:00am.

Police fired around 50 rounds of bullets to bring the situation under control, said Md Chand Miah, officer-in-charge of Pagla Police Station in Gafargaon. The returning officer postponed

the voting at the centre, the OC said.

In Bogra, four candidates for the chairman post of Balua Union Parishad under Sonatola upazila of the district boycotted yesterday, alleging vote rigging and intimidation of voters.

Abdul Mannan, one of the candidates, said they have informed the upazila administration and local journalists about their withdrawal from the election race.

Contacted, BNP-nominated chairman aspirant Musfiqur Rahman Shiju said he boycotted the election as the ruling party men prevented his agents from entering the centres.

Contacted, Ruhul Amin, AL-nominated chairman candidate, refuted the allegations.

In Jessore, voting in 11 unions in Chaugachha upazila and 10 unions in Sharsha upazila was marred by widespread violence.

Tareq Ahammed, Jessore

district election officer, said two people were wounded in a clash at a polling station in Sharsha upazila. "Police were compelled to fire blank shots to disperse the clashing groups at a centre in Chaugachha upazila," he added.

In Tangail, at least seven people were injured, three of them seriously, in a clash between Awami League (AL) and BNP men at Jamuria union in Ghatail upazila of the district yesterday.

Witnesses said the supporters of AL-nominated chairman candidate Shahidul Islam Khan and BNP-nominated candidate Ekhlesh Hossain Shamim locked in a clash at Sadhurpara Gologanda centre in the morning, leaving seven people from both sides injured.

In Pabna, elections to 10 union parishads (UP) in Pabna Sadar upazila and six UPs in Chatmohar upazila were held amidst irregularities and vote rigging yesterday.

Four chairman aspirants withdrew from the polls race, alleging irregularities and vote rigging in Ataikula union two hours after voting started, while most of the candidates in other unions alleged that the AL men forced them to cast votes for boat inside the polling centres.

BNP-nominated chairman aspirant Md Jahangir Alam, AL rebel Shamsul Alam Monju Master, and independent candidates Kamal Uddin and Shawkat Hossain in Ataikula union rejected the polls in the morning.

In Natore, Awami League (AL) leaders and activists stamped ballot papers on the boat symbol in presence of AL-nominated chairman candidate Mostafizur Rahman at Ranigram Government Primary School polling centre under Mushinda union of Gurudaspur upazila of the district at around 3:00pm.

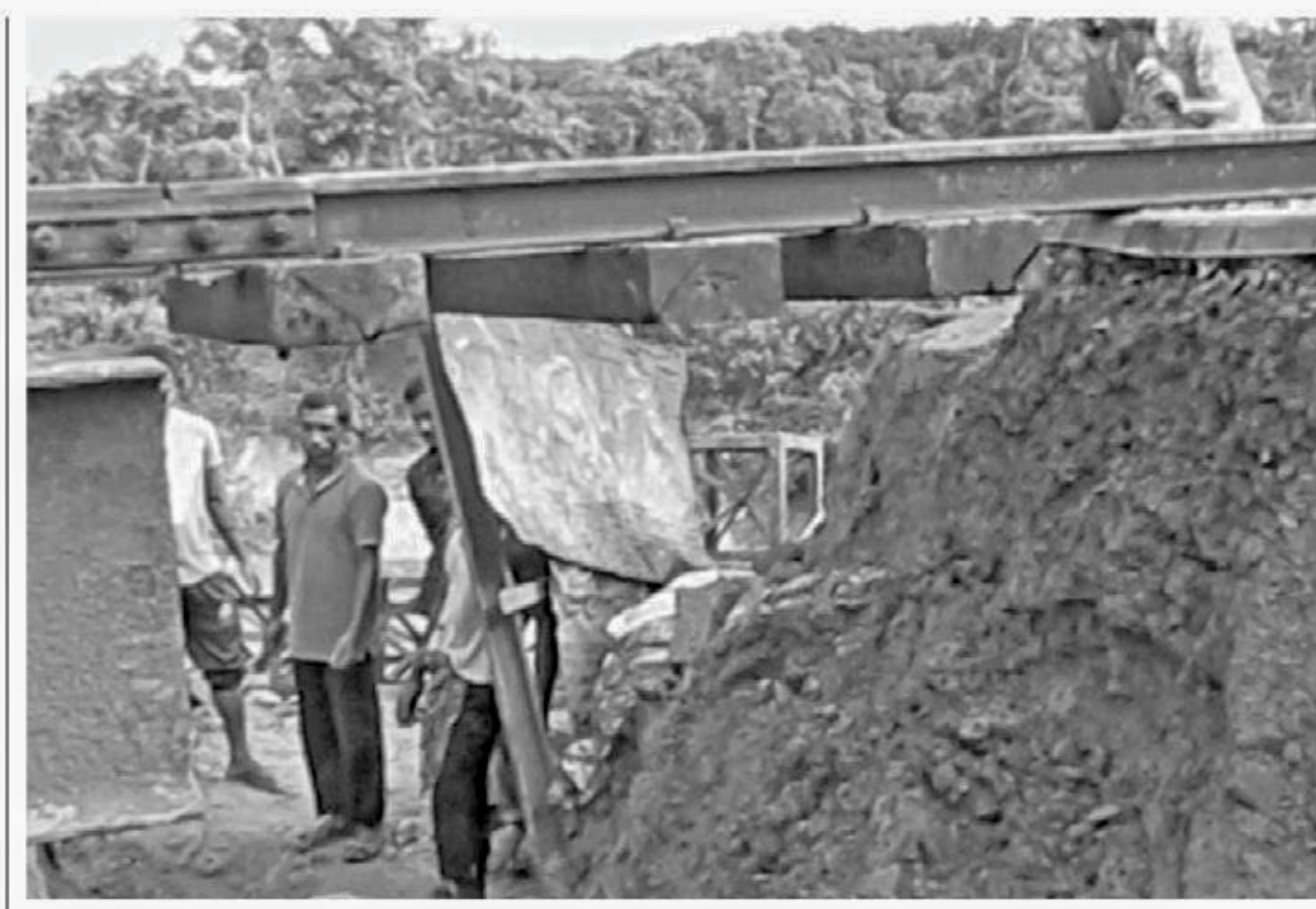


PHOTO: STAR

Sylhet's rail links with Dhaka and Chittagong remained suspended for 10 hours from 2:00am yesterday after Jankichhara rail bridge in Srimangal upazila of Moulvibazar subsided under the pressure of water from hills during a downpour on Friday night. The train services resumed after railway staff repaired the bridge at around 12:00 noon.

## Bridge subsidence cuts rail links with Sylhet for 10 hrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Train communications from Sylhet with Dhaka and Chittagong were restored yesterday after 10 hours of disruption following the subsidence of a rail bridge hit by a heavy downpour in Srimangal upazila of the district.

The authorities suspended train services as the heavy downpour that started around 2:00am damaged the railway tracks

in Jankichhara area, said Rustom Alo Fakir, station-master of Bhanugachh Rail Station.

The Dhaka-bound Kalni Express and the Jayantika Express remained stranded at Sylhet Railway Station following the halt of train services.

They were scheduled to leave Sylhet around 6:40am and 8:20am respectively, said, Md Abdul Razzak, station manager of Sylhet Railway Station.

Besides, the Sylhet-bound

Udayan and Upobon expresses from Chittagong and Dhaka were also stranded at Shayestaganj station in Habiganj, he added.

Apart from this, two freight trains from Chittagong and Dhaka had to wait at Shayestaganj until 9:40am.

On completion of the track repairs, the train services resumed at noon, said Shakhawat Hossain, assistant engineer of Srimangal Railway Station.



PHOTO: STAR

Minor boys are engaged to help find the names of voters in the voter lists outside the Lalon Academy polling centre in Fapar union of Bogra Sadar upazila during the union parishad election yesterday.

## The never-built

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few hours in Cox's Bazar during his brief stay in Bangladesh in 1978 but won people's hearts instantly.

On his arrival in the district on February 22 that year, thousands of locals gave him a boisterous reception at the airport and took him to the Cox's Bazar Hilltop Circuit House. The three-time heavyweight champion had his lunch at Parjatan Corporation's Sagarika Restaurant.

At the restaurant, Akhtar Newaz Khan Babul, a freedom fighter and son of a local landlord, met Ali and told him that he would like to gift him a bigha of land at Kolatoli beach.

Ali happily agreed and told Babul that he would build a bungalow there but at a convenient time.

Talking to this correspondent yesterday, Babul, who now lives at Gulshan in the capital, said the land could not be handed over to Ali instantly due to some legal complications as the legendary boxer was a foreigner.

After Ali was given Bangladeshi citizenship, Babul contacted him several times throughout the later years to hand over the land's possession.

But every time, Ali would tell him that he would make the house at a convenient time.

Babul, now 66, said

recently, a high school has been built on that land.

## PBS official dies of heatstroke

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

An official of Noakhali Palli Bidyut Samity (PBS) died of heatstroke at Mymensingh PBS-1 office in Muktagachha upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Delwar Hossain, 54, deputy general manager (DGM) of Senbagh upazila in Noakhali, was a resident of Sakhipur upazila in Tangail.

# Madrasa student among three murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A man belonging to an ethnic minority group was murdered by his younger brother in their house in Hakimpur upazila of the district early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Nipen Orao, 38, son late Mongla Orao, of Khattra Uchna village in the upazila.

Police said Nipen Orao and his younger brother Sanjit Orao locked in altercation at their house as Nipen returned home drunk at around 1:00am. At one stage Sanjit stabbed Nipen, leaving him critically injured.

He succumbed to his injuries on the way to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Ekramul Kabir, inspector (investigation) of Hakimpur Police Station, said they recovered the body and sent it to

Dinajpur Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Away in Rangpur, a madrasa student was found dead in Pirganj upazila of Rangpur yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Sumon Mia, 15, son Saidur Rahman of Khastr-i-Pashchimpara, and a Class X student of Patgram Madrasa in the upazila.

Pirganj police, quoting the deceased's family members, said some unidentified criminals called him out of his house late at night. He had been missing since then. Family members found his body under a tree near his house in the morning.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Rangpur Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Rezaul Karim, officer-in-charge of

Pirganj Upazila Police Station, told journalists that police found some bruises on the body.

In Naogaon, a night guard of a school was beaten to death in Raninagar upazila of the district on Friday night by some unidentified criminals.

The deceased was identified as Mir Hossain, 45, son of late Mobarak Ali, of Madya Rajapur village and night guard of Trimohani High School in the upazila.

Police, quoting family members, said some unidentified criminals beat him up at his school on Thursday night. Later locals of the area rescued him and took him to Raninagar Upazila Health Complex where he succumbed to his injuries at around 8:00pm on Friday.

## Schoolgirl raped in Manikganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A schoolgirl was raped allegedly by a youth at Jhitka Gachhipara village in Harirampur upazila of the district on Friday.

The eighth grader is now undergoing treatment at Manikganj Sadar Hospital, said Dr Md Lutfar Rahman of the hospital.

"Milton Hajari, 22, of the village, entered my room on Friday afternoon, tied hands and legs and raped me. He also threatened me with death if I disclosed the matter to anyone," the victim told this correspondent at the hospital bed.

Contacted, Nazrul Islam, officer-in-charge of Harirampur Police Station, said they are yet to get any compliant in this regard.

Away in Tangail, police on Friday arrested a union parishad (UP) chairman from his house on charge of arranging an arbitration over a rape incident in Delduar upazila of the district.

The arrestee is Illias Ali, newly elected chairman of Dubail Union Parishad, reports our correspondent.

Earlier on Thursday, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested two youths -- Sohan, 18, of Natiapara village, and Shakil, 19, of Kopakhi village -- from their houses on charge of raping an 11-year-old girl, a Class III student.

On May 29, the youths picked up the girl from her house at Kopakhi village and took her to an abandoned house in the area. They later raped her.

She was sent to Tangail Medical College Hospital for medical test, said police.

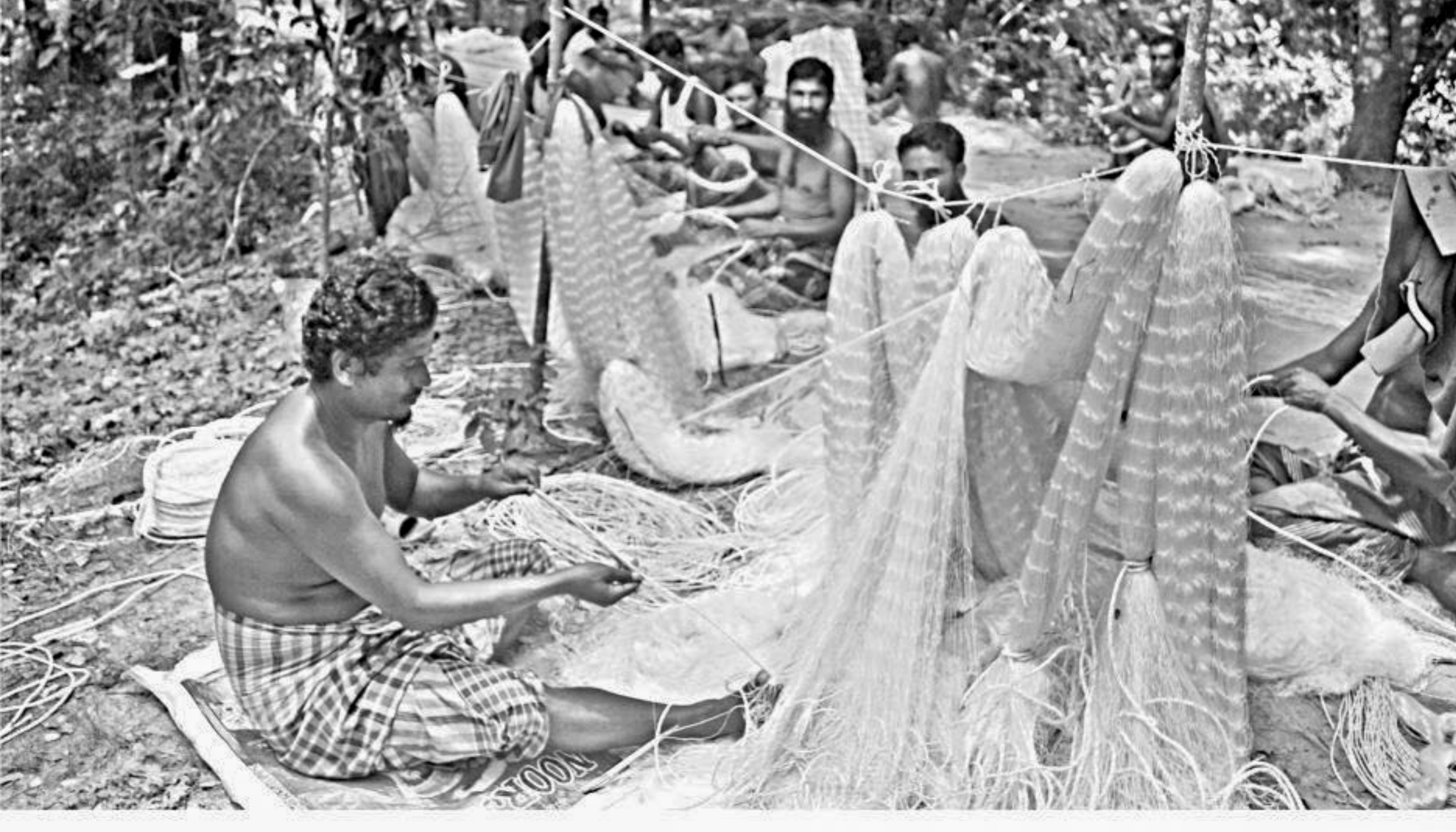


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As the rainy season approaches, fishermen of Chotobaishtia village in Rangabali upazila of Patuakhali are busy mending fishing nets.

Re-Tender Notice					
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh					
1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Road Transport & Bridges.			
2	Procuring entity name	Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA).			
3	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.			
4	Invitation for	DTCA Clearing House Unit Equipment (Package G2), POS Terminal, IC Card (FeliCa), Handy Reader/Writer.			
5	Date	01 June 2016.			
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>					
6	Key Information	National Procurement-Open Tendering.			
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>					
7	Budget and source of funds	GOB.			
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>					
8	Project name	Project for Establishment of Clearing House for Integrating Transport Ticketing System in Dhaka City Area.			
9	Tender package No.	Package G2.			
10	Tender package name	DTCA Clearing House Unit Equipment (Package G2), POS Terminal, IC Card (FeliCa) and Handy Reader/Writer.			
11	Tender publication date	02 June 2016.			
12	Tender last selling date	22 June 2016.			
13	Tender submission date and time	12:30 on 23 June 2016.			
14	Tender opening date and time	14:30 on 23 June 2016.			
15	Name & address of the office(s)	Room # 1331, DTCA, South Nagar Bhaban, 12th Floor (East Block), Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.			
16	Selling tender document (principal)	DTCA and Dhaka Mass Transit Company Ltd. (DMTCL).			
17	Receiving tender document	DTCA.			
18	Opening tender document	DTCA.			
19	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	DTCA, Meeting Room, South Nagar Bhaban, 12th-13th Floor (East Block), Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000 at 10:30 on 15 June 2016.			
20	Eligibility of tenderer	National, People's Republic of Bangladesh: Authorization Letter from manufacturers are required for Handy Reader/Writer, IC Card and SAM.			
21	Brief description of goods or works	POS Terminal, IC Card (FeliCa), Handy Reader/Writer to be used for Clearing House Project in connection with Rapid Pass System.			
22	Price of tender document (Tk)	2,000.00.			
23	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time in weeks/months
24	1	Single	Dhaka	50,000.00	POS & Handy R/W 10 weeks, IC Card 18 weeks
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>					
25	Name of official inviting tender	Md Rafiqul Islam.			
26	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director-CH Project, DTCA.			
27	Address of official inviting tender	DTCA, South Nagar Bhaban, 12th-13th Floor (East Block), Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.			
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