

Why direction should not be issued to protect Chaktai, Rajakhali canals in Ctg HC asks govt to explain in four weeks, orders status quo on any construction for next four months

The High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to maintain status quo on earth filling, construction of structures, and land grabbing in Chaktai and Rajakhali canals in Chittagong for the next six months.

Following a petition, the court directed the government to demarcate the boundaries of the canals through conducting a survey and submit a report to it in two months.

The HC also issued a rule upon the government to explain in four weeks why it should not be directed to protect the canals and to evict and demolish the structures built in their lands.

The HC bench came up with the order after hearing a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh seeking the directives.

The secretaries to the ministries of local government and rural development; water resources; forest and environment; and finance; Chittagong City Corporation mayor; chairman of Chittagong Development Authority; deputy commissioner of Chittagong; assistant commissioner of land of Bakulia upazila; and the officer-in-charge of Bakulia police have been made respondents.

Some influential people are illegally constructing structures on the lands of the canals by grabbing them.



Despite severe waterlogging due to Sunday's downpour, these brave youngsters of Sister's Day Government Primary School in Barisal city, still managed to attend classes. Even though the students had to head back home since their class was suspended due to inundated classrooms and campus, rain and waterlogging could not dampen their spirits, as they came back to school the next day. The photo was taken Sunday.

PHOTO: STAR

Rainfall adds to waterlogging woes in Barisal city

Unabated encroachment on canals, lack of proper drainage, sewerage system are reasons, allege locals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Amid continuous encroachment on canals and a lack of proper drainage and sewerage system in Barisal city, menacing waterlogging has become a matter of grave concern for the dwellers, especially in the rainy season.

Daily lives are being severely hampered due to the incessant downpour, forcing people to remain confined to their houses, said locals.

Streets, footpaths, educational institutions, and office premises were submerged in water, they said, adding that public transport also became scarce and those few available started demanding higher-fare.

Just the Sunday's rainfall, crippled the life in the city as Sadar Road, Fakirbari Road, College Row, College Avenue, and Battala areas went under ankle to knee-deep water.

Hindrance to the water flow in canals and a

lack of drainage and sewerage system are the main reasons behind this waterlogging, complained locals.

"I waited a long time to find any mode of transportation, even offered to double the fare," said Aklima Begum, who came to pickup her son Anik from Sister's Day Government Primary School in Fakirbari area, adding, "I ended up walking in the water."

"Anik might fall sick because of this polluted water," said the worried mother, while bracing herself as she has to face the ordeal once again.

"If this continues, the entire city will turn into a canal," said Akkas Hossain, a cultural personality. "Initiatives must be taken to clear drains and canals overfilled with garbage," he said.

Lincoln Bayen, coordinator of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), said, "Around 22 canals used to flow across the

city; only six exist now. A stringent and active monitoring system has to be taken by the authorities concerned to stop illegal encroachment."

Nandita Bosu, chief planning officer of Barisal City Corporation, said, "Unscrupulous people are destroying the ecological balance by erecting illegal structures on the banks of the canals. BCC is trying to restore navigability of the canals. All illegal structures are being demolished."

"We have already signed a project with BfW AG, a German bank, to develop and protect our ecology, which will be implemented from next year," she added.

Ranjit Kumar, CEO of BCC said, "We're going to develop our drainage system next year. Meanwhile, as a temporary solution, we'll continue with cleaning drains and freeing of the canals."

NEWS IN brief

DSCC offering holding tax rebate for planting trees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon yesterday said they will give 10 percent holding tax rebate if anyone plant trees at their house, flat, rooftop, balcony or yard.

He said this while addressing an inauguration programme of a cleaning drive of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on Dhaka University campus.

AAMS Arefin Siddique, vice chancellor of DU, Khan Mohammad Billal, chief executive officer of DSCC, Saifur Rahman Sohag, president of BCL, and Jakir Hossain, its general secretary, were also present.

DU goes on 40-day vacation today

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University is going on a 40-day vacation today on the occasion of summer and Eid-ul-Fitr.

Classes will remain closed during the vacation which will end on July 16. However, administrative activities will go on till July 3, said a DU press release.

Classes will resume on July 17, while administrative activities will start on July 11.

Seven meat sellers fined in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court, assisted by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), yesterday led a drive in Motijheel's AGB colony kitchen market of the capital and fined seven meat sellers a total of Tk 67,000 for deceiving customers.

They are Aminul Islam, Barkat Ullah, Rahat Hossain, Golam Mostofa, Nabi Hossain, Ripon Hossain and Shah Alam.

The court also seized 80Kg of rotten meat from them.

ACC to quiz BB executive

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Md Jahangir Alam, says if Moniruzzaman fails to be present at the commission on that day, legal action will be taken against him as per the ACC rules.

On Sunday, the ACC launched probes against two executive directors of the central bank, including Moniruzzaman, for their alleged involvement in corruption and accumulating wealth illegally.

Intel agencies keeping watch

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The Indian government has assured Dhaka of taking all measures to stop the killings.

BSF already started using non-lethal weapons instead of firearms. Analysing some statistics on border killings, Asaduzzaman said it is seen that incidents of border killings are reducing. "It is expected that it will come down in future," he said.

During the question-answer session in the House lawmaker Nurunnabi Chowdhury from Bhola-3 asked the minister whether any foreign citizen is involved in illegal activities abroad managing Bangladeshi passport illegally. The minister said, "No foreigner has Bangladeshi passport."

In reply to another query, Kamal said setting up of three more passport offices in Dhaka and Comilla is under active consideration of the government.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali told the parliament that some 72 diplomatic missions of Bangladesh are active in 56 countries, including nine in their own buildings.

He said the government had arranged lands for constructing more Bangladesh mission buildings in five more countries -- Nepal, Malaysia, Australia, Myanmar and Brunei.

Protests ringing

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insecure..." said another statement issued by ASK.

The attack was perpetrated to destroy the morale of the police so that they dared not eradicate militancy from the country, according to Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association.

Meanwhile, an alliance of progressive students at a rally on Dhaka University campus protested the murders and alleged that police failed to ensure the security of the people.

Historic Six-point Day today

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with the spirit of all democratic movement and struggle..." said the PM. Awami League has chalked out a day-long programme, including hoisting the national and party flags atop party offices and Bangabandhu Bhaban, and placing wreaths at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's portrait at Bangabandhu Memorial Museum in the capital's Dhanmondi. On this day in 1966, Awami League under the leadership of Bangabandhu called for a day-long hartal throughout East Pakistan pressing the demand for autonomy to end exploitation, deprivation, subjugation and tyranny, let loose by the Pakistani regime on the people of the province. As people were observing the hartal across the province, law enforcers opened fire at different places, killing at least 10 people, including labour leader Monu Miah, Shafique and Shamsul Huq, which intensified the movement further. As a sequel to it, came the historic mass upsurge in 1969, and subsequently, the Liberation War in 1971.

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Invitation for International Tender

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource / Power Division.		
2.	Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).		
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Superintending Engineer, Grid O&M Circle (North), DPDC.		
4.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.		
5.	Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 33/11 kV, 1x20/28 MVA transformer, 33 kV GIS, 11 kV AIS with associated materials at Tejgaon 33/11 KV S/S; Maintenance & Energization of Mogbazar-Tejgaon existing (Overhead+Under ground) 33 kV line and One floor vertical extension of Tejgaon 33/11 kV S/S control building on turnkey basis under Grid North-2, DPDC.		
6.	Invitation Ref. No & Date	DPDC/SE/Grid O&M Circle(North)/1.203/2015/427,	Date: 31/05/2016	
KEY INFORMATION:				
7.	Procurement Method	ICT Single Stage: Two Envelope Method.		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
8.	Budget and Source of Funds	DPDC'S Own Fund		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
9.	Pre-Bid Meeting	A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on 20/06/2016, 11:00 AM in Superintending Engineer, Grid O&M Circle (North), DPDC, 3, Sonargaon Road, Katabon, Dhaka-1000.		
10.	Tender last Selling Date, Closing & Opening Date and Time.	Last Selling Date & Time 19/07/2016 (During Office Hour)	Closing & Opening Date on 20/07/2016	
			Receiving	Opening
		Place	Time	Place
		Time		Time
11.	Name & Address of the office for selling Tender Document, receiving & opening tender	Office of the (a) Chief Engineer, Grid O&M, DPDC., SCADA Building, 3, Sonargaon Road, Katabon, Dhaka. (b) Superintending Engineer, Grid O&M Circle (North), DPDC, 3, Sonargaon road, katabon, Dhaka. (c) Superintending Engineer, Grid O&M Circle (South), DPDC, 12/B/1, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 (d) Executive Engineer Grid North-2, DPDC, 80 Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.	Office of the (a) Chief Engineer, Grid O&M, DPDC. SCADA Building, 3, Sonargaon Road, Katabon, Dhaka. (b) Superintending Engineer, Grid O&M Circle (North), DPDC, 3, Sonargaon road, katabon, Dhaka.	Office of the Superintending Engineer Grid O&M Circle (North), DPDC. 3, Sonargaon Road, Katabon, Dhaka.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER:				
12.	Eligibility of Tenderer	a) Average Annual Turnover: Minimum average annual turnover of US\$ 1.0 million calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last 3 (three) years. b) General Experience: The minimum number of years of general experience of the Tenderer in the construction works as Prime Contractor or Management Contractor shall be 05 (five) years. c) Specific Experience: The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor or Management Contractor in construction works of at least 01 (one) contract of 33 kV Gas Insulated Switchgear or above successfully completed within the last 05 (five) years, with a value of at least US\$ 1.0 million. Experience in Key Activities: (1) For the above or other contracts executed during the period stipulated in 4.2(a) above, a minimum experience in the following key activities. (2) The bidder must have experience of completing on turnkey basis at least 1 (one) contract of similar Substation including minimum three bays that have been in successful operation for minimum of 2 (two) years since commissioning. d) Other qualification is required as stated in Tender Documents.		
13.	Price of the tender Document & Amount of Tender Security	As stated in Serial No.14. The amount of money for tender document price shall be payable in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft and the amount of money for tender security shall be payable in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee of validity 120 days from the date of submission which is issued from any schedule Bank in Bangladesh in favour of Superintending Engineer, Grid O&M Circle, DPDC.		
14 PARTICULARS OF TENDER:				
	Description of Work	Price of Tender Document	Tender Security Money	Time for completion of Works
01	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 33/11 kV, 1x20/28 MVA transformer, 33 kV GIS, 11 kV AIS with associated materials at Tejgaon 33/11 KV S/S; Maintenance & Energization of Mogbazar-Tejgaon existing (Overhead+Under ground) 33 kV line and One floor vertical extension of Tejgaon 33/11 kV S/S control building on turnkey basis under Grid North-2, DPDC.	Tk. 5,000.00	US\$, 25,000.00 or equivalent Amount of BDT/Euro	365(Three Hundred Sixty Five) Days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS:				
14.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Engr. Md. Aminul Islam.		
15.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Superintending Engineer, Grid O&M Circle (North), DPDC.		
16.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	3, Sonargaon Road, Katabon, Dhaka.		
17.	Special Instruction	(a) All other instruction is described in the tender document. (b) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tenders in any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever.		

(Engr. Md. Aminul Islam)
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