

Agrani Bank MD

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The four are accused of irregularities and corruption worth Tk 900 crore.

Of the Tk 900 crore, Hamid is blamed for Tk 792 crore loans disbursed from Agrani's main branch and the Asadganj and Laldighi East branches in Chittagong between 2011 and 2015.

In 2011, a Tk 120 crore loan was extended to Tanaka Tradecom International from the bank's main branch. The loan was approved by the bank's board with the condition that supplementary collateral must be kept as security with the bank.

Tanaka Tradecom later proposed changes to the condition, which Hamid approved without the consent of the board, sources said.

In 2015, he rescheduled loans of the company amounting to Tk 10.79 crore, which he did not have the authority to do.

In another instance, Hamid rescheduled a Tk 42.38 crore fund for Muhib Steel & Ship Recycling Industries that was already classified as a bad loan. Once again, he went beyond his authority.

The sources said Muhib Steel was given letters of credit (LC) facility time and again, which took its total outstanding amount to Tk 91.93 crore. The entire amount has now been classified as a bad loan.

Serious irregularities were allegedly committed by Hamid when disbursing loans to Mizanur Rahman Mizan, a customer of Agrani's main branch, and various companies linked to the client's Sun Moon Group.

The outstanding loans to the group now stand at Tk 300 crore and they have become risky, the sources said.

The BB had instructed Agrani Bank not to delegate any responsibility to its Deputy Managing Director Mizanur Rahman Khan due to reported irregularities and the bank's board directed the management to carry out the regulator's instruction.

Yet, Mizanur was given the charge of different divisions, including the loan

recovery division, violating the BB directive and the board's decision, according to the central bank.

An official of the BB said the central bank inspections also found irregularities in loans given to other clients of Agrani, including Zaynab Trading of Chittagong.

"We received the removal letter [Hamid's] from Bangladesh Bank today [yesterday] and the order has already been implemented," Zaid Bakht, chairman of Agrani Bank, told The Daily Star.

The removal came a day after BB Governor Fazle Kabir signed a proposal to this effect. As per the decision, Hamid cannot work in any bank for the next two years.

In February, the central bank served Hamid a show-cause notice on nine counts of irregularities as per the Banking Companies Act. His clarification was not satisfactory.

The BB later called him in for a hearing before its standing committee.

After a series of hearings, the committee on June 19 recommended his removal.

Hamid was appointed managing director and chief executive officer of Agrani Bank in 2010. He had been the deputy managing director of the bank since 2007. The government renewed his contract last year despite the BB's suggestion not to. Hamid is also a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh.

The ACC arrested Mizanur, Akhtarul, and Shafiullah in connection with their involvement in loan scams worth Tk 108 crore. The ACC had filed a case with the Motijheel Police Station accusing eight people, including the trio, of the loan scam.

According to the case document, the officials sanctioned a home loan worth about Tk 108 crore to the proprietor of Sun Moon Group Mizanur but the plot of land did not have any valid documents or Rajuk approval, the case document said.

Moreover, there was a case over the land pending with a court.



Santhal people take part in a traditional archery competition at Phulbari upazila in Dinajpur yesterday marking the 161st anniversary of Santhal rebellion.

Santhals demand constitutional recognition

KONGKON KARMAKER with ANDREW EAGLE

The 161st anniversary of the Santhal rebellion against the British fell on 30 June 2016, and to commemorate the occasion Dinajpur's ethnic minority communities participated in various programmes yesterday including holding discussions, hosting a parade and forming a human chain.

In an event organised by non-government organisation Palli Sree in Phulbari upazila, in memory of the historic rebellion's renowned leaders Sidhu and Kanhu Murmu, who until today symbolise the struggle for freedom and justice, a floral wreath was placed on a symbolic altar, which then featured in a parade around the area.

At the following public meeting speakers expressed their hopes that the government could meet demands to better protect the country's ethnic minority communities. It was suggested that without the formation of a separate land commission for ethnic minority peoples, the government would be hard pressed to properly determine and recognise traditional land rights.

Speakers included Manik Ratan, Amar Chand Gupta Apu, Nitai Chandra Roy, Jewel Rana and Rubel Hasan.

In Parbatipur upazila meanwhile, a human chain featuring festoons and banners in front of the local Shahid Minar was organised by the local unit of the Jatiya Adivasi Parishad, to mark the anniversary. The human chain programme hoped to raise awareness of demands for constitutional recognition of ethnic minorities.

Similar programmes were also held in Nawabganj and Ghoraghat upazilas, where locals participated in a carnival of traditional sports, with prizes awarded.

Dinajpur preparing for largest Eid congregation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Dinajpur is preparing to hold the country's largest Eid congregation at historic Gore-e-Shahid Boro Math in the northern district town.

The organisers said that about 4.5 lakh to 5 lakh people will be able to offer their Eid prayers at the congregation which is believed to be bigger than the congregation at Sholakia Eidgah Math in Kishoreganj district.

The construction work of the Eidgah started in August 2015 and is scheduled to be completed within the next three months.

Over three hundred workers have been engaged and giving their effort to complete the construction in the stipulated time.

Dinajpur Zila Parishad has allocated a budget of Tk 6 crore for the construction work.

The construction includes a 516-foot wide Minar with two giant minarets at its both ends, while a 47-foot dome is to be placed in the middle.

Once constructed, the entire structure will be covered with ceramics to make it more spectacular.

Mohammad Ratan, one of the contractors, said once the structure is completed, it will be the time for setting up the lights, fan and other electrical equipment.

Engineer Zakiul Alam of Dinajpur Zila Parishad said lawmaker Iqbalur Rahim took the initiative to construct such a setup.

Nearly 70 percent work has been completed so far and it would take another two to three months for the rest.

ATTACK ON LAUNCH OWNER AT ARICHA Services halted for 4 hours

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Launch owners kept suspended their services on Paturia-Daulatdia and Aricha-Nagarbari routes for over three hours from 12 noon yesterday in protest against attack on a launch owner allegedly by Jubo League men at Aricha Launch terminal in Shivalaya upazila under the district.

Some 30-40 people led by Ali Ahsan Mithu, Shivalaya upazila Jubo League president and vice chairman of Shivalaya upazila Parishad, went to the counter of Aricha launch terminal around 11:30pm and started taking passengers into the speedboats from there, said Uzzal Fakir, the launch owner.

"They attacked me and my fellows when we protested their illegal activities. They ransacked the launch counter and looted cash Tk 3 lakh from there," he said.

He alleged that Assistant Superintendent

of Police (ASP) of Shivalaya Circle Harun-Ar-Rashid spoke harshly to the launch owners when the latter went to him to solve the problem.

At an emergency meeting at their association office at Aricha, the launch owners demanded immediate steps to stop illegal plying of speedboats.

The launch owners earlier wrote to different authorities to stop illegal plying of 25 speedboats on Aricha-Nagarbari and Paturia-Daulatdia river routes, sources said.

The launch service resumed at around 3:40pm after local lawmaker AM Naimur Rahman Durjoy assured the launch owners of solving the matter within a short time, said launch owner Uzzal Fakir.

However, Ali Ahsan Mithu was not available on his cell phone for his comment.

ASP Harun-Ar-Rashid said they settled the dispute with the help of the UNO and local elites.

2,531 active SIMs

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Police said the prime accused, Kabir, had been living in the house for around two years and doing the illegal VoIP business.

SI Shaker said during the drive in the house, they found there 15-20 people who were from different areas of Mymensingh town.

He said they were taken

there so that SIMs could be illegally biometrically re-registered in their names.

Each of them was given a lungi and Tk 300 in exchange for the photocopy of their national identity cards and photographs needed for the re-registration.

A case was filed with Kotwali Police Station in this connection.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

To establish partnership for Community based Interventions to "Improve Effective Coverage of Maternal, New-born and Child Health services (IECMNCH) for Reducing Preventable Newborn and Child Deaths"

UNICEF Bangladesh Country Office intends to identify suitable Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to establish Programme Cooperation Agreement (PCA) to "Improve Effective Coverage of Maternal, New-born and Child Health services (IECMNCH) for Reducing Preventable Newborn and Child Deaths" in two districts (Tangail and Khulna). UNICEF will work with the CSO (NGO/INGO/CBO) partner in all aspects of programme design and implementation, jointly determining the expected results and implementation strategies. The selected partner will invest tangible resources, such as cash or supplies, and/or intangible resources, such as knowledge, time, or technical expertise and will share equal responsibilities for the failures and successes of the jointly developed programme.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Interested reputed CSOs with strong background, experience and geographical coverage to implement the planned project successfully are requested to download the Terms of Reference (TOR) available at following web link: http://www.unicef.org/bangladesh/supply_4914.htm or please write to UNICEF at "supplybangladesh@unicef.org" to get a copy of the TOR and other relevant documents (Annexures 1 to 4 as listed below) in order to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) and technical proposal for evaluation:

Annex-1: Partner Identification Profile to be completed by the Civil Society Organization (CSO)

Annex-2: Partner Declaration Form to be completed by the CSO

Annex-3: Selection Criteria to select the CSO

Annex-4: Proposal Evaluation Criteria for Selection of CSO

The completed Annexures 1 to 3 and the technical proposal (prepared following Annex 4) should be submitted along with copies of the CSO's registration related legal documents, any document which is not in English should be submitted along with English translated copy. The CSO must not have prior record of inappropriate conduct in ethical, social or environmental issues (corporate responsibility).

To clarify issues to understand the requirements clearly we have planned to arrange a briefing meeting on Sunday, 17 July 2016 at 3:00 pm, interested CSOs are requested to attend this meeting.

DEADLINE AND THE PROCEDURE TO SUBMIT THE EOI:

Duly completed forms (Annexures 1 to 3) together with the technical proposal (Annex 4) and all relevant documents should be sealed in an envelope marked with "Expression of Interest to establish partnership for Community based Interventions to Improve Effective Coverage of Maternal, New-born and Child Health services (IECMNCH) for Reducing Preventable Newborn and Child Deaths" and addressed to the Chief, Supply & Procurement Section, UNICEF Bangladesh. The EOI should be submitted to the Reception Desk of UNICEF Office at the 4th floor of BSL Office Complex, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka by 3:00 pm of Sunday, 24 July 2016.

PLEASE NOTE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- This EOI does not constitute a solicitation, we do not require any bid or offer at this stage. We merely seek your expression of interest in compliance with the requirements stated above which is the initial stage of any potential future partnership.
- The EOI must be signed by authorized signatory of the agency. Submitted EOIs shall be considered as the property of the advertiser and not returnable.
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INVITATION FOR RE-TENDER

Tenders are hereby invited under the provisions of the Public Procurement Regulation-2008 (with latest amendments) for the Core Banking Solution (CBS) and related Services under the terms and conditions outlined below and detailed in the Tender Document:

01. Procuring Entity Name	Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank
02. Source of Fund	Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank's Own source
03. Tender Ref. No. and Date	Tender No. RAKUB/HO/ICTD-65/2015-2016/1229, Dated : 30/06/2016
04. Tender Name	Supply, Installation, Customization, Parameterization and Implementation of Core Banking Solution (CBS) with Training to Bank's Designated Personnel.
05. Tender Method	Open Tendering Single Stage Two Envelopes Method.
06. Brief Description of Goods and Services	Supply, Installation, Customization, Parameterization and Implementation of CBS with training to Bank's designated personnel on turn-key basis. CBS Should have modules for General Banking, Trade Finance, Credit/Investment, Treasury, Central Accounts, Nostro Account, Reconciliation, Internet Banking etc.
07. Eligibility of Tenderers	As per tender document.
08. Price of Tender Document	Non-refundable BDT 15,000.00 (Fifteen thousand). The purchased original tender document and receipt must be submitted with the offer.
09. Amount of Tender Security	BDT 30.00 (Thirty) Lac. 50% to be furnished in the form of a Bank Draft or Payment Order favouring "Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank" from any branch of Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank. Rest 50% in the form of an irrevocable unconditional Bank Guarantee issued by any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh.
10. Name and address of the Office(s) Selling Tender Document	a) Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, Dhaka Corporate Branch, 65, Dilkhusha, Dhaka b) Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, Local Principal Office (LPO), Head Office, 272, Banalata C/A, Airport Road, Rajshahi. From 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM on all workdays.
11. Name and address of the Office (s) Receiving Tenders	Information and Communication Technology Department, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, Head Office, 272, Banalata C/A, Airport Road, Rajshahi.
12. Name and address of the Office Opening Tenders	Information and Communication Technology Department, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, Head Office, 272, Banalata C/A, Airport Road, Rajshahi.
13. Last Date and Time for Selling Tender Document	27/07/2016 within 4.00 PM.
14. Last Date and Time for Submission of Tenders	28/07/2016 within 3.30 PM.
15. Date and Time for Opening of Tenders	28/07/2016 at 4.00 PM. (Tenderers' authorised representatives are allowed to attend.)
16. Pre-tender meeting	The Tenderer who will purchase the Tender Schedule may participate in the Pre-Tender meeting. Date & time: 14/07/2016 at 10.30 AM, Place: ICT Department, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, Head Office, 272, Banalata C/A, Airport Road, Rajshahi. All questions for clarification should be submitted in writing on or before 12/07/2016.
17. Offer Validity	At least 180 days from the date of opening of the tender.
18. Special Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without showing any reason. The Bank shall not be under any obligation to accept the lowest quotation. This Tender will be guided by the PPR-2008 (with latest amendments). Terms and conditions of the "The Public Procurement Rules-2008" will apply If the tender is not received within the mentioned date and time, it will be directly rejected and shall be returned to the tenderer unopened. Due to unavoidable circumstances, if the tender cannot be received and opened in the scheduled date and time, the same will be received and opened on the next working day respectively at the same place and time. Any corrigendum (if any) will also be part of the tender and it will be binding upon the tenderer and it will be published in Bank's website www.rakub.org.bd. Notification of Award would be given subject to budget allocation.
19. Name of official inviting Tenders	Md. Mizanur Rahman, Deputy General Manager
20. Address & Contact Details	ICT Department, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, Head Office, 272, Banalata C/A, Airport Road, Rajshahi, Tel: 0721-862454, E-mail: dgmict@rakub.org.bd