

# NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER ON CHILDREN ACT HC asks three govt secretaries to explain

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court yesterday asked three secretaries of the government to explain in three weeks why a contempt of court rule should not be issued against them for not complying with its previous order.

Hearing four bail petitions, the court on August 14 ordered secretaries to the law and justice and legislative and parliamentary affairs divisions of the law ministry, and the social welfare ministry to explain the "ambiguity" in the Children Act, 2013 regarding holding trial of an adult accused in a case filed under this law.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice HBM Hassan at that time also directed them to submit explanations on the "vagueness" in seven days.

The respondents sought three months' time yesterday through the solicitor's office for submitting the explanation, Deputy Attorney General Shaikh AKM Moniruzzaman Kabir told The Daily Star.

The HC judges did not grant the

time and issued the rule against them, he added.

Under the act, only the child court is empowered to hold trial of the offence if a child is a victim or witness of the case involving the offence.

But there is no specific mention in this law on which court will be holding the trial if an adult person is accused in the case.

Finding the vagueness in the law while hearing the bail petitions of four adults accused in separate cases under the children law, the HC bench in March this year sought explanations from four judges of child courts in Dhaka, Rangpur and Cox's Bazar on this issue.

The HC also issued separate rules upon the government to explain why the accused petitioners should not be granted bail in the cases.

The judges then submitted explanations saying that there is no specific provision in the act on what will be the process for granting an adult accused bail and the trial of the case if the victim is a child.

# A method changes farmers' fortunes

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Applying scientific methods in crop cultivation while beginning livestock farming, Mymensingh farmer Golam Hossain increased his yearly income from his four acres of land from around Tk 60,000 to Tk 5 lakh.

He applied lessons learnt from upazila agriculture officers on proper use of fertiliser through soil tests, helping to lower production costs and a significant increase in earnings.

Golam is one of some 8,073 farmers of Mymensingh, Sherpur and Netrakona who developed skills and changed fortunes through a Traidcraft project, "Alternative Livelihood Options (ALO)", funded by UK-based Big Lottery Fund.

Launched in 2012 in five upazilas through Development Wheel (DEW) and three other local organisations, the project helped



Participants at the workshop at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

raise incomes by around 30 percent and reduce production cost by approximately 15 percent.

Informing of the developments at a workshop in the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday, Traidcraft Country Director Shahed Ferdous said they tried to make farmers more organised and develop leadership skills.

"...so that they can solve their problems and ask for their needs," he said, adding that they motivated farmers to form 240 groups and raise Tk 4.5 crore in funds with monthly savings to come to their aid after the project ends.

Department of Agricultural Extension Director General Hamidur Rahman, DEW Founder and Executive Director Shah Abdus Salam and Traidcraft Senior Programme Manager ABM Ferroz Ahmed also spoke.

# FOUR SENSATIONAL MURDERS CJ assigns bench to deal with death references

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha set a High Court bench the task of dealing with death references of four sensational cases filed for killing 13-year-old boys Sheikh Md Samiul Alam Rajon and Rakib, police official Mahfuzur Rahman and his wife, and blogger Ahmed Rajib Haider.

The bench of Justice Jahangir Hossain and Justice Md Jahangir Hossain was asked to dispose of the death references on a priority basis.

Rajon was beaten to death by a group of brutes in Kumargaon Bus Stand area of Sylhet Sadar on July 8 last year allegedly for trying to steal a rickshaw van.

On November 8 the same year, a Sylhet court sentenced four people, including prime accused Qamrul Islam, to death in the case.

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# 'TORTURING MAID' Verdict on ex-cricketer Shahadat, wife Nov 6

**COURT CORRESPONDENT**

A Dhaka court yesterday fixed November 6 for delivering the verdict in a case filed against former national cricketer Shahadat Hossain and his wife Jesmine Jahan Nrittya on charges of torturing their domestic help.

On October 27, Shahadat and his wife pleaded not guilty and demanded justice after the court read out the charges to them.

Earlier, seven prosecution witnesses, including complainant and the victim of the case gave their statements before the court.

Of them, domestic help Mahfuza Akhtar Happy, in her August 25 statement, said Shahadat and his wife Nrittya did not torture her.

The domestic help, Happy, brought the allegation of torture against the couple on September 6 last year. Later, a case was filed against them with Mirpur Police Station.

Police on December 27, 2015 pressed charges against the two.

# AUG 21 GRENADE ATTACK Court finishes recording statement of IO

**COURT CORRESPONDENT**

A Dhaka court yesterday completed recording statement of Abdul Kahar Akond, special superintendent of police of CID and also the last investigation officer of the August 21 grenade attack cases.

The attacks on an Awami League rally on Bangabandhu Avenue on August 21, 2004 killed 24 people and injured over 300 others.

Then opposition leader and present Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, however, narrowly escaped.

The court fixed today for cross-examination of the IO.

A total of 30 people, including BNP leaders Tarique Rahman and former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar were charged on July 2 of 2011.

Earlier the court recorded statements of 225 prosecution witnesses, including the complainant of the cases.

**5-yr-old**

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Meanwhile, National Girl Child Advocacy Forum and Child Rights Advocacy Coalition in Bangladesh expressed deep concern over rapes and tortures on girls around the country and demanded immediate arrest and punishment of perpetrators. In a statement, they observed with alarm that the number of such incidents was rising as perpetrators were not being handed down severe punishment.

Although the government enacted the Prevention of Repression against Women and Children Act (2000), its application is not visible, it added.

"We want the government to set up speedy trial tribunals...so that such condemnable incidents cannot recur. The administrations must ensure a safe environment for all children," said the forum Secretary Nasima Akter Joly.

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (For Selecting International FIRM)**

1. Ministry / Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.		
2. Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd. (DPDC).		
3. Procuring Entity Name	Superintending Engineer, Distribution Planning Circle, DPDC, Dhaka, Bangladesh.		
4. Expression of Interest for Selection of	International Consulting Firm for Consultancy Services for Detailed survey and feasibility study of Transmission and Distribution Network within area under Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC) and Preparation of BOQ and Cost Estimate to Establish an underground Distribution Network Replacing the existing Overhead Transmission and Distribution Network.		
5. FOI Ref' No.& Date	Memo No. 87.104.103.06.00.095.2016.142, Date: 30/10/2016		
6. Procurement Method	Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS), Lump-sum		
7. Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (DPDC's Own fund)		
8. FOI Closing Date, Time and Place	Date: 19/12/2016, Time: 13:00 hours BST, Place: Office of the Chief Engineer (Development), DPDC, House No -47, Road No -135, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh		
9. Brief Description of Assignment	Scope of major services under the proposed assignments include but not limited to the following: I. <b>Survey of Existing Distribution System, Preparation of Line Sketch and Single Line Diagram:</b> (i) Detail Survey and Preparation of Geographical Map with Establishment of Geo-coordinate including Existing Distribution Network with Preparation of Feeder Wise Line Route Sketch and preparation of Single Line Diagram of all 132 kV, 33 kV, 11 kV and 0.4 kV Feeders and all network elements within the area under DPDC on a digital map. (ii) Survey and Preparation of Geographical Map with Establishment of Geo-coordinate including roads, buildings, various installations, empty spaces, sewerage lines, water supply lines, gas transmission and distribution lines, telephone, power lines and internet lines within the area under DPDC on Digital Base Map. (iii) Identifying capacity and dimension of existing 132 kV, 33 kV, 11 kV, 0.4 kV and 0.23 kV underground cables/conductors / service cables etc. II. <b>Feasibility Study of Conversion of Proposed Underground Distribution Network:</b> (i) Feasibility study of underground Distribution system within the area under DPDC. (ii) Identifying barriers and challenges for implementation of the proposed underground Distribution Network considering ducting system. (iii) Preparation of plans and strategies to mitigate the barriers and challenges for implementation of the mentioned Underground Distribution Network. (iv) Environmental Impact on implementation of U/G System or conversion of O/H system into U/G system will be included in the feasibility study. III. <b>Design and Drawing of Proposed Underground Distribution Network:</b> (i) Preparation of design for proposed 11/0.4 kV transformers (Pad Mounted/ Four leg Mounted Unit/Kiosk substation/built-in RMU where necessary), 11 kV Ring Main Unit/other switching devices (Drawings with Detailed Specification) and 0.4 kV Switchgear/Distribution Box considering all protection scheme, the roads and space limitation of Dhaka City. (ii) Preparation of detail Drawing, Design and estimation of construction of underground electrical distribution network within the area under DPDC like modern underground system in the developed country. (iii) Underground system should be designed considering probable Earthquakes and any other disasters. IV. <b>Preparation of Master Plan, BOQ and Cost Estimation for the Proposed Underground Distribution Network:</b> (i) Drawing, Design and estimation for conversion of all Existing Overhead networks within the area under DPDC into Underground Distribution Network. (ii) Feeder to feeder interlink (11 kV) and future 11 kV feeder split up must be considered during Design of 11 kV RMUs. Provision for sufficient 0.4 kV and 0.23 kV service connections should be available in the Distribution Box. (iii) Submission of proposal for new 132/33 kV & 33/11 kV substations, 11 kV feeder split up and replacement of existing Overhead Distribution Network by Underground Distribution Network System analyzing the system demand data, load curve, consumer growth, consumption growth, per capita consumption, historical demand growth and load centers for proper design of Underground Distribution Network considering Master Plan of DPDC and Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh up to year 2041. (iv) The entire area shall be divided into several zones and preparation of Priority List of those zones for implementation of the mentioned Underground Electric Distribution Network considering load growth, location, voltage level, consumer pattern, revenue income, existing road network and road size and preparation of time bound detailed implementation schedule. (v) Cost estimation, design, drawing and BOQ preparation of the proposed Underground Distribution Network. (vi) Any other scope felt essential by the consultant for successful completion of the study. V. <b>Transfer of Technology:</b> (i) Transfer of necessary technology to DPDC (including tools, models, training & capacity development of Engineers etc.)		
10. Experience, Resources Delivery Capacity Required:	1. The consultant shall submit audited balance sheets and income statements or, if not required by the law of the applicant's country, other financial statements acceptable to the Employer for the last 3 (three) years to demonstrate the current soundness of the applicant's financial position and its prospective long-term profitability. 2. The consultant shall have minimum average annual turnover of US\$ 500,000.00 (US Dollar Five Hundred Thousand Only) calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last 3 (three) years. 3. The consultant (partners in case of JV) must have at least 08 (Eight) years experience in the field of electrical consultancy services with at least 02 (two) engineering consultancy projects having minimum total contract amount of US\$ 500,000.00 (US Dollar Five Hundred Thousand Only) or equivalent in their own country/outside their own country as on the date of EOI submission. Such evidence shall be in client's letterhead indicating address, telephone and fax numbers of the clients and shall include name of the project, name of the employers, and description of the work, duration of the project and contract amount. Certificates as evidence must be written in English. 4. The consultant must have specific experience of satisfactory completion of similar works (consulting services for survey of distribution network and digitized mapping, planning, preparation of BOQ/material estimate for converting Overhead Distribution Network to Underground Distribution Network and provide training for capacity building of client's personnel) in 02 (Two) contracts over a period during the last 10 (Ten) years being amounting to minimum US\$ 400,000.00 (US Dollar Four Hundred Thousand Only) or equivalent. The above experience shall be supported by client's certificate in their letterhead indicating their address, telephone & fax number and details of project, (i.e. name of the project, name of the employers, description of the work, duration and contract amount). Certificates as evidence must be written in English. 5. The consultant shall have requisite number of appropriate key professionals like Minimum Graduate Computer/Electrical/Mechanical Engineers and GIS experts experienced in the relevant fields (e.g. Survey, GIS based / digitized mapping and distribution network planning etc.) to carry out the proposed consulting services and shall furnish the list of key professionals and their CV with photograph		
11. Other Details:	1. Short listing will be made in accordance with the "Rule-115 of Public Procurement Rule (PPR) - 2008." 2. Interested firms will provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the service (Brochures, Description of Similar Assignments, Experience in similar working conditions, Availability of appropriate qualification and experience among staff with signed Curriculum Vitae. 3. The Expression of Interest (EOI) must be submitted in 4 (Four) sets (One Original & Three Copies) on or before Date: 19/12/2016 and Time: 13:00 to the office of the Chief Engineer (Development), DPDC, House No.-47, Road No.-135, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh. The proposals/Applications will be opened on Date: 19/12/2016, Time: 15:00 hours Bangladesh Local Time in presence of the representatives of the EOI Applicant (If any). The Expression of Interest shall be submitted in sealed envelope and clearly marked with name of the assignment to the office of the Inviting official. 4. Interested applicants may obtain further information from the undersigned during the office hours (9:00 to 17:00 hours BST)		
12. Association with local firm is	Encouraging		
13. Phasing of Services	Location	Indicative Start Date (Month/Year)	Indicative Completion Date (Month/Year)
I. Survey of Existing Distribution System, Preparation of Line Sketch and Single Line Diagram	Area under DPDC	June, 2017	December, 2017
II. Feasibility Study of Conversion of Proposed Underground Distribution Network	Area under DPDC	June, 2017	August, 2017
III. Design and Drawing of Proposed Underground Distribution Network	Area under DPDC	December, 2017	March, 2018
IV. Preparation of Master Plan, BOQ and Cost Estimation for the Proposed Underground Distribution Network	Area under DPDC	January, 2018	May, 2018
V. Transfer of Technology	Area under DPDC	May, 2018	June, 2018
14. Name of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI)	Engr. Abdur Rouf Khan		
15. Designation of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	Superintending Engineer and Project Director		
16. Address of Official Inviting the Expressions of Interest	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Distribution Planning Circle, DPDC Level-12, Bidyut Bhaban, 1 Abdul Goni Road, Dhaka-1000.		
17. Contact details of Official Inviting the Expressions of Interest	Tel: +88-02-9583866, Fax: +88-02-9566518, E-mail: sedp@dpdc.org.bd		
18. The Procuring entity reserves the right reject all EOIs without showing any reason thereof.	(Engr. Abdur Rouf Khan) Superintending Engineer, Distribution Planning Circle, DPDC & Project Director Replacement of Existing Distribution Network by Underground Distribution Network Project under DPDC		