

1448 Shaheed Minars in Pabna open today

Now all educational institutions in the district have the memorial to pay respect to Language Movement martyrs

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

With inauguration of 1448 new Shaheed Minars in as many educational institutions through observing Ekushey February programme today, all the 1701 primary schools, high schools, colleges and madrasas in the district get the memorial to pay homage to the Language Movement martyrs.

The grand success, against the backdrop of a large majority of the educational institutions in different areas of the country remaining without any Shaheed Minar, has been possible through a noble initiative by the district administration.

Only few months ago, most of the institutions in Pabna did not have any

Shaheed Minar, and so, many people, especially in remote areas, could not observe Ekushey, said Pabna Deputy Commissioner Rekha Rani Balo.

"We took an initiative to set up Shaheed Minars in all educational institutions so that the students, teachers as well as the local people can observe Ekushey with due honour to the martyrs," she said.

Following instructions by the district administration, upazila nirbahi officers in nine upazilas have already set up 1448 new Shaheed Minars in educational institutions this year, said Md Wazed Ali, a district education officer.

"Now Ekushey will be observed in Shaheed Minars in all the 1701 institutions," he added.

Visiting several educational institutions with newly built Shaheed Minars in different areas of the district, this correspondent saw students, teachers and locals happy to get the monuments.

Arnob Hossain, 13, of Faridpur upazila expressed happiness that he along with 300 students of Kashipur Government Primary School will observe the Ekushey programme today, placing wreaths at the new Shaheed Minar on the school premises.

"We feel proud that now all the educational institutions of Pabna district have Shaheed Minars to observe the day. It will help nourish the spirit of the Language Movement," said Abdul Matin Khan, a leading cultural activist.



The newly built Shaheed Minar on the premises of Kashipur Government Primary School in Pabna's Faridpur upazila.

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Most educational institutions without Shaheed Minar

Students observe Ekushey, building temporary memorials in Taraganj upazila of Rangpur and Hakimpur upazila in Dinajpur

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Sixty-five years after the Language Movement, a vast majority of the educational institutions in two upazilas of Rangpur and Dinajpur have remained without any Shaheed Minar, while the central Shaheed Minar in Lalmonirhat has become decrepit due to lack of maintenance.

In Hakimpur upazila, 84 educational institutions out of 86 do not have Shaheed Minar, a symbol of the 1952 Language Movement.

The upazila education officer in Hakimpur said there are six educational institutions in Sadar upazila and none of them has a Shaheed Minar.

Principal of Bangla Hili Pilot High School and College Rakib Uddin said every educational institution should have a Shaheed Minar.

"We observe Ekushey February every year by making a Shaheed Minar with banana plants," said Shahriar Shuvo, a student of Class V in Dangapara Government Primary School.

A similar situation exists in Taraganj upazila of Rangpur.

Upazila education officer in Taraganj said the upazila has 146 educational institutions, of which 139 do not have Shaheed Minar.

Riad Hossain, a Class IV student of Paschim Rahimapur Masterpara Government Primary School, said they observe the day by building a temporary Shaheed Minar every year.

In Lalmonirhat, the central Shaheed Minar at Saptana in the town has become dilapidated due to lack of proper maintenance.

Locals said the municipality authorities paint it before February 21 every year, but they do not take any steps to repair it.

Language hero Comrade Shamsul Haque said, "Shaheed Minar is the symbol of the Language Movement, which was the first step towards our Liberation War. It is necessary for the government to maintain, reconstruct and modernise the Shaheed Minar."

Meanwhile, there is no central Shaheed Minar in Urdu speaking Bihari dominated Saidpur upazila town in Nilphamari, manifesting their utter indifference towards the martyrs of February 21.

Bangla speaking people place floral wreaths at the old Shaheed Minar at Saidpur College, three km from the upazila parishad office.

Bakhtiar Kabir, a former mayor of Saidpur municipality, also a student leader of pre-independence period, said people constructed Shaheed Minars everywhere in the country except Saidpur after the historic Language Movement of 1952, adding that strong opposition of the then majority Urdu speaking people prevented construction of the memorial.

Principal of Saidpur College Abdul Hafiz said, "In absence of a central Shaheed Minar in the upazila, a large portion of the new generation is deprived of knowing the history of the Language Movement, although the whole world observes February 21 as International Mother Language Day."



Bangla Hili Girls' School in Hakimpur upazila of Dinajpur is yet to build a Shaheed Minar. Right, as there is no central Shaheed Minar in Saidpur town of Nilphamari, people place wreaths at the old Shaheed Minar at Saidpur College, three kilometres from the town.

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Joint Ekushey programme on no man's land today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Bangladesh and India will observe International Mother Language Day jointly on the no man's land here today.

People, including representatives of both the countries, will take part in the Ekushey Mela (fair) beginning at 8:30am.

Banners, festoons and placards have been set on the no man's land at Benapole, marking the day.

Food Minister of West Bengal Jyoti Priyo Mallik and Information and Technology Minister Bratto Basu from India and Awami League Presidium member Pijush Kanti Bhattacharya and lawmaker Sheikh Afil Uddin of Bangladesh will attend the inaugural function.

They will place wreaths at Shaheed Minar on the no man's land.

TWO SCHOOL KIDS MURDER Call for speedy trial of killers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Speakers at a rally in the town yesterday demanded speedy trial and exemplary punishment of the killers of two school children.

They also submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner and the police superintendent in this regard.

The victims are Sumaiya Khatun Meghla, 6, daughter of Milon Rana, and Mehjabin Akhtar Maliha, 5, daughter of Abdul Malek of Fatepur in Chapainawabganj municipality area. Meghla was a Class I student and Maliha a nursery student of Chhotomoni Bidya Niketon.

Addressing the rally, the speakers said neighbour Lucky Khatun, 32, called the girls to her house on February 12 and strangled them for a gold chain and two pairs of earrings. Police arrested one Geeta Rani in this connection the same day.

Police recovered the bodies from a house of rickshaw-van puller Yeasin Ali, 74, in the area on February 14. Later, Yeasin, his wife Tanzila Khatun, 55, and daughter-in-law Lucky Khatun, were held.

Lucky took Tk 5 lakh loan from different persons and did not pay the loans, the SP said, adding that she took the chain and earrings from the girls.

Lucky later sold the gold ornaments at Smriti Jewellers in the town for Tk 21 thousand, he said. The law enforcers later arrested Mohammad Palash, owner of Smriti Jewellers.

Father of deceased Maliha filed a case with Sadar Police Station.

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IFT Ref. No: Step-118 Date: 18-02-2017

Invitation for Tenders (Goods)

1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Expatriates Welfare & Overseas Employment.
2	Agency	Bureau of Manpower, Employment & Training.
3	Procuring entity name	Principal, Faridpur Technical Training Center.
4	Procuring entity district	Faridpur
5	Invitation for	Tender, goods.
6	Invitation Ref No.	Step-118
7	Date	18-02-2017

KEY INFORMATION

8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)/National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9	Budget and source of funds	International Development Association (IDA).
10	Development partners	IDA (World Bank).

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Project/program code	5-2551-5030
12	Project/program name	Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP), DTE.
13	Tender package No.	FTTC/GD-06.
14	Tender package name	Supply and installation of Laptop, Sound System, Split Air Conditioner, Multimedia Projector and Furniture items with accessories for Faridpur TTC.
15	Tender last selling date and time	11-03-2017 up to 12:00 noon.
16	Tender closing deadline	12-03-2017, 12:00 noon.
17	Tender opening date and time	12-03-2017, 12:30pm.
18	Name & address of the office(s)- Selling tender document	Office of the Principal, Faridpur Technical Training Center.
	Receiving tender document	Office of the Principal, Faridpur Technical Training Center.
	Opening tender document	Office of the Principal, Faridpur Technical Training Center.
19	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Place: Office of The Principal, Faridpur Technical Training Center; Date: 18-02-2017; Time: 11:00am.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

20	Eligibility of tenderer (Detail stated in TDS)	(a) The tenderers should be the manufacturers/distributors/sole agents/suppliers of machineries for workshop. (b) Shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. (c) The tenderer must have successfully completed minimum (1) one number supply contract of BDT 9,00,000.00 (nine lakh) for Lot-01 and BDT 4,00,000.00 (four lakh) for Lot-02 under Package FTTC/GD-06 in specific/similar goods and related services within last 3 (three) years. (d) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is Tk. BDT 10,00,000.00 (ten lakh) for Lot-01 and BDT 4,00,000.00 (four lakh) for Lot-02 under Package FTTC/GD-06.
21	Brief description of goods	Mentioned in tender document.
22	Brief description of related services	N/A
23	Price of tender document	Tk. 1000.00 (one thousand) only.

Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Tender security amount (BDT)	Completion time after contract signing (weeks)
FTTC/GD-06	Lot-01	Supply and installation of Laptop, Sound System, Split Type Air Conditioner and Multimedia Projector with accessories for Faridpur TTC.	Office of the Principal, Faridpur Technical Training Center	32000/-
	Lot-02	Supply and installation of Furnitures for Faridpur TTC		15000/-

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

25	Name, designation, address and contact details of official inviting tender	Office of the Principal, Faridpur Technical Training Center.
26	If it is not possible to receive and open the tenders on the fixed date due to unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time same venue.	
27	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

1.	Ministry	Ministry of Shipping.
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA).
3.	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Land Port Authority represented by Director (Audit), BLPA.
4.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5.	Expression of interest for selection of	Audit firms for conducting audit of the Accounts of BLPA for the financial year 2015-2016 & 2016-2017.
6.	EOI Ref. No. & date	18.06.0000.019.04.002.17.15 Dated: 20/02/2017

KEY INFORMATION

7.	Procurement method	Least Cost Based Selection (LCBS).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

8.	Budget and source of fund	Revenue Budget of BLPA.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9.	EOI closing date & time	12/03/2017 before 5:00pm.
10.	Name and address of the office(s) receiving of EOI	Office of the Director (Audit), Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhaban (5th Floor), Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

11.	Brief description of assignment	Preparation, Examination and Audit (পরীক্ষা ও নিরীক্ষা) of the Accounts of BLPA (Head Office, Benapole, Burimari, Bhomra, Nakogon & Akhaura Land Ports) for the financial year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 & Preparation of Management and Audit Report.
12.	Experience, resources and delivery capacity required	i) Firms should be registered with ICAB, ii) Adequate manpower, logistics and financial capability, iii) Principal and/or partners should have professional qualifications, iv) Auditors and staff should have appropriate professional qualifications & experience, v) Firms should have up-to-date income tax return certificate, vi) Audit experience of minimum two financial years of any statutory public authority.
13.	Other details	Interested firms are invited to provide the following information, document & evidence: (a) Background with brochure and areas of expertise; (b) Description of similar assignment with documents; (c) Experience in similar activities; (d) Manpower, logistic and financial capability; (e) Successful bidder will be selected in accordance with Public Procurement Rules' 2008. Interested applicants may obtain further information by applying to the address below during office hour.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

14.	Name of official inviting EOI	Director (Audit).
15.	Designation official inviting EOI	Director (Audit).
16.	Address of official inviting EOI	Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhaban (5th Floor), Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
17.	Contact details of official inviting	02-9122365

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION

18.	i) Request for Expression of Interest for abovementioned assignment to be clearly marked on the top of envelop. ii) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all or any EOI.	
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Director (Audit)
Phone: 02-9122365

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40-day EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME Deprived workers want reinstatement

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Over 100 workers omitted from the 40-day employment programme in Kanchipara union under Fulchari upazila formed a human chain on Sunday, demanding restoration of their names in the list of beneficiaries.

Speakers at the programme said government introduced the 40-day employment programme for jobless people twice a year. This year the union parishad (UP) omitted the names of over one hundred labourers from the list.

They alleged that the chairman and members of the UP demanded money from the deprived labourers for reinstatement of their names. Their names were removed as they were unable to pay, the speakers added.

Fulchhari upazila Project Implementation Officer Mithun Kundu said disaster management directorate made the list according to the population and size of the union for the first time, so around 50 labourers might have been removed.

Bogra interns withdraw strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Interns of Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital (SZMCH) called off their strike yesterday on assurance of the authorities that their demands would be met within seven days.

Some interns beat up a patient's son Abdur Rouf, 35, on Sunday and then called the strike.

They demanded punishment of those who attacked them, security of doctors, 24-hour deployment of two Ansars in each department, check number of visitors and deployment of police in the hospital.

The interns will call a strike again on February 27 if their demands remained unmet, said Kutubuddin, spokesman of the interns.