



Thirty-kilometre-long Subandee canal flowing through Amtali upazila under Pataukhali turns a nuisance for around 90 thousand people of four unions as dense water hyacinth stagnates the water body, making it virtually unusable for any practical purpose.

PHOTO: STAR

Water-hyacinth makes canal unusable

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pataukhali

Rapid growth of water-hyacinth has turned an important canal in Amtali upazila of Barguna into a bane for local people as they cannot use its water for any purpose for years.

Around 90,000 people of 30 villages in four unions are suffering due to the situation.

The 30 km Subandee canal flows through Halda, Amtali and Chawra unions and Amtali municipality. Its northern mouth is connected to the Payra river in Amtali upazila and the other mouth is connected to the Galachipa river.

The whole canal has become filled with hyacinth due to lack of proper maintenance, villagers said.

A closure was built at the northern point in

Amtali municipality area on Pataukhali-Kuakata road in 1983, and a sluice gate was built later at the other mouth to save the agriculture lands from saline water and tidal surge. But the sluice gate cannot drain out the water from vast areas.

Local influential people built several cross dams in different points of the canal, which obstruct the flow of water and prevent it from flowing through the sluice gate during the rainy season. As a result, vast areas face water stagnation. Around seven branch canals also face the same problem, much to the suffering of the local people.

Sanu Mollah, 50, of Holdia village said the canal was once a blessing for them as they could use its water for irrigation, household purposes and

bathing. Many villagers earned a living by fishing, while farmers got good yields from the fields by cultivating paddy and other crops, he added.

But the canal turned into a bane for them in the last 20 years because they cannot use its water now as it has become polluted and smelly, Sanu said.

Salma Begum said they cannot use the water for household works or bathing as it has become unfit for use, adding that they often suffer from skin diseases if they use the water that has become dirty due to hyacinth.

Executive Engineer Md Moshir Rahman said the flow of water in the canal has become stagnant as several cross dams have been built there.

Drowned college boy found in Teesta

Victim's father says 4 friends left area after the incident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The body of a college boy was found yesterday in the Teesta river at Rajpur village in Sadar upazila, two weeks after he went missing.

The deceased was Touhidul Islam Shubho, 18, son of Shaokar Ali and Tahmina Begum Poly of Ralataria area in the town, and an HSC second year student at Lalmonirhat Government College.

Locals saw the body in the river and informed the police, who recovered the body and sent it to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy, said Officer-in-Charge (investigation) of Sadar Police Station Uday Kumar Mandal.

Shubho and his four friends were bathing in the Teesta river in Kalmati village on July 21 when he went missing. Shubho's father Shaukat lodged a general diary with the police station on July 25.

Police said a three-member team of divers from Fire Service and Civil Defense conducted a search in the river for three days, but could not find Shubho. Family members also hired local divers to search for his body, but they also failed to find him.

Shaukat said, "We don't know what happened to our son. I will lodge a murder case after seeing the post-mortem report," he said, adding that Shubho's four friends left the area after the incident.

5 lakh metres current net seized

A CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized more than five lakh metres of illegal fishing nets from Purnabazar area of the town yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, Rab conducted an operation and seized the nets (called current jali) from six shops in the town.

A mobile court, led by Executive Magistrate Farida Tanjin, imposed a fine of Tk 10,000 each on Jahin Traders and Sumon Cotton Store, Tk 8,000 each on Matin Store, Iaker Enterprise and Sarder Traders, and Tk 5,000 on Khan Brothers.

The nets were burned in presence of Deputy Commissioner Wahidul Islam.

Wahidul said illegal nets are harmful for the country's fish sector.

UNICEF Vacancy Announcement (Re-Advertisement)

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is seeking applications from Bangladeshis interested to fill the following post for its office located in Cox's Bazar. For detailed Job Descriptions, please visit our website and use the following link to apply for the posts:

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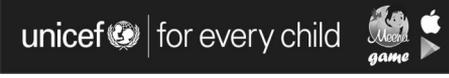
Application Closing Date: **17 August 2017**

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Expression of Interest For prequalification of NGOs for WFP's "Technical Assistance and Advocacy To Enhance the Food Security and Nutrition Impact of Selected Safety Nets" Ref. # WFP-EOI-NGO-07-01-2017

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) invites Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) with experience as per requirements to submit an Expression of Interest for the implementation of "Technical assistance and advocacy to enhance the food security and nutrition impact of selected safety nets"

About the Programme:
 The Programme focuses on targeting the root causes of food insecurity through Government capacity support and includes technical assistance and advocacy to enhance the food security and nutrition impact of selected safety nets. In order to ensure good quality of the programme, WFP will deploy five (5) to serve Upazilas in clusters) lead NGOs to build the capacity of other partner NGOs. Lead NGOs will be selected to carry out their activities under five clusters as listed below:

- Cluster 1 (Dhaka and Mymensingh division)
- Cluster 2 (Cox's Bazar, Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari)
- Cluster 3 (Chittagong and Sylhet division)
- Cluster 4 (Rangpur and Rajshahi division)
- Cluster 5 (Khaila and Barisal division)

Interested NGOs are entitled to apply for more than one cluster.

Conditions for entry:
 The applicant must have:

- Legal status (valid registration number with NGO Affairs Bureau and Social Welfare Department for over 15 years);
- Appropriate organizational strength;
- Physical presence in the clusters for which it applies;
- Previous working experience as a coordinator or lead NGO of a group of NGOs;
- Ample previous engagement in social protection and safety net activities as well as in nutrition interventions;
- Previous involvement in delivering various forms of training to Government and NGOs;
- Past exposure of implementing food and cash transfer based programme, livelihoods programme;
- Strong experience in awareness raising and imparting in-service training and "Training of Trainers";
- Background on supporting and/or implementing a grievance redressal or complaint mechanism system for beneficiaries;
- Proven monitoring, evaluation and learning experience;
- Previous involvement to conduct the required activities supported by an audited financial statement;
- Good relationships with the local administration, relevant local and regional institutions; *Work experience with Government, United Nations and Other International NGOs with reliable reputation

Prequalification Application Process:
 Interested NGOs need to submit a two-page Expression of Interest and an Organizational Profile in English (template for Organizational Profile and detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) can be found at: <http://202.53.161.243/IPDB/WFPBD.html>), along with the copies of the Certificate of Registration with the NGO Affairs Bureau and Social Welfare Department and a copy of last audited financial report in a sealed envelope marked with the reference number by 10 August 2017 (04:30 pm) to the following address:

Country Director
 World Food Programme
 IDB Bhaban 17th Floor
 E-8-A, Rokeya Sharani Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

The electronic copy of the above mentioned documents also needs to be sent in the email address: co.ban.fat@wfp.org within the stipulated deadline.

The Expression of Interest should include a brief summary of the organization's work and demonstrate NGO's interest in and capacity to effectively manage the Programme in the mentioned locations.

OIC for interfaith

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During the meeting, the president urged the OIC to mount pressure on the Myanmar government to take back Rohingya Muslims from Bangladesh.

Yousef is due to visit the Rohingya refugees at Kutupalong Camp in Cox's Bazar to see the plight of the Myanmar Muslim minority people and to express sympathy and solidarity with them.

Rohingyas fled to Bangladesh over the last three decades whenever there had been a crackdown on them by the Myanmar security forces.

Some 75,000 Rohingyas entered Bangladesh since the latest crackdown began on October last year.

The OIC secretary general arrived in Dhaka on Wednesday night on a four-day official visit to Bangladesh.

A former social affairs minister of Saudi Arabia, Yousef was elected as the OIC secretary general on November 17 last year.

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He appreciated Bangladesh's tremendous socioeconomic development under the leadership of Hasina.

About Bangladesh expatriate workers, Yousef said they were resilient, hard-working and professional.

He expressed happiness that Bangladesh is going to host OIC Foreign Ministers' Conference and OIC Tourism Ministers' Conference next year.

Yousef said his organisation would be happy to participate in any women development programme in Bangladesh. The OIC was likely to introduce scholarship programmes for the students of its 57 member states in the fields of science, technology and medicine, he added.

PM's International Affairs Adviser Govher Rizvi and PMO Senior Secretary Saraiya Begum were present, among others.

ROHINGYAS MUST HAVE CITIZENSHIP
 Appreciating the United Nations for its role in resolving the Rohingya crisis, the OIC secretary general yesterday said the Rohingyas must have full citizenship and basic rights.

"Rohingya people are being denied their basic human rights. They need to be recognised and given identity. They must return to their country and must have full citizenship," Yousef said.

He was talking to reporters after meeting Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali at his ministry office. Yousef called upon the Myanmar government to come up with a roadmap to a peaceful solution to the Rohingya crisis.

About the Programme:
 The selected NGO will work with the Directorate of Primary Education (DPE) to support the implementation of the Government-funded School Feeding (SF) Programme in various poverty prone areas with guidance from the relevant DPE officials.

Interested NGOs are entitled to apply for participation in more than one upazila.

Conditions for entry:
 The applicant must have:

- Legal status (valid registration number with the NGO Affairs Bureau and Social Welfare Department);
- Appropriate organizational strength;
- Physical presence in the upazilas for which it applies;
- Financial strength to implement the programme supported by an audited financial statement;
- Proven work experience with education, United Nations, International Donors and International NGOs with reliable reputation;
- Past experience of working with Government related programmes;
- Adequate human resource capacity and ability to lead the programme/project;
- Adequate logistics capacity.

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Sl. No.	Tender ID & Ref. No.	Name of works	Document last selling date & time	Meeting end date & time	Closing date & time	Opening date & time	Last date and time for tender/proposal security submission
1.	Tender ID: 109261, e-GP/DNCC/MECH/PD/01/2016-17	Asphalt Mixing Plant (Euro-III standard)-Min. 120 ton per hr. with erection and commission, 1 year maintenance and operation.	24/08/2017 11:30	07/08/2017 16:00	24/08/2017 12:00	24/08/2017 12:00	24/08/2017 11:45

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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