



Members of Border Guard Bangladesh and Indian Border Security Force exchange greetings at Hill border in Dinajpur's Hakimpur upazila yesterday marking the 71st Independence Day of India. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Beef too costly in Bangladesh

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Farmers' Association (BDFA) linked the high prices to declining flow of cows from India.
"We are yet to become self-sufficient in producing beef," he said, adding that the sector has not grown enough to meet domestic demands, mainly because of the farmers' fear of an influx of cattle from the neighbouring country causing the prices to plummet.
Market data shows that the prices began to rise after cattle flow from India, in early 2015, started declining in the wake of Indian authorities' strong vigilance.
Prior to the crackdown, over 20 lakh cows were smuggled into Bangladesh every year, according to National Board of Revenue. The meat prices were less than Tk 300 per kg in Dhaka at the time, according to market data gathered and compiled by The Daily Star.

Consumers could buy one kg of the red meat for Tk 280-300 in February 2015, when the global average prices of beef was \$4.63 or Tk 360, based on Bangladesh Bank's exchange rate at the time. It shows that beef prices in the country were 24 percent lower than the global average.
As the inflow slumped in mid-2015, beef prices shot up. In August, 2015, retail prices in Dhaka were about Tk 400 per kg or \$5.14, which was 10 percent higher than then global average of \$4.68, according to the World Bank and local market data.
The gap between domestic and global average prices widened even more early this year when meat packers cited higher purchase prices and alleged extortions and hiked red meat prices.
"It begins from the borders," said Robul Alam, secretary general, Bangladesh Meat Merchant Association.

Traders have to pay extortionists between Tk 10,000 and 12,000 just to bring a cow to the Cabotai cattle market from the border. Earlier, the illegal toll was much lower, he added.
AFM Asif, chief executive officer of Bengal Meat, said the demand for meat was rising in line with the growth of economy. "But supply is not increasing keeping pace with demand," he said.
Bangladesh annually requires 70-82 lakh tonnes of meat but it can only produce 61.52 lakh tonnes, according to data from Department of Livestock Services (DLS).
Bulk of the domestic requirement for meat is met by poultry, according to industry insiders.
Asif said cattle rearing was on the rise but it was not adequate to meet the demand. Hence the prices yet. Development of breeds to improve

per cow meat production was needed, he said.
The DLS data show that Bangladesh had 2.37 crore cattle in the fiscal year 2015-16. However, milk and beef yield per cow was low, said stakeholders.
DLS Director General Md Aunul Haque said more than 5 lakh farmers rear cattle in the country. The DLS brought semen of Brahman breed of cows under a project to develop breeds for beef production. The semen was experimentally given to contract farmers in 80 upazila.
"We see good results," he said, citing live weight of a bull becomes 600kg in two years whereas live weight of local breed becomes about 200kg at the same age.
He said DLS plans to disseminate the breed in two-three years among mass farmers through artificial insemination.

Afghan Taliban warns Trump against sending in more troops

REUTERS, Kabul

The Taliban yesterday told US President Donald Trump in an open letter that the military situation in Afghanistan was "far worse than you realize", and sending in more troops would be self-defensive.

A senior Taliban official told Reuters the rare decision to address Trump directly was timed to coincide with the president's deliberations on the future of US policy in Afghanistan.

"Previous experiences have shown that sending more troops to Afghanistan will not result in anything other than further destruction of American military and economical might," the Taliban said in the lengthy English-language letter.

It criticized the Afghan govern-

ment as "stooges", "lying, corrupt leaders" and "repulsive sellouts" who were providing Washington with "rosy pictures" of the military position.

The Taliban, seeking to restore Islamic rule, has waged an increasingly violent insurgency against the Western-backed Afghan government since losing power in a US-led invasion after the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001. Those attacks were planned by al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden from a base in Afghanistan.

"The war situation in Afghanistan is far worse than you realize!" the letter said, arguing that the only thing preventing the Taliban from seizing major cities was a fear of causing civilian casualties.

The senior US commander in

Afghanistan, General John Nicholson, has requested several thousand additional troops to act as advisers to the struggling Afghan security forces. Influential voices including Republican Senator John McCain have also urged an "enduring" U.S. military presence in Afghanistan.

But such plans have faced scepticism in the White House, where Trump and several top aides have criticised years of American aid.

US Defense Secretary Jim Mattis told reporters on Monday that the Trump administration was "very, very close" to a decision on Afghanistan, adding that all options were on the table. However, US officials believe it could take weeks for a South Asia strategy to be approved.

Cantonnement Board

Savar Cantonnement
Savar, Dhaka

Ref No: 23.22.7003.003.02.022.17.7 Date: 10 August 2017

Invitation for Tender (IFT)

- Ministry/division : DML & C, Ministry of Defense, Dhaka Cantonnement, Dhaka.
- Agency : Cantonnement Board, Saver Cantonnement (CBS).
- Procuring entity name : Cantonnement Board, Saver Cantonnement (CBS).
- Procuring entity district : Dhaka.
- Invitation for : Additional work of electrical and fire fighting systems of Saver Cantonnement Super Market.
- Invitation reference No. : Ref No: 23.22.7003.003.02.022.17.7
- Date : 10 August 2017.
- Opening of tenders : OTH (Open Tendering Method).
- Budget & source of fund : Salaries from Shops.
- Project name : Additional work of electrical and fire fighting systems of Saver Cantonnement Super Market.
- Tender package No. : 01 (one).
- Tender publication date : On or before 16 August 2017.
- Tender closing date : 13th September 2017.
- Tendering date and time : Date: 14th September 2017, Time: 12:00 noon.
- Opening date and time : Date: 14th September 2017, Time: 12:30pm.
- Name and address of the office : Cantonnement Board, Saver Cantonnement (CBS).
- Selling tender document (principal) : DML&C, Ministry of Defense, Dhaka Cantonnement, Dhaka.
- Selling tender document (others) : Station Headquarters, Saver Cantonnement.
- Receiving tender document : Cantonnement Board, Saver Cantonnement (CBS).
- Opening tender document : Tender Committee, Cantonnement Board.
- Eligibility of tenderer :
 - General working experience: At least 05 (five) years proven general working experience in the construction field to participate in this tender.
 - Similar specific working experience: Tenderer must have successfully completed in similar nature of work in a single package amounting not less than 05 crore not before last 05 (five) years in govt./semi-govt./autonomous bodies/repudiated private organization.
 - The required average annual construction turnover for the last 5 years or best 3 years in the last 5 years or best 5 years in the last 10 years or best 1 year in the last 3 years shall be greater than 14 Crores.
 - The minimum amount of credit facility shall be for Tk. 5.00 crore, supporting papers to be attached showing the amount.
 - Holding valid trade license, up-to-date income tax clearance and VAT registration certificate.
- Identification of lot :

Additional work of electrical and fire fighting systems of Saver Cantonnement Board Super Market.	Price of tender (Taka)	Tender Security (Pay Order/Bank Guarantee) (Taka)	Completion time in months
	15,000,-	39,000,000,- (Taka)	04 months
- Before purchase of any schedule, tenderer must show the relevant authentic documents of general experience otherwise schedule shall not be sold.
- Name of official inviting tenders : Md. Salim Fakr
- Designation of official inviting tender : Cantonnement Executive Officer, Saver Cantonnement.
- Address of official inviting tender : Saver Cantonnement Board, Saver, Dhaka.
- Contact details of official inviting tender : Tel & Fax: +88-02-7791536
- The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- The rate in financial offer must be quoted (both) in figures and in words for each work/item.

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TENDER NOTICE FOR SIEM [SECURITY INFORMATION & EVENT MANAGEMENT]

Tender Ref. # RFO/icddr/b/SCM/2017/NS-17-0977 Date: August 16, 2017

Sealed tenders are invited by icddr. b from reputed IT Solution Providers/firms having relevant position in Gartner's Magic Quadrant for SIEM Solution having work experience with large organizations like UN agencies, Diplomatic Missions, International Organizations, NGOs etc.:

Sl.	Name of Tender	QTY	Schedule of Pre-bid meeting	Schedule of Tender Sales	Tender Closing and Opening Time
01	SIEM (Security Information & Event Management) with 3 year Warranty	1 pcs	August 22, 2017 3:00 pm-4:00 pm	August 17, 2017 to Aug 29, 2017	Aug 30, 2017 2:45 PM

Tender documents will be available at Cash Counter, Finance Office, Level-4 of Main Building, icddr. b, Mohakhali, Dhaka as per above schedule on all working days, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. (08072000) - (non-refundable) each document. Pre-bid meeting will be held in Supply Chain Conference Room, IPH Building Ground Floor, icddr. b, Mohakhali, Dhaka as scheduled above. The tenderer must bring NID card/Company Photo ID card with him/her to attend Pre-bid Meeting and for collection of tender document. In case, tender cannot be received and opened on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working day at same time and place.

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'Lot of time' needed to rebuild trust

Qatar FM says on Gulf crisis

AFP, Doha

Qatar's foreign minister said yesterday it will take a "lot of time" to rebuild any trust between sparring Gulf countries because of the region's continuing diplomatic crisis.

As the impasse between Doha and four Arab states led by Saudi Arabia entered its eleventh week, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani said regional relations had been transformed by the dispute.

"This organisation has been one of the founders of the GCC organisation and we still consider that this has a great importance for all of us in the region," he told reporters.
Created in 1981, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) groups Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

"This organisation has been built on a strategic security and been built on trust."

"Unfortunately, what happened lately with this crisis, this factor is missing now and needs a lot of time to rebuild the trust again."

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BANGLADESH MILK PRODUCERS' CO-OPERATIVE UNION LTD. HEAD OFFICE: DUGHDA BHABAN 139-140, TEJGAON INDUSTRIAL AREA, DHAKA- 1208

INVITATION FOR LOCAL TENDER (OTM)

Procuring Entity Name: Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-Operative Union Ltd.
Procurement Method: Open Tendering Method.
Source of Funds: Own Fund.
Invitation for Tenders No.: PD/Tender-16/2014/02 Date: 13.08.2017

Sl. No.	Tender Package No.	Item	Cost of Schedule (Non refundable)	Tender Security (BOT)
1.	PD/Polyfilm-03/2017/33	Printed Polyfilm (One Stage Two Envelope System).	Tk. 6,000.00	Tk. 47,40,000.00
2.	PD/PTD/PE Freezing Room-50/2017/34	Pre-fabricated Freezing Room for Takerhat Dairy Plant.	Tk. 1,000.00	Tk. 64,500.00
3.	PD/MPC-06/2014/35	Master Paper Carton for IFMPC (Re-tender)	Tk. 500.00	Tk. 30,000.00
4.	PD/PCB-78/2016/36	Paper Carton of Butter Packing (Re-tender)	Tk. 500.00	Tk. 45,000.00

Validity of tender offer: 120 days from the date of submission of tender
Validity of tender security: 148 days from the date of submission of tender
Name & address of the office for selling the tender documents: (a) Accounts Division, Head Office, 139-140, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208. (b) Accounts Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant, Mirpur Sec-7, Dhaka-1216 & (c) Divisional Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.
Name & address of the office for receiving of the tender documents: (a) Procurement Division, Head Office, 139-140, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208. (b) Security Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant, Mirpur Sec-7, Dhaka-1216 & (c) Divisional Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.

Starting date for selling tender documents (Sl. no. 01, 02, 03 & 04): 17.08.2017 during office hour.
Last selling date for tender documents: (a) 19.09.2017 (For sl. no. 01) during office hour. (b) 10.09.2017 (For sl. no. 02, 03 & 04) during office hour.

Tender closing Date, Date & Time: (a) Procurement Division, Head Office, Dhaka. (b) Security Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant, Mirpur, Dhaka. (c) Divisional Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.
Tender opening Date, Date and Time: Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-Operative Union Ltd. Head Office, 139-140 Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208. (a) 20.09.2017 (For sl. no. 01) at 12:30 PM. (b) 11.09.2017 (For sl. no. 02, 03 & 04) at 12:30 PM.

Other Instruction: All other terms & conditions are mentioned in the tender schedule.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS
Name of the Official Inviting Tender: Md. Zakir Hossain
Designation of the Official Inviting Tender: Managing Director, B MPCUL
Address of the Official Inviting Tender: Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-Operative Union Limited (Milk Vita) 139-140, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208.
Contact details of the official inviting tender: Tel: 88-02-8870438, 8879279 (PABX); 8870444-45 Ext-140 Fax: 88-02-8870433, E-mail: Procurement@milkvita.org

OTHER INFORMATION
Special Conditions: The authority also reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. This tender will be conducted as per Public Procurement Rules-2008 of Bangladesh.

Signed/-
(Md. Mahbubur Rahman)
Dy. General Manager (Procurement)
On behalf of Managing Director
Tel : 02-8879279