

# Canal or fish gher?

Cultivation on 400 acres of Patuakhali land hampered

SOHRAH HOSSAIN, *Patuakhali*

Farming on around 400 acres of land is greatly hampered as an influential family has started fish cultivation in the Mongolbaria canal in Rangabali upazila, stopping natural flow of water.

The family had begun fish cultivation about eight years ago, turning the canal into a fish enclosure locally called gher at Borobaidhia union. It is an important resource for farmers as well as the villagers. Around 400 families rely on its water for agricultural and domestic use.

Mongolbaria canal plays a vital role in agricultural activities in the only natural source of water in the area. The canal had six branches that carried irrigation water from nearby rivers. The farmers in the locality were very happy as they could irrigate their fields every year.

About eight years ago, Hasan Talukder, Hussen Talukder and Masum Talukder closed all six branch canals, constructing cross dams at different points on the canal to cultivate fish. The cross dams stopped natural flow of water, depriving farmers of water for irrigating their Aus and Aman paddy and other crops.

Thirty-eight farmers submitted a complaint to the deputy commissioner (DC) on February 6 this year, requesting him to take steps to free the canal.

Later, Chan Mia, union assistant land officer, submitted a report to the DC through the upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) on February 27, recommending that steps be taken to remove the fish enclosures to pave

the way for creating natural flow of water. The DC asked the UNO to take action in this regard.

The woes of the local community regarding the canal began 15 years ago when Bangladesh Water Development Board blocked both entrances to the canal with flood control embankment, which starved the canal of water during the dry season and resulted in flooding in the area during the monsoon. Water flow returned to normal after a sluice gate was built to connect the canal with the Tultali canal.

After instruction from the DC, the then UNO ABBM Sadique Rahman sent a letter to Borobaidhia UP chairman asking him to take steps in this regard but the chairman ignored it.

Sadique sent another letter to the UP chairman on April 19, asking him to free the canal within seven days, but in vain.

"Cultivation on over 400 acres of land depends on the canal water," says local farmer Jahanbir Talukder. "For the last eight years, we have been able to grow Aus or Aman paddy, even rearing goats or cows, for lack of access to water."

Hasan Talukder said, "I took lease of the canal for a year from the Youth Development Department in 2008 and since then I have been cultivating fish in the canal."

"I did not apply to renew the lease because the authorities concerned stopped giving lease from 2009," he said.

Rangabali acting UNO Md Rezaul Karim said steps would be taken to free the canal from occupiers considering the interest of the local farmers.



Cross dams and fish enclosures have been built in the Mongolbaria canal, hampering cultivation on land.

PHOTO: SOHRAH HOSSAIN

## Tortured youth found dead in UP office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Nilphamari*

Police recovered the body of a youth from inside Magura Union Parishad (UP) office in Nilphamari's Kishoreganj upazila early yesterday.

The deceased is Al-Amin, 35, son of Azizur Rahman of Borotia village.

Quoted deceased's family members, Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Bazar Rashid of Kishoreganj Police Station said Al-Amin's in-laws mercilessly tortured him when he went to their house to meet his wife on Tuesday night.

Locals, however, informed the police that after torturing him severely, Al-Amin's in-laws handed him over to Magura UP Chairman Mahmud Hasan Shihab, who ordered his men to confine the youth at the chairman's office.

Later around 4:00am, the UP chairman phoned the OIC and informed him that Al-Amin committed suicide by hanging himself inside the office.

The deceased's father Azizur Rahman alleged that his son died due to the barbaric torture by his in-laws.

## 9.5 tonnes relief

FROM PAGE 16 while others had 14 or 20kgs of rice in them. Bara seized the underweight sacks.

Executive Magistrate Alam further said that after analysing the Cane documents, they found many discrepancies. "We have found 258 tonnes of rice which shows that 258 tonnes of rice was supplied to Dhaka district Ansar but we came to know that they only received 75 tonnes so far," he said.

He further said that they are sending the documents to the Anti-Corruption Commission, recommending steps against persons responsible.

Regarding this, lawmaker Syed Abu Hossain told this newspaper that a section of dishonest CSD officials are responsible behind it and action needs to be taken against them.

Contacted, Humayun Kabir, manager of CSD granary, told The Daily Star that Rab stopped two trucks carrying 30 tonnes of

rice just after it crossed the main gate having completed all formalities. Later, after measuring the trucks yesterday at 2:00pm, they found 9.5 tonnes of rice missing.

"We have already arranged the 30 tonnes of rice and handed it over to the concerned party for relief at 6:00pm yesterday," he said, adding that the granary in charge (GI) released the fresh batch of rice after measuring it. It was then loaded into the truck and a report was sent to the manager's office.

"I believe a section of workers and the GI might be responsible behind it and we are helping the Rab magistrate to take action against the perpetrators," he added.

Kabir further said that they have already formed a three member committee to investigate the incident and he will be leading the panel. The two other members of the committee are an assistant manager and inspector of CSD.

## MATHBARIA BNP LEADER MURDER 17 pro-AL men sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Minjur*

Twenty-three people, including 17 pro-Awami League men were sued over the murder of a local BNP leader in Mathbaria upazila of the district yesterday.

Habibur Rahman Talukder, a leader of Dhanisara union unit of BNP, was found dead near the toll of Tushkhali High School on Monday night.

Police arrested Masum Talukder, one named accused. Salatul Habbub had a conflict with UP chairman and Awami League (AL) leader Harun Ur Rashid Talukder and his relative UP member Idris Talukder, also a local ruling party leader.

Habibur was picked up by the cohorts of Harun and Idris from near Tushkhali Bazar on Sunday after an altercation between the sons of the victim and Idris in the morning.

The victim's family members alleged that Mathbaria police chief, a general diary (GD) with the police station on that day when they wanted to file the suit.

Refuting the allegation, Officer-in-Charge KM Tamul Islam said Habibur's wife Maleka Begum filed a GD on Monday and police accepted it.

Habibur's son Md Hafizur Rahman filed the case against 17 pro-Awami League men including Harun and Idris Talukder and six unnamed people.

## BGB-BSF friendship meet held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Minjur*

A friendship meeting between the border guards of Bangladesh and India was held at Hill Land Port in Dinajpur yesterday.

Family members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF) officials also attended the meeting.

Dinajpur BGB Sector Commander Col. Zahir Hossain and TEC Srinu, DFO of BSF's Rangpur Sector, led their respective sides.

Col. Zahir said such meeting will help improve the brotherly relations between the two neighbouring countries.

"শেষ ঘোষণা দেওয়ান, এব বেব দিয়ো"

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(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)

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#### INVITATION FOR TENDERS (INTERNATIONAL)

1 Procurement Method: IGT (Open Tendering Method)

2 Budget and Source of Funds: Revenue Budget (Own fund of EGCBL Ltd.)

3 Designation (if applicable): N/A

4 Procurement Entity Code: N/A

5 Invitations for: Procurement of Goods (Multiple Lots)

6 Invitation Ref. No: 27 27 2666 103 03 16 17 2275

7 Date: 06/09/2017

8 Tender Package No: N/A

9 Tender Package Name: Procurement of I&C Spares for Instrument Air Compressor and Water Treatment System of Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant

10 Tender Publication Date: 07/09/2017

11 Tender Submission Date & Time: 23/09/2017 to 13:30 (12:00 Hr) (Tenderers or their authorized representatives, if any, are allowed to attend)

12 Tender Opening Date & Time: 23/10/2017 at 10:30 (12:00 Hr) (Tenderers or their authorized representatives, if any, are allowed to attend)

13 Name and Address of the office(s) - Selling Tender Document: Executive Engineer (Procurement), Corporate Office, Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited, Unique Heights (Level-15 & 16), 117, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh

- Receiving Tender Document: Executive Engineer (Procurement), Corporate Office, Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited, Unique Heights (Level-15 & 16), 117, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh

- Opening Tender Document: Executive Engineer (Procurement), Corporate Office, Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited, Unique Heights (Level-15 & 16), 117, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh

21 Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting: N/A

#### INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22 Eligibility of Tenderer: (a) Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the contract, shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes and social contributions, shall not be under a declaration of insolvency for foreign or local creditors, collusive or coercive practices, or shall not be under a declaration of insolvency by an international financing agency, are not restrained or prohibited from paying. Presentments of grounds of execution of defective contracts, or any other grounds, shall not be possible, be it in receivership, be bankrupt, be in the process of bankruptcy, be not temporarily barred from undertaking business, shall not have a conflict of interest pursuant Rule 55 of the Public Procurement Rules-2008 etc.

(b) The maximum three (3) numbers of arbitration against the Tenderer over a period of five (5) years.

(c) The tender shall have minimum of five (5) years of experience in the supply of Goods and related services.

(d) The satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of minimum value under maximum two (02) Contracts in the last five (5) years. BDT five (5) million for Lot-1 and BDT seven (7) million for Lot-2.

(e) The tenderer shall be a registered and working capital or credit facility is: BDT seven (7) million for Lot-1 and BDT nine (9) million for Lot-2.

N.B: Details mentioned in the tender document.

23 Brief Description of Goods: Lot-1: Procurement of Control Spares for Instrument Air Compressor & Air Dryer System of Haripur 412 MW CCP. Air Lot-2: Procurement of I&C Spares for Water Treatment Plant of Haripur 412 MW CCP.

24 Brief Description of Related services: N/A

25 Price of Tender Document: BDT 2,000/- (Two thousand) or USD 25/- (Twenty Five) to be paid in the form of Bank Draft / Pay order in favor of "Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited"

26 Lot No: Identification of Lot: Location: Tender Security Amount: Completion Time:

01. Procurement of Control Spares for Instrument Air Compressor & Air Dryer System of Haripur 412 MW CCP. Power Plant, ECOB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh

02. Procurement of I&C Spares for Water Treatment Plant of Haripur 412 MW CCP.

27 Name of Official Inviting the Tender: Mohammad Noore Alam Siddiki

28 Designation of Official Inviting the Tender: Executive Engineer (Procurement)

29 Address of Official Inviting the Tender: Corporate Office, EGCBL Ltd., Unique Heights (Level-15 & 16), 117, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh

30 Contact details of Official Inviting the Tender: Tel: 880-2-55138633-36, Ext-1114, Fax: 880-2-55138637, E-mail: [noore.alam@egcb.com.bd](mailto:noore.alam@egcb.com.bd)

31 The Full Tender Document will be available in PDF format in the website of EGCBL Ltd. ([www.egcb.com.bd](http://www.egcb.com.bd))

(b) The Tenderers are requested to read the tender document carefully before submission their offer.

32 The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.

## Turkish FM

FROM PAGE 16 who had escaped from Myanmar.

"Also our Turkish

Cooperation Agency (TICA)

head and our foreign min-

ister, who is currently in

Azerbaijan, will head for

Bangladesh to meet,

and to provide oppor-

tunities there," he said.

The UN yesterday esti-

mated that nearly 1,46,000

Rohingyas crossed into

Bangladesh since August 25

as tens of thousands more

were still displaced.

The Turkish FM and

the foreign minister

will fly to Cox's Bazar

this morning to visit the

tens of thousands of

Rohingya population now living in

makeshift camps there.

A delegation headed by

Foreign Minister Mefvlut

Caricoglu and TICA

President Serdar Cam will

deliver the aid in person to

Rohingyas who live in the

camps in Cox's Bazar

and the foreign minister

will call on Prime

Minister Sheikh Hasina

and discuss the ongoing

Rohingya crisis to find a

lasting solution to this

decades-long humanitarian

crisis.

On August 31, Turkish

President Recep Tayyip

Erdogan called

Bangladesh's

prime minister

and assured the

Bangladeshi president

of full support and

cooperation to Dhaka.

Erdogan expressed con-

cern over the ongoing

violence in the Rakhine

State and assured the

Bangladeshi president

of full support and

cooperation to Dhaka.

"We are fully aware of the

grave situation in Rakhine

State and we are doing

our best to help the

refugees," Erdogan said.

Receiving Tender Document: Office of the Manager (Procurement), APSCl, Ashugan, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.

Opening Tender Document: Office of the Manager (Procurement), APSCl, Ashugan, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.

Place/Date of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional): N/A

#### INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

11. Tender Package Name: a) Brine Pump with Motor for 3x150MW Water Treatment Plant of Ashugan Power Station Company Ltd. (APSCl).

b) Sump Pump & Neutralization Pump with Motor for 3x150MW Water Treatment Plant of Ashugan Power Station Company Ltd. (APSCl).

12. Tender Last Selling Date: 22 October, 2017 during office hour.

13. Tender Closing Date & Time: 23 October, 2017 at 12:15 BST.

14. Tender Opening Date & Time: 23 October, 2017 at 12:15 BST.

15. Place/Address of the Office: a) Company Secretary, Corporate Office of APSCl, Navana Rahim Adent (Level-10-15), 186, Shahed Sayeed Nazr Islam Saran, Paltan, and Dhaka.

b) Manager (Finance), APSCl, Ashugan, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.

16. Place/Address of the Office: N/A

#### INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

17. Eligibility of Tenderer: Renowned Manufacturer/Supplier having similar experience of supplying pumps as specified in the tender document.

18. Brief Description of Supply: a) Procurement of Brine Pump with Motor for 3x150MW Water Treatment Plant of Ashugan Power Station Company Ltd. (APSCl).

b) Procurement of Sump Pump & Neutralization Pump with Motor for 3x150MW Water Treatment Plant of Ashugan Power Station Company Ltd. (APSCl).

19. Brief Description of Related Services: Custom Clearance (C&T) Agency & Transportation.

20. Tender Document Price: For both a) & b) BDT 20,000.00 in the form of Pay order / DD in favor of APSCl, from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh (Non-refundable).

21. Identification of Lot: Location: Tender Security Amount: Completion time

Procurement of Brine Pump with Motor for 3x150MW Water Treatment Plant of Ashugan Power Station Company Ltd. (APSCl), Ashugan, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.

BDT 1,85,000.00 or USD 2,800.

210 days from the date of L/C Opening.

Procurement of Sump Pump & Neutralization Pump with Motor for 3x150MW Water Treatment Plant of Ashugan Power Station Company Ltd. (APSCl), Ashugan, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.

BDT 1,45,000.00 or USD 1,800.

210 days from the date of L/C Opening.

Procurement Entity DETAILS

22. Name & Designation of the Person Inviting the Tender: Md. Rafiquluddin, Manager (Procurement), APSCl, Ashugan, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.

23. Address of Official Inviting the Tender: Ashugan Power Station Company Ltd., Ashugan, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.

24. Contact details of official Inviting the Tender: Tel: +88 0852 74033, Fax: +88 0852 74044, E-mail: [apscl@apscl.com.bd](mailto:apscl@apscl.com.bd), Website: [www.apscl.com.bd](http://www.apscl.com.bd)

25. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.

16/09/2017  
(Md. Rafiquluddin)  
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