



Sundra Kalikapur High School in Mirzaganj upazila of Patuakhali was devoured due to erosion by the Payra river while Purbo Rampur Government Primary School (inset) in the same upazila is under threat of collapse. PHOTO: STAR

# 20 Patuakhali schools, madrasas under river erosion threat

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Around 20 educational institutions in the district are in danger of being washed away as the rivers are eroding large areas during the rainy season.

Twelve of the institutions are in Mirzaganj upazila, three in Sadar upazila, two in Dashmina, and one each in Baufal, Kalapara and Dumki upazilas.

Piprahkhal Government Primary School, Sundra Kalikapur Government Primary School, Charkhali Government Primary School, Charkhali Somobay High School, Islamabad Dakhil Madrasa, Rampur Siddiqia Fazil Madrasa in Mirzaganj upazila are under threat of erosion.

Rampur Siddiqia Fazil Madrasa has already been shifted three times to escape erosion.

Around four months ago, the authorities concerned auctioned Sundra Kalikapur High School and Purbo Rampur Government Primary School in Mirzaganj upazila as sections of the school buildings collapsed into the Payra river. The schools have been shifted to other places.

Headmaster of Piprahkhal Government Primary School Hosneara Begum said the school building is only 10 to 15 feet away from the Payra river and is in danger of being devoured by the river.

Guardians and teachers are worried about the situation, and

attendance of students has decreased, she added.

Upazila Assistant Education Officer Marium Parvin said they have requested the school committee to shift the school to a safe place as soon as possible.

"We also sent a letter last week to the Local Government Engineering Department, seeking immediate steps over the matter," she added.

Nimdi Government Primary School in Baufal upazila is only 10 to 15 feet away from the Tentulia river, while Hatemia Dakhil Madrasa, Fultala Government Primary School and Vajna Government Primary School in Sadar upazila, Bashbaria Government Primary School and

Auliapur Government Primary School in Dashmina upazila, and Ranirhat Government Primary School in Dumki upazila are facing the threat of erosion.

Md Milon Sikder of Rampur village said they are afraid that the educational institutions might collapse into the river at any time as erosion has taken a serious turn.

Executive Engineer of district Water Development Board Md Hasanuzzaman said they have sent a draft project proposal of Tk 331 crore to the higher authorities for building a 4.50-km-long dyke to protect the area from erosion. Work will start in the next dry season after getting approval, he added.

# It's all but gone

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not once did we find a slow loris with an infant. We're quite confused about their breeding habits. A long-term ecological study is urgently required."

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Without a better habitat management and further research, the future of the slow loris in Bangladesh, and especially in the northeast, looks bleak. To lose such a remarkable creature, one that is not only attractive but could also win acrobatic awards for being able to hang upside down from a branch by its feet and eat with both hands at the same time, would be a national shame.

Although they are tree-dwellers, the animal is susceptible to traffic accidents. They walk across roads at night to reach new habitat and aren't as agile as their monkey cousins. Sometimes in search of food they enter settlements too, where they risk being killed by villagers. A bigger threat is habitat

loss and the associated food shortage caused. "Illegal logging in the Lawachara area occurs with the collusion of the local administration, law enforcement agencies and forestry officials," says Javed Bhuiyan, general secretary of a local conservation group. "This deforestation is the primary cause of the food crisis faced by the slow lorises."

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**Government Printing Press**  
 Department of Printing & Publication  
 (Ministry of Public Administration)  
 Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208  
 No. 05.83.0000.010.07.003.17-18/1986 Date: 14-09-2017

**Urgent Notice**

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10.00am on 20-09-2017 at the Room of Deputy Director, Government Printing Press, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208 for Procurement 01 unit Bi-Color Sheet-Fed offset printing machine with fully Automatic perfecting system under the International Tender No. 05.83.0000.010.07.003.17-18/1678, Date 06-08-2017 and amendment No. 05.83.0000.010.07.003.17-18/1920, Date 11-09-2017.

The persons concerned are requested to attend the meeting.

**Md. Mojibar Rahman**  
 Deputy Secretary  
 Deputy Director  
 Phone: 8870200 (Office)

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**শাখা স্থানান্তর**

উন্নততর গ্রাহকসেবা প্রদানের লক্ষ্যে অগ্রণী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড-এর খানজাহান আলী রোড শাখা, খুলনা। বর্তমান শাখা ভবন হতে প্রায় ১৫০ গজ দূরে নবনির্মিত ভবনে শাখাটি স্থানান্তরিত হবে। শাখাটি নতুন ভবনে ১৫/০৯/২০১৭ ইং তারিখে স্থানান্তরিত হবে এবং ১৭/০৯/২০১৭ ইং হতে ব্যাংকিং কার্যক্রম শুরু করা হবে।

**শাখার বর্তমান অবস্থান ও প্রস্তাবিত নতুন ভবনের অবস্থান নিম্নরূপ:**

<p align="center"><b>বিদ্যমান শাখার অবস্থান/বর্তমান ঠিকানা</b></p> <p align="center"><b>অগ্রণী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড</b></p> <p align="center">খানজাহান আলী রোড শাখা, খুলনা।</p> <p>২৭৫, খানজাহান আলী রোড, খুলনা          মৌজা-টুটপাড়া, জে এল নং-৪, প্লট নং-৯৩৭          খতিয়ান নং-৯২৪/১১২৩, খুলনা সিটি কর্পোরেশন          (৪ তলা ভবনের নীচ তলায় অবস্থিত)</p>	<p align="center"><b>প্রস্তাবিত নতুন শাখার অবস্থান/ঠিকানা</b></p> <p align="center"><b>অগ্রণী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড</b></p> <p align="center">খানজাহান আলী রোড শাখা, খুলনা।</p> <p>এস.আর.সি.টি রোকেয়া মমতাজ টাওয়ার (২য় তলা)          ৭৮, খানজাহান আলী রোড, খুলনা, দাগ নং-এসএ-১৫৭১          ডিপি-৮০৮, খতিয়ান নং হাল : এসএ-৯৩৩, ডিপি-৩৮৩৬          মৌজা-টুটপাড়া, খুলনা সিটি কর্পোরেশন, খুলনা।</p>
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**BB asks bKash**

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unearthed, findings of a research on the fall of remittance, information from bKash, media reports, various complaints and information from different law enforcing and intelligence agencies.

A BFIU senior official said bKash was instructed to suspend activities of agents who breached laws.

Besides, a number of agents were operating more than one account. Instructions have been given to suspend 1,863 accounts as an agent cannot have multiple accounts, the official added.

The BFIU would also look into anomalies in operations of other mobile financial service providers.

Shamsuddin Haider Dalim, head of corporate communications at bKash said he had not received the copy of the order from the BFIU as of yesterday evening.

"We always comply with BFIU directions. It is a continuous process," he told The Daily Star.

Launched in 2011, bKash is the largest mobile financial service provider in the country.

The BFIU initiative is part of the government efforts to curb hundi and increase the flow of remittance through banking channels.

**Meghna Petroleum Limited**  
 (A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)  
 58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong

**Tender Notice**

1.	Name of the procuring entity	Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong.		
2.	Invitation of Tender for	Pur-030	Description	Cost of tender documents
		Date: 13-09-2017	Additional protection against land sliding by dumping cement sand bag (1:15) and construction of retaining wall by drum sheet with MS pipe for protection of front and North East side of 3 No. Bangalaw at BPC's Joyphar Estate, Zamal Khan, Chittagong.	Tk. 5,000/- (non-refundable)
3.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (As per PPR-2008). Tender to be submitted in two separate envelopes, one for Technical offer and the other for Commercial/Financial offer. EACH ENVELOPE MUST BE SEALED PROPERLY.		
4.	Last selling date of tender document	September 26, 2017	15:30 hrs	
5.	Tender closing time and date	September 27, 2017	15:00 hrs	
6.	Tender opening time & date	September 27, 2017	15:15 hrs	
7.	Name & address of the offices for:	Selling of tender documents	1. Purchase Section, Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. 2. Cash Section, Meghna Petroleum Limited, Meghna Bhaban, 131, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.	
		Receiving of tender documents	DGM (Operations), Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.	
		Opening of tender documents	DGM (Operations), Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.	
8.	Qualification of tenderer	a.	The bidder must be 1st Class Civil/Construction Contractor enlisted with any govt./semi-govt./autonomous bodies.	
		b.	The tenderer must have minimum 5 (five) years of general experience in construction works as Prime Contractor.	
		c.	Interested contractor must have successfully completion construction of civil works of Taka minimum 50.00 (fifty) lac in a single order as a prime contractor in any government/semi-government/autonomous bodies including supply of all necessary men and materials within last 05 (five) years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.	
		d.	Average annual construction turnover of Tk 60.00 (sixty) lac during the period of last 03 (three) financial year.	
		e.	The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be Tk 50 (fifty) lac.	
		9.	Special instruction	Technical Offer must contain the under noted documents: a. Certified copy of work order along with satisfactory completion certificate of civil works of Taka minimum 50.00 (fifty) lac in a single order as a Prime Contractor in any government/semi-government/autonomous bodies including supply of all necessary men and materials within last 05 (five) years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. b. Enlistment Certificate of 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Civil/Construction Contractor from any govt./semi-govt./autonomous bodies. c. Certified copy of up-to-date bank solvency certificate or credit facilities as specified in the tender schedule. d. Certified copy of Income Tax/TIN Certificate, up-to-date Trade License & VAT Registration Certificate. e. Original tender schedule duly seal & signed by the person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the tenderer. f. Original copy of money receipt against purchase of tender documents. g. Earnest money as mentioned above & any other information/documents as specified in the Tender Schedule. <b>After opening/scrutiny of the technical offers the successful bidders will be advised the date/time of opening of the commercial/financial offers to enable their attendance as per schedule.</b>
10.	Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or part of any tender without showing any reason whatsoever.			

**Note:** If the tender cannot be received/opened on the date of schedule due to any uncontrollable reason, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at same time and same place.

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**Deal signed**

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"After signing the contracts, the companies may take two months' time to start the work," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

According to the documents, the authority at first decided to construct 128km meter gauge railway track at the cost of Tk 1852.35 crore. But at an Ecneec meeting in September 2014 the decision was changed to build a dual gauge track so that both meter and broad gauge trains can operate.

"The project is again revised including the provision of dual gauge single line track with a vision of seamless connectivity with Trans Asian Railway route," reads a document.

Earlier, the proposal to construct rail line from Dohazari to Ramu and Ramu to Gundum was approved by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) in July 2010.

Even Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina laid the foundation of the project in April 2011, kicking off the construction work. But the government failed to make any headway as it could not find any financier, thus delaying the project.

The total cost now rose to Tk 18,034.47 crore; the government will provide Tk 4,919.07 crore while the Asian Development Bank the rest in aid.

Untill February this year,

Tk 1,686 crore has already been spent while the government allocated Tk 1,561 crore for the ongoing fiscal year, according to the planning ministry.

The project will be completed in 2022. Officials and experts believe once it is done, railway communication with the city of tourist attraction will facilitate a growth of the tourism sector.

Speaking at the deal signing ceremony yesterday at Railway Bhaban in the capital, Rail Minister Mazibul Hoque said the project was very important for Bangladesh, which was why it had been included in the list of fast-track initiatives.

The five companies Bangladesh Railway signed the deal with are SMEC International Pty Ltd, Australia (lead firm); CANARAIL Consultants Inc, Canada; SYSTRA, France; ACE Consultants Ltd, Bangladesh and sub-consultant STRATEGI Consulting Company Ltd, Bangladesh.

Project director Mofizur and Ahmed Sayed As-Sabah, country manager of SMEC, signed the five-year contract.

Kamal Krishna Bhattacharyya, additional secretary (planning and development) of the railway ministry, and Amzad Hossain, director general of the railway, among others, spoke at the programme.

**Chittagong Port Authority**  
 Office of the Director (Traffic)

**Invitation for Tender**

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Shipping.		
2.	Agency	Chittagong Port Authority.		
3.	Procuring entity name	Chittagong Port Authority.		
4.	Procuring entity code	5205		
5.	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.		
6.	Invitation for	Appointment of a Contractor for Removal/Transfer of Empty Containers from yard to yard by using contractor's own Empty Handler and Tractor Trailer for a period of 4 years.		
7.	Invitation Ref. No.	DT/Ship/GCB/PTT/Empty Cont/Handling/Tender/2017		
8.	Date	12/09/2017		
9.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (Single stage two envelope system).		
10.	Budget and source of funds	CPA's own fund.		
11.	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A.		
12.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A.		
13.	Project name	N/A.		
14.	Tender package No.	N/A.		
15.	Tender package name	Appointment of a Contractor for Removal/Transfer of Empty Containers from yard to yard by using contractor's own Empty Handler and Tractor Trailer for a period of 4 years.		
16.	Tender publication date	13/09/2017		
17.	Tender last selling date	10/10/2017 at 11.00 hrs.		
18.	Tender closing date and time	11/10/2017 at 12.00 hrs.		
19.	Tender opening date and time	11/10/2017 at 12.30 hrs.		
20.	Name & address of the office(s)-	-Selling tender document (principal)	Director (Traffic), Bandar Bhaban, Chittagong Port Authority, Chittagong-4100, Tel: 031-2510878, Fax: 031-2510889.	
		-Selling tender document (others)	Not applicable.	
		-Receiving tender document	Director (Traffic), Bandar Bhaban, Chittagong Port Authority, Chittagong-4100, Tel: 031-2510878.	
21.	Opening tender document	CPA Board Room, Bandar Bhaban, Chittagong Port Authority, Chittagong-4100, Tel: 031-2510878.		
		CPA Board Room, Date: 25/09/2017 at 11.00 hrs.		
22.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	CPA Board Room, Date: 25/09/2017 at 11.00 hrs.		
23.	Eligibility of tenderer	As mentioned in the tender document.		
24.	Brief description of works	Removal/Transfer of Empty Containers from yard to yard by using contractor's own Empty Handler and Tractor Trailer.		
25.	Brief description of related services	Not applicable.		
26.	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 5,000.00 (five thousand).		
27.	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Tender security	Completion time/contract period
		Single Package	Taka one crore	4 (four) years
28.	Name of official inviting tender	Mr. Golam Sarwar.		
29.	Designation of official inviting tender	Director (Traffic).		
30.	Address of official inviting tender	Bandar Bhaban, Chittagong Port Authority.		
31.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel:	Fax:	Email:
		031-2510878	031-2510889	dtcpa@cpa.gov.bd
		The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or accept any tender or annul the tender proceedings.		

N.B. If the date of selling, submission and opening of tender is hindered under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.

CPA/AD/No. 357/17  
 Date: 13-09-17  
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**Director (Traffic)**  
 Chittagong Port Authority