

Tree felling rampant in Sundarbans

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Huge quantities of logs of Sundari, Keora, Gewa, Bain, Passur and Kakra trees from the Sundarbans are being sent to different destinations, as an organised gang is engaged in felling the valuable forest resources in defiance of a government ban.

Coastguard West Zone (Mongla) recovered 416 cft (cubic foot) of logs from April 15 to August 19 this year, said Lt Abdulla Al Mamun, operations officer.

After felling the trees in Sundarbans, the logs are transported by boats, trawlers and nosimon (a locally made three-wheeler) to 73 sawmills in Sharonkhola, Mongla and Morrelganj of Bagerhat for cutting them into suitable sizes, said several locals including Shamul Haq Sumon, Mehedi Hossain and Mannu Sheikh.

The timber is sent to different destinations by boats, trawlers and trucks as an organised gang has continued the illegal business in the southern districts with the connivance of some dishonest people of the forest department, they said, adding that the forest guards remain unaware or silent about the illegal act.

As per the information of Sundarbans East Division, there are 73 illegal saw-mills in Bagerhat -- 42 in Sharonkhola, 22 in Morrelganj and 9 in Mongla upazila. Most of the mills are within ten kilometres of the Sundarbans.

"A huge quantity of logs are also being sold to some sawmills and timber stores of Barguna, Patuakhali, Bagerhat and Pirojpur. Most of the sawmill owners are local influential people backed by political leaders," said a worker seeking



Carrying of logs from illegally felled trees in the Sundarbans is a common picture in different areas of Bagerhat. The photo was taken from Sharonkhola a few days ago.

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anonymity.

Another sawmill worker in Sharonkhola said they used to cut some logs taken from the Sundarbans, but recently their owner has forbidden it.

Saiful Islam Khokon, owner of a sawmill in the same upazila, claimed that he is operating the mill after getting order from a court.

"I do not cut the logs of Sundari, Keora, Gewa, Bain, Passur and Kakra," he said.

Md Mahmudul Hasan, divisional forest officer of the Sundarbans East Division, said, "With the help of local administration, we have stopped the operations of some sawmills, seized their equipment and fined them. We have also made the list of illegally set sawmills and sent it to the local administrations."

"On September 10, a letter was sent to the Bagerhat Palli Bidyut Samity, urging snapping of the power connection to the illegal

sawmills in the district.

Lincon Biswas, upazila nirbahi officer of Sharonkhola, said they will verify the list of forest department and then take necessary measures.

Mohammad Motahar Hossain, general manager of Bagerhat Palli Bidyut Samity, said they have already forwarded the letter to the officials concerned at the upazila level to take action according to their rules.

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Corrigendum-1

The following amendment in hereby carried out in respect of "Tender Last Selling Date, Tender Submission Date & Tender Opening Date" of this office open Tender Notice No. P2/GB4/04/2017/R dated 28/08/2017.

Description of amendment	Read	For
(1) Tender last selling date	28/11/2017 --	30/10/2017
(2) Tender submission date	29/11/2017 --	31/10/2017
(3) Tender opening date	29/11/2017 --	31/10/2017

All other terms & conditions of the tenders shall remain unaltered and unchanged.

This is issued with the approval of the Chief Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Pahartali, Chittagong.

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Addicts beat man to death

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A man, who was severely beaten by some drug addicts for protesting taking of drugs in Rajapur upazila of the district on September 28, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on Monday.

The deceased, Faizul Islam Mridha, 45, son of late Aftab Uddin Mridha of Narikelbaria village, resided at the upazila headquarters, Officer-in-Charge Sheikh Munirul Gias of Rajapur Police Station said.

About two weeks ago, Faizul had an altercation with a group of five to six local drug addicts led by Ekram Khan when they were taking Yaba near his house, deceased's elder brother Dulal Mridha said, adding that the incident enraged the youths.

On September 28 evening, Ekram and four to five of his cohorts attacked Faizul inside a barber shop at Rajapur Bazar with cricket bat and stumps, leaving him critically injured, eyewitness said.

Injured Faizul was first taken to Barisal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital and later shifted to DMCH in the capital, where he succumbed to his injuries while undergoing treatment on Monday night, Dulal said.

After completion of autopsy at DMCH, Faizul's body was scheduled to reach the village by early today, Dulal further added.

"Although we are waiting for filing of a case by the deceased's family, we are conducting drives to arrest the culprits," OC Munirul Gias said.

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কাস্টমস, এক্সাইজ ও ভ্যাট কমিশনারেট, খুলনা এর অধিক্ষেত্রস্থ বিভিন্ন উপপানকারী, সরবরাহকারী ও সেবা প্রদানকারী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে স্থানীয় পর্যায়ে মূল্য সংযোজন কর ও সম্পূর্ণ শুল্ক আদায় কার্যক্রম তদারকী, নজরদারী, নিবারণ অভিযান পরিচালনা এবং বকেয়া রাজস্ব আদায় করার লক্ষ্যে ব্যবহারের নিমিত্ত ০৩ (তিন)টি মাইক্রোবাস দৈনিক ভাড়াভিত্তিক, ভাড়া গ্রহণের জন্য নিম্নলিখিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে লিখিত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

শর্তাবলী:

১. সরবরাহতব্য গাড়িগুলি সর্বনিম্ন ১৫০০ সিসি এবং ০৮ (আট) আসন বিশিষ্ট হতে হবে।
২. সরবরাহতব্য যানবাহন কাগজপত্র হালনাগাদ ও নবায়ন হইতে হইবে এবং দরপত্রের সাথে উহার সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি সরবরাহ করতে হবে।
৩. গাড়িচালকের বেধ লাইসেন্স হালনাগাদ নবায়িত হতে হবে এবং দরপত্রের সাথে লাইসেন্সের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
৪. সরবরাহের পর গাড়ির কোন প্রকার ত্রুটি দেখা দিলে তাহার পরিবর্তে একই বৈশিষ্ট্য, ক্ষমতাসম্পন্ন ও সিট ক্যাপাসিটি সম্বলিত অন্য আরেকটি গাড়ি সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে একথানা অঙ্গীকারনামা দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
৫. দরপত্রের গাড়ির যাবতীয় খরচ (যেথাঃ তেল/গ্যাস-প্রতিঘন্টা, ভাড়া-প্রতিদিন, চালকের খাবার-প্রতিদিন) ইত্যাদিসহ সর্বমোট দর উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
৬. মাসিক ভিত্তিতে বিল দাখিলের নিমিত্তে লগবুকসহ নিজস্ব প্যাডে বিল উপস্থাপন করতে হবে।
৭. মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়া প্রদানকারী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের ড্রইড লাইসেন্স, মুসক নিবন্ধন ও টিআইএন সার্টিফিকেট থাকিতে হইবে এবং বিল পরিশোধের সময় আইনানুগ ভ্যাট ও অগ্রিম আয়কর কর্তন করা হবে।
৮. মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়া প্রদানকারী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের মালিকের NID থাকতে হবে।
৯. মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়ার মেয়াদ ২০/১০/২০১৭ খ্রিঃ তারিখ হতে ৩০/০৬/২০১৮ খ্রিঃ তারিখ পর্যন্ত বলবৎ থাকবে।
১০. মাইক্রোবাস ০৩ (তিন)টি এ দপ্তরের অধিক্ষেত্রস্থ প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের রাজস্ব ফাঁকি রোধকল্পে সকল বিভাগীয় দপ্তরে গমন করবে। উল্লেখ্য যে, প্রতিদিন সকাল হতে দাপ্তরিক কাজ শেষ না হওয়া পর্যন্ত মাইক্রোবাস ০৩ (তিন)টি প্রয়োজনে চালানো হতে পারে। সাপ্তাহিক বন্ধের সময় এবং সরকারি ছুটির দিনে প্রয়োজন হলে মাইক্রোবাস সরবরাহ করতে হবে।
১১. দুটোনা সংকোচ যে কোন প্রকার আইনগত জটিলতার দায়ভার মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়া প্রদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে বহন করতে হবে।
১২. কোন অজ্ঞাত মাইক্রোবাস সরবরাহ বন্ধ করা যাবে না। যে গাড়িটি ভাড়া দেয়া হবে তার রেজিঃ নং আপেই জানাতে হবে। কোন কারণে তা দিতে না পারলে অন্য আরেকটি গাড়ি সরবরাহ করে তার রেজিঃ নং, ড্রাইভারের নাম ও মোবাইল নং এ দপ্তরের যানবাহন কর্মকর্তাকে জানাতে হবে।
১৩. গাড়িতে লগ বই ব্যবহার করতে হবে এবং তা যানবাহন কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক স্বাক্ষরিত থাকবে।
১৪. দরপত্র সম্পর্কিত সকল কার্যাদি The Public Procurement Act-2006 ও Rules-2008 অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হবে।

অগ্রহী দরপত্রাদাভাগকে আগামী ১৬/১০/২০১৭ খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দরপত্রাদাভাগের নিজস্ব প্যাডে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে রক্ষিত বাস্তব দরপত্র দাখিল করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে। একই দিন দুপুর ১২:৩০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রাদাভাগের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র কমিটি দরপত্র বাস্তব খুলিয়া দরপত্রসমূহ যাচাই বাছাই করিয়া সর্বনিম্ন দরপত্রটি গ্রহণ করিবেন।

বিজ্ঞঃ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও বাতিল করার সম্পূর্ণ অধিকার দরপত্র কমিটি সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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ATTACK ON FELLOW BY OUTSIDER Beef up security on campus

Bhashani Univ students demand

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Students of Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University in the district formed a human chain on the campus yesterday protesting attack on one of their fellows by outsiders.

The victim is Mokhlesur Rahman Muhid, a masters student of chemistry department of the university.

They also held a rally at the same place.

Speakers at the rally said the outsiders continued attack on the students of the university one after another as the university authorities are yet to take any proper legal measures against the criminals.

They also urged the university authority and police to file a case against the attacker and arrest him immediately.

They also demanded beefing up security of the students and restricted movement of outsiders as well.

Mokhlesur, a resident of Mukhtijodhya Abdul Mannan Hall, found Shahin, a resident of Bagbari area, along with a schoolgirl in an objectionable situation at the extended part of the hostel on Sunday evening, campus sources said.

When Mokhlesur told them to leave the place, an altercation took place between the victim and Shahin.

On Monday morning, Shahin attacked Mokhlesur with a sharp weapon when he was going to the second gate of the university. Seriously injured Mokhlesur was admitted to Tangail General Hospital.

Some angry students later vandalised two shops at the market in front of the university.

Prof Sirajul Islam, proctor of the university, said they informed police about the attack on Mokhlesur.

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Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Consultancy Services for Civil Works Compliance Verification (Supervisory Consultant for Civil Works), Contract No. (SD-50)

Memo No. DSHE/SESIP/SPSU/2-342/SD-50/2017/982 Date: 02.10.2017

- The Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) has been allocated public funds from the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Secondary Education Sector Investment Program (SESIP) and, intends to apply part of the proceeds of these funds under the ADB Loan No. 3320-BAN, Tranche-2, to eligible payments to the selected Consulting Firm under the consultancy services for the program for which this REOI is issued.
- SESIP supports a significant undertaking of construction and refurbishment of civil works to improve access and upgrade school and institution facilities. Government offices will also be upgraded. Under the first tranche of financing (2014-2017) a total of 640 schools are being identified to be used as ICT Learning Centers (ILCs) and in these schools, facilities are being refurbished and decorated to answer the need of the ILCs, both from academic and security points of view. Also, 100 schools have been selected (mostly in disadvantaged areas) to be renovated in a first round. In the SESIP Total Procurement Plan, there are 162 civil works packages: 79 under Tranche 1, and 83 under Tranche 2 in various stages of processing.
- All civil works under the program are being managed by the Education Engineering Division (EED) of the Ministry of Education (MOE). EED operates out of 38 separate zonal offices spread throughout Bangladesh headed by an Executive Engineer, with overall country management from central offices in DSHE, headed by the Chief Engineer. EED advertises and tenders through mostly paper-based tendering, but has introduced electronic procurement (e-GP) procedures under SESIP. EED is responsible for evaluation of proposals, awarding and managing contracts, undertaking oversight of the works, negotiating handover from contractors to the government, and collecting and reporting works-related data to the MOE.
- Safeguard oversight of civil works is a requirement of the loan agreement between ADB and GOB. For this purpose, environmental and social safeguard specialists are fielded under the program to prepare and implement safeguard compliance plans aligned with ADB safeguard requirements. Safeguard compliance includes document review and field verification for report preparation.
- Though EED undertakes quality assurance verification measures, due to mainly internal capacity reasons, accuracy and reliability of data is not routinely checked and verified.
- The purpose of this Service Package, under Tranche 2 financing, is to carry out Civil Works Compliance Verification regarding infrastructure development and the quality, transparency and validity of supervision data to be used for quality assurance of civil works. The firm will also undertake field site visits on a sample basis for direct assessment of infrastructure development to verify materials and construction specification compliance, and compliance that includes compliance of environmental and social safeguards, where possible, in cooperation with the safeguard specialists to be engaged by SESIP.
- The expected outcome of the consultancy is to have more reliable information available about civil works related supervision processes and overall progress. Proposals for supervision related improvements in EED procedures that may contribute to a higher quality implementation of the Infrastructure and Facilities Development Plan, will be incorporated in the plans. However, this can only be proposed within the framework of existing government procedures.
- The duration of the assignment for the consultancy services under Lump-Sum-based Contract is twelve (12) months, or until the end of December 2018. Proposed are three (3) positions of four (4) persons comprising forty-eight (48) person-months of time-inputs of national expertise as detailed in the TOR. The location of the assignment will be in Dhaka with substantial field visits. The Consultant firm will provide their own facilities for carrying out the work, unless space can be provided at DSHE. Individuals of the firm team members will visit DSHE as needed and temporary work- or meeting space may be provided at DSHE. The Ministry of Education (MOE), GOB will be the Executing Agency (EA) and DSHE under MOE, GOB will be the Implementing Agency (IA).
- DSHE now invites eligible Consulting Firms (National Shortlisting) to submit (**Expression of Interest**) EOI for Consultancy Services for SESIP for **Civil Works Compliance Verification (Supervisory Consultant for Civil Works), Contract No, SD-50** under the financing agreement between ADB and the GOB. Eligible Consulting Firms should submit their EOIs through ADB's consultant management system at <http://cms.adb.org>.
- The scope of work and detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) can also be obtained by contacting the **office of the Joint Program Director, Sector Program Support Unit, SESIP during regular office hours or can be downloaded from SESIP's website (<http://www.sesip.gov.bd>)**.
- A group of consulting firms may form an association to express interest together and, have their qualifications and experience considered jointly. Associations may take the form of joint ventures or sub-consultancies.
- The short listing will follow the "Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and Its Borrowers, March 2013" including revisions, if any. The Consultant will be selected using Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method. The EOI from the consulting firm will be rejected if it or its associated firm has been debarred by the GOB or the ADB.
- The short listing will be carried out by the following major criteria as in the ADB EOI Template for Consulting Firms:
 - Technical Competence
 - Geographical Experience
 - Management Competence
- The EOI must be submitted as stated under **Para 6** above by 4:00pm on 02 November 2017.
- The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all EOIs without assigning any reason thereof.

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