



Illegally built structures occupy a canal in Kathalia upazila headquarters near the local police station. Similar pictures would be seen in many other areas of Jhalakathi, a district crisscrossed by a number of canals and rivers.

One-third canals lost

Jhalakathi's canal system in crisis, land grabbing impacts 272 canals

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Fisher Abdus Sukur, from Jhalakathi's Rajapur, is finding life hard nowadays. Whereas once it was easy to make a livelihood from fishing in Jhalakathi's canals, over the last few years the fish catch has drastically reduced. To Sukur, as much as with other fishers in the district, the cause of the trouble is blatantly obvious: the canal system is facing widespread destruction from land grabbers, leaving local fish species without suitable habitat.

"What is my fault if I fill in the canal?" poses one land grabber, seeking anonymity. "Everybody is doing it."

According to Jhalakathi's deputy director of fisheries, Pritish Kumar Mandal, in the last decade alone the district has lost one-third of its canals due to illegal land grabbing and a lack of re-excavation work. "Fish and other aquatic species suffer the most," he says. "The canals are particularly

important as fish spawning grounds; many species will not survive if action is not taken to save the canals."

Fishers are not alone in facing hardship due to the degraded canal system. Agriculture is also affected, with many fields left water-logged during the rainy season, where once the canals allowed rainfall to drain quickly into adjoining rivers.

In the dry months the problem is just the opposite: the canals were once an invaluable water source. "I used to grow watermelons," says one farmer, Belal from Dakkhin Rajapur. "But for the last four seasons I couldn't due to a lack of water."

"The canals were the soul of dry season agriculture in these areas," says Rajapur's agriculture officer Md Riya Bahadur. "They were vital for irrigation."

"So much agricultural land remains fallow during the dry season nowadays," agrees Sheikh Abu Bakar, Jhalakathi's deputy director of agriculture. "There is just no way to easily

irrigate the fields.

Approximately 19,990 hectares are severely affected by canal destruction."

According to agriculture department statistics, Jhalakathi has 489 canals. Both agriculture and fisheries department officials say at least 272 of them require urgent re-excavation work to ensure their survival.

Yet the reality is that more canal land is illegally occupied every day.

"We are serving warning notices to canal grabbers in Jhalakathi city areas," says Md Hamidul Haque, Jhalakathi's deputy commissioner. "They have to remove all illegal structures and those who do not comply will face an eviction drive. We will do the same right across the district."

Jhalakathi's farmers and fishers can only hope the deputy commissioner's office does not dilly-dally. Once iconic to the district, the canal system that facilitated river transport, fishing and agriculture may soon prove to be degraded beyond the point of restoration.

Prime accused of Mridha killing held

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The prime accused in the Mridha killing case was arrested on Tuesday from Paikgachha of Khulna.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) (investigation) of Rajapur Police Station Md Haroon ur Rashid said the arrestee is Ekram Khan, 30, son of Abu Khan of Narikelbaria in Rajapur of Jhalakathi.

Police arrested Ekram using modern technology.

Later, he was brought to Rajapur Police Station. Police also raided different places to arrest Ekram's cohorts.

Ekram is a drug peddler and drug addict, police said.

Schoolteacher Faizul Islam Mridha of Rajapur in Jhalakathi, was severely tortured on September 28 by a group of youths led by Ekram, for protesting drug peddling and taking of drugs. Mridha died in Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Monday. He was buried in his village yesterday.

TEENAGE SAGOR MURDER Key accused Kaium arrested

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The Detective Branch (DB) of police early yesterday arrested Abdul Kaium, a key accused in the case for killing teenage Sagor Mia in Gouripur upazila of Mymensingh, from Char Ishwardia village in the district's Sadar upazila.

Kaium, son of Abdul Hekim of Batuadi village in Mymensingh's Phulpur upazila, was an employee of Akkas Ali, 45, the prime accused in the murder case, said DB OC Ashiqur Rahman, adding that they have started interrogating him.

Akkas, arrested by Rapid Action Battalion early Friday, is now on five-day remand under police custody.

Akkas and his men including Kaium beat dead Sagor Mia, 18, bringing allegation of attempt to steal a water pump from Gauchhia Hatchery owned by Akkas at Charsirampur beside Mymensingh-Kishoreganj road on September 25 morning, said witnesses.

Sagor, son of Shipon Mia of Mymensingh town's Natokghar Lane Railway Colony area, went out of their home around 4:00am on September 25 with a rickshaw-van to collect scraps, family members said.

Police recovered the body from a bush adjacent to Akkas' hatchery on September 26.

The victim's father filed a murder case against 12 people including Akkas, his brothers Hashu Mia, Abdus Sattar Chhuto, Jewel Mia and Sohel Mia, and Kaium with Gouripur Police Station. The case was later transferred to DB.

Earlier, police arrested Reaz Uddin Khan, 50, and Fazlur Rahman, 52, of the village in connection with the murder.

Drives are on to arrest the other accused, said police.

COP MURDER Mugger suspect sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A Kishoreganj court on Tuesday sent a suspected mugger in connection with constable Ariful murder case to jail after he gave a confessional statement.

Police arrested Faruq Mia, 25, early hours of Tuesday for his alleged involvement in the killing of Md Ariful Islam Biplob, 22, a constable working at Bhairab Bridge Chat police camp in Bhairab upazila, on Sunday night.

Earlier, the court recorded his statement under Section 164, said Md Muklesur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Bhairab Police Station. Police continued drive to arrest the killers, said the OC.

Faruq is wanted in three mugging cases, said Mohammad Ali Zinnah, OC (Investigation).

Ariful of Khagdohor Modinaganor area in Mymensingh Sadar upazila, was stabbed to death as he tried to catch a mugger.

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Subject: Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for Individual Application Administrator (Contract Package # CPTU/S-17)

Ref No. 21.00.0000.370.11.901.17-365 Date: 03 October 2017

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank (IDA Credit No. P 160758) toward the cost of digitization for implementation monitoring and public procurement through "Digitization Implementation Monitoring and Public Procurement Project (DIMAPPP)" and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for the provision of consultancy services for the procurement by hiring one (1) Individual Consultant for Application Administrator (AA) about 48 staff-months from the date of contract signing which come first.

2. The key role and responsibilities of the consultant would include, but not limited to, the following:

- Manage the e-GP application in development, staging and production environment. Provide support in Quality Assurance testing and testing of recovery plans.
- Continuous update the application with the security requirements and analyze, design, product planning, development and deployment in line with business requirement. Maintain and ensure that application coding is written as per standard secure coding practice (code review/peer review).
- Update design documents, software requirement specification of e-GP. Implement and follow change management process for making application changes within structured process.
- Maintain application performance by applying application/web server's best practice performance tuning configuration, implementing new releases, applying required patches, completing maintenance requirement and evaluating of computer/server operating system and hardware products. Submit SLA reports on application's uptime objective every month. Periodic load, performance and stress tests are required to be conducted.
- e-GP application management including migration, installation, configuration, trouble shoot of web and application server, application backup and restore as per policy and application release management with versioning.
- Support capacity development initiatives by continuous exchange of knowledge between team members, providing training and conducting session on technical issues within e-GP technical team and CPTU. Also work closely with the database administrator, development team and network team to make required enhancement, modification of e-GP Application and implement those in development, staging and production environment maintaining separation of duties within team.
- Writing and maintain e-GP system's technical document including user manual.
- Any other task assigned by the management related to e-GP.

3. **Qualification and Experience:**

- Application Administrator must be a graduate in Computer Science/Computer Engineering/Information Technology or equivalent.
- Application Administrator should have cutting-edge skills and high level professional knowledge with at least 5 years of proven work experience in design, coding and managing of application, installation and maintenance of applications and web servers.

4. **Specific skills and Experience:**

- Proven experience on multi-tier web application architecture using Object Oriented development principles in Java/JAVA EE, JSP, Ajax, Servlets, NetBean, SQL Server.
- Certification on Enterprise Architecture (i.e. TOGAF) or equivalent would be an added advantage.
- Hands on experience in installation, configuration, performance tuning of application server (Apache, Tomcat, JBOSS etc.) by applying best practice.
- Proven experience on developing web services under JAVA platform including XML, XSLT, XSL and interfacing with third party application.
- Experience in using software testing tools and vulnerability assessment tools are an added advantage.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

05. The Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) now invites eligible Applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. The Applicants are requested to submit their: (a) CV (*Curriculum Vitae*), which will indicate that they are qualified to perform the assignment; (b) expected remuneration and (c) submission letter as per prescribed format.

06. The individual Application Administrator will be selected in accordance with the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016)". It is expected that the Consultant's service will commence on November 2017 at Dhaka. The Consultant's Contract duration will be subject to his/her satisfactory performance to be evaluated yearly.

07. Expression of Interest (EOI) shall be submitted by October 19, 2017 up to 5:00pm either in sealed envelope clearly marked "EOI for Individual for Application Administrator" or through email sent to Director General, CPTU. The Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and Format will be available upon request either through e-mail (dgcptu@cptu.gov.bd; cptudir3@cptu.gov.bd) or in person from the address provided below.

08. The CPTU reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOI.

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Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB)

Invitation for Re-bid
The People's Republic of Bangladesh

PROJECT:- UP-GRADATION OF RURAL ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; DHAKA, CHITTAGONG AND SYLHET DIVISION (UREDS; DCSD) PROJECT, BREB UNDER THE RURAL ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION (T&D) PROJECT OF IDA.

IDA Credit No.: 5381-BD
 IFB Title: Procurement of Submarine Cable.
 Package Number: UREDS-G-13A.
 Reference Number: 27.12.2637.116.07.001.17-308, Date: 03.10.2017.

- The Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the UREDS; DCSD (Up-gradation of Rural Electricity Distribution System; Dhaka, Chittagong & Sylhet Division) Project, BREB under Rural Electricity Transmission and Distribution (T&D) Project of IDA, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contracts for procurement of Submarine Cable (Lot No. UREDS-G-13A-002/1).
- The Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders. Goods to be delivered in designated project site within Bangladesh as follows:

Items	Lot No.	Brief Description of Goods	Quantity (Km)	Delivery Location	Delivery Period
Submarine Cable	UREDS-G-13A-002/1	1-Core, 33 KV Submarine power cable 240 Sq. mm with accessories	20	As per Delivery Schedule.	50% of each item within 20 weeks and remaining 50% within 30 weeks from the date of contract signing

- Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers January 2011* ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Project Director (e-mail: urdsreb@gmail.com) and inspect the bidding documents during office hours 0900 AM to 1700 PM (Except Friday & Saturday) at the address given below. Bidding Document is also available at BREB website i.e. <http://www.reb.gov.bd>. However the web version of the bidding document is for information purpose only.
- The Pre-Bid meeting shall be held at Brig Gen. Sabihuddin Ahmed Hall (Auditorium, 1st floor), Head Office Building, BREB, Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh on **18-10-2017 at 11.00** hours local time (GMT+6 hours).
- Eligibility and Qualifications requirements are provided in the bidding document A margin of preference for certain goods manufactured domestically "shall" be applied.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of equivalent US\$ 50. The method of payment will be Bank Draft or Pay Order in favor of Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board, Dhaka. For overseas delivery, the bidder may obtain the bidding document by instructing any international courier service to collect the same from Office of the Project Director, UREDS; DCSD Project, Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board, 6th Floor, Training Academy Building, Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh.
- Bidding Document last selling Date on **15-11-2017** at 16.00 Hours local time (GMT+6 hours). Bids must be delivered to the address stated at the end of this invitation on or before **16-11-2017 at 12:00** Noon local time (GMT+6 hours). Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the Brig Gen. Sabihuddin Ahmed Hall (Auditorium), 1st floor, Head Office Building, BREB, Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh on **16-11-2017 at 12:30** Hours local time (GMT+6 hours).
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of US\$ 30,000 for Lot No. UREDS-G-13A-002/1 or an equivalent amount in any freely convertible currency.

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