



Bhelurpara Railway Station in Sonatola upazila of Bogura gives a deserted look as the once vibrant station has remained closed for nine years due to lack of manpower. Locals have demanded effective steps to make the station functional for easing their communication.

PHOTO: STAR

Bhelurpara Railway Station now a faded memory

MOSTAFA SHABUI, Bogura

Bhelurpara, an 82-year-old railway station, is now only a faded memory but there were times when it was full of life. The important station between Bonatapara to Santahar railway junctions in Sonatola upazila was even a crowded place before it was shut down in 2009, said locals. According to Bogura railway authorities, the station was built in 1937. Locals used to travel different parts of the country. They transported jute, paddy, chili and other agricultural goods every day and their livelihoods depended on the station.

But after closing of the station, it wore a deserted look and many became jobless as a number of local hotels, bazars, shops and other business establishments surrounding the station are shut down, said Afzal Hossain, 65, an elderly resident of Jorgacha Noyapara village. With low transport cost of Tk 7 only, they sent a sack of chili to Bogura from Bhelurpara station by train, but after closing of the station, they have to spend Tk 60 to Tk 70 fare to carry a sack of potato by road for the same 24 km distance, said Afzal. Although some private leased trains are operating and carrying

passengers and goods from the station, their fare is more than doubled of the public trains, he said. Mili Akter, 20, a college girl of nearby Dahpara village, said women passengers are not taking trains from the station over security concern as the waiting room and station office remained closed. It turned into a haunted place after daytime. On a visit, this correspondent found furniture and block instruments of the station office almost damaged. Local youth Riazul Islam, 26, who was waiting for last one hour to catch a local train to go to Bogura, said "As the station is

closed and there is no one to tell you the schedules, we have to wait until the train come." Gatekeeper Shamim Sarkar at the station said at present they have only three staffers, including one gate keeper, one points man and a signal man. Before the station was closed, there were two station masters, four points men, one porter and a sub-gatekeeper. Bogura Railway Station Master Md Benzarul Islam said Bhelurpara Railway Station was shut down in 2009 due to lack of manpower. They wrote to the higher authorities seeking sufficient manpower to reopen the station, he said.

Shiv statue found in pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha
An ancient statue of Hindu deity Shiv was recovered from a pond in Badiakhali village under Sadar upazila yesterday. Quoting locals, police said one Al-Amin, son of Abdus Samad of Badiakhali, went to a nearby pond for taking bath and saw a stone statue. He took it to his house and later handed it over to the chairman of

Badiakhali Union Parishad. On being informed, a police team went to the spot and took the statue to Sadar Police Station. The statue is an ancient one with Sree Gopal and 1717 written on it. "If it is made of touchstone, the price would be about Tk 1 crore. We have informed the authorities concerned to examine the statue," said Khan Md Shahrier, officer-in-charge of the police station.



This broken statue of Shiv was found at a pond at Badiakhali village in Gaibandha Sadar upazila on Tuesday.

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Local Government Division (LGD)
Income Support Program for the Poorest (ISPP)-JAWTNO Project
Level-8, DPHE Bhaban
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Kakrail, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

Request for Expression of Interest

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives.
2	Agency	Local Government Division.
3	Name of procuring entity	Income Support Program for the Poorest (ISPP)-JAWTNO Project.
4	Title of service	Social Safety Net Specialist.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Individual Consultant - Time based.
7	EOI Ref. No.	ISPP/PMU-87/Individual/2016(Part-2/SI-7B/409
8	Date	21 January, 2019

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement sub-method	Selection of Individual Consultants (SIC).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget - Aid/Grants/Credit.
11	Development partner	IDA/World Bank.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/programme name	Income Support Program for the Poorest (ISPP)-JAWTNO Project.
13	EOI closing date and time	February 17, 2019; 3:00pm.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

14	Brief description of the assignment	Work closely with the Project Director and the Deputy Project Director/Focal Point in the design or update of operational procedures for the cash transfer program; Review the quality of implementation to ensure consistency with program guidelines and World Bank requirements; Work closely with field-level offices to ensure smooth implementation process in assigned areas/places, at all times, including facilitation flow of information to and from the field; Serve an advisory role for the delivery of CNCD services at union level and review performance of agencies contracted for this task; Support the overall program monitoring and evaluation process, including management of grievance redress system, etc.
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15	Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	Master's degree with at least eight (8) years of experience in social protection programs, maintenance of effective communication among stakeholders and related fields; At least three (3) years' experience in field level program coordination and management; Experience in maintaining liaison with GO/NGO agencies; Experience in providing advisory role in motivational activities; Demonstrative experience in conducting and overseeing trainings to rural stakeholders; Experience in planning, design and implementation of M&E systems; Extensive knowledge of socio-economic structure of Bangladesh, human development, poverty reduction programs etc. (Details TOR may be seen during office hours on all working days in the office of the undersigned).
16	Indicative starting and completion date (duration of service)	April 2019 to June 2020.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

17	Name of the official inviting EOI	Shaikh Md. Kabeedul Islam.
18	Designation of the official inviting EOI	Project Director (Additional Secretary).
19	Address of the official inviting EOI	Level-8, DPHE Bhaban, 14, Shaheed Captain Mansur Ali Sarani, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
20	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	Level-8, DPHE Bhaban, 14, Shaheed Captain Mansur Ali Sarani, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000. Phone: 88-02-55130514 E-mail: pd.ispp.lgd@gmail.com

21 Two copies of Expression of Interest along with copies of certificates of all academic/professional qualifications, copies of experience certificates and a photograph of the applicant in a sealed envelope shall be submitted to the Office of the Project Director at the address given above within the closing date and time specified above. On the top of the sealed envelope the applicant shall write "Expression of Interest for Social Safety Net Specialist". The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs without assigning any cause or reason.

Shaikh Md. Kabeedul Islam
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One killed, 5 injured in Pabna clash

Ex-UP member murdered in Dinajpur

STAR COUNTRY DESK

A youth was killed in a clash between two groups over capturing an auto-rickshaw stand in Pabna town yesterday, while a former union parishad member was found murdered in Biral upazila of Dinajpur on the same day. In Pabna, the victim Md Arin Pramanik, 25, son of Vuto Pramanik, was the 'chain master' of an auto-rickshaw stand. Police and locals said two groups clashed over capturing an auto-rickshaw stand in Poilanpur area at about 1:00pm yesterday. Several shops and vehicles in the area were vandalised during the clash, our Pabna correspondent reports. The criminals hacked Arin mercilessly, leaving him critically injured. He was taken to Pabna Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at about 2:00pm. Additional Superintendent of Police Goutam Kumar said police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. Additional police have been deployed in the area, he added. The body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy. Meanwhile in Dinajpur, a former union parishad member was found murdered in Biral upazila of the district yesterday, said police.

Poultry industry

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provisions for MBM import, but under strict conditions: it has to be free of antibiotics, chromium (which is linked to cancer), radiation, virus and bacteria. But last year, authorities unearthed import of low-quality MBM through Chittagong Port. The ministry then formed an expert committee, which recommended the ban, ministry officials said. "We banned its import after finding that some businesses were importing low-quality MBM through misdeclaration," Hiresh Ranjan Bhowmick, director general of the DSL, told The Daily Star yesterday. "Germs even in one lot of the meal can spread diseases, including mad cow. So we are not taking any risks," he said. But industry people said they could not be held responsible for the government's failure to check import of low-quality products by some dishonest traders. "You cannot cut your head because you have a headache," said Moshirur Rahman, convener of Bangladesh Poultry Industries Central Council, at a press conference in the capital yesterday. The Chittagong Port is equipped with a modern laboratory for detection of sub-standard products, he added. Lutfor Rahman, a member of Feed Industries Association of Bangladesh (FIAB), said a kg of poultry feed cost about Tk 30-32 in India and Thailand. In Bangladesh, it costs Tk 42. Following the ban, FIAB members have been using the fish and vegetable meals in the feed, which is pushing their production cost, he said, adding that their overall cost would go up by about 10 percent. And with the ban in place, the price of fish and vegetable meals is also likely to increase, said Lutfor. Some 80 lakh people, including about 10 lakh entrepreneurs, are involved in the poultry industry. They will be in a difficult position if prices go up and people cut poultry consumption, he said. According to the Department of Livestock Services, poultry and eggs meet about 36 percent of the total protein intake in the country. Shamsul Arefin Khaled, president of World Poultry Science Association-Bangladesh, said they were ready to fully cooperate with the government to ensure import of quality MBM. "The country cannot suffer because of the illegal activities of a section of businesses," Khaled said. He stressed the need for strict inspection. He argued that despite the ban, some dishonest traders can still import poor-quality MBM through misdeclaration, taking advantage of the lax monitoring and inspection at the ports. But the DLS director general strongly backed the government ban. "We have already asked the customs authorities to strictly enforce the ban. Besides, we have started drives against low-quality feed and are destroying those. We will continue the drive," he said.

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e-Tender Notice

Tender ID (from e-GP Portal)	274413
Tender Closing Date & Time	11.02.2019, 15:00
Name of work	Repair of E type F type & P type Quarter at Rangpur Postal Colony.

This is an online Tender where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of goods.

Tender ID	Package No.	Name of scheme	Last selling date & time	Closing date & time	Opening date & time
266122	tpi/gov/e-gp 11	Repair and maintenance of equipment & machinery (3258105)	12/02/2019 17:00	13/02/2019 11:00	13/02/2019 11:00
267138	tpi/gov/e-gp 13	Repair and maintenance of furniture (3258102)	11/02/2019 17:00	12/02/2019 11:30	12/02/2019 11:30
267150	tpi/gov/e-gp 14	Several building maintenance (3258108)	11/02/2019 17:00	12/02/2019 10:00	12/02/2019 10:00

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TENDER NOTICE

For Renewal of Kaspersky Antivirus Software License

- Sealed tenders are invited from bona-fide suppliers for supplying the following item:
 - Licensed Kaspersky Antivirus Software (Renewal)
- The participating company must have at least 3 (three) years' proven experience in supplying software in any scheduled Bank in Bangladesh / Bangladesh Bank or must have previous record of successfully supplying software to BASIC Bank Limited. The participating company must submit relevant document(s) as proof of its experience as mentioned here.
- The participating company must be an authorized dealer/distributor/partner of Kaspersky Antivirus Software.
- The participating company has to submit BDT 45,000/- (Forty Five Thousand) only with the offer/tender through PO/DD in the name of BASIC Bank Limited, Head Office, Dhaka as earnest money. Earnest money can be forfeited for reasons mentioned in the tender schedule.
- The tender schedule may be obtained from ICT Division (Peoples Insurance Bhaban - 5th Floor, 36 Dilkusha C/A) of BASIC Bank Limited during 10:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. of all working days at a price of Tk 500/- only in cash (non refundable). No schedule will be sold after 02:00 P.M. of January 30, 2019.
- Sealed offers/tenders have to be dropped in the tender box kept at ICT Division (Peoples Insurance Bhaban - 5th Floor, 36 Dilkusha C/A) of BASIC Bank Limited on or before January 31, 2019 by 03:00 P.M., and the offers/tenders will be opened at 03:15 P.M. on the same day in presence of participating companies, if any.
- Other terms and conditions can be found in the tender schedule.

General Manager
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