



Buyers see sharp tools at a shop in Sylhet city's Kazir Bazar yesterday ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha. *Inset*, two blacksmiths make such tools at their smithy at Mohishkhocha Bazar in Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat.

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Blacksmiths pass busy time as Eid-ul-Azha nears

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Blacksmiths are passing busy time making sharp tools used for slaughtering sacrificial animals and processing the meat, as the Eid-ul-Azha is only a few days away.

Our Lalmonirhat Correspondent reports: A good number of people are approaching blacksmiths for machetes, choppers, knives and other iron-made tools.

Depending on the sizes of tools and quality of the iron used, machetes are priced between Tk 300 and Tk 800, butcher knives between Tk 200 and Tk 300, small knives between Tk 70 and Tk 200 and cleavers between Tk 300 and Tk 500.

Many blacksmiths have stopped receiving fresh orders to make tools as they are too busy, said Nur Islam, 48, a resident of Saptana in

Lalmonirhat town.

The demand of tools used for slaughtering animals sees a sharp rise during Eid while many people bring damaged tools for repair, said several blacksmiths including Subodh Kumar Karmakar and Suresh Chandra Karmakar at Mahishkhocha Bazar in Aditmari upazila during this correspondent's visit there yesterday.

Blacksmith Maqbul Hossain, 56, at Bhalabari Haat in Aditmari upazila said usually they earn Tk 400 to Tk 600 a day but it rises to over Tk 1500 ahead of Eid.

Knife sharpeners also get added work during this time. They are sharpening knives and cleavers for Tk 70 to Tk 100 per piece.

Other items used during slaughter of animals – pieces of tree trunks, bamboo mats and bags for

disposal of cattle waste are also in high demand.

Citing gradual increase in prices of raw materials like iron, charcoal and wood as a problem, several smiths said facilities like banks loans on easy terms would help them make and market the tools easily.

Our Sylhet Correspondent adds: Blacksmiths are working long hours ahead of Eid-ul-Azha as people are coming for machetes, choppers, knives and other sharp iron-made tools.

Considering the size of the tool and the quality of the iron, a machete is priced between Tk 500 and Tk 1,200, a butcher's knife between Tk 250 and Tk 500, a small knife between Tk 100 and Tk 300 and cleavers between Tk 400 and Tk 700 in

the local markets.

Topkhana, Kazirbazar, Mirabazar and Ambarkhana in Sylhet city are well-known for smithies while the tools are sold at every bazaar of the city.

While visiting the blacksmiths at Topkhana and Amberkhana area, this correspondent found that they are passing busy hours.

The sale this year is good although the price is higher than last year's, said Anongo Karmakar, a blacksmith of Topkhana area.

Several blacksmiths of the area said the period before the Eid-ul-Azha is the only time of the year when they do good business.

Blacksmiths demand support like soft loan from banks, so that they do not have to depend on moneylenders who charge high interest.

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"Establishment of 160 Upazila ICT Training and Resource Centre for Education (UITRCE)" Phase II Project
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Invitation for International Bid

1. Ministry/Division	Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education
2. Name of Procuring Entity	Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics (BANBEIS)
3. Procuring Entity code	12507
4. District of Procuring Entity	Dhaka
5. Invitation for Bid	Procurement of the project "Establishment of 160 Upazila ICT Training and Resource Centers for Education (UITRCE)-Phase II" (BGD-23) includes Works, Goods & Services
6. Invitation Ref No.	No. 37.20.2642.003.14.026.17/327
7. Date	05.08.2019
8. Project Code	223015700
9. Project name	"Establishment of 160 Upazila ICT Training and Resource Centre for Education (UITRCE)" Phase II Project
10. Procurement Method	Competitive Bidding only among Korean Firms/Companies or an association between Korean Firms/Companies registered in the Republic of Korea. (Single Stage Two Envelop Bidding)
11. Budget and Source of Fund	Government Development Budget and Korea Exim Bank under Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF), Republic of Korea.
12. Development Partner	Korea Exim Bank under Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF), Republic of Korea.
13. Bid Package No.	CB No. WGS-01 (BGD-23)
14. Bid Package Name	Procurement of the project "Establishment of 160 Upazila ICT Training and Resource Centers for Education (UITRCE)-Phase II" (BGD-23)
15. Bid Publication Date	06.08.2019
16. Bidding Document Last Selling Date & Time	19.09.2019 up to 17.00. hours (BST)
17. Bid closing Date & Time	22.09.2019 at 15.00 hours (BST)
18. Bid Opening Date and Time	22.09.2019 at 16.00 hours (BST)
19. Eligibility of the Bidder	<p>The qualification criteria for eligible bidders are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum of five (5) years' business experience record in ICT equipment/system field for the Main bidder. A minimum of five (5) years' business experience record in building construction for Building Construction Company.. Experience record in ICT equipment/system Projects outside Bidder's country of origin with at least one (1) successful project experience within the last three (3) years for the Main bidder. Experience record in building construction Projects outside Bidder's country of origin with at least one (1) successful project experience within last three (3) years for the Building Construction Company. The Bidder that has been negative in its net profit for the last three (3) consecutive years shall be treated as "Non Responsive." The Bidder that has been negative in its net worth for the very last year (2018) shall be treated as "Non Responsive." Documentation of company registration in the country of residence (Republic of Korea) of both the Main Bidder and Building Construction Company. A Bidder, and all parties constituting the Bidder (except local subcontractors and local consultants), shall be nationals of the Republic of Korea In case of JVA, the Main Bidder should be the ICT Company and the Building Construction Company should be included in JVA.
20. Name and Address of the Office Selling Bidding Document	4 th Floor, BANBEIS, 1 No. Zahir Raihan Road, Palashi-Nilkhel, Dhaka-1205.
21. Receiving Bidding Document	4 th Floor, BANBEIS, 1 No. Zahir Raihan Road, Palashi-Nilkhel, Dhaka-1205.
22. Brief Description of Goods, Works & Services	Construction of two storied Building with four storied Foundation & Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning ICT and other equipments in selected 160 Upazilas in Bangladesh, upgrading DMC in BANBEIS, upgrading EMIS software, e-learning, training etc. Under the Project titled "Establishment of 160 Upazila ICT Training and Resource Centre for Education (UITRCE) Phase II".
23. Brief Description of Related Services	Installation of equipment, Testing, Commissioning, upgrading EMIS software, e-learning, training etc.
24. Price of Bidding Document	Taka 65,000 (USD 800). To be purchased by cash from the address mentioned in serial 20. No Bidding Document will be sold by post.
25. Amount of Bid Security	Bid Security amount US\$ 1,000,000 (US Dollar One Million) Only in the form of Bid Bond and issued by a reputable bank located in the eligible country specified in Section III Eligible Country of the Bidding Document.
26. Time of Completion of Work	20 (Twenty) Months
27. Place, Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Will be Informed to the Bidders by email, if necessary.
28. Name of Official Inviting Bid	Md. Fashiullah
29. Designation of Official Inviting Bid	Director General, BANBEIS & Project Director, UTRCE Phase II
30. Address of Official Inviting Bid	1 No. Zahir Raihan Road, Palashi-Nilkhel, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh
31. Contact Details of Official Inviting Bid	Phone : +880-2-9615368, Fax: +880-2-9665457 E-mail: uitrce2013@gmail.com khan01 1234@yahoo.com
32. The Purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to Contract award without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

This bidding notice will also be available at www.cptu.gov.bd, www.banbeis.gov.bd and www.koreaxim.go.kr (Korea Exim bank website)

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