



With water level falling in the Jamuna, erosion by the mighty river has taken a serious turn in Govindasi union of Tangail's Bhuapur upazila. The photo was taken from Bhalkutia village yesterday.

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Jamuna erosion wreaks havoc in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Riverbank erosion at different villages under Govindasi union in Bhuapur upazila has resumed as the water level recedes in the Jamuna river.

The people of several villages, including Bhalkutia, Kostapara and Khanurbari, are passing sleepless nights as their lands and homes are under threat. Last month, flooding damaged their crops and cattle, leaving them in despair.

Jorina Akter of Kostapara in Bhuapur upazila said, "My house was partially submerged in water for the flood in July. I was starting to feel relieved when the water began receding in the last week of the month."

"However, the mighty river devoured my home a few days back. I could do nothing to save it," she said.

Bisha Mondol of Bhalkutia village said erosion has already claimed several homes along the river.

When the water level first began to rise in the first week of July, locals had urged authorities to take steps to check erosion; but nothing was done, he added.

Earlier, the river devoured around 300 homes at Kostapara, Khanurbari and Bhalkutia villages at the beginning of the monsoons.

The affected people had taken shelter at different embankments or at relative's homes in nearby areas, said Ovijit Ghosh, a rights activist in Bhuapur and a resident of Kostapara village.

"The Water Development Board did not take any effective steps to protect the localities from the dreadful erosion," he alleged. "The WDB dumped some sacks at Khanurbari area, but those bags were filled with earth and not sand."

"Ever since a flood protection embankment was damaged in 2011, the local public representatives could not take proper initiatives to construct an embankment to meet the long standing demand of the riverside people," he said.

Jahangir Hossain Mondol, former chairman of adjacent Nikrail union parishad, said Jamuna is devouring fresh areas in the 300-year-old localities almost every day due to a lack of any effective steps to protect the area from erosion.

Jhotion Chanda, upazila nirbahi officer in Bhuapur, said they have already informed the WDB about the fresh erosion of the river.

This correspondent was unable to speak to Md. Sirajul Islam, executive engineer of WDB in Tangail, despite several attempts over the phone.

Cattle market at college ground during degree exam!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A cattle market was set up on Tuesday at the ground of Shaheed Smriti Government College in Akhaura upazila of Brahmanbaria, violating the Section 144 when a degree examination was going on at the college centre.

During a visit, this correspondent found that the college ground was abuzz with sellers and buyers of sacrificial animals.

It was learnt that leaseholder Alaul Karim arranged the makeshift market of sacrificial animals, which will continue the till day before Eid-ul-Azha.

Teachers and students of the college have expressed grievance over setting up of the cattle market at the college ground.

At 2:30pm on Tuesday, it was found that four examinees were appearing at the examination on the third floor of the college building while hundreds of sacrificial animals were kept on the college ground for sale.

"Upazila Nirbahi Officer [UNO] Tahmina Akter Reina, also chairman of the college governing body, has given permission for setting up the cattle market at the college ground. We have nothing to do in this regard," said Md Joyal Abedin, principal of Akhaura Shaheed Smriti Government College.

Several teachers of the college, on condition of anonymity, said the administrative authority has given permission for setting up the cattle market despite the college principal's objection.

Contacted, leaseholder Alaul Karim said he has set up the cattle market at the college ground with permission from the UNO and local public representatives are informed about the matter.

Asked about the matter, UNO Tahmina Akter Reina told this correspondent, "Only four examinees are taking part in an examination on the third floor of the college building and they have not faced any disturbance due to the cattle market."

As there is no alternative place for setting up a cattle market, the college ground has been considered, she added.

Farmers receive jute extraction machines

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Jute fibre extraction machines were handed over to ten farmers from different villages in Lalmonirhat's Adimari upazila yesterday.

Under a project funded by European Commission, non-governmental organisation RDRS Bangladesh in technical collaboration with Practical Action Bangladesh (PAB) procured ten machines at a cost of Tk 2.50 lakh each.

During the handover ceremony at RDRS Bangladesh office in Saptibari area, Lalmonirhat Deputy Commissioner Abu Zafor said the equipment will enable farmers to extract jute fibre at low cost.

Nirmal Chandra Bapary, project coordinator of PAB, said their objective is to help create demand for jute in national and international markets through extraction of quality jute fibre.

Jute produced on one bigha land can be processed in one week with each machine, he also said.

The equipment can also be used for thrashing of paddy and transport of agricultural products, said farmer Kashem Ali.



Indigenous Santal women from Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha participate in a traditional dance performance yesterday, marking International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, to be observed on tomorrow (August 9). Local indigenous communities during a day-long event also participated in a cultural programme, traditional archery show, discussion and rally on this occasion at Changuara Kacher Chura High School ground in Kamdia of the upazila.

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"Strengthening of BITAC for the Establishment of an Institute for Tool Technology with Common Testing Facilities (1st Revised)" Project
Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC)
116 (kha), Tejgaon Industrial Area
Dhaka-1208

Ref: 36.06.0000.025.07.432.18.1-10 Date: 08/08/2019

Invitation for International Tenders

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Industries.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC).
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, "Strengthening of BITAC for the Establishment of an Institute for Tool Technology with Common Testing Facilities (1 st Revised)" Project, BITAC, 116 (kha), Tejgaon IA, Dhaka-1208.
4	Procuring entity code	224057200
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Tool Making Machine (Tool & Cutter Grinder).
7	Invitation Ref. No. & date	36.06.0000.025.07.432.18.1-10, Date: 08/08/2019
8	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (International).
9	Budget and source of funds	GOB.
10	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.
11	Project/programme code (if applicable)	224057200
12	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Strengthening of BITAC for the Establishment of an Institute for Tool Technology with Common Testing Facilities (1 st Revised).
13	Tender package No.	BITAC Tool. GD19.
14	Tender package name	Tool Making Machine (Tool & Cutter Grinder).
15	Tender publication date	08/08/2019
16	Tender last selling date	22/09/2019
17	Tender closing date and time	23/9/2019 11:00am
18	Tender opening date and time	23/9/2019 11:15am
19	Name & address of the office(s)	Address -Selling tender document (principal) Accountant, Tool Institute Project, 1 st Floor, Administrative Building, Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC), 116 (kha), Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208. -Selling tender document (others) Not applicable. -Receiving tender document Project Office, BITAC Premises, 116 (kha), Tejgaon IA, Dhaka-1208. -Opening tender document Conference Room, Admin Building, Ground Floor, Room No. 103, BITAC, Dhaka/23/9/2019 at 11:15am.
20	Pre-tender meeting (optional)	04/9/2019 at 11:00am.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
21	Eligibility of tenderer	(i) The tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 (three) years experience in supplying goods and related services. (ii) Tenderer must have up-to-date trade license, up-to-date income tax payment certificate, VAT registration certificate and bank solvency certificate.
22	Brief description of goods or works	Tool Making Machine (Tool & Cutter Grinder).
23	Brief description of related services	Not applicable.
24	Price of tender document	Tk. 2,000.00 (non-refundable).
	Package No.	Location
	GD19	Project Office, BITAC Premises, 116 (kha), Tejgaon IA, Dhaka-1208
	Identification of package	Tender security amount (Tk. in lac)
	Procurement of Tool Making Machine	4.00
		Completion time in weeks/months
		5 (five) months from the date of contract signing.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
25	Name of official inviting tender	Dr Syed Md Ihsanul Karim.
26	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director.
27	Address of official inviting tender	Tool Institute Project, BITAC, 116 (kha), Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208.
28	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 880-02-8870727 E-mail: pd_tool@bitac.gov.bd Fax No. 880-02-8870728
29	Approving authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	
30	The advertisement can be seen at BITAC website address: http://www.bitac.gov.bd & cptu website.	
Dr Syed Md Ihsanul Karim Project Director Tool Institute Project BITAC, Dhaka-1208		

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50 hurt in villagers' clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

At least 50 people were injured in a clash between two groups of villagers over occupying a local waterbody in Derai upazila of Sunamganj on Tuesday night.

Of the injured, 12 were admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital while the rest are now undergoing treatment at Derai Upazila Health Complex.

Quoting villagers, police said there had been a longstanding rivalry between the supporters of one Moshahid Chowdhury Khurshed Mia of Modhurapur village over establishing supremacy in the locality.

As a sequel, supporters of both the group locked in an altercation over occupying a waterbody in Modhurapur Bazar area on Tuesday evening.

At one stage, both the groups locked in a fierce clash around 11:00pm that left at least 50 people from both sides injured.

Officer in Charge (OC) of Derai Police Station KM Nazrul Islam said, being informed, police rushed to the spot and fired several rubber bullets and teargas-shells to disperse the clashing groups and bring the situation under control.

Man found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A man was found dead at Haripur village in Joypurhat Sadar upazila yesterday, a day after he went missing on Tuesday.

The deceased, Abdur Rahim, 40, a rickshaw van puller and son of late Mozirul Islam of Mukindipur village in Naogaon's Dhamoirhat upazila, went out of his house on Tuesday and remained missing since then.

Villagers spotted Rahim's body at Haripur village and informed police.



Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Issuing Date of the IFB: 06th August, 2019

People's Republic of Bangladesh

Procurement of 150 Nos. Meter Gauge Passenger Carriages for Bangladesh Railway
EDCF Loan No.: BGD-21

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has applied for a loan from the Export-Import Bank of Korea from the resources of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) of the Republic of Korea in the amount of 101,000,000 (one hundred one million) US dollars for Procurement of 150 Nos. Meter Gauge Passenger Carriages for Bangladesh Railway under the contract for BR/EDCF/150 MG Carriage dated 06th August, 2019.
- The Project Executing Agency now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the procurement of the following goods and services.
 - Different types of 150 Nos. MG passenger carriages
 - Supply of spare parts and workshop facilities Maintenance Tools
 - Education and Training and
 - O&M support
- Bidding will be conducted through Competitive Bidding (CB), single stage: Two envelope system, among the Korean Passenger Carriages manufacturer and supplier procedures specified in the Guideline for Procurement under EDCF Loans.
- Delivery period: 18 months to 30 months (Including delivery +commissioning & trials).
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Bangladesh Railway and inspect the bidding documents during office hours at the address below, from 7th August/2019 to 19th September from 10am to 4pm.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BDT 15,000.00 (Taka fifteen thousand) in the form of Pay Order in favour of Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer/Projects, Bangladesh Railway, Dhaka.
- The bidder shall have minimum 05 years experience of supply railway rolling stock and manufacturer shall have 08 years of overall experience of manufacturing passenger carriages/EMU/DEMU and specific experience of manufacturing and supply of 200 passenger carriages/EMU/DEMU in last 10 years and also have production capacity of 60 passenger carriages per year. Detail qualification criteria will be found in bid document.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 22nd September/2019 at 12:00pm. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of USD 1,500,000.00 (one million five hundred thousand US dollar). Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below: on 22nd September/2019 at 12:30pm.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held on 27th August/2019 at 11:00am Room No. 411, Rail Bhaban, Dhaka.
- The Bangladesh Railway, Ministry of Railways will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids. Bidding document can be purchased by submitting authorization letter from the Korean Passenger Carriages manufacturer.

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