

Aman growers unhappy as prices too low

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Unusually low market price of Aman paddy at the beginning of harvesting period frustrates farmers of Patuakhali and adjacent Barguna district.

This correspondent visited paddy markets at Mohipur and Dhankhali under Kalapara and Badura under Galachipa upazila in Patuakhali and Bandra under Barguna's Amtali upazila during the last couple of days.

It was found that tepushail, a local variety of Aman, was selling for Tk 500 to 550 per maund (40 kg) and kazalshail and rajashail, also local varieties, for Tk 525 to 550.

"Production cost per maund of Aman is around Tk 700 but we are getting maximum Tk 550 in the local market," said Faruq Mridha, a farmer of Puran Mohipur village in Kalapara.

"I cultivated Aman paddy on 1.20 acres of land this year, spending around Tk 38,000 including lease money, fertiliser, seeds and labour. But I cannot expect more than Tk 22,000 for 40 maunds of produce as it is selling at Tk 550 a maund," said Md Jalil Hawlader of the same village.

"I went to Badura Bazar to sell 20 maunds

of Aman paddy but became frustrated due to low price," said Md Khabir Uddin, a farmer of Dakkhin Auliapur village under Patuakhali Sadar upazila.

Abul Mir of Pashchim Gerakhali village under the same upazila said, "I cultivated paddy on four acres of land. As I did not have adequate money to cover the total farming cost, I had to borrow Tk 20,000 from a local NGO. But now I cannot even recover the production cost as the market price is very low."

Farmers in the area depend mostly on Aman cultivation for livelihood.

"Wholesale buyers from northern districts including Natore, Mymensing and Dinajpur usually come to the area every year to buy Aman for good prices but this season they have not come yet. It is the main reason for low price of the paddy," said Masudur Rahman, a wholesale buyer of Baufal upazila's Kalaiya Bazar, the largest paddy market in Patuakhali.

Aman paddy was cultivated on about 2.10 lakh hectares of land in seven upazilas of the district this year and the production target is 5.08 lakh tonnes, said Redoyeswhor Datta, deputy director of the Department of Agriculture Extension in Patuakhali.



Farmers reap Aman paddy at a field of Nilganj village in Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila.

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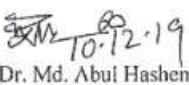
Memo No: CBHC/Proc./Machinery & Equipment (UHC)-134/2019-20/3871 Date: 10.12.2019

Corrigendum

It is hereby notified to all concerned that the following amendment has been made in the tender package no: CBHC/R-GD-13/2019-20, Supply of Machinery & Equipments for UHC invited memo no: CBHC/Proc./Machinery & Equipments (UHC)-134/2019-20/3745, Date: 13.11.2019

Sl No.	As Per Tender Notice	As Per Corrigendum Notice
16	Tender Last Selling Date & Time: 15.12.2019 at 5 pm	Tender Last Selling Date & Time: 23.12.2019 at 5 pm
17	Tender Closing Date & Time: 17.12.2019 at 12.30 pm	Tender Closing Date & Time: 24.12.2019 at 12.30 pm
18	Tender Opening Date & Time: 17.12.2019 at 2.30 pm	Tender Opening Date & Time: 24.12.2019 at 2.30 pm

• Detail information about specification and others will be available from office of the Line Director, CBHC, DGHS.


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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Divisional Forest Officer
Chattogram North Forest Division
Bon Pahar, Nandankanon, Chattogram

Re-Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI)

1.	Ministry	: Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
2.	Agency	: Bangladesh Forest Department.
3.	Name of the procuring entity	: Divisional Forest Officer, Chattogram North Forest Division.
4.	Procuring entity district	: Chattogram
5.	Expression of interest for selection of	: Consultancy: Preparation of Master Plan for Hathazari Eco-park and Botanical Garden under "Establishment of Hathazari Eco-park and Botanical Garden Project".
6.	EOI Reference No.	: 02/HEB of 2019-20
7.	Date	: 09/12/19
8.	Procurement method	: Fixed Budget.
9.	Budget and source of funds	: GOB
10.	Project name	: Establishment of Hathazari Eco-park and Botanical Garden Project.
11.	EOI closing date and time	: 29/12/19, 2:00pm.
12.	Brief description of the assignment	: Preparation of Detailed Master Plan for Hathazari Eco-park and Botanical Garden including 1. Digital contour survey and mapping 2. Detailed plan including lay-out of sections/zones (species and category wise) of Botanical Garden, listing of plant and tree species, with their status, availability of planting materials, nursery technique, planting modality and tending operations, management guidelines, international references.
13.	Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	: Interested consulting firm are re-invited to provide information in the prescribed form indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar operating conditions, availability of appropriate professional qualification and experience among staffs, financial and management capacity etc.). Prescribed form may be collected from the office of the undersigned. The following documents will have to be enclosed with the proposal: - i) Attested copy of up-to-date trade license, VAT registration certificate, income tax payment certificate, bank solvency certificate recently issued by any schedule bank of Bangladesh. ii) Description of experience of similar completed assignments as per TOR and assignments in hand or in progress supported by work orders. iii) Key qualifications and experiences of professional staff with detailed CVs to carry out the assignment. iv) Interested consulting firms must have the following key professionals: Master Plan Specialist (Team Leader), Botanist (Taxonomist), GIS Specialist, Landscape Design Specialist, Civil Engineer, Surveyor etc.
14.	Name of the official inviting EOI	: Md. Baktiar Nur Siddiqui.
15.	Designation of the official inviting EOI	: Divisional Forest Officer.
16.	Address of the official inviting EOI	: Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Chattogram North Forest Division, Bon Pahar, Nandankanon, Chattogram.
17.	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	: Divisional Forest Officer, Chattogram North Forest Division, Bon Pahar, Nandankanon, Chattogram. Phone: 031-614399, Fax No: 031-615310, Email: dfocnorth@gmail.com
18.	Other details	: 1. The consultant will be selected in accordance with the provisions of Public Procurement Rules, 2008. 2. The above assignments are to be submitted to the address of procuring entity. 3. No application will be received after the EOI closing date and time. 4. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.

Md. Baktiar Nur Siddiqui
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‘Tangail free day’ today

Hakimpur also liberated on this day

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Today is ‘Tangail free day’ as the district tasted freedom from the Pakistani occupation army on December 11 in 1971.

Meanwhile, Dinajpur’s Hakimpur upazila was also liberated on this day.

During the Liberation War, the brave freedom fighters of Tangail created extra ordinary history in various ways and the story of their heroic roles spread not inside the country but also across the world.

The heroism of Kaderia Bahini, led by Abdul Kader Siddiqui, will be remembered in the history of the Liberation War.

The Zila Swadhin Bangla Gono Mukti Parishad was formed in the first of March 1971. Local youths then started organising to fight against the Pakistani army.

Apart from this, the training of the freedom fighters (FFs) was continuing.

In the meantime, the Pakistani army entered Tangail town on April 3 after breaking the resistance of the FFs at Goran-Satiachara in Mirzapur.

Within a few days, Kaderia Bahini, led by the then Chhatra League leader Abdul Kader Siddique, got united and started fighting against the Pakistani army at different places in Tangail.

On the other hand, another group of the freedom fighters, led by late Khandakar Abdul Baten, also attacked the occupation forces.

However, the Kaderia Bahini played the main role of resistance and the Pakistani army made bewildered by their attacks from the all sides.

On December 10, the confidence of the Pakistani army collapsed when around 2,000 paratroopers belonging to Indian allied forces landed at Poulsee near Tangail town. The Pakistani army then retreated to Dhaka.

On the early morning of December 11, the brave freedom fighters entered Tangail town while the general people came down to the streets and started celebrating.

To mark the historic day, Tangail municipality has arranged a six-day-long programmes from today at Shaheed Smrity Pouro Udyan in the town.

Meanwhile, Hakimpur upazila, now widely known as Hili, was freed from the Pakistan occupation forces on this day in 1971.

To mark the day, local FFs have organised different programmes including discussion and placing floral wreaths at monument and offering prayers.

On December 11 in 1971, the Indian allied army aided by the freedom fighters forced Pakistan troops to retreat, following fierce fighting for days in Hili under the upazila.

After the Pakistan army started crackdown on the freedom-loving Bangalees on March 26 in 1971, the occupation force created a strong base at Muhara in Hilli area.

Freedom fighters fought several fierce fights with the Pakistani troops in the area while the barbaric forces with the help of their local collaborators killed many innocent people, said Motiur Rahman, a freedom fighter of Dinajpur.

The fights between Indian and Pakistan armies in early December left at least 345 Indian troops killed and 1100 others wounded in Hilli area, said local freedom fighters and liberation war researchers.

In 2012, a memorial was built at Basudebpur village, remembering the days of 1971, said local freedom fighters.

Man takes own life after killing wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A man reportedly died by suicide after allegedly killing his wife over a family feud in Kalihati upazila on Monday night.

The deceased were identified as Lal Mahmud, 55, a resident of Awaliabad village in the upazila, and his wife Anwara Begum, 50.

The couple married off their only daughter years ago while their two son sons are currently working in Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

Quoting locals and witnesses, Officer in Charge (OC) of Kalihati Police Station Hasan Al Mamun said, Lal often locked in altercation with his wife as their two expatriate sons used to send money through their mother's account.

As a sequel, the duo again locked in a quarrel around 8:30pm on Monday. At one stage, angry Lal, an irrigation pump operator, hacked Anwara with a machete indiscriminately, leaving her dead on the spot.

Later, keeping Anwara's body on the veranda, Lal hanged himself from the ceiling of his room, locking the door from inside, the OC added.

Being informed by the villagers, police went to the spot and recovered the bodies the same night, the OC said, adding that the bodies were sent to Tangail General Hospital for autopsy yesterday.

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)
for
Selection of Individual Consultant (National)

1.	Ministry/division	: Internal Resources Division (IRD), Ministry of Finance.		
2.	Agency	: National Board of Revenue (NBR).		
3.	Procuring entity name	: Project Director, Bond Management Automation Project (BMAP).		
4.	Procuring entity district	: Dhaka.		
5.	Expression of interest for selection of	: Individual Consultant (National) under BMAP.		
6.	Title of service	: Selection of Procurement Specialist.		
7.	Budget and source of funds	: Development Budget, GOB.		
8.	Project code (if applicable)	: 223014600		
9.	Project name	: Bond Management Automation Project (BMAP)		
10.	EOI & RFA closing date & time	: 29-12-2019 at 2.00pm (Local Time).		
11.	EOI & RFA opening place, date & time	: Project Director Office, BMAP, Room No: 2, Al-Amin Millennium Tower (Level-13), 75-76, Kakrail, Dhaka, 29-12-2019 at 2.30pm (Local Time).		
12.	Place of application submission	: Project Director Office, BMAP, Room No: 2 (Level-13), Al-Amin Millennium Tower, 75-76, Kakrail, Dhaka. (RFA can be collected from Bond Management Automation Project Office from 12-12-2019 to 28-12-2019 during office time). Application may be submitted through email.		
13.	Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has a provision of a project under NBR and intends to apply a part of the proceeds to cover eligible payments under the contract for providing consultancy services by hiring a Procurement Specialist (PS) for the project as an individual local consultant.			
As a part of his/her duties, Procurement Specialist will assist the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) in procuring works/goods/services under the project mentioned above following the Public Procurement Acts and Rules of the Government of Bangladesh (GoB). The overall responsibility of the Procurement Specialist for the Project is to establish and operate the procurement management system in the project.				
Procurement Specialist will have to ensure financial safeguards through sound procurement procedure for facilitating smooth implementation of the project activities. The service includes but not limited to:				
(i) Prepare an overall procurement plan for all goods, works and services to be procured during the project period;				
(ii) Determine the appropriate procurement method to procure goods/works/services for each contract;				
(iii) Update Procurement Plan and Procurement Schedule in compliance with Public Procurement Act, 2006 (PPA) and Public Procurement Rules, 2008 (PPR);				
(iv) Assist the project to prepare the Project Procurement Strategy for Development (PPSD) in regard to collect necessary and relevant procurement data or information;				
(v) Prepare/review/finalize procurement documents like bidding documents, Request for Proposals (RFP), bid/proposal evaluation reports etc. for all contract packages in accordance with the procurement procedure of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (Public Procurement Act, 2006 and Public Procurement Rules, 2008);				
(vi) Ensure that procurement is done in accordance with the provisions of the PPA & PPR;				
(vii) Prepare final report assessing procurement performance;				
(viii) Finalize specification of goods, prepare bidding documents and bidding advertisements;				
(ix) Organize/assist opening and evaluation of bids, contract awards in accordance with PPA & PPR;				
(x) Supervise the implementation of contracts including transportation, delivery, acceptance and storage;				
(xi) Verify payments due under procurement contracts and help prepare applications for payment.				
14. The qualifications and experiences of the consultant required for the assignment are as follows:				
SI	Particulars of positions	Educational qualification	Requirement of experiences and adequacies	
1.	Name of Position: Procurement Specialist Number of Position: 1 (one) Man Month: 12 Months (Condition Applied)	Master's in Procurement/ economics/statistics/finance/ Business administration/ management/Law/B.Sc. Engineering or other relevant subject;	- At least 15 years of work experience with 8 years in public procurement in capacity of Procurement Consultant. - Proven working experience on procurement following PPA 2006 and PPR 2008. - Advance training on procurement or supply chain management will be an added advantage for the candidate. - Proven experience in decision making in donor/GoB funded procurement. - Fluency in English language and good communications skills. - Good computer skill on MS Word, MS Excel, Power Point.	
15. The tenure of the appointment will be for 12 (twelve) man months which may be extended according to the Public Procurement Act, 2006 and Public Procurement Rules, 2008 if necessary.				
16. Age limit of the indivisible consultant: Maximum 63 (sixty-three) years.				
The Project Director, Bond Management Automation Project (BMAP), NBR now invites eligible applicants to apply for the positions. Applicants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (complete CV with other details as required as per the application forms).				
Consultant will be selected using the selection of individual consultant sub-method in accordance with the Public Procurement Act, 2006 and Public Procurement Rules, 2008. It is expected that the services will be commenced in January, 2020.				
Interested candidates are requested to submit their expressions of interest in accordance with the standard application forms. Application forms and other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during normal office hours (or available in the NBR website: www.nbr.gov.bd).				
The client reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Expression of Interest (EOI).				
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