



Farmers sow onion at a field of Jashore Sadar upazila.

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# Onion farming on the rise in Jashore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Farmers in Jashore district are cultivating onion in much larger areas this season, following the recent price hike of the bulb used as a common cooking ingredient.

Talking to farmers in different areas of Jashore, it was learnt that they have been cultivating Faridpuri and Taherpuri varieties of onion for

long but the recently introduced Bari-1 variety of onion seeds supplied by Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) is of much better quality.

Now Bari-1 onion seed is selling for Tk 1000 a kg while Faridpur and Taherpuri varieties for Tk 100, said the stakeholders.

Officials of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) said

they have set a target of onion cultivation on 1,250 hectares of land in Jashore, including 400 hectares in Chougachha, 300 hectares in Bagharpara, 100 hectares each in Sadar, Sharsha, Jhikargachha, Manirampur and Keshabpur, and 50 hectares in Abhoynagar upazila.

The target is likely to exceed, said Emdadul Haque, deputy director of Jashore DAE.

## Ex-BCL leader 'grabs land' of AL leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A former leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and a sand trader in Trishal upazila allegedly encroached on a piece of agricultural land by dumping sand on it from the Brahmaputra river.

Mozammel Haque, vice-president of Balipara Union unit of Awami League and owner of the land, made the accusation at a press conference held at Mymensingh Press Club auditorium yesterday.

Mozammel claimed that on September 12, Rezaul Karim, an ex-joint secretary of BCL's Trishal municipality unit, leased 35 acres of 'Balu Mahal' in Trishal's Balipara.

Soon afterwards, Rezaul started to occupy the adjacent land, belonging to Mozammel. Rezaul did not refrain from the illegal act despite numerous requests made by Mozammel, he also said.

So far, Rezaul occupied four acres of his agricultural land where seasonal vegetables are grown. "Finding no other means, we lodged a complaint with the High Court and the court issued a status quo on the matter on December 1 this year," he claimed.

Rezaul, however, refuted the allegation and claimed that he did not receive any copy of the court order yet.

## Warm clothes in demand as mercury falls in N dists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A large number of people are thronging the makeshift markets in Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts to buy warm clothes to get rid of the biting cold sweeping over the districts.

The temperature ranged between 8.9 and 13.3 degrees Celsius at Tetulia of Panchagarh in last five days while it was 10.7 degrees at 9:00am yesterday, said sources at Tetulia Weather Observation Centre of Bangladesh Meteorological Department.

The Department of Agriculture Extension recorded 11 degrees Celsius temperature in Thakurgaon on the day.

The severity of cold in the northern region is due to the cold air from the Himalayas, said officials at Tetulia Met office.

During a visit to different areas of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh in last two days, this correspondent saw people crowding the makeshift shops to buy sweaters, jackets, cardigans, woollen caps and mufflers.

Several buyers helped that taking advantage of people's helplessness due to the severe cold, the traders have increased prices of warm clothes.

"I came here to buy warm clothes for my daughter. But the vendors are charging higher than usual price," said Rezina Begum, 45, a farm labourer of Barunagaon village in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila.

Islam, a day labourer of Moidandighi village in Boda upazila of Panchagarh, said he has come to Boda Bazar to buy a

sweater or a jacket for his son but he is yet to buy one as the price is not reasonable.

Meser Ali, a vendor of second hand clothes at Thakurgaon, said the customers, mostly day-labourers, rickshaw-pullers and low-paid employees of different government and private organisations are crowding the makeshift market for the last couple of days as the temperature continued falling.

Meser refuted the allegation of demanding additional price for warm clothes, saying that this year they had to purchase winter clothes for higher prices.

Talking to common people in different areas, it was learnt that the distribution of warm clothes including blankets among the poor is much less than the requirement.

Thakurgaon Deputy Commissioner (DC) KM Kamruzzaman Selim said 32,000 blankets received from the Directorate of Relief and Disaster Management and the Prime Minister's relief fund have already been distributed among the distressed people in five upazilas of the district.

"We have sent a letter to the higher authority, asking for 50,000 more blankets to mitigate the sufferings of cold-affected people. Besides, different government and non-government organisations are distributing warm clothes including blankets among the poor people," he said.

In Panchagarh, the district administration distributed 28,000 blankets among the distressed people and sent a demand letter to the authorities concerned for 50,000 more blankets, DC office sources said.



Warm clothes on sale at a makeshift market in Thakurgaon town.

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### 86 Jamaat activists arrested in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

At least 86 activists of Jammata-Islami were arrested in Nawabganj upazila of the district while holding a secret meeting there yesterday afternoon.

All the arrestees are local members (rokon) of Jamaat, said Ashok Kumar Chowhan, officer-in-charge of Nawabganj Police Station.

The OC further added informed that a group of Jamaat men were holding a secret meeting at Swapnapuri, an artificial park in Nawabganj upazila of Dinajpur, they raided there in the afternoon and arrested the 86 members.

The arrestees were later taken to the police station, he said. Later, a case was filed in connection with the incident, said the police official.

**Jalalabad Gas Transmission & Distribution System Ltd.**  
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গ্যাস ব্যবহারে সাবসী হোন এবং সময়মত গ্যাস বিল পরিশোধ করুন

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Ref. No. JG/HTP/HDD/IFIT/2019/W-4 Date: 19/12/2019

#### Corrigendum Notice

This is for information to all concerned that the International Tender Ref. No. JG/HTP/HDD/IFIT/2019/W-4, Date: 04/11/2019 published on 07/11/2019 in The Daily Star for Procurement of "Design, Engineering Procurement, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 12.75" OD high pressure natural gas transmission pipeline by Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) method across the river Shari Guain at Shalutikar, Sylhet on turn-key/EPC Basis" is hereby amended as follows:

Tender Notice Particulars		
11.	Tender selling period	11/11/2019 to 14/01/2020 (During office hours on all working days)
12.	Tender closing time & date	Up to 12:00am (BST) on 15/01/2020
13.	Tender opening time & date	On 12:15pm (BST), Dated 15/01/2020

All other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged.

Engr. Jashim Uddin Ahmed  
General Manager (Planning Division)

GD-2091

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**

Directorate of Primary Education  
Section-2, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216  
[www.dpe.gov.bd](http://www.dpe.gov.bd)

Memo No. 38.01.0000.500.07.44.19-533 Date: 17 December 2019

## e-Tender Notice

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

Package No.	Tender name	Tender ID No.	Tender document selling/ downloading date & time	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
GD 213.01/2019-20 (Lot No. 01)	Procurement of school furniture (Chair-5553, Table-3354, High Bench with long Bookshelf-25333 and Low Bench-25333) for Rajshahi and Mymensingh Division	389530	22-Jan-2020, 17:00	23-Jan-2020, 13:00	23-Jan-2020, 13:00
GD 213.01/2019-20 (Lot No. 02)	Procurement of school furniture (Chair-5213, Table-3066, High Bench with Long Bookshelf-24411 and Low Bench-24411) for Khulna and Sylhet Division	389915	22-Jan-2020, 17:00	23-Jan-2020, 13:15	23-Jan-2020, 13:15
GD 213.01/2019-20 (Lot No. 03)	Procurement of school furniture (Chair-4123, Table-2582, High Bench with Long Bookshelf-18868 and Low Bench-18868) for Dhaka Division	389916	22-Jan-2020, 17:00	23-Jan-2020, 13:30	23-Jan-2020, 13:30
GD 213.01/2019-20 (Lot No. 04)	Procurement of school furniture (Chair-4918, Table-3142, High Bench with Long Bookshelf-23985 and Low Bench-23985) for Chittagong Division	389918	22-Jan-2020, 17:00	23-Jan-2020, 13:45	23-Jan-2020, 13:45
GD 213.01/2019-20 (Lot No. 05)	Procurement of school furniture (Chair-4780, Table-3200, High Bench with Long Bookshelf-24654 and Low Bench-24654) for Barisal and Rangpur Division	389919	22-Jan-2020, 17:00	23-Jan-2020, 14:00	23-Jan-2020, 14:00

- These are online tenders, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
- To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to particular date and time specified on the tender notice.
- Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (<http://www.helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd>).

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**Export Promotion Bureau**  
TCB Building (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

Memo No. 26.02.0000.007.07.121.11 (Part-4).150 Date: 18-12-2019

## Invitation for Tender

1.	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Commerce
2.	Agency	: Export Promotion Bureau
3.	Procuring Entity Name	: Export Promotion Bureau headed by Vice-Chairman
4.	Procuring Entity District	: Dhaka, Bangladesh.
5.	Invitation For	: Procurement of One Microbus (12 seater) and One Sedan Car(5 seater)
6.	Invitation Ref No.	: 26.02.0000.007.07.121.11 (Part-4)
7.	Date	: 18/12/2019

**KEY INFORMATION**

8. Procurement Method : Open Tendering Method (National)

**FUNDING INFORMATION**

9. Budget and Source of Funds : Self-Financed by EPB

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

10. Tender publication date(Tentative) : December 19-20, 2019

11. Last selling date of Tender Schedule : 12/01/2020 during office hour

12. Tender Closing Date & Time : 13/01/2020 at 14:00hrs

13. Tender opening date and time : 13/01/2020 at 15:00hrs

14. Name & address of the office selling tender document : Finance & Accounts Section, Export Promotion Bureau TCB Building (4<sup>th</sup> Floor), 1 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215

15. Receiving tender document : Export Promotion Bureau TCB Building (4<sup>th</sup> Floor), 1 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215

16. Opening tender document : -Do-  
- Place/date/time for Pre-tender meeting : Optional

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

17. Eligibility of Tenderer : Well-reputed and financially solvent Tenderers (authorized agents/distributors) having office establishment, repairing workshop, manpower, logistic support, stock position, good performance, qualification and past experience of supplying new and quality vehicles to the Government sectors within the assigned time.

18. Brief description of Goods/Works : **Supply of One Microbus (12 seater) and One Sedan Car(5 seater)**

19. Brief description of related services : As stipulated in the Tender Document/Schedule

20. Tender document price : Tk.1,000/-(**One Thousand**) each (Non-Refundable)

21. Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender Security	Completion time in weeks/months
1.	Procurement of <b>One Microbus</b>	Dhaka	Tk. 1,32,000/-	3 Weeks from the date of issuance of Supply Order/Signing of Contract.
2.	Procurement of <b>One Sedan Car</b> for Official use of Export Promotion Bureau	Dhaka	Tk. 1,05,000/-	

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

22. Name of official inviting tender : Mr. Md. Jahangir Hossain

23. Designation of official inviting tender : Secretary, Export Promotion Bureau

24. Address of official inviting tender : Export Promotion Bureau, TCB Building (4<sup>th</sup> Floor) 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215

25. Contact details of official inviting tender : Phone: 55013420, PABX: 9144822-24/114, E-mail: [secy@epb.gov.bd](mailto:secy@epb.gov.bd)

26. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders or annul the tendering process.

• NB- Technical Specification and other details will be available in Tender Document.

Secretary  
Export Promotion Bureau

GD-2087