



Logs piled up at an illegal brick kiln in Bandarban's Lama upazila.

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ILLEGAL BRICK KILNS

Admin 'helpless' before owners

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

With the beginning of the brick-making season, around 60 illegal brick kilns have started operation inside the forests, near indigenous paras and many schools in Bandarban, destroying environment in the hills.

These kilns use firewood collected from the forests, even from the reserve forest, to burn bricks, posing serious threat to human health and natural environment but the administration concerned never take any noticeable action to stop operation of the kilns as its owners are running the business with the help of the influential ruling party men, said locals.

The most affected villages are Shivatoli Para, Shivatoli Naya Para, Mong Ba Ching Para, U Mra Mong Headman Para and Meung Para of remote Faitong area under Lama upazila.

Residents of the villages alleged that the brick kiln owners can run the business as the local administration and CHT Affairs Minister Bir Bahadur U Shwe Sing are in favour of the owners.

"While we have been protesting over the last few years, the illegal brick kiln owners threatened us saying they managed local administration and even the hill minister," said U Mra Mong, headman of Faitong area.

"We went to the local administration and the hill minister several times but they never help us in this regard," said the headman.

"We are facing severe water crisis as the kiln owners have destroyed the water bodies near our Para," said Mong Hrey Marma karbari (village chief) of Mong Ba Ching Para.

"The environment of the area is polluted badly while fertility of farmland around the brickfields is also going down," said U Chow Marma, karbari of Shivatoli Puraton Para.

"In 2017, a minor student of our school met a tragic death when he was crushed under the wheels of a brick-laden truck," said Suniti Barua, headteacher of Chaingya Government Primary School under Sadar upazila.

"We have complained several times to the local administration to remove the brick kiln

which was set up near our school but to no effect yet," said Suniti Barua.

Contacted, Deputy Commissioner Daudul Islam said, "How we will stop operation of the illegal brick kilns if the influential ruling party men help the owners to run the business?"

"Despite repeated protest, we failed to stop building a brick kiln near Tazing Dong, the country's highest peak in remote Thanchi upazila, threatening environment," said Zumlian Amlai, chairperson (Bandarban chapter) of the Parbatya Chattogram Forest and Land Rights Protection.

Local authorities are in favour of the illegal brick kiln owners, he said.

Despite repeated calls, this correspondent could not reach the hill minister for his comment on the issue as he did not receive the phone.

Local sources said around 60 brick kilns have started operation in Lama, Alikadom, Thanchi, Naikongchhari and Sadar upazilas defying the environmental laws.

Severe cold hampers Aman harvest in Pirojpur

Farm labourers are not willing to do the job of crop harvest amid the adverse weather

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Farmers in the district are facing serious problem in harvesting Aman paddy due to the severe cold for the last few days.

"All the paddy on my 1.5 bighas of land has ripen, but I cannot harvest it due to the persistent cold," said Abdul Alim at Jhatokathi village under Pirojpur Sadar upazila.

"It is hard for us to go to the field for harvesting paddy amid the severe cold and dense fog that also kept the sun invisible for the last few days," said Nizam Uddin, a farmer of Mulgram village in the upazila.

Besides, labourers are not willing to do the job of crop harvest amid the adverse weather, farmers said, adding that many people engaged in manual jobs now like to work in other sectors like construction.

If the ripe paddy is not harvested within

several days, it will begin to drop, said farmer Ismail Hossain of Rayerkathi area in the upazila.

The region saw good yield of Aman paddy this season, said farmers.

Although cyclone Bulbul hit the southern districts early November last year, it did not cause much harm to Aman as the plants were yet to flower, they said.

Abu Hena Mohammad Jafar, deputy director of the Department of Agriculture Extension, said, "Aman paddy in almost all the fields is mature enough but farmers cannot start harvesting it in full swing due to the cold. Hopefully, the situation will improve within a few days and farmers will be able to collect the crop by mid-January."

This year Aman has been cultivated on over 60,000 acres of land in Pirojpur, he said.



A field with ripe Aman paddy at Jhatokathi village in Pirojpur Sadar upazila.

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Quilt makers pass a busy time at a shop in Pirojpur town as demand of the item sees a sharp rise, especially at the onset of the cold wave during the ongoing winter.

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

চীফ কমার্শিয়াল ম্যানেজার (পূর্ব) এর কার্যালয়

বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে

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বিষয়ঃ সিলেট নতুন রেলওয়ে স্টেশন ভবনের নীচ তলায় অবস্থিত ৬৩৪ বর্গফুট পরিমাপের রেস্টুরেন্ট বেসরকারি ব্যবস্থাপনায় পরিচালনার নিমিত্তে পুনঃ দরপত্র আহ্বান।

সিলেট নতুন রেলওয়ে স্টেশন ভবনের নীচ তলায় অবস্থিত ৬৩৪ বর্গফুট পরিমাপের রেস্টুরেন্ট বেসরকারি ব্যবস্থাপনায় পরিচালনার নিমিত্তে রেস্টুরেন্ট পরিচালনায় অভিভাবকসম্পন্ন এবং আর্থিক সংগতিপূর্ণ বাংলাদেশী প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ীদের নিকট হতে নির্ধারিত সিডিটেলে পুনঃ দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্রের নির্ধারিত সিডিটেল/নির্দেশাবলী চীফ কমার্শিয়াল ম্যানেজার (পূর্ব), বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে, সিআরবি, চট্টগ্রাম অথবা বিভাগীয় বাণিজ্যিক কর্মকর্তা, বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে, রেল প্রশাসন ভবন, কমলাপুর, ঢাকা দপ্তর হতে ১৫ জানুয়ারি ২০২০ তারিখ পর্যন্ত প্রতিসেট নগদ ৭০০/- (সাতশত) টাকা মূলে (অক্ষেত্রেযোগ্য) অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ত্বর করা যাবে এবং ১৬ জানুয়ারি ২০২০ তারিখ দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে চীফ কমার্শিয়াল ম্যানেজার (পূর্ব), বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে, সিআরবি, চট্টগ্রাম দপ্তরে রাখিত বারে ফেলতে হবে। একই দিন দুপুর ১২:১৫ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রাত্তদের সামনে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র বাঁক খোলা/উন্মুক্ত করা হবে।

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Youth killed as harassment of aunt protested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A youth was killed on Wednesday allegedly for protesting sexual harassment of his aunt at Naragati village under Naragati Police Station of Narail.

The victim was Jahirul Islam, 22, son of Akbar Mollah of Naragati village under Naragati Police Station of Narail.

"Jahid Mollah, 35, son of Tashir Mollah of Naragati village, was sexually harassing a widow at the same village," Md Alamgir Kabir, officer in charge (OC) of Naragati Police Station, quoted the deceased's family members as saying.

"As the woman told his nephew Jahirul of the matter, Jahirul protested Jahid's act. Angered by it, Jahid and his accomplice Redoan hit Jahirul on the head on Wednesday afternoon, causing serious injuries to him."

"After first aid, the victim was taken to Khulna Medical College Hospital where he died at about 7:30pm. His autopsy has been done. Family members may come to file case after burial of the deceased," the OC said.



ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED

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EDCL/PD-Gopalganj/ Furniture and Fixture/2020/08

Date: 02 January, 2020

Amendment of Tender Notice

(Amendment No -1)

Project Title : Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3rd Plant), Gopalganj
Package Name : Furniture and Fixture
Ref. No : EDCL/PD-Gopalganj/ Furniture and Fixture/2019/34, Dated: 18 December, 2019

Notice Sl. No	Subject to be Amended	Existing As	Shall be amended As
16.	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	09 January, 2020, Time : 05:00 PM (Local Time)	16 January, 2020, Time : 05:00 PM (Local Time)
17.	Tender Closing Date and Time	12 January, 2020, Time : 03:00 PM (Local Time)	19 January, 2020, Time : 03:00 PM (Local Time)
18.	Tender Opening Date and Time	12 January, 2020, Time : 03:30 PM (Local Time)	19 January, 2020, Time : 03:30 PM (Local Time)
20.	Pre-Tender Meeting	-	Date: 09 January, 2020, Time : 03:00 PM (Local Time)

All other terms & conditions shall remain unchanged.

(Prof. (Dr) Ehsanul Kabir)

Project Director

Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3rd Plant), Gopalganj



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LOCAL TENDER NOTICE

Tender Ref.: EDCL/Pur/S.S Shoe Rack/PT/2020/02

Dated: 02/01/2020

Well reputed Contractor/Suppliers are invited for submission of best competitive price offer for workshop of S.S Shoe racks at EDCL, Dhaka.

Name of Item	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Schedule
S.S Shoe Rack ---Qty : 06 Nos. (Details as per tender schedule & Drawing)	Tk. 2.5% of quoted amount	Tk. 1000.00/- set (Non refundable)

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Company LTD." without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

The tenderers may drop their offer along with detailed specification (as per tender schedule) to the tender Box kept at the Purchase Departments, EDCL, Dhaka office till 12.00 Noon on 19/01/2020 which will be opened on 19/01/2020 at 12.15 PM in presence of the tenderers/their representatives (if any).

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

General Manager

Procurement department

For: Managing Director