



The government food grain storage facility in Pabna town wears a deserted look without anyone lining up to sell rice or paddy at rates set by the government. The photo was taken on Saturday.

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GOVT RICE PROCUREMENT

# Drive in Pabna destined to crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Marred by poor response from listed millers and with the closing deadline for the government's Boro rice procurement programme only a few days away, the programme is destined for a massive shortfall in target procurement this year in Pabna.

The rice procurement drive in Pabna started on May 7 and it is set to end on August 31. This year the government set a target of procuring 24,571 metric tonnes of rice from 682 listed rice mills through 11 designated procurement centres in the district.

But, as of August 15, only 9,800 tonnes, which is less than half the target, of rice was purchased at the procurement centres.

While some are pointing out that steep prices of rice, at retail markets, might be one of the reasons behind the deficit, many others are blaming it on the role of a group of rice traders and millers with vested interest.

But on whomever the blame is put, the situation might lead to a massive shortage in the food grain stock of the government, said many stakeholders.

Rice millers and traders said many of the listed millers might have felt discouraged to sell the grain to the government as the former have

been able to sell it at retail markets for prices much higher than that set by the government.

But whatever the reason might be, more than a third of the listed millers have so far refrained from selling even one bag of rice to the government, according to food officials.

Iqbal Bahar, controller of food in Pabna, said over two hundred millers, most of who own large-scale rice mills and under contract with the government, did not sell a single bag of rice to the government after the drive started.

Although the food controller's office served numerous notices on them in this regard, many of the millers are yet to comply, he added.

Out of the total procurement target of 24,571 tonnes, 15,162 tonnes of rice was set to be procured from Ishwardi, an upazila considered to be the largest rice hub in the region.

Till August 15, only 6,402 tonnes of rice was procured at procurement centres in the upazila. As opposed to the paddy procurement target of 6,695 tonnes, only 582 tonnes was procured in the upazila till the same date.

Asked about the reasons behind the poor response, Fazlur Rahman Malitha, president of rice mill owners' association in the upazila, said out of all the upazilas in the northern region, they had been selling the highest amount of rice to the government.

But this year, the millers from Ishwardi have felt disappointment and thus refrained from selling rice to the government as the procurement rates set by the latter are too low – only Tk 36 for one kilogram of rice and Tk 26 for paddy.

At retail markets, each kg of rice can be sold for more than Tk 40 against its production cost of Tk 38 to Tk 39, while a kg of paddy can be sold there for more than Tk 28. These are the main reasons that made the millers to turn away from government procurement centres, Fazlur added.

In response to the possibility of raising the rates, Iqbal Bahar, the food controller in Pabna, said there was no scope of raising the procurement rates at the moment as a market survey was conducted prior to setting those rates.

Stern action would be taken against the listed millers for their breach of contract, under which they are required to sell the produce at rates set by the government, he added.

On how to tackle a probable shortage in food grain stock of the government, he said there would be no shortage in food grain as the government might import rice if the rice procurement drive fails.

## City buildings breeding Aedes

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to take necessary steps against Aedes as it spreads most rapidly during August and September.

According to the survey, the highest Breteau Index (BI) of 43.3 was measured in Kallyanpur, Paikpara and Mid Paikpara under ward-11 of DNCC.

A BI of 40 was found in Khilkhet, Kuril and Nikunja areas under ward-17 of DNCC and Mirhajirbagh, Dholaipar and Gandaria under ward-51 of DSCC.

Breteau Index (BI) is defined as the number of mosquito positive containers found in every 100 houses inspected in a given area. BI of an area over 20 means the area very risky for dengue virus.

Among the positive containers, 15.6 percent were flooded floor, 12.17 percent plastic drum, 9 percent plastic buckets, discarded tiers 8.52 percent, tray and flower tab 8.27 percent, water tank 6.08 percent, clay pot 5.11 percent, plastic bottle 3.65 percent, buckets of tin 3.16 percent and plastic mug 2.92 percent.

On the other hand, House Index (HI) is used as an indicator to measure the risk of contracting vector-borne diseases in a particular area. The situation is considered 'hazardous' if Aedes larvae or pupa are present in five or more houses out of every 100 in an area.

Though BI is comparatively low this year compared to the monsoon survey in 2018 and 2019, HI has remained almost the same, which indicates that the number of positive houses has not reduced, said Entomologist of Jahangirnagar University Kabirul Bashar.

He said as people have become aware, they destroyed many breeding sources, but their efforts were not up to the mark.

LGRD minister Md Tazul Islam told the Daily Star that they have taken various steps through two Dhaka city corporations to control the Aedes mosquitoes and this is why the number of cases was still very low.

He said the anti-mosquito drives have been going on by dividing different areas into zones and sub-zone.

The minister said mobile courts are also to be formed to conduct drives against Aedes mosquitoes.

### INITIATIVES OF TWO CITY CORPORATIONS

DNCC has conducted a combing operation from August 8 to August 20. This is the fourth combing operation it has carried out this year.

In the last three operations, DNCC found Aedes mosquito larvae at 2,686 houses after visiting 2,74,576 houses, said an official of DNCC.

The mobile courts have realised Tk 48,12,510 from the owners of the houses where the larvae were found.

DSCC has launched a year-long master plan in June this year to prevent the mosquito menace, said a DSCC official.

It started a mobile court drive from August 16 to control Aedes mosquitoes.

According to DGHS data, a total of 389 dengue cases were reported with one death till August 16, of which 73 were outside Dhaka.

## Man killed over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

An elderly man was beaten to death by his rivals allegedly over a disputed land in Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Afsar Ali, 72, was a resident of Kornai village in the upazila.

Police said there had been a longstanding rivalry between Afsar and one Nur Islam and his men over the ownership of a disputed land.

As a sequel, both the groups had an altercation yesterday morning, and, at one stage, Nur and his men beat Afsar mercilessly, leaving him death on the spot.

On information, police went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

# ‘Ensure minimum wage of Tk 600 for stone crushers’

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Thousands of stone-crushing labourers at Burimari land port in Patgram upazila of the district have been deprived of fair wages for long.

Lalmonirhat district general secretary of Sangiukta Sramik Federation Md Moniruzzaman said more than thirty thousand labourers are engaged in crushing stones in different stone crushing factories at the land port. There are around 4000 stone crushing machines at the port.

He further said that six to ten labourers run each machine to crush stones. They work in group. The labourers come from different areas of the upazila and work at the factories from morning till evening.

Nazrul Islam, a stone-crushing labourer, said they get a daily wage of Tk 400 for crushing stones. Of the amount, Tk 100 is spent on food and transport every day. They have to return home with Tk 300 or less than Tk 300 after working hard all day long.

Nazrul also said that it is very tough to run the family with the low income.

Another labourer Delwar Hossain said silicosis is an incurable lung disease caused by inhalation of silica dust. Many stone-crushing labourers have died of this disease while others have fallen ill. They are living inhuman lives.

He added that they have been doing stone-crushing work for a small wage as there is no other job opportunity in the

area.

“If we demand fair wages, the stone crush machine owners will fire us. None can demand fair wages here in fear of losing jobs,” said Delwar.

Khairul Islam, group leader of stone-crushing workers, said the labourers, who engaged in crushing stones, get a wage of Tk 400 each while the labourers who work as machine operator are paid Tk 500 every day. The workers do not get breakfast or lunch or any other facilities from the machine owners.

They have been demanding a minimum daily wage of Tk 600 for the labourers for long, but to no avail, said Khairul.

Contacted, Jamsher Ali, owner of a stone crusher, said all the stone-crushing labourers at the land port are paid the same wage. The labourers might have got low wage as there is no labour crisis here.

He would discuss the matter with other stone-crushing machine owners soon and think about the wages for the workers, he said.

District general secretary of Sangiukta Sramik Federation Moniruzzaman said those workers engaged in crushing stones in Burimari land port area are deprived of fair wages for long.

Soon they will inform the employers that no stone-crushing labourers will join the work unless they get fair wages, said Moniruzzaman, adding that they will go for a tougher movement to meet the demand if necessary.



Stone-crushing labourers at Burimari land port in Lalmonirhat's Patgram upazila demand minimum wage of Tk 600 a day.

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## দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। চিটাগাং ড্রাই ডক লিমিটেড (সিডিডিএল) কর্তৃক মেরামতাবীন/নির্মাণাবীন জলযান, এ্যালাইড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ও ডিপিএম সংক্রান্ত কাজে উপস্থিতকার হিসেবে কাজ করার নিমিত্তে নিম্নের ছকে বর্ণিত প্রতিটি ক্যাটাগরিতে অভিজ্ঞ প্রতিষ্ঠান/ওয়ার্কশপ (চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন এলাকায় অবস্থিত, ক্যাটাগরি-৭ ব্যতিত)-এর নিকট হতে তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য দরপত্র আবেদন করা যাচ্ছেঃ

শিডিউল নং	কাজের বিবরণ	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য (টাকায়)	তালিকাভুক্তির মেয়াদ	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়
০১।	জাহাজের হাল, ট্যাংক, কার্পোহোল্ড, একোমোডেশন, ইঞ্জিন রুম ইত্যাদি পরিষ্কার ও রংকরণ সংক্রান্ত কাজ।	৩০০০.০০ (অফেরতযোগ্য)	০২ (দুই) বছর	
০২।	জাহাজের গ্রেট, পাইপ লাইন ও বিভিন্ন স্টিল স্ট্রাকচার নবায়ন কাজ; জাহাজের বিভিন্ন মেকানিক্যাল মেরামত কাজ যেমন রাডার, প্রপেলার, ভল, কুলার, পাম্প, ইঞ্জিন, জেন, ডেরিক ইত্যাদি মেরামত এবং এলাইড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং সংক্রান্ত কাজ।	৩০০০.০০ (অফেরতযোগ্য)	০২ (দুই) বছর	
০৩।	জাহাজের পাত্র (ভিতরে/বাহিরে) স্যান্ড ব্লাস্টিং, গ্রিট ব্লাস্টিং ও শট ব্লাস্টিং এবং সিডিডিএল এলাকায় বিভিন্ন সিল ম্যাটেরিয়েল যেমন গ্রেট, এ্যাংগেল ইত্যাদির স্যান্ড ব্লাস্টিং, গ্রিট ব্লাস্টিং ও শট ব্লাস্টিং সংক্রান্ত কাজ।	৩,০০০.০০ (অফেরতযোগ্য)	০২ (দুই) বছর	
০৪।	জাহাজের বিভিন্ন ইলেকট্রিক্যাল ও ইলেকট্রনিক্স ইকুইপমেন্ট, নেভিগেশনাল ও কমিউনিকেশন ইকুইপমেন্ট ইত্যাদির মেরামত/নবায়ন/সার্ভিসিং/টেস্টিং কাজ এবং জাহাজের মেইন ইঞ্জিন, অক্সিডাইজার ইঞ্জিন, জেনারেটর, টার্বোচার্জার, বয়লার, বিভিন্ন মোটর ইত্যাদির মেরামত/সার্ভিসিং/ওভারহলিং সংক্রান্ত কাজ।	৩,০০০.০০ (অফেরতযোগ্য)	০২ (দুই) বছর	১৫ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২০ দুপুর ১২:১৫
০৫।	জাহাজের বিভিন্ন স্ট্রাকচারের Non Destructive Test (NDT) সংক্রান্ত কাজ।	৩,০০০.০০ (অফেরতযোগ্য)	০২ (দুই) বছর	
০৬।	সিডিডিএল কর্তৃক মেরামতাবীন/নির্মাণাবীন জলযান ও অন্যান্য সিলিল কনস্ট্রাকশন সংক্রান্ত কাজ।	৩,০০০.০০ (অফেরতযোগ্য)	০২ (দুই) বছর	
০৭।	সিডিডিএল কর্তৃক সম্পাদিতব্য বিভিন্ন ধরনের উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র (ওটিএম)/সরাসরি ক্রয় পদ্ধতি (ডিপিএম) সংক্রান্ত কাজ।	৩,০০০.০০ (অফেরতযোগ্য)	০২ (দুই) বছর	

২। দরপত্র শিডিউল আগামী ২৭ আশ্বিন ২০২০ হতে ১০ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২০ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সিডিডিএল-এর অর্থ ও হিসাব বিভাগ হতে নির্ধারিত মূল্যে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

৩। দরপত্র আগামী ১৫ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২০ তারিখ মঙ্গলবার দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকায় পর্যন্ত সিডিডিএল-এর মহাব্যবস্থাপক (পরিচালনা ও প্রাকল্পন)-এর দপ্তরে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার ব্যাল্ডে জমা দিতে হবে। ঐ দিন আবেদনকারী বা তার প্রতিনিধির (যদি কেউ থাকেন) উপস্থিতিতে দুপুর ১২:১৫ ঘটিকার সময় টেন্ডার ব্যাল্ড খোলা হবে। যদি কোন অনিবার্য কারণে নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ে দরপত্র খোলা সম্ভব না হয়, তবে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে একই সময়ে দরপত্র খোলা হবে।

৪। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যেকোনো দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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## Invitation for Tenders

Issue No. MGMC/CEDP/W-1/2020 Date: 23-08-2020

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.
2	Agency	University Grants Commission/National University.
3	Procuring entity name	Principal, Muminunnisa Govt. Mohila College, Mymensingh.
4	Procuring entity code	N/A
5	Procuring entity district	Mymensingh.
6	Invitation for	Refurbishment and Renovation of IDG sub-project office and Toilets, Classrooms, Departments, Laboratories, Staff Room & pure drinking water line installation.
7	Invitation Ref. No.	MGMC/CEDP/W-1/2020
8	Date	23-08-2020
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		Open Tendering Method (National).
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
10	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (Government & IDA Credit).
11	Development partners	International Development Association (IDA), World Bank.
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
12	Project code	224017200
13	Project name	College Education Development Project (CEDP).
14	Tender Package No.	W-1.
15	Tender package name	Refurbishment and Renovation of IDG sub-project office and Toilets, Classrooms, Departments, Laboratories, Staff Room & pure drinking water line installation.
16	Tender publication date	23-08-2020
17	Tender last selling date	07/09/2020 Time 05:00pm.
18	Tender closing date and time	08/09/2020 Time 12:00 Noon.
19	Tender opening date and time	08/09/2020 Time 12:30pm.
20	Name & address of the office	Muminunnisa Govt. Mohila College, Mymensingh.
	Selling tender document	Muminunnisa Govt. Mohila College, Mymensingh.
	Receiving tender document	Muminunnisa Govt. Mohila College, Mymensingh & Office of the Superintendent of Police.
	Opening tender document	Muminunnisa Govt. Mohila College, Mymensingh.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Will not be held.
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>		
22	Eligibility of tenderer	The tenderer shall have a minimum number 05 years general experience in refurbishment activities (renovation/repair/extension) and physical services. The tenderer shall have satisfactory completion of refurbishment activities of minimum BDT 25,00,000.00 (twenty-five lac) only under maximum 01 contract in the last 03 years. The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than BDT 50,00,000.00 (fifty lac) only over the last 03 years. The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be BDT 28,00,000 (twenty-eight lac) only. Other criteria as stated in tender document.
23	Brief description of goods or works	Plaster, Floor & wall tiles, Plastic paint, Door window repair, grill repair, enamel paint, Sanitary work, etc.
24	Brief description of related services	Related service shall be in accordance with Section 4: Particular Conditions of Contract, Section 6: Schedule of Requirements and Section 7: Technical Specification of the tender document.
25	Tender document price	BDT 1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred).
26	Tender name	Location Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time in months
	Refurbishment and Renovation of IDG sub-project office and Toilets, Classrooms, Departments, Laboratories, Staff Room & pure drinking water line installation	Muminunnisa Govt. Mohila College, Mymensingh 80,000.00 2 (two) months
27	Name of official inviting tender	Professor Md. Abu Taher, IDG Manager & Acting Principal, Muminunnisa Govt. Mohila College, Mymensingh.
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Principal, Muminunnisa Govt. Mohila College, Mymensingh.
29	Address of official inviting tender	Principal, Muminunnisa Govt. Mohila College, Mymensingh.
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 091 67247   Tel: 091-61053   Tel:
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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