

Remains of old bridge

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narrowing access of the road, right beside the new bridge.

However, the Water Development Board (WDB) said that they were not aware of any such obstacles.

Muhammad Shohiduzzaman Sharker, executive engineer of WDB in Sylhet, said, "We generate and update list of any obstacles in every river, but we do not have any information of such obstacles in the Sari river."

"We will look into the matter now," he said.

Locals said the remaining structures of the old bridge are all visible during winter but during the rainy season, only parts of the ruins are visible.

Abdul Hye Al-Hadi, spokesperson of Sari Nadi Bachao Andolon, said,

"Whenever a new bridge is constructed over a river, it is mandatory to completely remove the old bridge so that the river can flow accordingly. However, the authorities failed to follow that standard here."

Al-Hadi, also the chief coordinator of Save the Heritage and Environment, said, "These ruins posing serious threat to the river by blocking and narrowing down access. These must be removed without delay."

Mostafizur Rahman, executive engineer of Roads and Highways Department in Sylhet, said, "I am not sure whether the contractor of the new bridge or the RHD had responsibility to remove it. But I will look into the matter and will take initiative to remove them soon."

Empty-handed they

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middleman had told him that he would be able to go to Europe from Libya.

"But I did not accept that offer. It could bring in more danger," he added.

He said before leaving Bangladesh, he had been running a travel bag shop in Narsingdi and he had sufficient income.

According to an AFP report, Libya has Africa's largest proven oil reserves and only seven million people, but a decade of bloody conflict has left its economy shattered and a large chunk of its population in poverty.

The dinar, the currency of the country, crashed and prices of goods surged, power outages and fuel shortages were common, and even clean water was rare in a country that was once among the continent's richest.

Another migrant Shahidul Islam, 42, from Bogura, said he spent about Tk 4.6 lakh to go to Libya in 2014. He had been working as a mechanic in Benghazi for several years.

Shahidul said although his employer was good, shortages of materials forced him to close the workshop frequently, sometimes for a month.

He said as there were no alternative

income opportunities for him, he had to think about returning home.

The returnee added that the streets were full of muggers and thugs.

He alleged that he was mugged recently while coming out of his accommodation along with a companion. The muggers took away his money and the passport of his companion.

A father of two, Shahidul said he came back home almost empty-handed and he is now planning a livelihood to do something in the country for a living.

Preferring not to be named, another returnee said he entered Libya in May 2019 with aim to go to Italy via crossing the Mediterranean sea. However, he changed his mind thinking of the danger a few days before his boat was to leave.

"Out of fear, I fled from a camp in Misrata," the migrant said, adding that it happened about eight to nine months after entering Libya.

After fleeing the camp, he managed a job there with the help of fellow Bangladeshis, he added.

The migrant said he reached Libya via Dubai and Egypt along with a group of Bangladeshis. But he had a "contract" with his broker who promised to send him to Italy for Tk 5.5 lakh.

Rejoinder

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"But still for the sake of peace in the area we became silent. Many times they disturbed us. Even with the link of so called derailed Shanti Bahini they hijacked once our Manager and tortured."

OUR REPLY
The rejoinder sweepingly terms our report "completely one sided, fake and very harmful" for the shareholders -- without any justification or proof of exactly which parts of the report were false and how.

Zahirul Islam did not provide any documents that substantiate the rejoinder or go against the content of the report.

The report is also not one-sided as it carried quotes from Lama Rubber Industries Limited Manager Arif Hossain.

Zahirul claimed several investigations were conducted by different government agencies, but we don't understand why agencies, and not the local administration in Chattogram Hill Tracts, would investigate an allegation of jhum land grabbing.

Though he didn't provide any document in this regard, The Daily Star collected a copy of an investigation report from the local administration.

In 2017, the investigation was conducted by Sayed Iqbal, the then assistant commissioner (land) of Lama upazila, into the plots the rubber company claims as theirs.

Signed in October 2017, the investigation report stated that the Mro people of Daluchhari mouza had been using this jhum land for generations and if the land was allotted for use as rubber plantation, the Mro people would be left with no means for their livelihood.

If the land was not taken over by Lama Rubber Industries, there was no danger of peace being disturbed in the area, it read.

The Daily Star also talked to a number of villagers and indigenous community leaders, including the headman (mouza chief) and karbaris (village chiefs) to learn about the land grabbing.

We stand by our report.

UN chief lauds

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in giving shelter to the Rohingyas and reiterated that the return of refugees to Myanmar is their common objective.

Guterres said the UN stands ready to support Bangladesh in resolving the crisis.

Momen apprised the UN chief of the measures taken by the government in Bhasan Char and sought the UN's support for humanitarian assistance there for the Rohingyas.

Appreciating Guterres' strong commitment to climate action, the foreign minister welcomed his call to mobilise climate financing. The minister said Bangladesh as the current CVF president would continue to work together with the UN to achieve climate ambition and build resilience in preparation for the COP 26 in Glasgow this year.

The UN secretary-general said he would be pursuing the donors to allocate 50 percent of the proposed climate funds for adaptation strategies. He termed Bangladesh's

enormous adaptation efforts on the coastal region and managing rivers remarkable efforts.

Expressing satisfaction that Bangladesh is going to graduate from the Least Developed Country category, the minister requested the UN chief to use his good offices to convince development partners and IFIs to incentivise the graduating countries with new support mechanisms even after graduation.

Momen discussed the issues of the twin celebration of the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh's independence, peacekeeping, LDC issues and the secretary-general's reelection bid.

He invited Guterres to participate in the celebration of the Mujib Year and the Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh's independence.

Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN in New York Ambassador Rabab Fatima was present during the meeting.

HC orders status quo

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Besides, the court ordered the deputy commissioner of Khulna and the assistant commissioner (land) to conduct a survey to determine the boundaries of the Bhadra and Hori rivers and submit a survey report to it in 90 days.

The HC bench of Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Kamrul Hossain Mollah came up with the order and rule after hearing the petition filed by HRPB on February 22 seeking necessary directives on the government to take steps to ensure the free flow of water of the two rivers.

Cops fire

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There have been daily protests and strikes by democracy supporters for about three weeks, often drawing hundreds of thousands of people across the ethnically diverse country.

In Yangon, hundreds of mostly young people congregated again yesterday but they largely melted away when police prepared to move in.

But groups gathered again in several places to chant slogans and confront riot police who then rushed at them, firing stun grenades and guns into the air to send people scattering.

"One house let me in to hide," a journalist told Reuters from the scene. "I can't leave yet as the police are very near and firing into the air."

Several people were detained, witnesses said, among them a Japanese journalist who was held briefly.

Domestic media and witnesses reported a similar confrontation in Mandalay where police also fired rubber bullets. One man in Mandalay suffered a bloody leg wound, a photograph posted by a media outlet showed. It was not clear how he was hurt.

An emergency service worker said children were hurt in Mandalay and media published pictures of two with minor injuries. It was not clear how they were wounded.

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Commercial Space Sale

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Driverless bus hits streets in southern Spain

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The bus uses artificial intelligence to improve its "decisions" based on data recorded along the route.

The 12-metre (39-foot) vehicle, which looks like any other bus, can carry 60 passengers and was developed by Spanish firm Irizar.



International Organization for Migration (IOM)
The UN Migration Agency

Request for Proposals

RFP No.: BD21-007 & PR # BD21-CXB-0120

The UN - IOM is seeking to establish a "Long Term Framework Agreement - LTA" for the duration of 01 (one) year from the signing of the contract; among the eligible service provider(s) of "Audio, Visual production and Language Support".

The interested and eligible servicing agencies are inviting to provide both "Technical" and "Financial" proposals for provisioning the required support services furnished at the below table. Bidders are requesting to guide by the issued RFP # BD21-007, in preparing of your proposal.

The Service Provider will be selected under a Quality - Cost Based Selection procedures described in this RFP.

| No. | Required service | Unit | Remarks |
|--|--|-----------------------|---|
| 01. PRE-PRODUCTION | | | |
| 1.a | Script writing (Video) | Per minute | Inclusive with all necessary instrument, consumables and required equipment |
| 1.b | Script writing (Audio) | Per minute | |
| 1.c | Location scouting | Hour | |
| 02. AUDIO PRODUCTION | | | |
| 2.a | Studio Rent | Hour | Inclusive with all necessary instrument, consumables and required equipment |
| 2.b | Recording Technician | Team | |
| 2.c | Editing and Mastering Technician | Team | |
| 03. VIDEO PRODUCTION | | | |
| 3.a | Director / Producers | Person and day basis | Inclusive with all necessary instrument, consumables and required equipment |
| 3.b | Cameraman | Person and day basis | |
| 3.c | Lighting Assistant | Person and day basis | |
| 3.d | Audio Technician | Person and day basis | |
| 3.e | Studio charge | Hour | |
| 04. TALENT RECRUITMENT | | | |
| 4.a | Actor/ Actress | Person and day basis | Inclusive with all necessary instrument, consumables and required equipment |
| 4.b | Actor Musician | Person and day basis | |
| 4.c | Voice Talent | Person with day basis | |
| 05. GRAPHICS DESIGN | | | |
| 5.a | Illustration | Per page | Inclusive with all necessary instrument, consumables and required equipment |
| 5.b | Library asset creation | Per hour | |
| 5.c | Photography | Per photo | |
| 5.d | Photo edition | Per photo | |
| 5.e | Print layout | Per page | |
| 5.f | Non-digital Artwork | Per page | |
| 06. TRANSLATION (FROM AUDIO/TEXT) | | | |
| 6.a | English to Rohingya | Per word | |
| 6.b | Rohingya to English | Per word | |
| 6.c | Bangla to Rohingya | Per word | |
| 6.d | Burmese to Rohingya | Per word | |
| 07. TRANSCRIPTION | | | |
| 7.a | Rohingya :Hanifi Script | Per word | |
| 7.b | Rohingya :Fonna Script | Per word | |
| 7.c | Rohingya : Latin script | Per word | |
| 08. TRAINING | | | |
| 8.a | Trainer's cost (incl. food, lodging & transportation) | Per day | |
| 8.b | External expert (incl. food, lodging & transportation) | Per day | |

A complete set of tender documents are available at <https://bangladesh.iom.int/opportunities/work-as-service-provider> from the date of 26 Feb - 08 March, 2021.

Tender proposals may be submitted on or before 15:00 (Bangladesh Standard time, GMT+6) Monday, March 08, 2021 through hand/ courier delivery at the address below (ONLY!!!):

International Organization for Migration - IOM
Muktijoddha Building Complex, Baharchara, Motel Road, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

IOM reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal and to annul the selection process and reject all Proposals at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to affected Service Providers/ Consulting Firms

Very truly yours, BEAC

UK SC rejects

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that is possible," the head of the Supreme Court, judge Robert Reed, said in a written judgment.

"But there is no perfect solution to a dilemma of the present kind."

Prime Minister Boris Johnson's spokesman said the government was pleased with the ruling, telling reporters "decisions to deprive individuals of their citizenship are not taken lightly".

"The safety and security of the UK must come first," he added.

Now 21, Begum left her home in east London at the age of 15 to travel to Syria with two school friends and married an IS fighter.

Indian coast

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officials, were sick and suffering from extreme dehydration, having run out of food and water after the boat's engine failed four days after leaving Cox's Bazar, where refugee camps house hundreds of thousands of Rohingyas who have fled neighbouring Myanmar.

"The engine of the boat broke down earlier this week and we received an SOS from some Rohingyas," said an Indian coast guard official overseeing the search and rescue effort from New Delhi.

Cop arrested

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There she was drugged and raped several times. When she was regaining consciousness, Towhid threatened to spread private videos and pictures of her on Facebook if she protested.

Later, when the girl became pregnant, locally influential people started to cover up the incident. At one stage, they ousted the rape survivor's family from society, the case statement said.

On February 11, the girl gave birth to a baby -- eight months and 10 days after the incident.

When her relatives informed Towhid about the matter, he denied any such incident and threatened them, according to the statement.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Directorate General of Family Planning
Logistics & Supply Unit
6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215

Invitation for Re-Tender (Goods)

Memo No. DGFP/L&S-3/Implant (2 Stick)/2020-21/123/171 Date: 25/02/2021

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|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1 | Ministry/Division | Medical Education & Family Welfare Division | |
| 2 | Agency | Directorate General of Family Planning | |
| 3 | Procuring Entity Name | Director (Logistics and Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply Management) | |
| 4 | Procuring Entity Code | Not used at present | |
| 5 | Procuring Entity District | Dhaka | |
| 6 | Invitation for | Procurement of 3,00,000 Sets Implant (2 Stick) | |
| 7 | Invitation Ref No | DGFP/L&S-3/Implant (2 Stick)/2020-21/123/171 | |
| 8 | Date | 25/02/2021 | |
| KEY INFORMATION | | | |
| 9 | Procurement Method | Open Tender Method (ICT) | |
| FUNDING INFORMATION | | | |
| 10 | Budget and Source of Funds | RPA (GOB) and GOB (Dev.) | |
| 11 | Development Partner (if applicable) | International Development Association (IDA) | |
| PARTICULAR INFORMATION | | | |
| 12 | Project/ Programme Code (if applicable) | - | |
| 13 | Project/ Programme Name (if applicable) | 4 th Health, Population & Nutrition Sector Programme (HPNSP) | |
| 14 | Tender Package No. | CC/GD-35 | |
| 15 | Tender Package Name | Procurement of 300000 Sets Implant (2 Stick) | |
| | Date | | |
| 16 | Tender Publication Date | 25/02/2021 | |
| 17 | Tender Last Selling Date | 30/03/2021 | |
| | Date | Time | |
| 18 | Tender Closing Date and Time | 31/03/2021 12:00 PM | |
| 19 | Tender Opening Date and Time | 31/03/2021 12:15 PM | |
| 20 | Name & Address of the Office(s) | Address | |
| | -Selling Tender Document (Principal) | Office of the Director (Logistics and Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply Management), Logistics & Supply Unit (5 th floor), Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215 | |
| | Selling Tender Document (Others) | Office of the Additional Director (Drugs & Stores) Central Warehouse, Directorate General of Family Planning, Nandipara (Uttargaon) Trimohoni, Union-Nasirabad, Thana- Khilgaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh | |
| | Receiving Tender Document | Conference Room of the Director (Logistics & Supply) Logistics & Supply Unit (5 th Floor), Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215. | |
| | Opening Tender Document | | |
| 21 | Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting | Pre-Tender meeting shall be held at the Conference Room, Room No. 15, Logistics & Supply unit, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran bazar, Dhaka-1215 Date: 09/03/2021 & Time: 11.00 AM. | |
| INFORMATION FOR TENDERER | | | |
| 22 | Eligibility of Tenderer | As mentioned in the tender document | |
| 23 | Brief Description of Goods | Procurement of 300000 Sets Implant (2 Stick) | |
| 24 | Brief Description of Related Services | Not Applicable | |
| 25 | Price of Tender Document (Tk.) | Taka 8000/- (Taka Eight thousand) only, non-refundable. Mode of payment should be made by Treasury Chalan from Bangladesh Bank/ Somali Bank Code no: 1-7481-0000-2366 in favor of Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215. Original copy of the Treasury Chalan must be online verification/certified (CTR) by the concerned accounts' office. | |
| 26 | Lot/ Item No. | Identific ation of items Location Tender Security Amount Completion Time in Weeks/Months | |
| | Single Lot | 300000 Sets Implant (2 Stick) Central Warehouse (rented), Family Planning, Nondipara (Uttargaon) Trimohoni, Union-Nasirabad, Thana-Khilgaon, Dhaka. BDT 45,00,000.00 (Taka Forty Five Lakh) or USD 53,000.00 (Fifty Three Thousand US Dollar) | Delivery of the entire quantity of goods shall have to be completed within 16 weeks from the date of opening of the Letter of Credit (LC) for goods to be supplied from abroad or from the date of signing of the contract for goods to be supplied from within Bangladesh. |
| PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS | | | |
| 27 | Name of Official Inviting Tender | Ratna Talukder | |
| 28 | Designation of Official Inviting Tender | Director (Logistics and Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply Management) | |
| 29 | Address of Official Inviting Tender | Logistics & Supply Unit (5 th floor), Directorate General of Family Planning 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215. | |
| 30 | Contact details of Official Inviting Tender | Tel. & Fax No: 88-02- 55012349 E-mail: dirisdgfp@gmail.com | |
| 31 | The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. | | |

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