

AL lawmaker Samad Chy

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 "His condition suddenly deteriorated while returning to Dhaka from Sylhet on Sunday. Upon reaching the capital, he was rushed to the hospital. On Monday, he was tested for Covid-19 and the report came positive," said Julhas.
 He was praised for helping his constituents during the early days of the pandemic. The online version of this newspaper ran a report about him titled "The people's lawmaker" on April 16 last year.

Mahmud Us Samad, hailing from Nurpur village of Sylhet's Fenchuganj upazila, was born on January 3, 1955 in Sylhet.
 He was first elected a parliamentarian in the 2008 general election and then again in the 2014 and 2019 polls from the Awami League.
 The lawmaker was also a successful industrialist. He was acting as the chairman and managing director of Kushiara Composite Knit Industries Limited, MSC Real Estate Limited and MSC Garments Limited.

12 protesters shot dead

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 Tun, said Suu Kyi had accepted illegal payments worth \$600,000, as well as gold, while in government, according to a complaint by Phyo Mien Thein, a former chief minister of Yangon.
 "He strongly said that," the spokesman told a news conference. "We have verified those facts several times. Now the anti-corruption committee is continuing the investigation."
 Aye Ma Ma Myo, a member of the dissolved parliament belonging to Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy, rejected the claim.
 "It is no longer uncommon to see slander against politicians and efforts to crush the party while innocent young people are killed in public," she told Reuters in a message.
 Thursday's deaths brought the number of protesters killed since the coup to more than 70, the AAPP said. Some 2,000 people have also been detained since the coup against Suu Kyi's elected government, it says.
 The army did not respond to requests for comment on the latest deaths but the junta spokesman said the security forces were disciplined and used force only when necessary.
 UN human rights investigator Thomas Andrews told the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva the military may have committed crimes against humanity. He called for multilateral sanctions on the junta and the state energy firm, Myanmar Oil and Gas

Enterprise.
 An Amnesty International report yesterday accused the military of using "battlefield weapons" on unarmed protesters and carrying out premeditated killings orchestrated by their commanding officers.
 The rights group catalogued the security forces' use of firearms that are "completely inappropriate for use in policing protests", including light machine guns, sniper rifles and semi-automatic rifles.
 The army has justified taking power by saying that a November election, overwhelmingly won by Suu Kyi's party, was marred by fraud - an assertion rejected by the electoral commission.
 Junta spokesman Zaw Min Tun reiterated that the military would only be in charge for a certain period before holding an election. The junta has said a state of emergency will last for a year, but has not set a date for the election.
 With international condemnation so far seemingly ignored by the junta, the United States applied fresh pressure with sanctions against two adult children of coup leader General Min Aung Hlaing.
 And the Asian Development Bank announced it had temporarily suspended funding for government projects in Myanmar "as the international community assesses the evolving situation".

UK court allows

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 The International Labour Organization describes shipbreaking as one of the world's most dangerous occupations, but NGO Shipbreaking Platform, a coalition campaigning for safe ship recycling, said there was little accountability for deaths and injuries.
 At least seven Bangladeshi shipbreaking workers died last year and 24 died in 2019, said non-profit Young Power in Social Action.
 Law firm Leigh Day, which is representing Begum, said this was believed to be first judgment of a higher court that directly held that shipping companies can be held liable.
 "The (findings) will send shockwaves around the shipping industry as a higher court has recognised that shipping companies choosing to send vessels to the beaches of Bangladesh may owe a duty of care to the local workers and can be liable," said Oliver Holland, a partner at Leigh Day.
 Bangladesh is one of the top locations for dismantling end-of-life ships with at least 144 ships broken on its beaches last year, or about one in every five dismantled worldwide in 2020, according to a report by NGO Shipbreaking Platform.
 Most of the others ended up in India, Pakistan and Turkey.

Facebook halts project for undersea data cable to HK
 AFP, San Francisco
 Facebook has decided to halt its efforts to build a trans-Pacific undersea cable that would have connected California and Hong Kong, due to tensions between the United States and China.
 "Due to ongoing concerns from the US government about direct communication links between the United States and Hong Kong, we have decided to withdraw our FCC application," a Facebook spokesperson told AFP on Wednesday, referring to the Federal Communications Commission.

2 Chinese firms show interest

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 railway project has already been submitted.
 The estimated cost of the project would be about \$11.4 billion, or Tk 96,752 crore.
 The 227.3km Dhaka-Narayanganj-Cumilla-Feni-Chattoogram route was approved by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
 Once constructed and the high-speed train begins operation, the journey from the capital to the commercial capital (Chattoogram) will be slashed to just 73 minutes.
 An uninterrupted journey between Dhaka and Chattoogram will take only 55 minutes.
 The trains, which will run at a top speed of 300km/hr, can carry approximately 50,000 passengers each way daily.
 It will, however, not be cheap. With fares expected to be around the Tk 2,000 mark, more than three times the fare of an AC seat on existing Bangladeshi inter-city trains.
 However, some transport experts termed the project "highly ambitious" and questioned the capacity of BR to operate the high-speed train, when it has not yet introduced the electric train.
THE PROPOSAL
 As per their proposal, CRCC and CCECC will form one special purpose vehicle (SPV), a term for a dedicated company for the project, in Bangladesh pursuant to laws and regulations here.
 The company will undertake the financing, construction and five-year operation (subject to negotiation) of the service, according to the proposal. After the agreed operation period, they would hand over the project to BR or the designated receiver.
 BR shall pay the company the

available payment semi-annually according to the agreed schedule and the repayment period would be 20 years.
 The repayment should commence from the start of agreed operation period and the total repayment sum shall cover the capital and operating expenditure of the company.
 CRCC and CCECC will source the project financing from different banks and financial institutions in the name of the SPV at a competitive interest rate to minimise the financing cost, they said.
 The finance ministry will have to provide a sovereign guarantee to the financier for securing the loan, it added.
 The SPV will implement the project with their parent companies CRCC and CCECC, reads the proposal.
 "The railways ministry has asked us [BR] to give opinion over the proposal. But we are not the competent authority to give opinion on financing issues. We are the implementing authority," a high-level BR official, who took part in yesterday's meeting, said.
 "So, we will write to the rail ministry to take opinion from ERD and PPA over the proposal," he said, preferring anonymity.
 He also said it has not yet been settled whether the project would be implemented under PPP or investment model.
 Another participant of the meeting said there is an ambiguity in the proposal that needs to be clarified. So, they opined for seeking opinions from PPA and ERD, he said wishing anonymity.
 Contacted BR's DG Dharendra Nath Mazumder said they got the proposal from the Chinese companies, but they thought that such proposal should come through the ERD.


Mashrafe

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 education system, help start an ethical and humane education system, create employment opportunities, increase cultural activities, provide sports training, set up a tourism hub in Chitra river, and transform Narail into an information and communications technology (ICT) and environmentally friendly town," the Forum's website listed his achievements on their website.
 "I have heard of the news and it feels good [to be recognised]. I want to keep working from my end," Mashrafe told The Daily Star yesterday.
 The Forum of Young Global Leaders maintains a rigorous process each year to select and honour individuals under 40 for achievements in helping communities grow locally and worldwide.
 The Forum this year selected 112 young global leaders for the 'Class of 2021'.
 Mashrafe stepped down from his role as captain after Bangladesh's home series against Zimbabwe in March last year. Despite not being picked for Bangladesh's home series against West Indies this year, Mashrafe remains available for selection as a player.

Rescued baby
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 "As there is no elephant herd nearby, we handed it over to Dulahazari Safari Park at Chakaria for its better care," he said.
 Meanwhile, the beat officer along with other staffs was asked to remain watchful for any mother elephant looking for the calf.
 "We will release the calf to its mother once our team finds it," he said.
 Abu Naser Mohammad Yeasin Neyaz, divisional forest officer of Chattogram Wildlife and Nature Conservation Division, also the supervising boss of Safari Park, said they received the calf and got it health checked by a veterinary surgeon.

Women may have ruled
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 political roles and status within the society, said researchers.
 A study published in the journal Antiquity yesterday documented a particularly significant discovery of a grave in which a man and woman were buried. Ancient DNA analysis revealed

the individuals were not biologically related, but had children together.
 Radiocarbon dating found that they had died close together in the mid 17th-century BC. Atop the female skull was a silver crown known as a diadem, suggesting the woman buried was an elite member of society.



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Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI)
 for
Engineering Consultancy Services (Firm)
 for the Capital and Maintenance Dredging Scheme of Payra Port Authority

1	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Shipping.
2	Agency	Payra Port Authority (PPA).
3	Procuring Entity Name	Chairman, Payra Port Authority, Represented by Member (Harbour & Marine), Payra Port Authority, Kalapara, Patuakhali
4	Procuring Entity Code	5205
5	Procuring Entity District	Patuakhali
6	Expression of Interest for short listing of Capital and Maintenance Dredging scheme of Payra Port Authority	<p>The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, represented by the Ministry of Shipping, acting through the Payra Port Authority has undertaken a scheme for the capital and maintenance dredging of the 75km long access-channels including turning basins, anchorages and berthing areas of Payra Port in the Rabnabad Channel with a view to ensure safe access and operation of vessels.</p> <p>Prior to the dredging operations, engineering studies will also be conducted under the said scheme comprising of:</p> <p>a) Siltation Studies, Monitoring and Modeling using 3xTrial Pits, and other investigations related to onshore and offshore reclamations – with a view to estimate the infill volumes and sedimentation rates using ground data at design depth, and to facilitate the validation of the Conceptual Channel Design and the Designs of reclamation works.</p> <p>b) Design of Offshore Reclamation Area – For reclaiming an area offshore, to accommodate the port's future requirements.</p> <p>c) Design of Onshore Reclamation Area – For conducting the onshore reclamation using the dredged soil.</p> <p>For supervising, monitoring and assessing the aforementioned activities to validate the results claimed/obtained by the contractor and to validate the designs, the Payra Port Authority will appoint a consulting engineering firm, with no conflict of interest, and with the required technical, commercial and contractual expertise, to act as the Engineer of the aforesaid dredging scheme and subsequent EPC contract between the PPA and dredging company.</p>
	EOI Ref. No. & Date	18.21.7866.014.32.010.16 (Part-7), Dated 10/03/2021
KEY INFORMATION		
7	Procurement Method	Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
8	Association with local firms is	Applicable as per Public Procurement Rules-2008 of Bangladesh
9	Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB)
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
		Date Time
10	EOI Closing Date & Time	08/04/2021 Upto 1200 hrs.
NAME & ADDRESS OF THE OFFICE (S)		
11	Receiving EOI Proposal	Payra Port Authority, Liaison Office (Level-7), 75-76 Al-Amin Millennium Tower, Kakrail, Dhaka. Additionally the submission shall also be sent in electronic (pdf) format to E-mail address: chiefhydrographerpayraport@gmail.com
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
12	Brief Description of Assignments	<p>The Engineering Consultancy Firm is to be an independent entity providing services which include the technical, contractual, legal, financial, quantity survey vetting, progress monitoring, health, safety and environmental compliance and consultancy engineering assistance to the Contracting Parties during the Project construction period.</p> <p>The Consultancy Services may include, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> review and monitor the Works, Works Schedule; review of the Project Control Plans and compliance monitoring, QA/QC for dredging and hydrographic survey,
13	Qualification and Experience	<p>land reclamation works;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> validation/ evaluation of the Conceptual Channel Design, Design of offshore and onshore reclamation areas, QA/QC standards and specifications for the project related activities; monitor the health, safety and environmental compliance of the Construction Works; attend and minute monthly progress meetings and undertake monthly inspections, and reporting, of the Construction Works; develop and agree testing protocols and plans, attend tests to be carried out, monitor and review test results, models etc. participate in any dispute resolution. <p>The Engineering Consultancy Services is to be provided mostly on site by a team of suitably experienced and skilled experts. The Service provider shall not sub-contract the whole of The Engineering Consultancy Services.</p> <p>Firms wishing to express their interest in providing the above-mentioned Consultancy Services shall meet the following minimum criteria, to be considered as eligible and shall demonstrate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> their international experience (previous 10 years) in Dredging contract management, in capital and maintenance dredging works, in nautical expertise and in maritime design and construction works in general. International experience should include its involvement as the main consultant in at least 03 (three) contracts, each with capital expenditure of at least 100 Million Euro or equivalent; their corporate interdependency with respect to Bangladesh Authorities, Dredging or Marine Contractors, Shipping Companies or any other Business Groups with stakes in the maritime industry; their financial solvability and their capability, and capacity, to manage large engineering contracts (more than 8 Million (Euro/year) effectuated by their own payroll, employees, engineers and/or team-members; their accreditation to ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 (ISO 45001) or equivalent. <p>In addition, Candidates shall propose:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> their integrated team of suitably qualified experts. fluent in the English language and committed for the whole duration of the Project; their proposed Team leader, responsible for the Engineer Services; and, their proposed composition of the team and career profile of each team member.
CLIENT DETAILS		
14	Name of Official Inviting EOI	Commodore M Mamunur Rashid, (TAS), BCGMS, afwc, psc, BN
15	Description of Official Inviting EOI	Member (Harbour & Marine), Payra Port Authority, Dhaka Liaison Office, 75-76 Al-Amin Millennium Tower, Kakrail, Dhaka.
16	Address of Official Inviting EOI	Harbour & Marine Department, Payra Port Authority, Dhaka Liaison Office, 75-76 Al-Amin Millennium Tower, Kakrail, Dhaka.
17	Contact details of Official Inviting EOI	Tel: (02) 9583132 (Office) Fax: (02) 9583133 E-mail: payraport@yahoo.com
18		The Client reserves the right to accept or reject all EOI's.
19	Special Instruction:	In the event of unavoidable circumstances, if the EOI's can not be opened on the date and time specified in this invitation, the next normal working day will be treated as the valid date of EOI closing. Time and place shall remain unchanged.



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