



People in one of the affected areas in Bagerhat place pitchers and all sorts of containers to collect purified water from a mobile water purification truck, set up by the district administration in collaboration with Department of Public Health Engineering.

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Water purification capacity low, inadequate

Say people in Mongla, Morrelganj and Sharankhola upazilas where five mobile water purification plants are dispensing purified water

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

The district administration of Bagerhat, in collaboration with the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), has started emergency supply of water from five mobile water purification plants in Mongla, Morrelganj and Sharankhola -- three of the upazilas that are facing severe drought and water scarcity.

However, since a large number of people are waiting in queues for hours every day in front of the water dispensing trucks, it is apparent that the amount of water being distributed from each unit is inadequate, said residents of the affected areas.

Bagerhat is a coastal district where tube wells are not installed due to high salinity in groundwater. Hence, locals have to rely on harvested rainwater or filtered freshwater from ponds for consumption and everyday use.

Recently, waterborne diseases such as diarrhoea broke out in a number of upazilas in the district after residents were compelled to consume saline water, as the freshwater sources dried up in months of drought.

Despite the ongoing heat wave, people in the affected areas are now seen scouring nearby villages in search of potable water.

Jannati Khatun, a homemaker in Khuriakhali

village of Sharankhola upazila, said, "Tube wells are of no use in our area due to salinity. We have to depend on ponds and rainwater."

"But this year, extreme heat dried up water in the ponds. Water in the canals also has high salinity. So, we have no choice but consume the saline water and use it for bathing."

Many of them are having stomach aches while many others are falling sick due to the consumption of saline water, she also said.

Ruma, from Panirghat area in the upazila, said she was going home after collecting a pitcher of water from a pond in a neighbouring village.

Two members in her family had to be hospitalised for several days after they contracted diarrhoea, she added.

In Morrelganj, Saleha Begum was returning home carrying a jar filled with purified water that she got from a DPHE dispenser truck. She said she had not been able to find potable water in the area over the past 25 days and survival this way was getting quite difficult.

Hasibul from Rayenda Bazar area in Sharankhola upazila said he had to wait two hours before he got his turn to get water from a water purification unit in the area.

He also said that it is unimaginable how hundreds of people have to wait eagerly in

lines every day in the scorching sun, for some drinking water.

Rayenda Union Parishad Chairman Asaduzzaman Milon said about 1.5 lakh residents of the union depend on harvested rainwater as well as on water preserved in ponds.

Although water is being dispensed from mobile water purifying units in the area, the dispensing capacity is below the local demand, he observed.

DPHE Executive Engineer FM Ismail Hossain said that following visits in the severely affected areas, the DPHE, in collaboration with the district administration, set up two mobile water purification units in Mongla, one in Morrelganj and two in Sharankhola upazilas.

Each unit is capable of dispensing 600 litres of purified water every hour, he said, adding that they would continue the service until the water scarcity in the areas is resolved.

Bagerhat Deputy Commissioner ANM Faizul Haque said that with the help of the DPHE, they were working on to meet local demands for purified water in the affected areas.

In the meantime, people in those areas should only consume water that is either boiled or purified with water purifying tablets, he advised.

Mysterious fires worrying villagers in Thakurgaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Dwellers of Choto Singia Munshipara village in Baliadangi upazila of Thakurgaon are passing days in great worries over recurrent fire incidents.

However, the cause of the origin of the fires which have been occurring for about one month is yet to be determined.

Even amidst vigilance the fire breaks out suddenly engulfing rooms, furniture, clothes, straw heaps or sacks of food grains.

For this, the villagers cannot sleep without fear.

To douse the fire, villagers have set up pumps at different points, they are also reserving water in pots with their reach.

Police and firefighters are yet to determine the actual cause of fire incidents after visiting the village.

During a recent visit, this correspondent observed that there are about 80 households in the village. Signs of anxiety could be seen on the people's faces especially among the women and children.

They have kept their belongings including clothes, bags, and books in their courtyard to save those from the fire.

Talking to this correspondent, the villagers said, the fire originated at the house of one Muslim Uddin about a month ago, which was doused by the firefighters. Soon after extinguishing the fire, it (fire) also broke out at Sirajuddin's straw heap. Fire service also doused the fire.

After these incidents, the fire originated at the houses of Babul Hossain, Abdus Salam, Delwar Hossain, Moksedul, Merina Begum and Saifullah at the same village.

It broke out at different places including

straw heaps, bedcover, clothes, fences, sacks but the villagers are yet to find the source of the fire.

Moksedul Islam the fire broke out over fifty times at different houses during the period. The number of incidents is increasing for a week in comparison to the previous couple of weeks.

Amena Begum said they cannot keep clothes on the racks. Their clothes including Sharee, Lungi, and dresses were burnt.

Villagers have set up pumps at different points, they are also reserving water in pots with their reach to douse the fire.

Now, they keep the clothes on the floor instead of racks to save them.

Station Officer of Baliadangi Fire Service and Civil Defense Delwar Hossain said, "We cannot say the exact reason of the fires on the houses." However, he has ruled out any supernatural connection of the fire as some villagers are saying.

Superintendent of Police in Thakurgaon Mohammad Jahangir Hossain said officials of Baliadangi Police Station have been asked for strengthening police patrol there.

Twelve persons in the village were detained in connection with the incident early yesterday, said DB police in the district.



A panicky situation is prevailing among the villagers at Choto Singia Munshipara in Thakurgaon's Baliadangi upazila over recurrent fire incidents. Some villagers were trying to douse the blaze in a straw heap in the area. The photo was taken last week.

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A 10-bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU) ward for Covid-19 infected critical patients was inaugurated at Tangail General Hospital. Lawmaker from Tangail Sadar constituency Sanowar Hossain inaugurated the ward on Sunday. Among others, Tangail Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr Ataul Gani was present during the inauguration.

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Memo No. GSAC/Goods/CEDP/G-8/2020-2021/05/84 Date: 03/05/2021

e-Tender Notice 02/2020-2021

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

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1.	575594	Procurement of Laboratory Equipment's for Science Lab of Govt. Sundarban Adarsha College, Khulna	20-May-2021 1:00pm	20-May-2021 2:00pm

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP 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 banks' branches up to 19-May-2021 5.00pm. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
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Central Police Hospital
Rajarbag, Dhaka.

Invitation for Tender

Sealed tender are hereby invited from the Suppliers/Local Agents Vehicles in their official pad for the purchase of the following items for the Project of "Modernization of Existing Police Hospital's" for the year 2020-21.

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.		
2.	Agency	Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka		
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Bangladesh Police, Central Police Hospital, Dhaka.		
4.	Invitation for	Ambulance.		
5.	Invitation Ref No	MEPH/Tender-Vehicle/20-21/1460		
6.	Date	29/04/2021		
KEY INFORMATION				
7.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
8.	Budget and Source of Funds	ADP Budget		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
9.	Tender Publication Date	03/05/2021 & 04/05/2021.		
10.	Tender Last Selling Date	16/05/2021.		
11.	Tender Closing Date and Time	At 12.00 Noon on 17/05/21.		
12.	Tender Opening Date and Time	12.30 pm on 17/05/2021.		
13.	Name & Address of the office(s)			
	Selling Tender Document	Office of the Project Director, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka		
	Receiving Tender Document	Office of the Project Director, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka		
	Opening Tender Document	Office of the Project Director, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka		
14.	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Bidder must present for avoiding any future hassle of ensure quality Product).	Office of the Project Director Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka	Date 09/05/2021	Time 11.00
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
15.	Eligibility of Tenderer	(1) Up-to-date Trade license (2) Up to date Income tax certificate (3) VAT Registration Certificate and (4) Other documents described in tender document.		
16.	Brief Description of Goods			
	Sl. No	Name	Price of Tender Document	Tender Security in Taka
	1.	Ambulance	Tk. 1000.00	13,00,000/-
				90 Days Form the date of work order
PROCUREMENT DETAILS				
17.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Dr. Md. Emdadul Haque		
18.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Superintendent of Police & Deputy Project Director		
19.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka		
20.	Contract details of official inviting the tender	Tel 88-02-8312075 Fax 88-02-9342297		
21.	Special Instructions-			
	a) No Tender will be received after the deadline for submission.			
	b) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceeding.			
	c) Bangladesh police will establish framework agreement wish the successful tenderer for supply of goods.			

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