

Indian truckers flouting health guideline at Benapole port

Thousands of people are at risk of contracting a new variant of coronavirus

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Hundreds of Indian truck drivers entering Bangladesh through Benapole land port are not following health guideline, posing the risk of spreading the new variant of coronavirus.

As a result, thousands of people in Benapole are at risk of contracting a new variant of the coronavirus.

According to Benapole port sources, on an average five to six hundred trucks of goods are imported from India and two to three hundred trucks of goods are exported to India through the port every day.

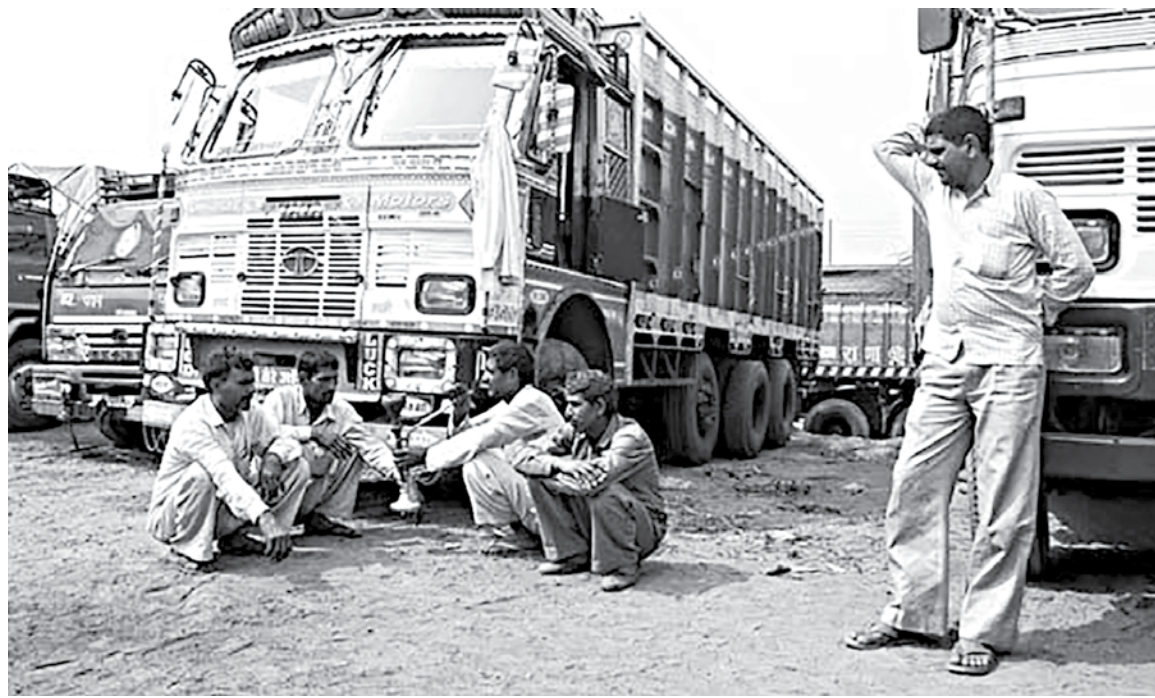
Most drivers and helpers do not wear masks or PPEs while entering the port from India. Leaving the trucks at the port, they also walk around the port without mask and using hand sanitizer in the port.

Due to the negligence of the port authorities, most of the drivers and helpers were seen leaving the port without masks and walking around the Benapole market in groups.

However, the port authorities say that all types of masks and hand sanitizer facility will be provided very soon in consultation with the health department.

Even port security personnel are on duty without masks.

Benapole Railway Station Master Saidur Rahman said, the health workers of the port's health department used to work at the railway station to prevent corona



Thousands of people are at risk of contracting a new variant of the coronavirus as Indian truckers at Benapole port are not following health guideline.

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infection but now no one comes. Many products are currently being imported by train from India everyday. It is important to keep the prevention system in place for safety.

India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries Director Motiar Rahman said, truck drivers from different states of India are coming to Benapole port and they

are also going to India with goods from different parts of Bangladesh. So, these truck drivers have to follow the health guideline.

Benapole Port Acting Director Abdul Jalil said, the port authority took preventive measures from the onset of the viral outbreak. Now, some problems have been created due to manpower crisis. Truck drivers and port workers have been

instructed to obey the hygiene rules. "The matter is being monitored. All preventive measures will be implemented soon in consultation with the health department, he said.

Jashore Civil Surgeon Sheikh Abu Shaheen said, "If the port authority informs us about the matter, all kinds of preventive measures will be taken."

Pirojpur sees high season of palmyra palm fruits

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Traders of palmyra palm fruit in Pirojpur are enjoying higher profits this season with demands for the fruit on the rise across the country.

Improved road communications with different districts and cities, especially Dhaka, is also enabling the traders cater to the increased demand this year, said locals.

"Without much planning, we usually plant palmyra palm trees by roadsides or on the boundaries of our land," said Hafizur Rahman, from Pattashi village in Indurkani upazila.

The palmyra fruits used to get damaged when palm juice collectors climbed the trees to gather juice. But with passage of time, the juice collectors changed profession, allowing the palmyra palm trees grow plenty of fruits.

People involved in the business said the prices and demands for palmyra palm fruit are very high at the beginning of the season.

"At the beginning, one piece of palm fruit can be sold at a wholesale market in Dhaka for as high as Tk 15," said wholesale buyer Abdul Malek Howlader, from Uttar Bhabanipur village in Indurkani upazila.

Wholesale buyers in the area pay between Tk 500 and Tk 800 to the owner of a palmyra palm tree for all the fruits on the tree. Then there is a cost of around Tk 600 for collection and stocking.

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Finally, to transport the produce out of the district, the traders spend around Tk 16,000 to hire a truck that usually holds approximately 8,000 palmyra fruits.

By the time the season reaches its end, wholesale selling rate of each fruit falls to Tk 4 to Tk 5, said Abdul Malek.

After weeks of disruption during the season due to Covid-19 situation, the business started to pick up about ten days ago and now the traders have been shipping out over 50 thousand palmyra fruits every day to different parts of the country, said some of the traders.

The season of palmyra fruits is likely to last for another ten days, they also said.

The higher demands for the fruit are also strengthening the rural economy by creating work opportunities for local labourers.

Khejurtala village resident Selim Faraji said he has been making as much as Tk 600 daily, by climbing palmyra palm trees to collect the fruit.



Workers load up a truck with palmyra palm fruits in Charakhali village of Pirojpur's Indurkani upazila.

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SL No.	Package No.	Name of scheme	e-TID No.	Tender method	Last date & time of selling document	Last date & time of submission document
1.	e-Tender/ADP/KE S/2020-2021/W.16	(1) Improvement of road by BFS from Chandra Bokul Morol House -Towards Odud Morol under Trimohini UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (2) Improvement of road by BFS from Mirzanagar Khalidher Shahidul House Soling Matha -Towards Sana Para Jame Mosque under Trimohini UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (3) Improvement of road by BFS from Borondali Samad Morol Land Soling Matha -Towards Abu Taleb Morol House under Trimohini UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (4) Improvement of road by BFS from Borondali Moshier Gazi House -Towards Moshier Huzur House under Trimohini UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (5) Improvement of road by BFS from Dormopur Hannan Molla House More -Towards Dormopur Rishi Para under Sagordari UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (6) Improvement of road by BFS from Fatepur Eidigh -Towards Rezaul Mowlana House via Molla Para Mosque under Sagordari UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (7) Copy of improvement of road by BFS from Baroyhati Doptari Para -Towards Gonir More under Sagordari UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (8) Improvement of road by BFS from Sagordari Doldogin House -Towards Sapon Master House under Sagordari UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (9) Improvement of road by BFS from Shekura Vajamuri Mizan House -Towards Khondokor Hafiz House under Sagordari UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. Package No. e-Tender/ADP/KE/S/2020-2021/W.16	576464	LTM	27-05-2021 2:00pm	27-05-2021 4:00pm
2.	e-Tender/ADP/KE S/2020-2021/W.17	(1) Improvement of road by BFS from Biddanandakati HBB road -Towards Govt. Pukur Par under Biddanandakati UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (2) Improvement of road by BFS from Porchakra Bssur house -Towards Main Road under Biddanandakati UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (3) Improvement of road by BFS from Hizoldanga Picher Road -Towards College Mosque under Biddanandakati UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (4) Improvement of road by BFS from Kabilpur Puraton Jame Mosque -Towards Akimuddin Gazi house under Hasampur UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (5) Improvement of road by BFS from Boga Purbapara Myna Khokon Pukur Par -Towards Minhaz Gazi Kabor under Hasampur UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (6) Repair work of Burihat Dhakli Madrasa under Hasampur UP, Keshabpur Upazila, Jashore. (7) Improvement of road by BFS from Rezakali Babur House Soling Matha -Towards Ojar Master House under Hasampur UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (8) Improvement of road by BFS from Burihati Uttarpara Razzak House Soling Matha -Towards Azizur Sardar House under Hasampur UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (9) Improvement of road by BFS from Hasampur Manan Kuligla -Towards Omar Master House under Hasampur UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. Package No. e-Tender/ADP/KE/S/2020-2021/W.17	576465	LTM	27-05-2021 2:00pm	27-05-2021 4:00pm
3.	e-Tender/ADP/KE S/2020-2021/W.18	(1) Improvement of road by BFS from Sreefolia Joban Sardar House Soling Matha - Sreefolia End Portion road under Mojipur UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (2) Improvement of road by BFS from Mirzapur Oilar House Pukur Par - Towards Atser House road under Mojipur UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (3) Improvement of road by BFS from Baisa Shorif Land Soling Matha - Towards Asraf Molik House road under Mojipur UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (4) Improvement of road by BFS from Hizotlala Kader House Soling Matha - Towards Manikala road under Mojipur UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (5) Improvement of road by BFS from Mojipur Anar House Soling Matha - Towards Laxminathkati BC road under Mojipur UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (6) Improvement of road by BFS from Mongolok Hosen Morol House - Towards Bojlu Member House road under Mongolok UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (7) Improvement of road by BFS from Laxmikhola Liakot Ali House Soling Matha - Towards Sattar Sardar House road under Mongolok UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (8) Improvement of road by BFS from Boranga Samad Mir House - Towards Khaleq Shek House road under Mongolok UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (9) Improvement of road by BFS from Magurkhal Kasem Shek House - Towards Sobhan Molla House road under Mongolok UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (10) Improvement of road by BFS from Pacharoy Shahidul House - Towards Moliar Rahman House road under Mongolok UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. Package No. e-Tender/ADP/KE/S/2020-2021/W.18	576466	LTM	27-05-2021 2:00pm	27-05-2021 4:00pm
4.	e-Tender/ADP/KE S/2020-2021/W.19	(1) Improvement of road by BFS from Burali Babur Ali Sardar - Parmanick Para road under Gourghona UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (2) Improvement of road by BFS from Agorhati Ajim Molla Land Side - Bridge road under Gourghona UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (3) Improvement of road by BFS from Kashimpur Noni Sarker Land Side - Nemat Sarker House road under Gourghona UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (4) Improvement of road by BFS from Verchi Notun Police Todontry Candroy Soling road Matha - Mojibur Morol House road under Gourghona UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (5) Improvement of road by BFS from Sarutia Kartick Horre House - Toshar Chakaroboty House road under Gourghona UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (6) Improvement of road by BFS from Samashghacha (Rainabush) Jeanil Fakir House Side - Halder Para road under Gourghona UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (7) Improvement of road by BFS from Pach Bakaborsthe Hafjo Khana - Abul Gazi House road under Panja UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (8) Improvement of road by BFS from Gorvanga Dr.Abdur Rahman Land Soling Matha - Towards Nimol Master House via Anita Mondol house road under Panja UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (9) Improvement of road by BFS from Belokati Solor Morol house - Towards Jobed Morol House road under Panja UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (10) Improvement of road by BFS from Monohoragor Prodig Shop - Towards Prokash Sarker House road under Panja UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (11) Improvement of road by BFS from Had Jobed Gazi House - Towards Nur House road under Panja UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. Package No. e-Tender/ADP/KE/S/2020-2021/W.19	576467	LTM	27-05-2021 2:00 pm	27-05-2021 4:00 pm
5.	e-Tender/ADP/KE S/2020-2021/W.20	(1) Improvement of Chaitabaria in front of Thokim Shek,s house more - Towards Wajed Dafader,s mosque road (2) Saltaria in front of Dulal Nondis,s house (End of BFS) - Towards Anil Das,s house road (3) Saltaria in front of Younus,s house (End of BFS) - Towards Nowser,s house road (4) Kamarpole Westpara mosque road (5) Kalkhali Mona Gosh,s house Mondir connecting road (6) Saltaria Bikanno master,s house more - Towards Goshpara road under Saltaria UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. (7) Altapole beside Fazur,s house (End of BFS) - Towards Kader Moulouvi,s house road (8) Altapole in front of Haider,s house (End of BFS) - Towards Sadekur Rahman,s house road (9) Altapole Badsha,s Gher (End point) - Towards Kumar Das,s house road (10) Altapole Sarderpara Bablu,s shop - Towards Izzat Sarder,s house road (11) Altapole Mollipara Arelahadis mosque - in front of Barik,s house (End of BFS) road (12) Sujapur in front of Samad,s house - Towards Rajab Ali,s house road (13) Maguradanga beside Zia Morol,s house - Up to Ayub Morol,s house road (14) Ramchandrapur Ayub Bashier,s house - Towards Sabur Bashier,s house road under Keshabpur UP. (15) Sarutia Rishipara more Soforer,s shop - Towards Kaemkhola Govt. Primary school,s more road (16) Narayanpur Zahurul master,s house more - Bilal Hossain,s pond ghat road (17) Santalia Dakkinpara more - Towards Barkat member,s house road (18) Kalkhali Goshpara Sreelatala Ghat - towards Rabinidranth Ganguli,s house road (19) Kalgachi Kakkandal Kalgachi Zahangir Alam,s more - towards Gritthanagar road under Sulalokati UP, Keshabpur, Jessore. Package No. e-Tender/ADP/KE/S/2020-2021/W.20	576468	LTM	27-05-2021 2:00pm	27-05-2021 4:00pm

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Lightning kills 2

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Two people were killed in lightning strikes in Shibganj upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Khairul Islam, and Salma Begum.

OC of Shibganj Police Station said Farid Hossain said Khairul died on the spot when a thunderbolt struck him, while Salma was killed when she was picking mango from an orchard.

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Import Section

Invitation for Tender (National) of

(a) Refined Soyabean Oil
(b) White Refined Sugar
(c) Red Lentil

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce.
2	Agency	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB).
3	Procuring entity name	Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB, Dhaka.
4	Procuring entity code	Not applicable.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	(a) Refined Soyabean Oil (b) White Refined Sugar (c) Red Lentil.
7	Invitation Ref. No.	(a) 26.05.0000.016.08.151.21.1003 (b) 26.05.0000.016.08.151.21.1004 (c) 26.05.0000.016.08.151.21.1005
8	Date	11/05/2021
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) (National).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	TCB's own fund.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
11	Package No.	(a) TCB/Imp-36/Soyabean Oil/2021 (b) TCB/Imp-36/White Refined Sugar/2021 (c) TCB/Imp-36/Red Lentil/2021
12	Package name	(a) Refined Soyabean Oil (b) White Refined Sugar (c) Red Lentil.
13	Tender publication date	12/05/2021
	Date	Time
14	Tender documents last selling date and time	07/06/2021 17:00pm
15	Tender closing date and time	08/06/2021 12:00pm
16	Tender opening date and time	08/06/2021 12:15pm
17	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
	-Selling tender document of each item can be purchased from the banks & officers as mentioned in right column	(1) Sonali Bank Ltd., Kawran Bazar Branch, TCB Bhaban, Dhaka (2) Trust Bank Ltd., Kawran Bazar Branch, and (3) Accounts & Finance Division, TCB's Principal Office at Dhaka.
	-Receiving tender document	In front of TCB's reception (2nd Floor), TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
	-Opening tender document	Board Room, TCB.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
18	Eligibility of tenderer	(a) Bonafide Refinerries, (b) Bonafide Refinerries & (c) Bonafide Suppliers. Details conditions will be mentioned in the tender documents.
19	Brief description of goods	Purchase of (a) 30,000 (±5%) (Thirty Lac Plus Minus Five Percent) Liter Refined Soyabean Oil Packed in 02 (Two) Liter Food Grade PET Bottle. (b) 4,500 (±5%) (Four Thousand Five Hundred Plus Minus Five Percent) M. Tons White Refined Sugar Packed in 50 (Fifty) Kg bag. (c) 4,000 (±5%) (Four Thousand Plus Minus Five Percent) M. Tons Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentils Packed in 50 (Fifty) Kg bag. Partial quantity offer is allowed. Details conditions will be mentioned in the tender documents.
20	Price of tender document	(a) Tk. 5,000 (five thousand) only per set, (b) Tk. 5,000 (five thousand) only per set, (c) Tk. 5,000 (five thousand) only per set.
	Lot No.	Identification of lot
		Delivery location
		Tender security amount (Tk)
		Delivery schedule
21	1	(a) Refined Soyabean Oil (b) White Refined Sugar (c) Red Lentil
		1. Dhaka 2. Chattogram 3. Khulna 4. Rajshahi 5. Rangpur 6. Barishal
		7. Moulvibazar 8. Mymensingh 9. Comilla 10. Madaripur 11. Jhainaidah 12. Bogura
		Tender is to be submitted along with Tender Security amounting to: (a) BDT 70,00,000 (BDT seventy lac) only (b) BDT 60,00,000 (BDT sixty lac) only (c) BDT 60,00,000 (BDT sixty lac) only In the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee. The successful tenderer is to submit 5% (five percent) performance security in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee. In case of partial quantity tender security will be fixed proportionate to the offered quantity.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
22	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Shekhabur Rahaman.
23	Designation of official inviting tender	Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
24	Address of official inviting tender	Principal Office, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB), 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
25	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone No. 02-8180074 Fax No. 880-2-8180057 E-mail: tcb@tcb.gov.bd , tcbimp@tcb.gov.bd
26	Special instructions:	
	a. Incomplete, conditional tender and alternative offer shall not be considered.	
	b. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason.	
	c. Tenderer who was awarded the Notification of Awarded (NOA) earlier but could not submit Performance Security (PS) in due time, will not be eligible for the tender.	
	d. Tenderer whose Performance Security (PS) was partially or totally forfeited earlier will not be eligible to participate in the tender.	

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