

Untimely rain, climate change hit mango growers hard in Lalmonirhat, Kurigram

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Most of the mango trees have yielded much less than usual in several northern districts and the fruits have dropped before reaching maturity due to untimely rains this year. Consequently, mangoes have a thin presence in the local markets.

Narendra Nath Barman, 55, a farmer of Bhatibari village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, said that he has eight mango trees in his homestead but no trees has borne fruits this year. The mango trees began to bud but those fell off due to lack of rain.

"Last year, I sold mangoes for Tk 25,000 after the meeting of the needs of my family and relatives," said the farmer.

"But this year I have to buy mangoes from the market for my family as my trees

fruitless mango season in his entire life. "Not only my trees but also the trees of the entire village are fruitless this year," he said.

The mango buds could not survive due to untimely rains and so there has been no yield this year, he added.

Nazrul Islam, 60, a farmer from Harishwar Taluk village in Kurigram's Rajarhat upazila, said the mangoes are falling off the tree before reaching maturity.

Delowar Hossain, 50, a farmer from Jatrapur village in Kurigram Sadar Upazila, said he has mango trees on three bighas of land. Although all the trees had buds, only 10 percent of the trees have borne fruits.

Ataur Rahman, 45, a fruit trader at College Road in Kurigram town, said that he used to sell local variety mangoes at this



A mango tree in a farmer's homestead at Harishwar Taluk village in Kurigram's Rajarhat upazila.

PHOTO: STAR

According to Lalmonirhat DAE, most of the mango trees in the district did not bear fruits due to untimely rains caused by the effect of climate change.

time at this time, but this year there is no local mango.

"I have learned from the farmers that they have a very low yield of mangoes this year," he said adding that the mango market will depend on outside mangoes this year.

Manjurul Haque, deputy director of the Kurigram Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), said that most of the mango trees did not bear fruits due to untimely rains. He mentioned that it is the effect of climate change.

Deputy Director of DAE in Lalmonirhat Shamim Ashraf also said the same. He added that local people are seeing mango crisis in this region for the first time. There are mango and jackfruit trees in every farmer's homestead in this region.

did not bear any fruits," he also said.

Shahidul Islam, 64, a farmer from Mahendranagar village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, said he has never seen such



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Eastern Refinery Limited

(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, North Patenga, Chattogram-4000)

Invitation for National Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.
3	Procuring entity name	Eastern Refinery Limited (ERL).
4	Procuring entity district	Chattogram.
5	Invitation for & Invitation Ref. No.	Renovation of Canteen Kitchen & Surrounding Verandah Ref. No. ER/Civil-24/2019-2020 (Re-Tender)

KEY INFORMATION		
6	Procurement method	National One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method.
FUNDING INFORMATION		
7	Budget and source of funds	Eastern Refinery Limited.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
8	Tender package No.	ER/TN/C-19/2020-2021
9	Tender publication date	30 May 2021
10	Tender last selling date	13 June 2021, 12:00 Hrs.
11	Tender closing date and time	14 June 2021, 14:50 Hrs.
12	Name & address of the office(s):	
	Selling tender document (principal)	Manager (Accounts), ERL, North Patenga, Chattogram-4000, Bangladesh.
	Receiving tender document	Office of the Asst. General Manager (C&P), Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram.
	Opening tender document	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Development)/ERL Board Room, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
13	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	First class experienced Civil contractor and successfully completed large construction works within the last (05) years in govt./semi govt./autonomous organization, with a single w/o value of at least Tk 13,00,000.00 (thirteen lac) & as per tender data sheet (Section-2) (Year will be calculated from tender publication date to backward).
14	Brief description of works	Price of tender document
	1) Renovation of Canteen Kitchen & Surrounding Verandah, Ref. No. ER/Civil-24/2019-2020 (Re-Tender)	Tk 1000 (one thousand) only (non-refundable)
		Tender opening date and time
		14 June 2021, 15:00 Hrs
15	Sl. No.	Identification of tender
	01	ER/C-24/2019-2020
		Inside ERL
		Tender security
		Tk 50,000,000 (fifty thousand) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order issued by any scheduled bank of Bangladesh
		Completion time in days/ weeks/months
		120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of getting Hot/Cold permission from safety dept. of ERL
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
16	Name of official inviting tender	Ahmad Fazle Rabbi.
17	Designation of official inviting tender	AGM (C&P)
18	Address of official inviting tender	Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram, Bangladesh.
19	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tele No. 88-031-2501261-67, Ext-440, Fax: 88-031-2501269. E-mail: md-office@erl.com.bd, website: www.erl.gov.bd, www.erl.com.bd
20	a) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	
	b) If it not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue. Contact: 01715427633/01675255742.	

MINTU DESHWARA WITH FIROZ A MUZAHID

The destruction of Borshijora Eco-Park -- a protected forestland spread out on 326.07 hectares of land near Moulvibazar stadium -- by the hands of the town mayor has brought to light the question whether any forest or wildlife in the country are protected at all.

Although there are other landfills where solid waste of the town is being disposed of for long, the mayor recently started felling trees in a wide area of the forestland and constructing a road by razing parts of hillocks in the area, so that dump trucks can bring in garbage into the new landfill.

In a 'monthly law and order meeting' of Moulvibazar district, held on April 11 and presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mir Nahid Ahsan, the Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation Division (WMNCD) in Moulvibazar -- the conservator of the forest under the Forest Department -- demanded that the Moulvibazar municipality authorities stop all activities that are destroying the Borshijora Eco-Park and its ecology.

DC Mir Nahid Ahsan during the meeting directed the Moulvibazar mayor to stop all destructive activities in the park.

The Forest Department also sent a letter in this regard to Mayor Fazlur Rahman, who is also the joint secretary of Awami League's Moulvibazar district unit.

However, ignoring all the directives and demands, the devastation of the forest continues unabated till date, said locals.

This correspondent during a recent visit to the open landfill in the park witnessed disposing of garbage, most of which are non-biodegradable plastics of different forms, from dump trucks

belonging to Moulvibazar municipality. Signs of tree-felling and hill-cutting along the road to the landfill were evident as well.

Aside from a suffocating stench of decomposing waste, an overpowering smell of toxic fumes from burning plastic waste was apparent at numerous spots in the area.

A team of delegates from green organisations -- Sharif Jamil, general secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolan (Bapa) executive committee; Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary of Bapa's Sylhet unit; Tofazzal Sohel, general secretary of Bapa's Habiganj unit; and ASM Saleh Sohel, coordinator of Bapa's Moulvibazar unit -- also witnessed similar destructive activities in the forest during their visit on May 23.

Burning of plastics has been causing severe air pollution, which poses health hazards to wildlife and humans alike while the dumping of non-biodegradable waste is polluting the soil and groundwater. All these activities including the destruction of natural topography of the forest through the felling of trees and excavation of earth for the road are highly harmful for the flora and fauna of the protected forest, said officials at WMNCD in Moulvibazar.

Nurul Mohaimin Milton, general secretary of Bangladesh Environmental Journalists' Forum's Moulvibazar unit, said wild animals and birds may die from eating plastic pieces or decomposed food dumped in the eco-park.

While the felling of trees and cutting of hillocks for a road will jeopardise the existence of the forestry, the toxic fumes and smoke spewed out of the burning plastics may put residents of surrounding areas in harm's way, he added.

Sharif Jamil, general secretary of Bapa executive committee, said disposal of a town's

waste in protected forests not only desecrates different laws of the land, but also undermines the government's commitment to addressing the challenges of climate change.

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, divisional forest officer (DFO) of WMNCD in Moulvibazar, said all the illegal activities are being carried out to ultimately encroach on the forestland that WMNCD is entrusted to protect and preserve.

Aside from endangerment of wild animals and causing multifaceted environmental pollution, the open landfill will turn into a massive breeding ground of flies and mosquitoes and make nearby residential areas uninhabitable, he also said.

Denying felling of trees or razing of hillocks to build any road in Borshijora Eco-Park, Mayor Fazlur Rahman, however, claimed that the place near the stadium, where garbage of Moulvibazar town is being dumped, is in fact "an abandoned piece of land".

They started dumping waste at the site after finding out that no one in the locality has any claim on it, he also claimed, saying that they needed an alternative landfill as "other dumping stations of the municipality were out of commission for the next six months due to an ongoing renovation work".

Contacted, Moulvibazar DC Mir Nahid Ahsan said during the meeting on April 11, when objection was raised by the Forest Department against the dumping of garbage at the site, he had advised the Forest Department to demarcate the protected forestland by erecting barbed wire fence around it. At the same time, he also instructed the mayor of Moulvibazar to refrain from dumping garbage there.

While speaking with this correspondent, he also warned violators of legal consequences.

4 die from electrocution

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Four people, including three of a family, died from electrocution in Kishoreganj's Sadar and Bhairab upazilas on Friday.

The victims are Harun Mia, 48, his son Bablu Mia, 15, and nephew Abu Sayeed, 10, of Jalia village in Sadar upazila, and Sajib Mia, 27, of Bhairab upazila.

Quoting locals, Officer in Charge of Sadar Police Station Abu Bakar Siddiq said Sayeed died when he came in contact with a snapped live electric wire while riding bicycle in front of his house on Friday noon.

Hearing the screams, his cousin Bablu rushed to the spot to rescue Sayeed, got electrocuted and died.

Later, Harun rushed there to save his son and nephew but he also died from electrocution.

Meanwhile, Sajib, a factory worker, died from electrocution when he came in contact with a live electric wire while plucking mango from a tree in Bhairab municipality.

One held for raping 8th grader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police on Friday night arrested a teenage boy in connection with a case for raping a 14-year-old girl in Rangpur city.

The arrestee, a resident of Chawkbazar Ashratpur area, is a Class X student at a vocational institute in the city.

Earlier, father of the victim girl, a Class VIII student, filed a case with Tajhat Police Station.

According to the case statement, the accused, secretly took some obscene images of the girl around two years ago, and had been raping the victim since then, threatening her to upload the photos on the internet.

A mayor's motive



Garbage is being dumped from a truck, with the name "Moulvibazar Municipality" inscribed on its front, while fires lit to burn plastic waste are spewing out clouds of smoke at different spots in Borshijora Eco-Park near Moulvibazar stadium.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
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বাংলাদেশ শিশু একাডেমি, চট্টগ্রাম




দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১	মন্ত্রণালয় / বিভাগ	: মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়।			
২	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার নাম	: জেলা প্রশাসক, চট্টগ্রাম।			
৩	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার জেলার নাম	: চট্টগ্রাম।			
৪	যে কাজের দরপত্র	: ২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছরে বাংলাদেশ শিশু একাডেমি পরিচালিত চট্টগ্রাম জেলার শিশু বিকাশ কেন্দ্রের নিবাসীদের জন্য খাদ্য, খাদ্য আনুষাঙ্গিক ও শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী এবং বিবিধ মালামাল সরবরাহ।			
৫	দরপত্র নং ও তারিখ	: বিএসএ/চট্টগ্রাম/২০২১-২২, তারিখ: ২৪ মে ২০২১			
৬	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	: উন্মুক্ত বাজেট (ও,টি,এম)			
৭	বাজেট এবং তহবিল উৎস	: উন্নয়ন বাজেট			
৮	দরপত্র প্যাকেজ সংখ্যা	: ০৩ টি।			
৯	দরপত্র প্যাকেজ নাম	: ২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছরে বাংলাদেশ শিশু একাডেমি পরিচালিত চট্টগ্রাম জেলার শিশু বিকাশ কেন্দ্রের নিবাসীদের "ক" গ্রুপ-খাদ্য ও আনুষাঙ্গিক (পচনশীল ও অপচনশীল), "খ" গ্রুপ- শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী ও অন্যান্য, "গ" গ্রুপ- বিবিধ আনুষাঙ্গিক মালামাল সরবরাহ।			
১০	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	: ১০/০৬/২০২১ খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।			
১১	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও দরপত্র খোলার সময়	: ১৩/০৬/২০২১ খ্রিঃ, দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা। ঐদিন বেলা ১২.৩০ মিনিটে দরপত্রদাতা বা তার মনোনীত প্রতিনিধির উপস্থিতিতে দরপত্র বন্ধ খোলা হবে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন)।			
১২	দরপত্র দাখিল/গ্রহণ	: অতিরিক্ত জেলা প্রশাসক(শিক্ষা ও আইসিটি), জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, চট্টগ্রাম।			
১৩	দরপত্র বিক্রয় কার্যালয়ের নাম ও ঠিকানা	: বাংলাদেশ শিশু একাডেমি, ৯৩৯, ও. আর. নিজাম রোড, চট্টগ্রাম ফোন: ০৩১-৬৫৬১৬০			
১৪	দরপত্র দাতার যোগ্যতা	১) বৈধ সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান সিডিউল ক্রয়ের মূল্য নগদে পরিশোধ করতে হবে। ২) পূর্বে অনুরূপ কাজ করার অভিজ্ঞতা সনদপত্র, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ব্যাংক স্বচলতা, আয়কর এবং ভ্যাট প্রদান (২০২০-২০২১) সনদ এর অধিকারী হতে হবে।			
১৫	গ্রুপ	সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ	সিডিউলের মূল্য	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটির পরিমাণ	মন্তব্য
	ক	খাদ্য ও খাদ্য আনুষাঙ্গিক(পচনশীল ও অপচনশীল)	৫০০/-	সিডিউল মোতাবেক	বাংলাদেশ শিশু একাডেমি, চট্টগ্রাম
	খ	শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী ও অন্যান্য	৫০০/-	সিডিউল মোতাবেক	
	গ	বিবিধ মালামাল	৪০০/-	সিডিউল মোতাবেক	
১৮	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	: জেলা প্রশাসক, চট্টগ্রাম।			

২০। শর্তাবলী:

- পিপিএ ২০০৬ এবং পিপিআর-২০০৮(সংশোধিতসহ) এ প্রদত্ত ক্রয় সংক্রান্ত পদ্ধতি যথাযথভাবে অনুসরণ করা হবে।
- দরপত্র দাতা দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় দাখিলকৃত মূল্যের জামানত হিসেবে 'ক' গ্রুপে ৭৮,০০০/- টাকা, 'খ' গ্রুপে ১৫,০০০/- টাকা এবং 'গ' গ্রুপে ২৪,০০০/- টাকার পে-অর্ডার 'জেলা শিশু বিষয়ক কর্মকর্তা, চট্টগ্রাম' এর অনুকূলে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- গৃহীত দরদাতার নিকট হতে উদ্ধৃত দরের ১০% পারফরমেন্স সিকিউরিটির অর্থ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে।
- 'গ' গ্রুপের ক্ষেত্রে বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে।
- কর্তৃপক্ষ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
- দরপত্র ক্রয়ের তারিখ হতে দরপত্র খোলার তারিখের নির্ধারিত সময় পর্যন্ত দরপত্র দাখিল করা যাবে।
- বিশেষ নির্দেশনা: বিস্তারিত তথ্য দরপত্র সিডিউলে বর্ণিত আছে।


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