

'STOP CONSPIRING TO EVICT KHASIA-GARO COMMUNITIES FROM THEIR LAND'

Says citizens' platform



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PHOTO: STAR

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A delegation of Citizens' Platform (Nagorik Samaj) on Tuesday demanded a stop to the conspiracy to evict Khasia and Garo communities from their land in Moulvibazar in the name of expanding tea garden.

Miscreants recently chopped down hundreds of betel leaf trees from the jhum land of Agar Punji (village) under Barlekha upazila and grabbed 70 acres of jhum land of Khasia community at Bonakhal Punji (village) of the and demanded Tk 10 lakh ransom. The land was later recovered and handed over to Khasia people by local administration.

There have been allegations that one Rehana Tea Garden cut down several trees from the Kakracha Punji (village) under Kulaura upazila. The headmen of these three villages filed general diaries with their respective police stations in this regard.

A 10-member delegation of citizens' platform demanded a stop this grabbing and evicting while inspecting the affected villages.

The members are--Nagorik Uddog's Executive Director Jakir Hossain, Dhaka University Prof Robaet Ferdous, Bangladesh Adivasi Forum's Information and Publicity Secretary Dipayan Khisha, Dhaka University teacher Jobaida Nasrin Kona, Writer and researcher Pavel Partha, Kushiya Islami University teacher Farha Tanzim Titly, BAPA's representative Md Aminur Rasul Babul, activist Masud Alam, Journalist Tanmoy Modak and Adivashi Chhatra Sangram Parishad's General Secretary Alik Mri.

DU teacher Prof Robaet Ferdous said we can understand a state by

its attitude towards its religious and ethnic minority groups.

"If they (minority groups) are in good condition then it can be assumed that the majority people of the state are in good condition," he said.

Demanding to identify and punish those involved in cutting the trees and grabbing jhum land of Khasia and Garo communities, Prof Robaet said, "These kinds of news make us sad. Stop the conspiracy to evict ethnic minority groups from their land in the name expansion of tea garden."

Writer and researcher Pavel Partha said these minority groups are balancing the ecology of the state free of cost.

"If their management is recognised, the environment will be better and the people will remain in peace," he added.

Urging the government to take necessary steps to solve the land related problem of Khasia and Garo communities, Jakir Hossain, executive director of Nagorik Uddog said, "They should be given security to cultivate their jhum land".

Dipayan Khisa, information and publicity secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, said the act was absolutely inhumane. Where trees are the only source of livelihood for the indigenous people, arbitrary felling of trees has not only harmed the environment, it has also hurt the livelihood of the indigenous people.

After inspecting the affected villages, the delegation was scheduled to meet deputy commissioner of the district and superintendent of Moulvibazar district police.

Later, the team held a view exchange meeting with the journalists.

BOUNDARY WALL OF PRIMARY SCHOOL

Construction flaw might put children in danger

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Safety of school children as well as locals has come to the fore as allegations surfaced about irregularities and use of substandard materials in construction of a boundary wall of a government primary school in Rajnagar upazila.

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in the upazila is funding Tk 14 lakh to build the wall for Babur Bazar Government Primary School in Panchgaon union. Following completion of necessary tender process, LGED awarded the work order to contractor firm of one Akbar Ali.

However, the work is being carried out by a subcontractor firm belonging to Moinul Islam Khan, who is also the president of Bangladesh Jubo League's Rajnagar upazila unit.

Nanu Mia, a resident of the area, said locals expressed their concern over the use of rebar (deformed iron bar) rings maintaining 15 to 16 inches distance in the metal skeletons of lintels and columns being made for the wall.

Not only the rings are being placed too far from each other, they are using low-grade brick chips and sand to build the concrete lintels and columns for the wall.

Besides, a disproportionately high amount of sand is being used in the construction, he also alleged.

Several others from the same area, including Sadiq Mia and Shahid Mia, who are also experienced masons, said they never saw rebar rings in lintels or columns of a structure being placed so far away from each other.

Sadiq and Shahid both said they worked at many government

construction projects where rings in lintels or columns were used at a maximum distance of 6 inches.

Considering the few number of rings being used in a particular length of a lintel or column in the boundary wall, children and others in the area will be at risk, they also said.

Requesting anonymity, a few of the workers at the construction site said they were only following directions of the site engineer who supervises the work regularly.

The engineer would ask them to rectify the problem if the workers made any mistake while preparing the metal skeletons for the lintels or columns, they also said.

Asked about the quality of the materials being used, they admitted that based on their previous work experience, they were certain that the brick chips being used in the

construction are of poor quality.

Contacted, Moinul Islam Khan, the proprietor of the subcontractor firm, said, "The locals don't understand anything about work and drawing. No work is being done deviating its [structural] drawing."

Animesh Deb, the acting head teacher of Babu Bazar Government Primary School, said the president of the school management committee had a discussion with him over the alleged irregularities and they were both concerned about the safety of their students, teachers and staff members.

After the allegation of the irregularities was conveyed, Rajnagar Upazila LGED Executive Engineer Mohiuddin said he would take necessary action once any irregularities are found in investigation.



Rebar rings are being used around 15 inches apart from each other in a lintel for the under construction boundary wall of Babur Bazar Government Primary School in Moulvibazar's Rajnagar upazila.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

Helping, healing in silence

KANGKAN KARMAKAR

Charitable activities of Germania Trest Company (GTC), a hired company of Maddhapara Granite Mining company Limited (MGML), have appeared to be a gift for hundreds of people of two upazilas of Dinajpur and Rangpur, during the crisis period of Covid-19.

The miners and their brilliant children are also getting support.

Besides 50 foreign nationals, GTC has employed at least 600 local miners to explore the rock from underground.

MGML located in Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur, is a company of state-owned Petrobangla, hired GTC in September 2013 through international bidding for the mine's production, development and management.

The production resumed on February 20, 2014. Zabeed Siddiqui, the Chief Executive of GTC, said besides commercial activities, his company has a commitment to stay beside the villagers who are taking care of the mine.

"It's a company of the villagers and GTC is here to keep running the wheel of financial activity under the supervision of MGML authority in the area", he said adding that many people gave their land to the mine.

The villagers too undergo much suffering for the mine, he said.

Since onset of Covid-19 pandemic in March last year, GTC extended its helping hands to the villagers and miners giving foods, pretty silently.

The company has been running a centre of charity in the mining area for the last two years.

The core values of this centres are to provide treatment facilities to the villagers, who are financially weaker in the society. Most of the beneficiaries come from Parbatipur and Mithapukur upazilas of Rangpur.

A doctor sees patients 5 days a week there without taking any fees. Medicines are also given at free of cost.

During a recent visit to the charitable centre, the correspondent found that people from various villages coming to receive treatment there.

Laily Begum, a woman of Bhagalpur village in the upazila, said that her husband Rafiqul Islam became unemployed after a road accident.

He could not earn a single penny for the last four months.

"The free treatment helps me a lot", she said. Her husband is recovering gradually getting treatment here, she also said.

"I would have died if the centre had not been here", said Rafiqul Islam, adding that he is incapable to bear the cost of treatment. Like him, many people in the area are beneficiaries of the centre.

Masudur Rahman Shah, the chairman of Middle Harirampur union under Parbatipur upazila, said that the centre set up at the mine area is a blessing to several hundred impoverished villagers. People prefer getting treatment there as the Upazila health complexes in Parbatipur, Phulbari Upazila of Dinajpur and Mithapukur Health complex in Rangpur are far away.

"People of his area never got such help before", he said. Apart from this support, GTC has been paying salaries of 13 teachers and staffers of Maddhapara Mohabidyalay in the upazila since they are not getting their salaries due to the pandemic situation.

Children of 52 miners have been getting monthly financial support to bear their educational expenses.



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“ফেরিঘাটের ইজারা কোটেশন আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি (হেম আহবান)”

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| ০১। | ইজারা কোটেশন নং | : ০৭ (ইজারা)/বিআরডি/২০২০-২০২১ |
| ০২। | ইজারার বিবরণ | : বরিশাল সড়ক বিভাগীয় হিজলা-মেহেন্দিগঞ্জ-বরিশাল সড়কের ৪১তম কিলোমিটারে অবস্থিত বেলতলা ফেরিঘাটের টোল আদায়ের জন্য ইজারা প্রদান। |
| ০৩। | ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ | : ৩ (তিন) অর্থ বৎসর (১০৯৫ দিন)। |
| ০৪। | ইজারা কোটেশনের সিডিউল মূল্য | : টাঃ ১,০০০.০০ (এক হাজার টাকা মাত্র)। |
| ০৫। | জামানতের টাকার পরিমাণ | : উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে। |
| ০৬। | ইজারা কোটেশন বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় | : ২২/০৬/২০২১ খ্রিস্টাব্দ তারিখ বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। |
| ০৭। | মুখবন্দ অবস্থায় ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় | : ২৩/০৬/২০২১ খ্রিস্টাব্দ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। |
| ০৮। | ইজারা ডাকে অংশগ্রহণের যোগ্যতা | : ভাট ও আয়কর সনদধারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/নাগরিক, সরকারী/বেসরকারী/স্বায়তশাসিত সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের ঠিকাদার। |
| ০৯। | যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন জরুরের জন্য পাওয়া যাবে | : বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, বরিশাল/জেলা প্রশাসক, বরিশাল/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, বরিশাল/জালালা/পিরোজপুর/প্রানিং বিভাগ-১, সড়ক ভবন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা/উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক উপ-বিভাগ ১/২, বরিশাল। |
| ১০। | যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন মুখবন্দ অবস্থায় গ্রহণ করা হবে | : (ক) বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, বরিশাল। (খ) অতিরিক্ত প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, বরিশাল জোন, বরিশাল। (গ) তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক সার্কেল, বরিশাল। (ঘ) নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, বরিশাল। (ঙ) জেলা প্রশাসক, বরিশাল। |
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| ১২। | ইজারা কোটেশন আহবানকারী যে কোন সময় কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন কোটেশন/সকল কোটেশন বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। | |

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| 2 | Agency | Department of Environment (DoE) |
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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

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| 16 | Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required | Interested Firm should provide information demonstrating that they have relevant experience, resources and delivery capacity to perform the services. Detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) of the assignments is available in the website: www.doe.gov.bd |
| 17 | Association of foreign firms is not encouraged | |

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

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| 19 | Designation of the Official inviting EOI | Director, Climate Change & International Convention |
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