



A woman is busy cooking daily meal with half of their homestead gone into the riverbed, however, she doesn't know whether the hearth will sustain the wrath of the ravaging Brahmaputra the next day. Below, a view of the eroding river in Dhanar Char village in Kurigram's Roumari upazila.

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ROUMARI AND CHAR RAJIBPUR UPAZILAS OF KURIGRAM

Hundreds rendered homeless in Brahmaputra shoal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Hundreds of families have been rendered landless and homeless due to the continuous erosion of the Brahmaputra River.

More than 150 families have lost their homesteads and arable lands due to the erosions by Brahmaputra River in Roumari and Char Rajibpur upazilas of Kurigram in the last one week, concerned upazila chairmen Sheikh Abdullah and Akbar Hossain Hiro confirmed the development.

The river is eroding at 14 places including Jadur Char, Sholmari and Char Sholmari unions of Roumari Upazila and Kodalkati and Mohanganj Unions of Char Rajibpur Upazila, said Rafiqul Islam, sub-divisional engineer of Kurigram Water Development Board.

Abdur Rahman, a 90-year-old man from Dhanar Char village in Jadur Char Union of Roumari Upazila, said that he can no longer say how many times in his life he has lost his homestead and arable lands due to the erosions by the Brahmaputra River. In the last one week, half of his homestead has gone into the riverbed. His family is living in a dilapidated house which



might perish any time.

"The rest of my homestead might be devoured by the river any moment and I don't know where will I take shelter after losing the homestead," he said.

In an emotion-choked voice the nonagenarian recalls that once he had 20 bighas of arable land. He had a happy family. But now he does not have one decimal of cultivable land. Everything has gone into the womb of the Brahmaputra River.

Amjad Hossain, 60, of Dhanar Char village, said that he has lost his homestead in the Brahmaputra River's erosion and taken shelter at a relative's house with his family. He cannot

afford to buy land and build a homestead. The Brahmaputra River has taken away their arable land and homestead and made them landless and homeless, he said.

Abu Jafar, 68, of the same village, told this newspaper that half of the village mosque has gone into the Brahmaputra River and they were saying prayer at the rest half of the mosque. In this village, mosques, madrasas, homesteads, cultivable lands and orchards are being devoured by the ravaging river one by one, he said.

Abdul Hamid, 65, of Kodalkati village in Char Rajibpur upazila, said that 70 percent of his homestead has already been devoured by the river. By taking help from locals he has removed the movables and shifted to the government road. He lost everything due to the erosion and was living an inhuman life with his family, he said.

Rafiqul Islam, sub-divisional engineer of the Kurigram Water Development Board, said that preparations have been made to put GEO bags in the erosion affected areas to prevent erosions primarily. The permanent work would be done in some of the eroded areas after the monsoon season is over, he said.

Hard times for musical instrument makers amidst Covid-19 outbreak

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Musical instrument makers in Pirojpur are passing hard days as their sales dropped due to the countrywide lockdown imposed to curb the outbreak of Covid-19.

A number of people, involved in the business or who took it as their profession, said since the first wave of the corona virus infection last year they have been facing serious crisis in the business as sale of different instrument has dropped to almost nothing.

The situation is so bad that most of them struggling to maintain their families and other expenses as they have already spent all their savings in the last one year or so.

"I never faced such situation in this profession throughout my life," said 45-year-old Ranjit Sarkar, a musical

instrument maker in Pirojpur town.

Ranjit, who is involved with the profession since childhood, makes harmonium, tabla and other such instruments and put those for sale at his shop.

Ranjit, who hardly sells a new instrument during this time of pandemic, said sometimes he get some repair works but the earning is not enough to support the family.

Ranjit's son Sumon Sarkar, who helps with his father in the work, said now the situation is so bad that they do not have the scope to work at other places.

Meanwhile, due to the lockdown, Probbas Chandra Howlader, 60, who has been involved in the business for the last 40 years, has kept his shop closed as sale of his products has dropped drastically.



Ranjit Sarkar and his son Sumon are seen working at their musical instrument shop in Pirojpur town. The photo was taken recently.

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Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges

Bangladesh Bridge Authority

Feasibility Study for Construction of Bridges over the River Meghna on Shariatpur-Chandpur Road and Gazaria-Munshiganj Road and Preparation of Master Plan for Bangladesh Bridge Authority Project


Setu Bhaban, Banani, Dhaka-1212

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Invitation for Tender

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| 1 | Ministry/Division | Bridges Division, Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges. |
| 2 | Agency | Bangladesh Bridge Authority. |
| 3 | Procuring entity name | Project Director. |
| 4 | Procuring entity code | Not available. |
| 5 | Procuring entity district | Dhaka. |
| 6 | Invitation for | Procurement of Physical Service (Non-consulting). |
| 7 | Name of the package | Supplying of outsourcing Manpower for Feasibility Study for Construction of Bridges over the River Meghna on Shariatpur-Chandpur Road and Gazaria-Munshiganj Road and Preparation of Master Plan for Bangladesh Bridge Authority Project. |
| 8 | Invitation Ref. No. | 50.01.0000.671.11.005.21-19 |
| 9 | Date | August 03, 2021 |
| KEY INFORMATION | | |
| 10 | Procurement method | Open Tendering Method (OTM) (One Stage Two Envelop). |
| FUNDING INFORMATION | | |
| 11 | Budget and source of funds | BBA's won fund. |
| 12 | Development partners (if applicable) | Not applicable. |
| PARTICULAR INFORMATION | | |
| 13 | Project/program code (if applicable) | Not applicable. |
| 14 | Project/program name (if applicable) | Feasibility Study for Construction of Bridges over the River Meghna on Shariatpur-Chandpur Road and Gazaria-Munshiganj Road and Preparation of Master Plan for Bangladesh Bridge Authority Project. |
| 15 | Tender Package No. | 1 (one). |
| 16 | Tender package name | Supplying of outsourcing Manpower for Feasibility Study for Construction of Bridges over the River Meghna on Shariatpur-Chandpur Road and Gazaria-Munshiganj Road and Preparation of Master Plan for Bangladesh Bridge Authority Project. |
| 17 | Tender publication date | Date: August 05, 2021 |
| 18 | Tender last selling date | Date: August 22, 2021 Time: During office hours |
| 19 | Tender closing date and time | Date: August 23, 2021 Time: 12:00 Noon |
| 20 | Tender opening date and time | Date: August 23, 2021 Time: 01:00pm |
| 21 | Name & address of the office(s) | Selling tender document (principal) Accounts Section, Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka. Selling tender document (others) Not applicable. Receiving tender document Project Director's Office Room (Room No. 301), Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka. Opening tender document Project Director's Office Room (Room No. 301), Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka. |
| 22 | Pre-tender meeting | None. |
| | Place of pre-tender meeting | None. |
| INFORMATION FOR TENDERER | | |
| 23 | Eligibility of tenderer | i) General experience: The minimum number of years of general experience of the tenderer in contracting industries in public sector as Prime Contractor/Sub Contractor/Management Contractor shall be 03 (three) years. ii) Specific experience: The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor in providing Non-Consultant Service of at least one contract of similar nature, complexity and methods/technology completed over a period of ten (10) years with a value of at least Tk 16.00 lac (sixteen lac only) shall be required. iii) The required average annual turnover shall be greater than Tk 10.00 (ten lac) during the best three (3) years in the last five (5) years supported by authentic documentary evidence. iv) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be Tk 6.00 lac (six lac only) supported by authentic documentary evidence. |
| 24 | Brief description of physical service | This supply non consultancy manpower includes: i) 2 Nos. of Office Assistant Cum Computer Operator and ii) 2 Nos. of Office Sohayok. |
| 25 | Brief description of related services | Not applicable. |
| 26 | Lot | Identification of lot |
| | 1 | Supplying of outsourcing Manpower for Feasibility Study for Construction of Bridges over the River Meghna on Shariatpur-Chandpur Road and Gazaria-Munshiganj Road and Preparation of Master Plan for Bangladesh Bridge Authority Project |
| | | Dhaka |
| | | 1,000.00 (one thousand only) |
| | | Tk 50,000.00 (Taka fifty thousand only) |
| | | 24 months |
| PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS | | |
| 27 | Name of official inviting tender | Quazi Muhammad Ferdous. |
| 28 | Designation of official inviting tender | Project Director (Feasibility Study for Construction of Bridges over the River Meghna on Shariatpur-Chandpur Road and Gazaria-Munshiganj Road and Preparation of Master Plan for Bangladesh Bridge Authority Project). |
| 29 | Address of official inviting tender | Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212. |
| 30 | Contact details of official inviting tender | Tel. No. +880255040313 Fax No. +880255040313 |
| 31 | The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. | |
| Quazi Muhammad Ferdous Project Director Ph: +880255040323 E-mail: chiefengineer@bba.gov.bd | | |

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|  Office of the Chief Engineer Jashore University of Science & Technology Jashore-7408 Tel: 0421-62466, Fax: 0421-61199 | | |
| JUST/Engg/731/Purchase of 80KVA Generator-21/741 Date: 01/08/2021 | | |
| Invitation for e-Tender for Goods (Corrigendum) | | |
| 1 | Invitation Reference No. | JUST/Engg/731/Purchase of 80KVA Generator-21/741; Date: 01/08/21 |
| 2 | Tender ID (from e-GP Portal) | ID-596562 |
| 3 | Procuring method | Open Tendering Method (OTM). |
| 4 | Name of the work | Supply & installation of 80 KVA Prime 3-Phase Diesel Generator with ATS canopy and sensing cable at JUST. |
| 5 | Tender Package No. | e-GP/GD-01/80 KVA Generator/2021-22 |
| 6 | Tender publication date | 04/08/2021 |
| 7 | Tender last selling date | 17/08/2021 |
| 8 | Tender closing date and time | 23/08/2021 12.00pm |
| 9 | Tender opening date and time | 23/08/2021 12.00pm |
| 10 | Tender document price | 2000/- (two thousand only) |
| This is an online tender where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline and hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender please register on e-GP System (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd). | | |
| Prof. Dr. Md. Anisur Rahman Chief Engineer (Add. Charge) | | GD-1411 |

PREVIOUS ENMITY

Acid thrown on two siblings in Patuakhali town

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Two siblings, including a teenage girl and her younger brother, received serious burn injuries as criminals threw acid on them at Gerakhali village inn Patuakhali Sadar upazila early Tuesday.

Critically injured Sumaiya, 16, and her brother Mohammad Ali, 12, were first taken to Patuakhali Medical College Hospital from where they were shifted to Barisal Medical College Hospital for better treatment.

Both the victims' sustained serious burn injured in parts of their faces and legs, Resident Medical Officer at Patuakhali Medical College Hospital said Dr Mirajul Islam.

The incident occurred when Sumaiya, a student at a local women's madrasa, and Ali, a student at a separate madrasa, were alone at home.

The victims' mother Taslima Begum, a Saudi expatriate, and father Raja Gazi, who were not at home during the incident, alleged that due to previous enmity their rivals might have conducted the heinous act, Officer in Charge (OC) of Sadar Police Station Akhter Morshed said.

Police said criminals entered the house by breaking open the door and hurled acid on the siblings while they were asleep early Tuesday.

Hearing screams, neighbours rescued the two and rushed them to the hospital.

OC Morshed said they will take necessary action in this regard after investigation.

Hopes of 3 farmers dashed

Bitter gourd plants on over an acre land uprooted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Unidentified criminals completely damaged bitter gourd plants, belonging to three farmers, on 1.25 acres of land in Kalai upazila due to unknown reason.

Behind all eyes, the incident took place on Tuesday early hours.

One of the affected farmers Mahfuzar Rahman of Kusumsara village said all his plants have been uprooted overnight.


Mahfuzar said he along with two other farmers -- Mostafizur Rahman and Sabuj Mia-- of the village, jointly took lease of 1.25 acres land about two months back and planted bitter gourd plants on the leased land one and half month ago.

Mahfuzar said they have spent all their savings on the cultivation and the plants started flowering only a few weeks ago.

"We have nothing left to overcome the situation," Sabuj said.

One of the villagers Mamunur Rashid said previous might have been the reason behind the incident and such acts are completely unethical and punishable offence.

All the affected farmers said they do not have any personal enmity with any one of the area who could do such a harmful act.

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|  ইস্টার্ন রিফাইনারী লিমিটেড Eastern Refinery Limited (বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম কর্পোরেশনের একটি অঙ্গ প্রতিষ্ঠান) | | |
| Invitation for International Tender | | |
| ERL hereby invites offers from reputed suppliers/manufacturers for the supply of the following goods in accordance with the terms & conditions set out hereafter: | | |
| 1. | Ministry/Division | Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division. |
| 2. | Agency | Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation. |
| 3. | Purchaser name | Eastern Refinery Limited. |
| 4. | Purchaser district | Chattogram. |
| 5. | Invitation for | Goods. |
| 6. | Reference number | a) ER/PUR/IT-65/2021 (RT) b) ER/PUR/IT-66/2021 |
| 7. | Date | 01 August, 2021 |
| KEY INFORMATION | | |
| 8. | Procurement method | International Open Tendering Method. |
| FUNDING INFORMATION | | |
| 9. | Budget and source of funds | Eastern Refinery Limited (own fund). |
| PARTICULAR INFORMATION | | |
| 10. | Tender document last selling date | (a) 29 August 2021, 16:00 Hrs. (b) 12 September 2021, 16:00 Hrs. |
| 11. | Tender closing date and time | (a) 30 August 2021, 11:15 Hrs. (b) 13 September 2021, 11:15 Hrs. |
| 12. | Tender opening date and time | (a) 30 August 2021, 11:30 Hrs. (b) 13 September 2021, 11:30 Hrs. |
| 13. | Offer validity | 120 days (from the date of tender opening). |
| NAME & ADDRESS OF THE OFFICE(S) | | |
| 17. | Tender document selling address | i) Accounts Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh. Phone: 88-02333301261-7. ii) ERL Liaison Office, YMCA Bhaban, 2nd Floor, 1/1, Pioneer Road, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh. Phone: 880-2-8391990, 8391991. |
| 18. | Tender receiving address | Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh. |
| 19. | Tender opening address | Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh. |
| INFORMATION FOR TENDERER | | |
| 20. | Eligibility of tenderer | As per tender data sheet. |
| 21. | Brief description of goods | |
| | Name | Price of tender document (non-refundable) |
| a | Seamless Admiralty Brass Tube | Tk 180,000.00 Or, USD 12.00/-set |
| b | Free Fighting Equipments | Tk 1000.00/-set Or, USD 12.00/-set |
| | | Tender security |
| | | 60 days |
| | | 90 days |
| | | Shipment validity |
| PURCHASER DETAILS | | |
| 22. | Name of official inviting tender | Kazi Mahabubur Rahman. |
| 23. | Designation of official inviting tender | Assistant General Manager (Purchase). |
| 24. | Address of official inviting tender | Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh. |
| 25. | Contact details of official inviting tender | Telephone: 880-2333301261-70, Ext. 380 Fax: 880-2333301269, Email: officerp@erl.com.bd , agmpurchase@erl.com.bd , md-office@erl.com.bd Website: www.erl.gov.bd |
| 26. | a) The purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings. b) If it is 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. | |

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