

13 Indian fishermen detained

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Bangladesh Coast Guard members yesterday detained 13 Indian fishermen for illegally entering Bangladeshi waters in the Bay of Bengal.

The law enforcers also seized a trawler they were on during the arrest.

The Indian fishermen were taken aboard Bangladesh Coast Guard's ship "Sonar Bangla," which also towed the seized trawler, says a Coast Guard Headquarters press release.

"A case will be filed against the detainees after they are handed over to the Mongla Police Station," Lt Commander Amirul Haque, media officer of the Coast Guard Headquarters, said in the release.

BSF hands over five Bangladeshis

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Indian Border Security Force (BSF) handed over five Bangladeshi nationals, detained while entering Bangladesh illegally, to Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) on Saturday night.

The five Bangladeshis, including women and two children, were handed over by Inspector Vivek Mila of Dhaphrahat BSF camp, under 192 BSF Battalion in Cooch Behar district of the Indian state of Pashchim Banga, to the BGB through a flag meeting at Kashipur border in Kurigram's Phulbari upazila.

BGB 15 Battalion Kashipur Camp Company Commander Subedar Ramzan Ali said they handed over the Bangladeshis to Phulbari Police Station. Of them, three have been charged under the Illegal Entry and Passport Act.

Longan: newest exotic fruit in C'nawabganj

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

New and exotic tropical fruit longan, an off-seasonal fruit in the country, is likely to gain popularity in Chapainawabganj for its taste and demands at markets.

With taste similar to lychee - its better-known family member from soapberry species of the fruit, Longan has a bright prospect in the district where lychee grows in abundance for its climate conditions.

Longan originates in southern China. But currently the fruit is being grown widely in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and Taiwan. Longan is even grown in parts of Australia, the Caribbean islands and the US.

Owing to its export value, the fruit is also being grown commercially in many other countries across the world, said horticulturists at Chapainawabganj Horticulture Centre.

The tropical fruit is gradually gaining popularity among orchard owners in the country for its high demands at local markets. Many enthusiastic orchard owners already started growing longan plants on a small scale alongside other fruit trees in their orchards. Many people have also been growing the fruit on rooftops.

Almost spherical shaped yellow-brownish longans usually hang in clusters from its branches. Its thin, firm and bark-like shell covers its white translucent pulp that surrounds a large black seed. The flesh has a musky sweet taste that can be

compared to the taste of lychee.

Longan starts ripening from July end till August, when other popular domestic seasonal fruits are not available.

Because it grows best in tropical and subtropical climates, the soil and climate condition in Chapainawabganj is also suitable for longan, said the horticulturists at Chapainawabganj Horticulture Centre.

Horticulturist Mohammad Habibullah said one of their scientists brought three longan plants from Vietnam about twelve years ago and another scientist of the same centre brought another longan plant from Thailand nearly four years ago and all the four plants were planted in the horticulture centre.

Following thorough research and observation on the plants, the scientists there decided to expand farming of longan in Chapainawabganj, said Mozdar Hossain, deputy director of Chapainawabganj Horticulture Centre.

They already grew some saplings of longan and sold those to orchard owners and others. Many of them have been harvesting the fruit over the last two or three years.

Mozdar hoped that after meeting local demands, longan grown in the country will be exported overseas where demand is very high.

With that view in mind, the horticulture centre will grow around 1,000 saplings from the four mother trees and sell each sapling for Tk 50, he added.



A bunch of succulent longans grown at Chapainawabganj Horticulture Centre. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RABIUL HASAN



The main canal flowing through the municipality town has turned into a breeding-ground for mosquito due to unscrupulous dumping of garbage. Below, a swarm of mosquito is seen floating on the stagnant water of the canal.

PHOTO: MASUK HRIDYO

Mosquito menace on the rise in Brahmanbaria town

MASUK HRIDYO

In many areas across the Brahmanbaria town, mosquitoes descend upon neighbourhoods every day after sunset. But these days, even during daytime, their numbers are so high that people are finding it hard to stay home.

However, there is no allocation of fund for the prevention of mosquito-borne diseases including dengue for the Brahmanbaria municipality.

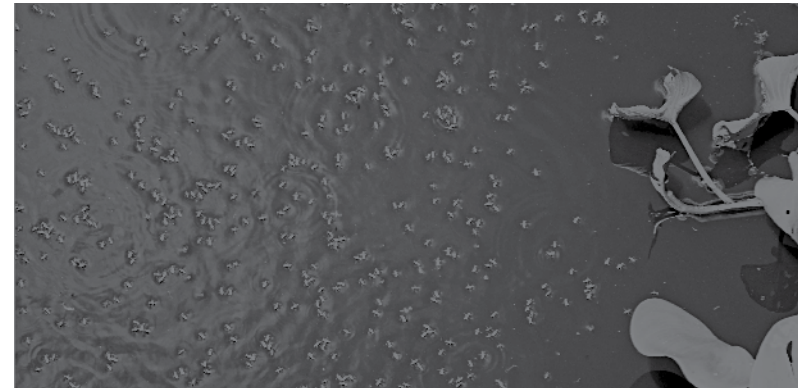
Residents of the municipal area said there is no respite from mosquito menace despite closing doors and windows.

Sharmin Akter, a housewife of Bonikpara area said, Mosquito problem is unbearable here. As soon as evening comes, lighting up a coil is a must. Or else you can't go two minutes without a mosquito biting."

Hasan Rabby, resident of Kandipara area said that swarm of mosquitoes enter the rooms just after darkness descends. Even if one wants to sleep at the day time, mosquito nets must be drawn.

The town dwellers allege that the situation has taken a such worse turn because of unscrupulous garbage dumping, which hasn't been cleaned for years causing stagnation of the canal flowing through the middle of the town.

The canal has divided the municipal area into two parts almost equally. The once mighty canal has now turned dead where garbage is dumped unscrupulously halting the



natural flow of the canal and making it a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Moreover, mosquitoes are not being eradicated naturally due to lack of heavy rainfall.

On the other hand, the municipal authority has not taken any mosquito eradication programme for a long time resulting into severe mosquito menace.

Municipality sources said, the municipality consisting of 12 wards and 33 localities are home to about two lakh population.

Sohel Sarkar, a dweller of power house road area said that in the past municipal authority would spray mosquito repellents in different areas. But for the last four to five years the municipality has not taken any such initiative and the town canal is also not being cleaned. As a result, the number of mosquitoes is on the rise.

While visiting different areas of

the town, this correspondent found a swarm of mosquitoes flying on heaps of garbage in most of the localities like Kandipara, Kazipara, Mourail, Bonik Para, Paikpara. The total town has turned into a breeding ground of mosquitoes.

Contacted, Mustafizur Rahman, conservative inspector of Brahmanbaria Municipality, a concerned official in mosquito eradication, said, "I don't have any information in this regard, contact the secretary of the municipality."

Md Shamsuddin, secretary of the municipality said, "There is no allocation for mosquito eradication this year. Due to recent Hefajat mayhem larvicide and adulticide and spray machines were damaged by the fire set to municipal store room."

At present, they are running the programme somehow by their own fund, he claimed.

Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Health Services Division, Health Economics Unit (HEU) www.heu.gov.bd



Expression of Interest (EOI) for procurement of services of a National Consultant (Full time/Part time) for conducting and supervising research activities

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| 1. | Ministry/Division | Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare |
| 2. | Agency | Health Economics Unit (HEU) |
| 3. | Name of The Procuring entity | Director General (DG), HEU |
| 4. | Procuring entity district | Dhaka |
| 5. | Type of Organization | Individual Consultant |
| 6. | EOI Ref No & Date | 45.05.0000.007.32.005.21.2163, 08 August 2021 |

Key Information:

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| 7. | Procurement Sub-Method | Individual Consultant Selection Method (ICSM) |
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Funding Information:

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| 8. | Budget and Source of Funds | Funds of Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) |
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Particular Information:

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| 9. | Project / Program Name | Health Economics and Financing Operational Plan |
| 10. | Eoi Closing date and Time | 24 August 2021 at 2:00 pm |
| 11. | Brief Description of the Assignment | Health Economics Unit is mandated to advance Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Bangladesh. One of the major three functions of HEU is to conduct research related to UHC, and develop and provide policy support to MOHFW. Under the guidance of Line Director (LD), Health Economics and Financing (HEF) operational plan (OP), and DG HEU, the consultant will require to support HEU in conducting the following activities but not limited to: (i) Identify research areas/topics, make research plan, and conduct approval procedure from the authority, (ii) Conduct research including development of proposal, data collection tools, data entry, data analysis and writing reports, (iii) Lead and supervise research activities, (iv) Provide necessary support in outsourcing research, if any, including prepare procurement documents as per PPA 2006 and PPR 2008, review tools, documents and reports submitted by the consultants/firms (v) Take necessary steps for publications including writing manuscript, submission to different publisher etc. (vi) Prepare relevant protocol/guideline, SOP, policy brief (vii) Disseminate research finding, (viii) Organize and conduct training, workshop and seminar, and (ix) Any other work as assigned by competent authority. |
| 12. | Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required | Required Qualifications: (i) At least a post-graduation degree in Public Health, Economics, Health Economics, Development Studies, Statistics or any other relevant field; (ii) Research experience of at least 05 years in Public Health, Economics, Health Economics or any other relevant field; (iii) Having track record of publication in international peer reviewed journal; (iv) Proven ability to conduct and lead social health related research; (v) Skill in statistical software (e.g., STATA, SPSS etc.); (vi) Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and Bengali; (vii) Good interpersonal skills and ability to work in a Team; (viii) Good understanding of the functions and responsibilities of the post, ability to work independently with minimum supervision; (ix) Good computer skills and proficiency in Microsoft Office; and (x) Excellent organizational and management skills. Additional qualifications that will be treated as added value: (xi) Doctoral degree in aforementioned subjects/fields; (xii) Familiarity with current government health policies and priorities; and (xiii) Extensive knowledge of the principles and theories of Social Health Insurance. |
| 13. | Other Detail (if applicable): | EOI should be submitted in sealed envelope clearly marked "Request for EOI for Procurement of services of a National Consultant (Full time/Part time) for conducting and supervising research activities" to the address of undersigned |
| 14. | Association with external firm | Not Applicable |
| 15. | Phasing of Services: | Starting 1 October 2021 till 30 June 2023 |

Procuring Entity Details:

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| 16. | Name of Official Inviting Eoi: | Dr. Mohd. Shahadt Hossain Mahmud |
| 17. | Designation of Official Inviting Eoi | Director General (Additional Secretary), HEU & LD, HEF OP |
| 18. | Address of the Official Inviting Eoi | Ansari Bhaban (3 rd Floor), 14/2 Topkhana Road, Dhaka-1000. Tel: 9586822, Email: dg@heu.gov.bd; mahmud5212@yahoo.com www.heu.gov.bd; www.mohfw.gov.bd; www.cptu.gov.bd |
| 19. | Detail information available | |

The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept and reject any or all Eois

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e-Tender Notice

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

| e-Tender ID No. | Name of the work | Last date and time for tender security submission | Tender/proposal closing date and time |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 593618 | Construction of 50 Bed Isolation unit and 10 Bed ICU/CCU at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, Rajshahi. | 07-September-2021 11:30 | 07-September-2021 12:00 |

This is online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System 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 e-GP registered banks' branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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e-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. 02/2021

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the Procurement of 100 mbps Dedicated Internet Broadband Connection in NBR (01 Year). The Tender ID Number is 594410 and method of tender is OTM. 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 is required in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd). The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the National e-GP System Portal has to be deposited online through any registered bank. Tender documents publication date is 04 August 2021 at 12.00pm.

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