



The construction site of the modern river port in Pabna's Nagarbari under Bera upazila. Inset, affected landowners in a human chain demand compensation for the land acquired from them. The photo was taken recently.

## NAGARBARI MODERN RIVER PORT PROJECT

# Only one quarter work done after 1st deadline

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Mired in land settlement claims, the Tk 500-crore modern river port project on the Jamuna river -- in Pabna's Nagarbari under Bera upazila -- has missed its initial deadline two months ago, with only 25 percent of its work completed.

A total of 36 acres of land was acquired for the project titled 'Establishment of Port Facility at Nagarbari', which went underway in July 2018, with its deadline set for June 2021.

The cost of the project went up another Tk 40 crore after Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), the project's implementing authority under the shipping ministry, extended the project deadline till June 2022.

However, all the work at the project site remain suspended for the past couple of months while most of the land owners remain unpaid of compensation money for acquisition of their land till date.

Arshed Ali Sheikh, a land owner and a resident of Roghunathpur in Nagarbari, said, "Our inherited landed property was acquired and filled up with sand for the construction of the port, but we

didn't get compensation for it."

The 72 decimals of land that was acquired from him had crops and other structures on it, he also claimed.

Another affected landowner, Mohammad Rafikullah, who is the chairman of Puran Bharenga Union Parishad (UP), said out of the 36 acres of total land acquired by the authorities, 28 acres belongs to 60 to 70 private owners.

He also said that locals in the area are greatly frustrated as none of the private land owners received any compensation money.

Asked, BIWTA Executive Engineer Nizam Uddin Pathan, also the executive engineer of the new river port project, said they already handed over Tk 90 crore to Pabna district administration as compensation money for land owners.

BIWTA cannot pay the compensation money, as according to rules, the district administration will take necessary steps in this regard.

However, he claimed that the work has been suspended due to lockdown and they would try to finish the work by the new deadline once their work resumes flowing the lifting of the

lockdown.

Contacted, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC, Revenue) in Pabna Afroza Akhter said the payment of the compensation went on hold after a case was filed with a Pabna court by one Tarek Chowdhury, who claimed ownership of the entire piece of land that had been acquired for the river port.

Son of late Mahim Chowdhury -- from Thanapara village in Bakerganj of Barishal and a former resident of Roghunathpur in Pabna's Bera -- Tarek Chowdhury in the case claimed that he inherited the land where the new river port is being made.

UP Chairman Mohammad Rafikullah said that during an investigation conducted in the village by him and a former UP chairman, locals could not recognise anyone by the name of Tarek Chowdhury in the village.

Their findings have already been submitted last month with the court in a certified statement through their lawyer, he added.

ADC Revenue Afroza Akhter said since the case on the land is ongoing at the court, the compensation payment can only be made upon court order.

## VEGETABLE SAPLINGS

# Lockdown, incessant rain frustrate growers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Farmers, growing different varieties of winter vegetable saplings on floating seed-beds in the district, are gradually getting frustrated, fearing huge losses due to the countrywide lockdown and incessant rain during this peak time of the year.

A number of farmers said that due to lockdown the local markets are closed and the presence of wholesale buyers from other parts of the country is very poor.

"We are unable to sell our produce as wholesale buyers are not visiting the area due to lockdown," grower Mohammad Mostafa of Mugarjhor village Nazirpur upazila said.

The wholesalers purchase different varieties of vegetable saplings from farmers and took those to different areas of the country for sale, he added.

Another farmer Mohammad Waliullah said huge number of vegetable saplings have already been damaged due to excessive rain.

They are already counting losses as the production cost is increasing every year, he said.

Abdul Elahi of the village said they can grow saplings four to five times in a season, but this year they have produced saplings once.



Vegetable saplings growers on floating seed-beds in Pirojpur's Nazirpur upazila counting loss as their produce remain unsold.

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Farmers said after meeting all the expenses they can make a profit of Tk 2 from each sapling, but this year it seem very difficult to get back their production cost.

Farmers in different marshland areas of Nazirpur and Nesarabad upazilas, and Barishal's Banaripara upazila grow different variety of vegetable saplings like beans, bitter melon, papaya, brinjal, pumpkin, tomato and chilli on the floating seed-beds, locally known as Dhap, made with water hyacinth.

Farmers grow vegetable saplings for over five months from June every year.

## 3 die taking toxic alcohol in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Three people died and two others fell ill for apparently consuming toxic liquor in Sirajganj Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Abdul Wahab, 32, son of Abdur Rashid, and Mohammad Abdullah, 45, son of Sikim Ali, of Roghunathpur village, and Taher Sheikh, 48, of Soroichondi village.

Officer in Charge (OC) of Sirajganj Sadar Police Station Bahauddin Faruki said all the victims took toxic alcohol near Broomkola Bridge area early yesterday and felt sick.

Of them, three later died at their respective homes.

Injured Babu Sheikh and Hazrat Ali are undergoing treatment in Sirajganj General Hospital, he said.

In primary investigation, they came to know that the victims purchased some toxic rectified spirit from a local homeopathic shop and consumed those.



Following a colourful procession, indigenous women perform their traditional dance at Uraopara in Thakurgaon municipality yesterday, marking the International Day of World's Indigenous People.

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EDCL invites International Tender for Supply of Pharmaceutical Packing Material on C&F© Dhaka by Air and Chittagong by Sea Basis:-

S.L No.	Tender No. Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening
01.	IMP/PM/SEM/09/2021-2022 dated 09/08/2021	<b>Pharmaceutical Packing Materials: (specification as per tender schedule):</b> 01. 7.5 ml Tubular Glass Vial with 20mm Neck Finish 02. 10 ml Tubular Glass Vial with 20mm Neck Size 03. 15 ml Tubular Glass Vial with 20mm Neck Finish 04. 30 ml Tubular Glass Vial with 20mm Neck Finish 05. 20 mm Rubber stopper (Ready for Sterilization) 06. Flip off Alu. Seal Cap 20 mm	Tk. 2700.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 32.00 Non-refundable	Closing :02/09/2021 at 11.00 AM Opening : 02/09/2021 at 11.15 AM
02.	IMP/PM/SEM/10/2021-2022 dated 09/08/2021	<b>Pharmaceutical Packing Material: (specification as per tender schedule):</b> 01. 100 ml White Glass Bottle 02. 50 ml Amber Glass Vial (Type-1) 03. 32mm Rubber Stopper (Ready for Sterilization) 04. 32 mm Alu. Seal Cap (Green) 05. 32 mm Alu. Seal Cap (White)	Tk. 2000.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 24.00 Non-refundable	Closing :05/09/2021 at 11.00 AM Opening : 05/09/2021 at 11.15 AM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money in the form of Bank Draft / Pay Order / Bank Guarantee from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Co. Ltd." without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

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TK. 1,500.00 (One Thousand Five hundred)  
Only (Non-refundable)

Dt. 05.08.2021

### New Enlistment and Renewal of Existing Enlisted Firms.

Sealed Applications are invited from the Bona-fide suppliers/Manufacturers/Sole Agents/ Distributors / Shops / Whole Sellers / Contractors / Service providers operating within Bangladesh for enlistment with EDCL - Dhaka Office in the following categories for the period of 2 (Two) years i.e. 2022 - 2023.

- Group A:** Printing, Packaging, Stationery and Toiletries items (Manufacturers will get preference).
- Group B:** Pharmaceuticals Raw Materials, Re-agents/Chemicals & Glass Wares (Manufacturers & Importers will get preference)
- Group C:** Repairing, Servicing and supply of Quality Control Equipment & Machineries.
- Group D:** Repairing, Servicing and supply of Electrical, Machineries.
- Group E:** Repairing and Servicing of Vehicles.
- Group F:** Repairing, Maintenance and Servicing of Mechanical Equipment & Central Plant with related equipment.
- Group G:** Civil Construction Works.

#### The following documents must be submitted with the application:

- a) Valid Trade License (mandatory), Business Identification Number (BIN) Certificate, Income Tax Certificate and E-TIN Certificate.
- b) Experience/Performance Certificate along with a list of present customers with telephone number.
- c) Sole Agency/dealership/distributorship/import certificate and their price list of products (if any).
- d) Press declaration certificate for printing firms.
- e) Name of the Proprietor/Partner/Managing Director, CEO and the key person with business address, telephone/fax number, e-mail (if any) must be enclosed with the application
- f) Original copy of money receipt as an evidence for purchasing the enlistment schedule.

#### Enlistment Fees:

- i) An enlistment fee of Tk.2,000.00 (Taka two thousand) only (non-refundable) together with a fixed deposit of Tk.20,000.00 (Taka twenty thousand) only in the form of Pay Order (refundable) will be issued from any scheduled bank & drawn in favour of ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED, Dhaka must be submitted with the application with details for each group.
- ii) Each enlistment shall be valid for a term of 2 (two) financial years and renewed for a further period of two years on payment of a renewal fee of Tk.2,000.00 (Taka two thousand) (non-refundable) for each category and Tk.4,000.00 (Taka four thousand) (non-refundable) for 4 (four) or more categories subject to satisfactory performance during the preceding years.
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Enlistment form & schedule may be purchased upon cash payment of Tk.1,500.00 (Taka one thousand five hundred) only (non-refundable) from ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED, Dhaka, 395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka - 1208 during office hours (Sunday to Thursday) 8-00 a.m. to 3-00 p.m. Applications along with all supporting documents must be dropped within 30th November 2021 till 3-00 p.m. positively in the "Enlistment Application Box" which will be kept in the Purchase Department Dhaka .

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