

COPING WITH PANDEMIC

Locals raise Tk 16 lakh in five days to install central oxygen supply

50-bed Birganj Upazila Health Complex now has an oxygen supply outlet next to each bed

KONGKON KARMAKER WITH FIROZ A MUZAHID

Belongingness, willingness, compassion and leadership go a long way when it comes to overcoming any difficult situation or task.

The people of Birganj, which means land of the brave, have just proved that they have all it takes to overcome any situation and the naming of their birthplace is justified.

Thanks to the timely initiative of a local business owner turned politician, a number of warm-hearted residents of Birganj upazila in Dinajpur raised necessary funds in five days to install a centralised oxygen supply system for every bed in 50-bed Birganj Upazila Health Complex.

When many high-priority government-run district hospitals are yet to get central oxygen supply system, the authorities of Birganj Upazila Health Complex, with oxygen outlet available for every bed, is now capable of assuring their critical Covid patients of best possible care.

Serving a population of 3 lakh, the health complex had so far been unable to treat critical patients with Covid-19 since the pandemic broke out in the country in March last year.

Zakaria Zaka is a business owner and president of Awami League's Birganj upazila unit. He said after he found out that the health complex was not equipped to cope with the rising number of Covid patients with its existing eight oxygen cylinders, he put his mind to find a solution to the ominous scenario.

On July 19, he met with officials of the health complex to assess what is required to solve the longstanding problem at the hospital. Soon afterwards, he conveyed the assessment to a firm that builds



Oxygen is being administered to a Covid patient from a newly installed outlet of the centralised oxygen supply system at Birganj Upazila Health Complex. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: KONGKON KARMAKER

and delivers central oxygen supply systems to medical facilities.

Following site visit, the firm provided him a Tk 16-lakh estimate for the job and Zakaria formed a committee of 23 members to raise the fund.

Thanks to the generosity of Birganj residents, the entire amount of the required fund was raised by July 31 -- only five days after they started going from door to door in Birganj, Zakaria said.

The firm took five days to install a 360-kg upgradable oxygen reservoir for the centralised system and 50 wall outlets for supplying oxygen to patients in all the 50 beds of the hospital.

The final bill the firm collected

was Tk 14 lakh, said a thankful Zakaria.

Mohammad Mohsin, health and family planning officer at the health complex, hoped that the situation would now improve at the hospital that had been struggling to provide proper oxygen support to critical patients in all its four wards, including its Covid isolation ward.

A 42-year-old Covid patient, who took treatment at the hospital a week ago, said she realised how dangerous it could get if proper oxygen supply is not provided to a patient in time.

She hoped that government hospitals in other upazilas would follow the example of Birganj Upazila Health Complex in getting their own centralised oxygen supply

systems.

During the inauguration of the central oxygen supply system at Birganj Upazila Health Complex on August 11, Dinajpur-1 (Birganj and Kaharol) lawmaker Manoranjan Shil Gopal, while speaking as chief guest, said the people have done what the government could not do.

This proves that every problem can be solved if the people want it, the MP added.

According to health officials in Dinajpur, at least 480 people tested positive for Covid-19 in Birganj upazila since March last year and 13 of them, including a staff member of Birganj Upazila Health Complex, died of the disease.

Marginalised rural women in Satkhira producing handicrafts for export

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Underprivileged women in rural areas of Kalaroa upazila in Satkhira are becoming self-reliant by making handicrafts with date palm leaves and straw, paving the way of solvency as these handmade products are being exported to 10 different countries including those in Europe.

The artisans make a variety of laundry baskets, place mats, rectangular baskets, kitchen baskets, cylinder baskets, etc while they are able to work from the comfort of their homes.

Shihab Uddin Palash of Panchnal village of Yugikhalai union in Kalaroa upazila used to work in a school for the disabled people run by a non-governmental organisation (NGO). The young man also worked as an artisan beside the job.

At one stage, he left the job and trained up the poor women of the area in handicrafts to help them become self-reliant. He formed an organisation called 'Puppet Handicrafts' in 2014.

"We use date palm leaves and straw as raw materials. Our products are being exported to 10 countries including those in Europe after meeting up the orders from the country," Palash said.



Women in rural areas of Satkhira's Kalaroa upazila make a variety of laundry baskets, place mats, rectangular baskets, kitchen baskets, cylinder baskets, etc while they are able to work from the comfort of their homes. PHOTO: STAR

Each of the 30 women of 12 unions of Kalaroa upazila earns Tk 3,000 to Tk 4,000 by making handicrafts in their spare time after doing household works, he said.

He added that women from Joynagar, Kshetrpara, Kamarali, Khordo, Jalalabad, Kushodanga, Kazirhat, Raghunathpur, Sonabaria, Khaspur and Baksa areas of the

upazila are involved in designing and making the crafts.

The women are spending their earnings on their children's education as well as their household needs.

Moreover, these marginalised women are also keeping poultry, cows and goats at their home to meet the nutritional demand of their families, said Palash.

Boy kills father over family feud

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A teenage boy stabbed his father to death allegedly over family feud in Brahmanbaria town on Wednesday night.

The deceased, Abu Kawsar, a fish trader, was son of late Juru Miah of Kandipara area of the town.

Meanwhile, police arrested 15-year-old Prithiraj along with a knife, after four hours of the incident.

Quoting the victim's family members, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of Sadar Model Police Station Harunur Rashid said deceased Kawsar, an alcoholic, used to beat his wife Anwara Begum over trifling matters almost every day. On Wednesday night, when Kawsar was beating up his wife, the couple's teenage son Prithiraj stepped in and tried to save his mother.

Failing to save his mother, the teenage boy took a knife, stabbed his father mercilessly and fled the scene.

Neighbours rescued injured Kawsar and took him to Brahmanbaria General Hospital, where the doctors declared him dead, he said.

Dr Nizam Uddin, on-duty doctor at the hospital, said the victim had multiple stab injuries on the chest and back.

OC of Sadar Model Police Station Emranul Islam said they first took the victim's wife and elder son to the police station for interrogation and later arrested Prithiraj.

Youth held with firearms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police arrested a young man along with two firearms from a cattle market in Parbatipur upazila of the district on Wednesday night.

The arrestee, Sajib Rana, 22, is a resident of Doulatpur village in Chirirbandar upazila.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team raided a cattle market at Ambari village on Dinajpur-Gobindaganj road around 8:30pm on Wednesday night and arrested Sajib with a pistol, a shutter gun, a magazine and a bullet, wrapped in a shopping bag, police said.



AGRANI BANK LIMITED

Establishment & Engineering Division
Head Office, 9/D, Dilkusha, Dhaka.

Invitation for Tenders

1	Procuring Entity Name	Agrani Bank Limited, Establishment & Engineering Division, Head office (7th floor), 9/D, Dilkusha, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.	
2	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka	
3	Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 630 Kg Capacity 02(Two) Passenger lift including all other accessories for Agrani Bank Limited, Head Office, Dhaka.	
4	Invitation Ref No	ABL/E&ED/Eng/Mecha-149/2021	
5	Date	16/08/2021	

KEY INFORMATION

6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method.	
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FUNDING INFORMATION

7	Budget and Source of Funds	Own fund of Agrani Bank limited.	
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

8	Tender Publication Date	16/08/2021	
9	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	Date	Time
10	Tender Closing Date and Time	12/09/2021	4.00PM
11	Tender Opening Date and Time	13/09/2021	03.00PM
12	Name & Address of the office for Selling Tender Document	Agrani Bank Limited, Establishment & Engineering Division, Head Office (7th Floor), 9/D, Dilkusha, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.	
13	Receiving Tender Document	Attention: General Manager Address: Agrani Bank Limited, General Manager's Secretariat, Head Office (4 th Floor), 9/D, Dilkusha, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. Time: 10:00AM to 03:00PM, Date: 13/09/2021	
14	Place of Opening Tender document	Tender Opening will take place at the Dropping Place.	

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER



15	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	Tenderers who have:	
a. Not been prevented by order of any judicial court from entering into and/or signing contract with the procuring entity.			
b. Tenderers shall have at least 05 (Five) years of overall business experience in similar works preceding the date of publication of IFT.			
c. Tenderer shall have successfully completed similar lift's supply, installation and related works in Government/Semi-Government/ Autonomous body at least Tk. 75.00 (Seventy five) lac in a single tender during the last 03(three) years.			
d. Minimum annual average Supply (Turn Over) in the last 03 (three) years preceding the date of submission of Tender is not less than Tk. 80.00 (Eighty) lac.			
e. Minimum amount of Liquid asset i.e Working capital/ Credit line(s) of the Tenderer shall be Tk. 80.00 (Eighty) lac only. Should be counted 28 days before from the date of opening of tender.			
f. Tenderers shall be the Lift Manufacturer or Authorized Agent of Internationally reputed Lift Manufacturer.			
g. The bidder shall submit a certificate stating that minimum 20 Nos. of lift of proposed brand and proposed country of origin has been used successfully in BANGLADESH. minimum 15 of those 20 lifts have installed and have been running successfully in Bangladesh.			
h. The tenderer shall also have one year's experience of maintenance of minimum 20 nos of lift.			
i. Bidding company must be managed by Bangladeshi nationals. No joint venture company will be allowed.			

16	Tenderer to attach copies of the following documents	i) Up to date valid Trade license ii) Up-to-date income tax paid certificate iii) Valid VAT registration certificate iv) TIN Certificate v) Liquid asset i.e. working capital or line of credit certificate of the Tenderer shall be Tk. 80.00 (Eighty) lac only. vi) Main Catalogue/ Brochure. vii) Certificate of successfully completed same Brand and Country of Origin lift's supply, installation and related works in Government/Semi-Government/ Autonomous body/Reputed Limited Company at least Tk. 75.00 (Seventy five) lac in a single tender within the last 03(three) years. viii) Bidder shall submit financial statements such as profit and loss statements and audited balance sheet of last 03 (three) years. Annual Average supply of related goods (Turn Over) of minimum value of Tk.80.00 (Eighty) lac. ix) Certificate of Manufacturer Authorization. Must follow the format of form PG3 - 6 which will be verified by the procuring entity. x) Affidavit/Declaration of legal ownership/ Certificate of incorporation. xi) Tender Submission Letter (Form PG3-1) xii) Bio-data of key personnel employed by the contractor to carry out the functions stated in the schedule. xiii) The bidder shall give the assurance form the manufacturing company to supply of spare parts of minimum 20 years and this assurance must be authenticated by the Chamber of Commerce/Ministry of Commerce/Ministry of foreign affairs of the concerned manufacturing company. xiv) Certificate by manufacturing company stating that minimum 100 Nos. of the proposed brand of lift have been used in minimum 10 (ten) countries of the world including the manufacturing country for equal to or more than ten years. certificate must be authenticated by Chamber of Commerce/Ministry of Commerce/Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the lift manufacturing company xv) Certificate by the bidder stating that minimum 20 nos. of lift of proposed brand and proposed country of origin have been used successfully in BANGLADESH. xvi) Bidder must be the sole agent/commercial distributor of the proposed lift of the contract and he/she must submit its all supporting documents. xvii) BC class contractor license provided by the electric licensing board. xviii) International Standard Conformity Certificate and Every other documents mentioned in TDS.	
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17	Brief Description of Goods	Fujitech (Japan), Hitachi (Japan), Mitsubishi (Japan), Kone (Finland), Otis (USA/Japan/France), Schindler (Switzerland), Thyssenkrupp (Germany); the lift manufacturing company shall be a multinational one and shall have lift manufacturing capability for speed 10m/s (minimum) and shall have lift manufacturing experience in their own factory for a period for not less than 60 years and proposed brand of lift shall be manufactured and tested in Germany/Japan/Switzerland/USA , complying all other detailed specifications stated in the Tender Document Schedule. Capacity: Minimum 630 kg (8 passengers) Speed: 1.5 m/s, 240 starts/hour No of Entrances/stops: 8 (G, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	
18	Brief Description of Related Services	Installation, testing, Commissioning of the above mentioned lift with necessary works in Doors, Pit and Machine room etc.	
19	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	5000/- (Tk Five thousand Only) Non-refundable pay-order from any branch of Agrani Bank Limited.	

20	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Nurul Islam	
21	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager	
22	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Agrani Bank Limited, Establishment & Engineering Division, Head Office (7th Floor), 9/D, Dilkusha, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.	
23	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	01552475489	dgmeed@agraniabank.org
24		a) The Tenderer shall furnish Registration certificate and evidence of being managed by Bangladeshi nationals in original and certificates of satisfactory completion of previous work for proposed brand lift of above magnitude from the owner at the time of dropping the Tender documents. b) If communication is disrupted on the date of receiving and opening the Tender(s), the same will be received at the same time on the day after next working day. c) Furnishing of any false, misleading documents may result in rejection of tender and may lead to action under Reg. 127 of PPR 2008. d) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever. No claims will be entertained in this regard.	

(Md. Nurul Islam)
Deputy General Manager
Agrani Bank Limited,
Establishment & Engineering Division
Head Office, Dhaka.

 Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Bangladesh Railway Dhaka Corrigendum-1 		
No. BR/ADB/MG Wagons (Re-bid)		Date: 19.08.2021
The following amendment is made to the Invitation for Bid No. BR/ADB/MG Wagons (Re-bid), issued on 15 July 2021 for "Procurement of 386 Meter Gauge Bogie Covered Wagons, 174 Meter Gauge Bogie Open Wagons and 20 Meter Gauge Bogie Brake Vans for Bangladesh Railway".		
Clause Reference	Existing Paragraph/ Sentence/Word in the bidding document	Amendment
Section 2 ITB 24.1 of Bid Document	The deadline for bid submission is: Date: 26.08.2021 Time: On or before 11.00 hours.	The deadline for bid submission is: Date: 09.09.2021 Time: On or before 11.00 hours. (Bangladesh Standard Time)
Section 2 ITB 27.1 of Bid Document	The bid opening shall take place at: Floor/Room number: 3rd Floor/Room No. 411 Street Address: 16, Abdul Gani Road, Rail Bhaban, Dhaka-1000. City : Dhaka Country : Bangladesh Date : 26.08.2021. Time : 11:30 hours.	The bid opening shall take place at: Floor/Room number: 3rd Floor/Room No. 411 Street Address: 16, Abdul Gani Road, Rail Bhaban, Dhaka-1000 City : Dhaka Country : Bangladesh Date : 09.09.2021. Time : 11:30 hours. (Bangladesh Standard Time)
Date of selling of bid document up to 08.09.2021 till 04:00pm.		
The other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.		
Md. Mizanur Rahman Project Director (General Manager/Project) Rolling Stock Operations Improvement Project (Rolling Stock Procurement) Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban, Dhaka		
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