

Decision to shut Patuakhali fertilizer warehouse creates uncertainty over timely supply to farmers

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Supply of fertilizer among dealers from the godown in Laukathi area of Patuakhali has been suspended due to the dilapidated condition of the warehouse. The closure of the godown has raised concerns about the timely delivery of fertilizer from Barishal to Patuakhali at the farmers' level disrupting the current Aman cultivation and production.

Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) has written a letter to the deputy commissioner (DC) of Patuakhali to instruct the local dealers to bring fertilizer from the Bangladesh Fertilizer Association (BFA) godown in Barishal.

Meanwhile, the dealers have also sent a letter to BCIC chairman not to shut the godown here considering the farmers' interest.

However, BCIC's General Manager (Marketing) Md Manjur Reza in the letter on June 24 stated that the fertilizer godown in Patuakhali is old and unusable. Although the Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Factory

Limited (CUFL) took initiative to repair the warehouse, it has not been possible to repair it and make it usable. Therefore, it has been decided to supply fertilizer to Patuakhali dealers from the BFA warehouse in Barishal.

Later, the DC on July 8 formed a three-member committee headed by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) GM Sarfaraz. The other two members of the committee are AKM Mohiuddin, deputy director, Department of Agricultural Extension and Mashiul Islam, Patuakhali godown in-charge. The committee monitored the overall condition of the warehouse and submitted a report with recommendations on July 28.

The report stated that some parts of the godown are flooded after heavy rains because of the leakage in the roof and the godown will be usable for a few more years if it is repaired. The estimated cost for the repair work is Tk 31.87 lakh.

The report also mentioned that Aman has been cultivated in 2

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lakh hectares of land in the district. Disruption in the supply of fertilizers will adversely impact the production of Aman.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Fertilizer Association (BFA) Patuakhali unit president Golam Sarwar and general secretary Nurul Amin have written to the BCIC chairman not to shut down the godown.

Golam Sarwar said there are 78 fertilizer dealers in the district. For the last 14 years, the dealers have been supplying fertilizer from the local godown. But now bringing fertilizer from Barishal will not be cost and time effective. Dealers in Patuakhali will suffer more to extract

fertilizer from there.

Shahidul Islam, a fertilizer dealer in Patuakhali, said, "I deposited money in the bank for extracting fertilizer from Barishal warehouse four to five days ago but I have not been able to extract fertilizer from there yet."

Nurul Amin, a dealer of Barabaisahdia union in Rangabali upazila, said the upazila is an isolated one. There is no alternative way to get fertilizer without waterways. Time and cost of fertilizer extraction will increase in case of Barishal warehouse and timely delivery of fertilizer to farmers will become uncertain.

According to the fertilizer godown, 18,062 tonnes of fertilizer were supplied to dealers from July 1 last year to June 30 this year. In August, 4,700 tonnes of fertilizer was allocated. Of them, 75 percent came from Barishal and 25 percent from Patuakhali warehouse. The supply of fertilizer to the Patuakhali godown finished on August 23.



Bangladesh Fertilizer Association (BFA) godown in Laukathi area of Patuakhali.

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Taliban announce hardline temp govt

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Taliban co-founder Baradar, also once a close friend of Mullah Omar, the founder, was a senior Taliban commander in charge of attacks on US forces. He was arrested and imprisoned in Pakistan in 2010, becoming head of the Taliban's political office in Doha after his release in 2018.

Mullah Yaqoob, the son of Mullah Omar, was named defence minister, while the position of interior minister was given to Sirajuddin Haqqani, the head of the feared Haqqani network who also doubled up as a Taliban deputy.

Haqqani is the son of the founder of the Haqqani network, designated as a terrorist organisation by the United States. He is one of the FBI's most wanted men due to his involvement in suicide attacks and ties with al-Qaeda.

It was not clear what role in the government would be played by Mullah Haibatullah Akhundzada, the Taliban supreme leader.

Shortly after the announcement of the new lineup, Akhundzada made his first statement since his movement's stunning takeover of Afghanistan,

saying that the new government would "work hard towards upholding Islamic rules and sharia law".

Akhund, the new head of government, has been close to supreme leader Akhundzada for 20 years, and is longtime chief of the Taliban's powerful decision-making body Rehbari Shura, or leadership council. He was foreign minister and then deputy prime minister when the Taliban were last in power from 1996-2001.

Following their 20-year insurgency, the Taliban now face the colossal task of ruling Afghanistan, which is wracked with economic woes and security challenges -- including from the Islamic State group's local chapter.

In what appeared to be a fresh sign that the Taliban are seeking to appease sceptics, Mujahid said the government -- as yet incomplete -- would only have an interim role.

"We will try to take people from other parts of the country," he said. He said some ministries remained to be filled pending a hunt for qualified people.

One analyst told AFP, however, that the new lineup was far removed from

the softer brand of rule the movement had pledged.

"It's not at all inclusive, and that's no surprise whatsoever," said Michael Kugelman, a South Asia expert at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

"The Taliban had never indicated that any of its cabinet ministers would include anyone other than themselves."

Washington said meanwhile it was in "no rush" to recognise the new government.

"It's really going to be dependent on what steps the Taliban takes," White House spokesperson Jen Psaki said.

"The world will be watching, the United States included."

Scattered protests in recent days have indicated that some Afghans do not believe in the Taliban's capacity to translate their promise of a more moderate rule into reality.

In Herat, scores of demonstrators marched, unfurling banners and waving the old Afghan flag -- a black, red and green vertical tricolour with the national emblem overlaid in white.

50 lakh to be made literate

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NFEDP

BNFE officials said they planned the non-formal education programme aiming to root out illiteracy and improve the livelihood skills of the disadvantaged people. These two aspects are crucial for human resource development and poverty reduction, they said.

The NFEDP will impart basic literacy knowledge to 50 lakh males and females aged 15 and above across the country, they said.

Each of the beneficiaries will get six months of education to become literate and they would be chosen with the help of different non-government organisations (NGOs).

Basic literacy knowledge is the ability to write, understand and explain different issues both in writing and orally. People with basic literacy knowledge have numeracy skills and the ability to communicate.

BNFE officials said 5 lakh of the newly literate people, aged between

15 and 45, will then be provided with different skill development trainings.

Besides, the government aims to set up 64 livelihood skill development centres where beneficiaries will get advanced training for six to nine months to have technical and vocational expertise.

The community learning centres will be used as venues for public awareness programmes on different issues, including agriculture.

A BNFE official said the project cost was high as they would need to set up 500 permanent community learning centres in all Sadar unions of the upazilas and 64 livelihood skill development centres. "We would need land and construct buildings", the official added.

Another official said implementation of the programme was being delayed as the BNFE did not have infrastructural set-ups in upazilas.

Recently, the government has approved 1,473 new posts for BNFE to

have its offices at the upazila level. It was also taking initiatives to appoint more manpower.

The BNFE is now implementing a project under which 45 lakh people, aged 15 and above, in 64 districts are being given training on basic literacy skills. It is implementing another project to provide non-formal education to 10 lakh children who have either dropped out or have never gone to school.

Till 2019, the Bureau provided basic literacy skills training to 23.6 lakh beneficiaries. It eyes to make the remaining 21.4 lakh beneficiaries in 114 upazilas literate by the end of this year.

State minister Zakir said they were done with all preparations to make 21 lakh beneficiaries literate by this year and provide non-formal education to 10 lakh children, but the work got stuck due to Covid-19.

"We will start working as soon as the Covid-19 situation improves," he said.

Govt to upskill women, youth

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2021 and December 2026, would cost Tk 4,299.99 crore, with the World Bank providing 60 percent of the funds.

The main purpose of the project is to build the youth, women and the underprivileged people as a workforce suitable for employment.

The use of technology for various purposes will increase in the post-Covid era, so up-to-date skills are essential for surviving and thriving in the impending competitive market, said the project summary.

"Our labour force lacks skills," said Planning Minister MA Mannan at the

meeting yesterday.

The government would provide vocational and other technical training for the workforce to make them fit for the job market, he said.

About 3 per cent of the total estimated cost of the project has been allotted for appointing consultants, said Planning Commission Member Nasima Begum.

Different individuals and consultant firms would be appointed to provide training on different issues including digital technology, financial management, industrial management and others.

Seven others projects involving a total of Tk 3,289.73 crore also got approval at yesterday's Ecnc meeting.

One of the projects is a revision of the shipping ministry project to install pillars on the banks of Buriganga, Turag, Shitalokkha and Balu rivers with the view to protecting them from erosion and grabbing.

The project's original cost was Tk 848.55 crore; it has now been revised upwards to Tk 1,181.10 crore.

The original duration of the project was between July 2018 and June 2022. It has now been extended to June 2023.


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Memo No. 45.02.0000.001.14.013.21-1914

Date: 07-09-2021

Invitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

Sealed Expressions of Interest (EOI) are hereby invited from among the eligible Architectural & Engineering Consulting Firms. The details of EOI are shown in the table below:

1.	Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).
2.	Agency	Health Engineering Department (HED).
3.	Name of procuring entity	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED).
4.	Procuring entity code	None.
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6.	Expression of Interest for selection of	Well experienced reputed National Architectural and Engineering Consulting firms.
7.	EOI Ref. No.	MoHFW Letter No. 59.00.0000.152.14.007.2020-180
8.	Date	25.08.2021

KEY INFORMATION

9.	Procurement sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10.	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB) under Development Budget.
11.	Development partners (if applicable)	None.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Expansion and Modernization of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS), Dhaka, Bangladesh.
14.	i. Submission of EOI	Expression of Interest (EOI) (both hard copy (one original & one copy) & soft copy), with the name of the assignment to be mentioned on the envelope or cover sheet, must be delivered to the address below (Sl. 20-23).
	ii. EOI closing date and time	Date: 23-09-2021 Time: Up to 15.00 hrs.

INFORMATION FOR INTERESTED CONSULTING FIRMS

15.	Brief description of the assignment	Consultancy services (Civil Construction and Renovation part) for Expansion and Modernization of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS), Dhaka, Bangladesh. [Package No. HED/BCPS-1]			
16.	Brief description of the services	The capacity of the existing auditorium at Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) is insufficient, and the auditorium is quite old, so a new auditorium with a greater capacity is required to meet the actual demand. Furthermore, in terms of BCPS needs, there is a crisis in classrooms, hall rooms, examination halls, and so on. For BCPS to be modernized, it will need to build a medical museum, a skill development lab, a scientific conference room and a meeting room. To accommodate these services in one facility, a 12-story multi-purpose building with three basements having a new auditorium with 1500 seats is envisaged. As a result, appointing a consultant firm to plan the construction of a 12-story structure with a 1500 seat capacity auditorium, basement, architectural design, and structural design is required. Following the completion of the architectural design, the consulting firm will create the initial structural design, sanitary and plumbing design, electrical design as well as electro mechanical design (Central Air Conditioning System, fire fighting, lift and substation etc), acoustic design, proper sound and lighting system for auditorium in order to carry out the construction work properly. The design will be finalized by the design section of Department of Health Engineering Department (HED), which will implement the construction work as executing agency. All the designs would be completed: Construction on the installation would have to begin after HED gave its clearance. A senior architect from the consulting firm, a senior structural engineer, and a senior electromechanical engineer having expertise in HVAC system from the consultant firm will check the construction activity at least twice a month during the project to guarantee appropriate implementation of the design. As per the above scope of work, the estimate of the consulting service fee of the consulting firm has been prepared as per the guideline of fee given in Schedule-9 of PPR 2006 [Rule 112 (8)].			
17.	Other details (if applicable)	The EOIs would be reviewed on the basis of the following: i. Information of the firms such as (a) Certificate of incorporation, (b) Updated trade license, (c) Turnover of the firm (last 5 years counting backward from date of EOI publication), (d) Document supporting financial capacity of the firm (last 5 years counting backward from date of EOI publication), (e) Support service of the consulting firms, etc. ii. Availability of key professional staff with the experience of similar works/assignments. iii. Availability of key professional staff with the experience of others works/assignments. iv. Experience of the consulting firms in similar assignments (including design, drawing & supervision). v. Experience of the consulting firms in other works/assignments (including design, drawing & supervision).			
18.	Association with foreign firms is:	Not applicable			
19.	Ref. No.	Phasing of services	Location	Indicative start date (month/year)	Indicative completion date (month/year)
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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS


20.	Name of the official inviting EOI	Brigadier General Bashir Ahmed, ndc, psc.
21.	Designation of the official inviting EOI	Chief Engineer.
22.	Address of the official inviting EOI	Health Engineering Department, 105-106, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.
23.	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	I. Telephone No. 958917, 9577918 II. Fax No.: 9587601 III. E-mail address: hedhq@yahoo.com
24.	Interested Consultants may obtain further information from the address above between 09:00am to 5.00pm on all working days until the deadline of EOI submission.	
25.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or rejects all EOIs.	

Brigadier General Bashir Ahmed, ndc, psc


Chief Engineer

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