

## RFL to provide pure water to 40 villages

STAR BUSINESS DESK

RFL Group yesterday announced that it would provide pure water to 40 villages in remote and char areas through tubewells marking its 40th anniversary.

“We are proud to be able to provide safe drinking water,” said Managing Director RN Paul on making the announcement at a hotel in the capital’s Badda, says a press release.

The programme awarded the company’s top 10 tube well distributors.

Shariful Islam, assistant general manager for marketing, Bijoy Islam Arif, brand manager, Md Taibur Rahman, operations in-charge, and Enam ul Haque, head of sales, were present.

## Most listed power companies see profits rise in Q1

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However, the extension process of the PPA of said plant is ongoing, it added.

Power generation companies do not seem to have much potential because of excess capacity in the industry, said Shahidul Islam, chief executive officer of VIPB Asset Management Company.

Over the past decade, the country’s power generation capacity quintupled from 4,942MW in 2009 to 25,235MW, including captive power and off-grid renewable energy, as of September this year, according to data from Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB).

There was almost 50 per cent overcapacity in FY2020-21, shows the data.

“So, there is a risk whether the BPDB would extend the PPAs,” Islam said.

The BPDB is the only buyer for most listed power generation companies but people can invest in the segment if they believe that the current share prices justify expected future dividends, he said.

“As the economy is rebounding, the demand for power and profitability of power companies may increase,” he added.

Meanwhile, the government has wisely cancelled further investment in coal-based power projects, said Muhammed Aziz Khan, founding chairman of Summit Power International, in its annual report for 2020-21.

On the other hand, technological advances have reduced power consumption. For example, motors have been replaced by small chips and LED bulbs by incandescent ones that provide the same output with far less electricity.

Therefore, many countries are experiencing a “false-excess” of power. Besides, the country’s inadequate transmission grids and distribution lines are creating a parallel paradox of so-called excess installed power capacity amid power cuts.

“When the world finds green technology to replace fossil fuels as a primary energy source, we need to plan for a bridge of ‘energy mix’ to meet the power demand for expected GDP growth,” Khan said.

Summit is focusing on cross-border imports of green energy at cheaper rates. This includes wind, water or solar power from India, Nepal and Bhutan as the price of LNG has soared in international markets, he added. Shahjibazar Power Generation logged higher profit growth in the year’s first quarter with 47 per cent, followed by Doreen Power, GBB Power, Energypac Power Generation and Baraka Patenga Power.

Doreen Power said in its financial report that its profits rose by 40.85 per cent compared to the same period last year because of a significant 28.99 per cent increase in revenue and 32.63 per cent decrease in finance cost.

## Private sector’s engagement in COP26

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The private sector’s mitigation finance is targeted at energy and transport sectors with a view to developing new energy-efficient technologies, renewable energy, and clean transport sectors.

On the other hand, global major brands, retailers and other companies, which comprise 778 businesses, urged the G20 countries to take action to limit the global temperature to 1.5C. These businesses employ 10 million people across the world.

They expressed their desire to work with major economies and requested the G20 governments to take action to strengthen the nationally determined contributions to halve global emissions by 2030, end new coal power development and develop plans to phase out coal-fired power generation for advanced economies.

These companies also called for removing barriers to corporate purchasing of 100 per cent renewable electricity and aligning public finance to develop fiscal policies required as part of supporting adaptation and resilience measures. They also requested for ensuring appropriate pricing signals by removing fossil fuel subsidies by 2025, making climate-related financial disclosure of risks, opportunities and impacts mandatory for corporations.

The fashion industry, which is a major contributor to global carbon emission, has expressed its desire under the Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action. The initiative comprises 130 companies and 41 supporting organisations, including Burberry, H&M Group, VF Corporation, Adidas, Kering, Chanel, Nike, and Puma as well as suppliers such as Crystal Group and TAL Apparel. The companies have updated their previous target of 30 per cent aggregated GHG emission reduction by 2030.

Another initiative called the Glasgow Declaration on Zero Emission Cars and Vans has pledged to accelerate its transition to low-carbon emission vehicles. Main signatories include Ford and General Motors and major corporate purchasers of vehicles, including LeasePlan, Sweden’s Volvo Cars, Daimler AG’s Mercedes-Benz, China’s BYD Co Ltd, and Jaguar Land Rover, a unit of India’s Tata Motors Ltd.

The Climate Group EP100 is another initiative to develop energy-

smart companies by addressing the climate change. The group aims to raise energy productivity through lowering emissions and improving competitiveness. Such an initiative will help accelerate clean energy transition.

The World Bank is working on climate change through its Climate Change Action Plan for 2021-25. The main objective is to support countries for green, resilient and inclusive development by helping governments and private sectors in reducing emissions.

CLIMATE GOVERNANCE

A number of initiatives have been identified with a view to standardising the reporting of private companies in alignment with climate-related reporting and practices.

The government of the UK made it mandatory for large companies to disclose data in alignment with the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). Such a disclosure help companies take risk-adjusted decision against systemic issues such as climate change.

The TCFD recommendations focus on four areas: (a) governance: disclosure of companies governance around climate-related risks and opportunities; (b) strategies: disclosure of actual and potential impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities on company’s businesses, strategy and financial planning; (c) risk management: disclosure of companies identities, assesses and manages climate-related risks; and (d) metrics and targets: disclosure of metrics and targets used to assess and manage relevant climate-related risks and opportunities.

According to the TCFD’s Annual Report of 2021, a total of 1,651 companies’ disclosures have been reviewed. Similar types of standardisation and reporting initiatives have been undertaken for other major climate emitter sectors.

TECHNOLOGY AND DATA SUPPORT FOR PRIVATE SECTOR

The private sector could be better supported through technologies and data. According to various news reports, Google develops geospatial data and data analytics that could better support its users against climate-related decision making.

Google is working with DeepMind with a view to improving its energy efficiency in its data centres. Similar kinds of artificial intelligence have

been used by other companies that offer services to individuals and companies to take climate-smart decisions.

LESSONS FOR BANGLADESH IN MOVING TOWARDS LOW CARBON EMISSION

Bangladesh has already indicated that it targets to improve its clean energy base to 40 per cent by 2041. This would amounted to be 24,000 MW of electricity to be generated through renewable energy. In this regard, the prime minister has urged developed countries and big financial and tech companies to invest in Bangladesh for clean energy.

In fact, Bangladesh needs support in terms of financing, investment, and technology and data support with a view to developing its clean energy base. In this context, Bangladesh’s Central Bank and private commercial banks, including multinational commercial banks working in Bangladesh, could seek support of global major financing alliance such as GFANZ, CFP, and EP100.

With a view to promoting carbon-free transport sector, Bangladesh government could seek support from the Glasgow Declaration on Zero Emission Cars and Vans where major transport companies are involved.

Bangladesh’s major export product, apparels, would require to standardise its energy use by reducing fossil fuel and increasing clean energy. In this connection, associations like the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) and the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) should immediately take necessary measures with regard to the Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action.

Major local companies should start working with their buyers and brands in developing their clean energy base in textiles and apparel production. Necessary standardisation and certifications need to be introduced at the factory level with the support of major global initiatives. These standards and certificates should highlight energy efficiency, clean energy development, and recycling wastes to promote circular economy.



## Invitation for Tenders



### Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Prime Minister’s Office.		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Navy.		
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Navy/Ashrayan-3 Project.		
4	Procuring entity code	224115700		
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.		
6	Invitation for	<b>Electrical Instruments for Harbour Area (02 in no 200KW/250KVA portable/trolley mounted Diesel Generator with 440V, 3 Phase, standard 200mtr X 4 Wire BRB/Paradise Supply Cable, Pier Electric Switch Board/Junction Box/ Distribution Board and others associated accessories at Bhasan Char).</b>		
7	Invitation Ref No.	PD Ashrayan-3 Project/2019-2020-2021/GD-30.		
8	Date	17.11.2021		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>				
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>				
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB.		
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Forward Base, Bhasan Char.		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	NA.		
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Ashrayan-3 (Development of Shelter House for Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals and Necessary Island Security Infrastructure at Bhasan Char in Char Isshor Union, Hatia, Noakhali) (1st Revision).		
14	Tender Package No.	GD-30.		
15	Tender package name	<b>Electrical Instruments for Harbour Area (02 in no 200KW/250KVA Diesel Generator).</b>		
16	Tender publication date	By IFT (17.11.2021)		
17	Tender last selling date	23.11.2021		
18	Tender closing date and time	24.11.2021	12.30	pm
19	Tender opening date and time	24.11.2021	13.30	pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)			
	- Selling tender document (principal)	Ashrayan-3 Project Office, NHQ, Banani, Dhaka.		
	- Selling tender document (others)	Nil.		
	No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents			
	- Receiving tender document	Ashrayan-3 Project Office, NHQ, Banani, Dhaka.		
	- Opening tender document	Ashrayan-3 Project Office, NHQ, Banani, Dhaka.		
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
21	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	Previous experience at Bhasan Char is preferred. However, BIN, TIN, income tax & type of contractor from NBR is to be updated. Bank solvency of more than BDT 50 lac is required from a reputed bank.		
22	Brief description of works	02 in no 200KW/250KVA portable/trolley mounted Diesel Generator with 440V, 3 Phase, standard 200mtr X 4 Wire BRB/Paradise Supply Cable, Pier Electric Switch Board/Junction Box/Distribution Board and others associated accessories at Bhasan Char (As per Standard Tender Document Schedule).		
	<b>During your proposal you should clarify the following issues:</b>			
	a. Details on BoQ. b. Particular of gensets. c. Details of associated accessories. d. Scope of supply. e. Delivery timeline including commissioning. f. OEM authorization and genuineness certificate. g. Warranty certificate. h. OEM PSI certificate.			
23	Maintenance of items (goods)	01 (one) year free maintenance after satisfactory test-trial of Gensets.		
24	Price of tender document (Tk)	1,500.00		
25	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (BDT)
	-	Electrical Instruments for Harbour Area (02 in no 200KW/250KVA Diesel Generator)	Bhasan Char	50,000.00 (fifty thousand only)
				To be mentioned (Maximum 45 days are preferred for delivery & installation)
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>				
26	Signature and name of official inviting tender		 <b>Cdre M Rashed Sattar</b> Project Director Ashrayan-3 Project Prime Minister’s Office Naval Headquarters Banani, Dhaka-1213	
27	Designation of official inviting tender			
28	Address of official inviting tender			
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	9836141-9 Ext 2565	ashrayan3bn@gmail.com	
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.			
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## Lagarde stays quiet on ECB rate rises beyond 2022

AFP, Frankfurt

European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde said on Monday she would not “venture” into speculation over interest rate rises in 2023 amid pressure for the bank to define its response to high inflation.

“I don’t think I will venture into 2023,” Lagarde told the European Parliament’s Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, repeating her statement from earlier in the month that rates were “very unlikely” to change in 2022.

“Inflation has been surprising to the upside for a while,” Lagarde said after the measure hit 4.1 per cent in the eurozone in October, a 13-year high driven by soaring energy prices. The bank nonetheless expects inflation to remain below its two-percent inflation target “in the medium term”, Lagarde said.

The ECB expected “higher wages in 2022 than in 2021” as employees set about negotiating new pay deals with business, she said.

## Online entity in Tk 15cr fraud case

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The catch was that a one-year “membership account” had to be availed first for Tk 1,300, against which Jeka Bazar provided a bag containing some of the products alongside Tk 300 in “shopping balance”, usable only for purchasing their products.

This had lured, according to some, as many as 25,000 people with low incomes in Pabna, Rajbari and adjoining areas to avail “accounts” in the last couple of months.

Following the drive, Jeka Bazar officials went into hiding, leaving the account holders in limbo. The Daily Star found one person who had around 100 such “accounts”.

Md Abdullah of Nazirganj village in Pabna’s Sujanagar upazila is employed for manual work by a private company for around Tk 15,000 a month. He had bought accounts with Tk 1.25 lakh from his savings with hopes of racking up Tk 30,000 a month. In the first month, he did get paid Tk 27,000.

But the sudden shutdown has left him in disarray. “I had saved this little amount from my poor income. Tempted by the lucrative offer I had invested all of my savings. Now I see no way of recovering my investment...all is totally lost,” Abdullah said.

Another “account” holder, Md Maruf Hossain, a resident of the upazila’s Kholilpur, said he was one of lucky ones whose losses were not that much.

“Many people invested huge amounts leasing out of their properties, even their homes,” he said.

“Most of Jeka Bazar’s local agents are now avoiding us while we are worried over getting back our investment,” he said.



### Government of the people’s Republic of Bangladesh

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Date:-13-11-2021.

Memo no:CDH/Tender/2021-2022/Outsourcing/558.

**INVITATION FOR TENDER**

Sealed tender are here by invited from recognized Contractor/Suppliers to supply Outsourcing manpower for Chest Disease Hospital, Fouzderhat, Chattogram in the fiscal year 2021-2022. As per PPA-2006 & PPR-2008 (including all corrigendum) Terms and conditions are follow(s):

<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	
02	Agency	Chest Disease Hospital, Fouzderhat, Chattogram.	
03	PE Name,Designation & Contact details	(Dr. S M Nurul karim) Medical Superintendent, CDH.	
04	Procuring Entity Code & District	GOB, Chattogram.	
05	Invitation for	Tender for procurement of supplying outsourcing manpower for CDH, Fouzderhat, Chattogram in the fiscal year 2021-2022.	
06	Tender Ref.no & date	45.00.0000.140.11.005.21.1395; Date:-13-11-2021.	
07	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (OTM).	
08	Budget and Source of Fund	GOB in Bangladesh Taka.	
09	Tender Schedule Selling Date & Time	From Date of published to 30-11-2021 During office hours.	
10	Tender Dropping & Closing Date & Time	02-12-2021; 10.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M	
11	Tender Opening Date & Time	02-12-2021; 11.30 A.M.	
12	<b>NAME &amp; ADDRESS OF THE OFFICE’S</b>		
	Selling Tender Document	Cashier, Office of the Medical Superintendent. Chest Disease Hospital, Fouzderhat, Chattogram.	
	Receiving Tender Document	Office of the Medical Superintendent. Chest Disease Hospital, Fouzderhat, Chattogram.	
	Tender Document Opening place	Office of the Medical Superintendent. Chest Disease Hospital, Fouzderhat, Chattogram.	
13	Bidders Eligibility (Bidders has to submit these certificates/attested photocopy (as applicable) deficiency of any of these document would be counted as ineligibility of the respective bidder)	Must be a Bangladeshi Citizen and should submit copy of National identity card(NID), 02 (two) passport size photo of the bidder/representative, Electronic TIN(e-TIN) registration certificate, Valid Trade license(manpower supplier) for the fiscal year 2021-22, BIN(Business identification number) certificate(13 Digits), chamber of commerce certificate the fiscal year 2020-2021, In case of Ltd. company corporation charter, Bank statement (original computer sheet) from 01-07-2020 to 30-06-2021, =20,00000/- (Twenty laces) Bank Deposit status 01-07-2020 to 30-06-2021, Financial solvency certificate stating amount 50,00000/- (Fifty Laces) from any scheduled Bank with the bidder holding an account.	
14	Details manpower	Job Title	Number of Manpower
		Baburchi	02
		Assistant Baburchi/ Moshalchi	04
		Total =04 only	
15	<b>Description of Group,price of tender document,tender security etc.</b>		
	Sl.No.	Description of Group	Price of tender document in BDT Code No-I-2711-0000-2366, any branch of Sonali Bank Ltd With Treasury Chalan Online Verification, Non Re-fundable.
	01	Tender for procurement of supplying outsourcing manpower	1000.00(One Thousand Only)
			25,000.00(Twenty Five Thousands Taka Only)
16	Description of related services		
	Other’s Detailed description in tender booklet.		

Note:01..Corrigendum if necessary in future will be a part of this notice.The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason what so ever.

02..If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.

  
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All Bidders must submit tender through Tender Booklet prepared by procuring entity and abide by the terms and conditions stated in the Tender Booklet.

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