

Md Sirajul Hoque, deputy managing director of Social Islami Bank Ltd, cuts a ribbon in Dhaka to virtually inaugurate the bank's 98th sub-branch on the Begumganj intersection, Noakhali yesterday. Md Shamsul Hoque, deputy managing director of the bank, and Abdul Hannan Khan, company secretary, were present.



ABM Mokammel Hoque Chowdhury, managing director of Union Bank Ltd, cuts a ribbon in Dhaka to virtually inaugurate a couple of sub-branches at the College Gate in Tongi and Chhatak in Sunamganj yesterday. Md Habibur Rahman, additional managing director of the bank, and Hasan Iqbal and Md Nazrul Islam, deputy managing directors, were present.

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Request for Expressions of Interest (Re Advertisement)

	Government	of the People's Republic of	Bangladesh					
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works.						
2	Agency	Urban Development Directorate.						
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, 'Preparation of Payra-Kuakata Comprehensive Plan focusing on Eco-Tourism, Urban Development Directorate.						
4	Procuring entity code	1320401	1320401					
5	Title of service	Survey by acquisition of satellite Image for "Preparation of Payra-Kuakata Comprehensive Plan focusing on Eco-Tourism".						
6	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.						
7	Expression of interest for selection of	Consulting Firm	Lump sum					
8	EOI Ref. No.	25.45.0000.000.14.051.17.117						
9	Date	29/11/2021						
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10	Procurement method	Selection under a Fixed Budget.	Selection under a Fixed Budget.					
FUN	NDING INFORMATION							
11	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget	GOB					
12	Development partners	N/A.						
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13	Project code	1320401-223012800						
14	Project name	Preparation of Payra-Kuakata Comprehensive Plan focusing on Eco-Tourism.						
15	EOI closing date and time	Survey by acquisition of satellite Image for "Preparation of Payra-Kuakata Comprehensive Plan focusing on Eco-Tourism" on 15/12/2021 at 12:30pm.						
INF	INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT							

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT 16 Brief description of assignment

Survey by acquisition of satellite Image for "Preparation of Payra-Kuakata Comprehensive Plan. Acquisition of Close range aerial photograph of about 15000 acre, 3D digitization, Collection of GCP, DEM, Inundation simulation Model, 3D mesh model/Ortho-photo, Close range aerial video etc.

17 Experience, resources and delivery capacity required.

Name of services	Equipment and software	Experience and logistics	Professionals					
Survey by acquisition of	Image Processing software,	a) Firms/with general	Photogrammetric					
satellite Image for "Preparation of	GIS, Photogrammetric, Work	experience of 5 years.	expert, GIS expert.					
Payra-Kuakata Comprehensive								
Plan focusing on Eco-Tourism"		experience.						
Other resources include office space, financial and managerial strength, computer and other logistics.								
18 Other details Interested consulting Firms are hereby invited to submit Fel containing printed brochures								

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acquisition of satellite Image for "Preparation of Payra-Kuakata Comprehensive Plan focusing on Eco-Tourism".

19 Association with Not encouraged.

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20	Name of services		Location		ı	Indicative start date	Indicative completion date	
	Survey by acquisition of		Amtali,	Taltoli,	Barguna	January, 2022	January, 2023*	
	satellite Image for		Sadar,	Р	athargata,			
	"Preparation of Payra-		Galachipa, Rangabali,		Rangabali,			
	Kuakata Comprehensive		Kalapara Upazila, Barisal		a, Barisal			
	Plan focusing on E	Eco-	co- Regional Office and Dhaka					
	Tourism"		Head Off	ice				
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS								

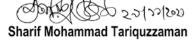
21 Name of official inviting Eol

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ı	22	Designation of official inviting Eol	Senior Planner & Project Director, "Preparation of Payra-Kuakata						
ı			Comprehensive Plan focusing on Eco-Tourism (PKCP)".						
I	23	Address of official inviting Eol	Room No. 612, 5th Floor, Urban Development Directorate, 82,						
ı			Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.						
I	24	Contact details of official inviting Eol	tact details of official inviting Eol Phone No. +88-02-9556234; Fax No. +88-02-9557868						
I	25	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs without assigning any reason.							
-1		* As not approved DDD project duration is up to December 2004. The project duration will be extended subject to							

Sharif Mohammad Tariquzzaman.

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Senior Planner & Project Director "Preparation of Payra-Kuakata Comprehensive Plan focusing on Eco-Tourism"

Shut 20 years ago, yet spent Tk 33cr

FROM PAGE B1

The crane used to unload goods from vessels is rusting away. And the walkways on the mill premises, which once was abuzz with busy workers and the sounds of their footsteps, have all

The mill was established on 88.68acres of land in 1957 thanks to the availability of Gewa wood and labourers in surrounding districts. It began commercial production in

At that time, the mill had an annual production capacity of 48,000 tonnes.

The mill authorities said the venture had been profitable for a long time. It began to suffer losses since 1992.

In fiscal year (FY) 1995-96, many private sector businesspeople started importing paper from abroad following the withdrawal of a 75 per cent import duty on newsprint.

As a result, demand for the mill's less bright, 52 grammes per square feet newsprint decreased.

In addition, the mill's losses continued to increase due to the government setting paper prices without adjusting to the cost of production, a crisis of working capital and raw materials and increase in furnace oil prices.

Between 1995 and 2002, the mill incurred a loss of Tk 284 crore, according to mill sources.

Production was stopped November 30, 2002 due to continued losses and capital shortages, leaving about 3,000 officers and workers without a job.

However in the following 20 years or so, at least Tk 33 crore was spent for paying salaries of around 50 people, including five permanent officers and 30 security guards, who still remain employed; electricity bills, water pump and guest house maintenance and office expenses.

During a recent visit to the mill, a notice dated 2002 was seen still hanging on a bulletin board.

The production and marketing department issued the notice, mentioning that they had halted production due to problems in the marketing process.

It seems hopes were still flickering for the mill to resume operations sometime in the near future but the moment never came about.

Officials say the mill's machineries were getting damaged due to negligence and carelessness. There are also allegations that some machineries were also stolen.

A security guard said burglars on engine boats arrive at night over the consulting firm before starting the

Bhairab river and grab parts and implementation work. equipment.

'Guards cannot prevent them as they are well equipped with sharp weapons and guns," he added. Khokon Chandra Das, the mill's managing director, denies equipment has been stolen. "It is not true," he said.

BANK OWED TK 400CR

While the mill was in operation, a loan of Tk 57 crore was taken from the corporate branch of Sonali Bank in 1997 by mortgaging the whole piece of land the mill stood onto procure raw materials.

The debt stood at Tk 404.87 crore on June 30, 2021, including unrealised interest, after only Tk 56 crore being paid recently, according to an official of Sonali Bank's Khulna corporate branch.

The mill is the bank's "biggest defaulter", he said.

Despite the mortgage, the BCIC sold some 50 acres of the land to North-West Power Generation Company, which is constructing a power plant on it, for Tk 586 crore, according to a BCIC source.

Seeking anonymity, a senior official of Sonali Bank's Khulna corporate branch told The Daily Star, "We have not taken any action against the mill authorities because the power plant is under the priority project of the prime

According to the mill authorities, the mill was listed with a privatisation commission on February 8, 2005 for denationalisation. They invited tenders for sale of the factory twice but the initiative fell through.

They said the mill's ownership was handed back to the industries ministry in August 2008.

A committee was formed the following year to reopen the mill and it conducted technical surveys.

The committee proposed to install three offset or printing paper production plants at a cost of Tk 422 crore. The proposal was not accepted by the government, officials said.

Then, in 2014, the Planning Commissionsent a proposal to the Prime Minister's Office to set up an industrial park there. There has been no progress on this regard. The BCIC proposed a Tk 855 crore

project in FY 2016-17 to build a new factory. The bid was rejected too. **NEW FACTORY PLANS**

Now the BCIC plans to set up a

new factory on the premises. It will verify the technical and financial feasibility of the plan within the next four months through a

The state-run corporation has recently conducted an internal survey.

An official related to the survey said the land was suitable for setting up three types of industries - a paper or starch mill or an active pharmaceutical ingredient park.

Recently, a letter signed by Shekhar Bhattacharjee, general manager of the BCIC, asked them to prepare five types of reports, comprising digital surveys and soil and water analysis, to take up the new project.

Contacted, Khokon Chandra Das, the mill's managing director, said the factory failed at many issues including keeping pace with time.

"We declared the out-of-work machineries as scrap, and preparing to sell those. On the other hand, the plans to set up a new factory are undergoing," he said.

Dilwar Hossain, a resident of a neighbourhood adjacent to the mill, said successive governments made promises of reopening the mill with various schemes in the past.

"None came true. If the mill is commissioned, the people of the area will benefit directly and indirectly," he

WHAT EXPERTS SAY

Economist Zaid Bakht suggested exploring public-private partnerships (PPP) to make better use of the state mills. He said state mills should be permanently shut down if they have no use or bring no benefit to the state.

"We have the bitter experience regarding the PPP, but if we could follow the proper process, it is better to re-launch the mills under the PPP,"

Khondaker Golam Moazzem, research director of the Centre for Policy Dialogue, said the mill should first be audited by an international audit firm to determine its assets and

He said since the place was ready and has facilities, if the government wants, they can give the place to Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority for setting up an industrial enclave.

However, it should be kept in mind that no entrepreneur will agree to set up an industry on this land again if there is a large bank debt of behind this land, added Moazzem.

If reopened through modernisation, the mill could play an important role in the country's paper industry, said Sheikh Ashrafuzzaman, secretary general of Greater Khulna Unnayan Sangram Samannay Committee.

demanded commissioning of the mill.

Bangladesh a favourable destination for Turkish investors FROM PAGE B4

In FY2020-21, Bangladesh's exports to Turkey stood at \$499.79 million. And although the

transcontinental nation sourced just 0.21 per cent of its imports from Bangladesh in the current fiscal year, the country could be a key focus for trade and investment under Turkey's Asia Anew initiative, he said.

However, Hulva Gedik, chairperson of the Turkey-Bangladesh Business Council, said Bangladesh is not a well-known investment destination among Turkish people due to a lack of communication even though the council opened a Bangladesh **Business Centre in Turkey** to this end.

Mustafa Osman Turan, Turkey's ambassador to Bangladesh, said Bangladesh wants to become a developed nation by 2041 and Turkey aims to be the world's 10th largest economy but without a sustainable partnership, neither goal can be achieved.

Bangladesh's ICT, pharmaceutical and light engineering sectors have good potential to attract foreign direct investment, he added. Kenan Kalayci, commercial counsellor of the Turkish embassy, said trade between Bangladesh and Turkey increased by about 20 per cent in the last nine months.

Considering the current growth rate, Kalayci expects bilateral trade will soon reach the \$2-billion mark.

Gedik also met Md Jashim Uddin, president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), earlier in the day.

"We are interested to explore trade and investment opportunities in Bangladesh in areas such as cyber-security, jute, fruits and vegetables," Gedik said.



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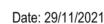
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