

Solidarity
with Sust
students

STAR REPORT

Protests continue to rage on in solidarity with the students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust), as many are holding demonstrations and releasing statements to denounce the recent events at the institution.

Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association yesterday protested against Sust Vice Chancellor Prof Farid Uddin Ahmed for making "offensive remarks" about female students of JU.

The remarks made by Prof Farid about JU's female students were highly insulting and disrespectful, according to a statement signed by Prof Laek Sazzad Andallah, president of the teachers' association, and Prof Md Motaheer Hossain, its general secretary.

The statement said, "We strongly protest and express our discontent with the offensive remarks."

"We hope he [Prof Farid] will publicly apologise for his mistake and withdraw the indecent remarks," the statement added.

Meanwhile, leaders and activists of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) also expressed solidarity with Sust students, who are now observing a hunger strike demanding resignation of Prof Farid.

JCD held a protest rally yesterday morning on Dhaka University (DU) campus. They also demanded withdrawal of the case filed against the students.

Around 400 leaders and activists participated in the rally. Afterwards, they brought out a procession from Raju Memorial Sculpture, which ended in front of Shahbagh National Museum.

"We always try to stand beside our student friends. Today, we expressed our solidarity with Sust students. If the university authorities do not accept the students' demand, we will announce a tougher movement in solidarity," said Rakibul Islam Rakib, convener of JCD's DU unit.

JCD president Fazlur Rahman Khokon, member secretary Aman Ullah Aman, and top central leaders were present at the rally. Another rally will be held today at TSC, where teachers, activists and journalists will be present.

'Won't back down till
VC steps down'Sust students resolute on their demand;
hunger strike taking toll on protesters

Demanding Sust VC Farid Uddin Ahmed's resignation, students staging a hunger strike in front of his residence on the campus for the second straight day yesterday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Five students were hospitalised and nine fell sick till yesterday evening, as the hunger strike, demanding resignation of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) vice chancellor, continues.

The students began the strike at 2:50pm on Wednesday, as VC Farid Uddin Ahmed did not step down by that noon, despite the students' ultimatum.

Quoting a volunteer physician at the spot, a spokesperson of the protesting students said, "The students on hunger strike are suffering from dehydration as well

as low sodium and potassium levels. Some have low blood pressure, nausea, and low glucose and sugar levels."

Some 10 students were receiving intravenous saline and vitamin supplements, he said, adding that they will continue the protest till their demand is met.

Earlier in the noon, around 50 teachers led by treasurer Prof Anwarul Islam came to talk to the students and urged them to sit for a discussion to resolve the issues.

However, the students refused and urged them to join their cause. The protesters had refused teachers' requests on Wednesday night as well.

The treasurer said, "We'll try to convince the students to call off the strike. We are sorry for the situation and urge them to consider the formal procedure."

"They [students] have already urged President Abdul Hamid, the highest authority. We are also urging the president and prime minister to investigate Sunday's matter. If the VC is at fault, steps will be taken against him," he said.

The treasurer added that the university authorities also urged police to withdraw the case filed against 200-300 unnamed students on Monday.

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COVID-19 IN CTG
75pc patients at
2 hospitals down
with Omicron
Finds study

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chattogram

Researchers in Chattogram have found that around 75 percent of Covid-19 patients at two major port city hospitals were infected by the Omicron variant.

The information was published in a German international database -- Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data -- yesterday, said Dr Abdul Mannan, a researcher and associate professor of genetic engineering and biotechnology at Chittagong University.

Dr HM Hamidullah Mehedi, consultant of medicine at Chattogram General Hospital, and Dr Mannan led the research conducted on Covid-19 patients admitted to Chattogram General Hospital and Chattogram Maa-O-Shishu Hospital between November 2021 and the first week of January 2022.

The researchers selected samples of 30 patients at random for genome sequencing, said Dr Mannan, adding that the patients ranged from newborns to octogenarians.

"It was found that all patients admitted before December 25 were infected by the Delta variant, while around 75 percent patients admitted afterwards were infected by Omicron," he said.

Dr Mehedi said two of the Omicron patients were infected by the BA.2 or "stealth variant of Omicron", a recent variant which has been found in the US, India, China and Oman.

"Although researchers have termed the variant not dangerous, they said it is quite difficult to detect it, due to some new changes in its spike protein," he said.

Ninety percent of patients infected by Omicron showed symptoms of sore throat and changes in vocal pattern, while 85 percent felt headache and body-ache, and 80 percent had fever. All patients infected by Omicron were over 21 years old.

Dr Mannan said further research should be conducted with a vast number of samples from multiple hospitals to know more about the dominance of Omicron in Chattogram.

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| Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh | | | | |
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| Director (CMSD) | | | | |
| Department of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Dhaka | | | | |
| Tender for Goods (Single Lot) | | | | |
| Ref. No. CMSD/G-2114/ICT/2021-22/Proc.D-2/16 | | | Dated: 19/01/2022 | |
| KEY INFORMATION | | | | |
| 1 | Procurement method/document | ICT Open. | | |
| FUNDING INFORMATION | | | | |
| 2 | Source of funds | Development Budget (Aid Grant/Credit). | | |
| 3 | Development partner | | | |
| PARTICULAR INFORMATION | | | | |
| 4 | Project/programme code | | | |
| 5 | Project/programme name | | | |
| 6 | Tender package No. | G-2114. | | |
| 7 | Tender package name | Procurement of "Anti Retro Viral Drug (Group-1)". | | |
| 8 | Tender publication date | 23/01/2022. | | |
| 9 | Tender last selling date | 06/03/2022. | | |
| 10 | Tender closing date and time | 07/03/2022 11:00am. | | |
| 11 | Tender opening date and time | 07/03/2022 11:10am. | | |
| 12 | Name and address of the office(s) | | | |
| | -Selling tender document (principal) | Central Medical Stores Depot, 30, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani, Tejgaon, Dhaka. | | |
| | -Selling tender document (others) | CMSD. | | |
| | -Receiving tender document | Do. | | |
| | -Opening tender document | Do. | | |
| 13 | Place/date/time for pre-tender meeting | Conference Room, Room No. 115, Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD), 30, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208. 03/02/2022 11:10am. | | |
| INFORMATION FOR TENDERER | | | | |
| 14 | Eligibility of tenderer | Tender will be conducted through the International Competitive Tender (ICT) procedures specified in the tender schedule and PPA-2006 & PPR-2008. | | |
| 15 | Brief description of goods or works | Anti Retro Viral Drug (Group-1). | | |
| 16 | Brief description of related services | As per Technical Specification. | | |
| 17 | Tender document price | BDT 4,000.00 (Taka four thousand) or US\$ 50.00 (US Dollar fifty) only payment will be in Pay Order from any scheduled Bank in Bangladesh. | | |
| 17 | Lot No. | Identification | Location | Tender security amount in Taka |
| | Single | Procurement of "Anti Retro Viral Drug (Group-1)" | Central Medical Stores Depot, 30, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208. | BDT 2,50,000.00 or US\$ 2900.00 |
| | | | | To be delivered on or before 16 weeks after opening of the letter of credit for delivery from abroad or after signing of the contract for delivery from within Bangladesh & Bids offering delivery beyond 16 weeks will be treated as non-responsive. |
| PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS | | | | |
| 18 | Name of official inviting tender | Mohammad Mukhlesur Rahman Sarker. | | |
| 19 | Designation of official inviting tender | Director (CMSD). | | |
| 20 | Address of official inviting tender | CMSD, 30, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani, Tejgaon, Dhaka. | | |
| 21 | Contact details of official inviting tender | Tel. No. 88-2-48115486, Fax: 88-02-9126547, E-mail: cmsdstore@dhaka.net. | | |
| The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. | | | | |
| Mohammad Mukhlesur Rahman Sarker Director (Joint Secretary) Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD) Health Services Division Ministry of Health & Family Welfare | | | | |

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| Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) | | | | |
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| TCB Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215 | | | | |
| www.tcb.gov.bd | | | | |
| Commercial Section | | | | |
| Invitation for Tender (International) of | | | | |
| a) 30,00,000 (±5%) Liter Refined Soyabean Oil | | | | |
| b) 6,000 (±5%) M. Ton White Refined Sugar | | | | |
| c) 4,000 (±5%) M. Ton Whole Husked (Without Husk) Ref Lentil | | | | |
| 1 | Ministry/Division | Ministry of Commerce. | | |
| 2 | Agency | Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB). | | |
| 3 | Procuring entity name | Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB, Dhaka. | | |
| 4 | Procuring entity code | Not applicable. | | |
| 5 | Procuring entity district | Dhaka. | | |
| 6 | Invitation for | a) Refined Soyabean Oil, b) White Refined Sugar, c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil. | | |
| 7 | Invitation Ref. No. | a) 26.05.0000.016.08.007.22.186, b) 26.05.0000.016.08.007.22.187, c) 26.05.0000.016.08.007.22.188. | | |
| 8 | Date | 20/01/2022. | | |
| KEY INFORMATION | | | | |
| 9 | Procurement method | Open Tendering Method (OTM) (International). | | |
| FUNDING INFORMATION | | | | |
| 10 | Budget and source of funds | TCB's own fund. | | |
| PARTICULAR INFORMATION | | | | |
| 11 | Package No. | a) TCB/Imp-41/Soyabean Oil/2021-22, b) TCB/Imp-41/Sugar/2021-22, TCB/Imp-41/Red Lentil/2021-22 | | |
| 12 | Package name | a) Refined Soyabean Oil, b) White Refined Sugar, c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil. | | |
| 13 | Tender publication date | 21/01/2022. | | |
| 14 | Tender documents last selling date and time | Date | Time | |
| | | 06/03/2022 | 17:00pm | |
| 15 | Tender closing date and time | 07/03/2022 12:00pm | | |
| 16 | Tender opening date and time | 07/03/2022 12:15pm | | |
| 17 | Name & address of the office(s) | Address | | |
| | -Selling tender document of each item can be purchased from the banks & offices as mentioned in right column. | (1) Sonali Bank Ltd, Kawran Bazar Branch, TCB Bhaban, Dhaka. (2) Trust Bank Ltd, Kawran Bazar Branch, and (3) Accounts & Finance Division, TCB's Principal Office at Dhaka. | | |
| | -Receiving tender document | In front of TCB's reception (2nd Floor), TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka. | | |
| | -Opening tender document | Board Room, TCB. | | |
| INFORMATION FOR TENDERER | | | | |
| 18 | Eligibility of tenderer | Bonafide suppliers, details conditions will be mentioned in the tender documents. | | |
| 19 | Brief description of goods | Import of a) 3,000,000 (±5%) (Three Million Plus Minus Five Percent) Liter Refined Soyabean Oil Packed in 02 (two) Liter Food Grade PET Bottle. b) 6,000 (±5%) (Six Thousand Plus Minus Five Percent) M. Tons Whole Husked (Without Husk) Ref Lentil. c) 4,000 (±5%) (Four Thousand Plus Minus Five Percent) M. Tons Whole Husked (Without Husk) Ref Lentil. | | |
| 20 | Price of tender document | Price of (a) Refined Soyabean Oil tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five thousand), (b) White Refined Sugar tender documents is Taka 5,000 (Five thousand) & (c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five thousand). | | |
| 21 | Lot No. | Identification of lot | Location | Tender security amount (USD/BDT) |
| | 1 | a) Refined Soyabean Oil b) White Refined Sugar c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil | Offers are to be made on CFR (C) Chattogram (Previous name Chittagong) by Sea. | Tender is to be submitted along with Tender Security amounting to: a) USD 1,04,047.00 (US Dollar One Lac Four Thousand Forty-Seven) or BDT 90,000,000.00 (BDT Ninety Lac) Only b) USD 1,04,047.00 (US Dollar One Lac Four Thousand Forty-Seven) or BDT 90,000,000.00 (BDT Ninety Lac) Only c) USD 86,706.00 (US Dollar Eighty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Six) or BDT 75,000,000.00 (BDT Seventy-Five Lac) Only in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee. The successful tenderer is to submit 5% (Five Percent) Performance Security in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee. |
| PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS | | | | |
| 22 | Name of official inviting tender | Md. Shekhabur Rahaman. | | |
| 23 | Designation of official inviting tender | Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB Kawran Bazar, Dhaka. | | |
| 24 | Address of official inviting tender | Principal Office, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB), 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka. | | |
| 25 | Contact details of official inviting tender | Telephone No. 02-8180074 | Fax No. 880-2-8180057 | E-mail: tcb@tcb.gov.bd , tcbimp@tcb.gov.bd |
| 26 | Special instructions: | | | |
| | a. Incomplete, conditional tender and alternative offer shall not be considered. | | | |
| | b. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason. | | | |
| | c. Tenderer who was awarded the Notification of Awarded (NOA) earlier but could not submit Performance Security (PS) in due time, will not be eligible for the tender. | | | |
| | d. Tenderer whose Performance Security (PS) was partially or totally forfeited earlier will not be eligible to participate in the tender. | | | |
| Md. Shekhabur Rahaman Chief Officer (Commercial) | | | | |

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