

## Taliban shut down human rights body Promise 'good news' on girls' education in Afghanistan

AFP, Kabul

Taliban authorities yesterday said they have dissolved Afghanistan's independent human rights commission as it was "not considered necessary".

Since the hardline Islamists seized power last August they have closed several bodies that protected the freedoms of Afghans, including the electoral commission and the ministry for women's affairs.

"We have some other organisations to carry out activities related to human rights, organisations that are linked to the judiciary," deputy government spokesman Inamullah Samangani told AFP, without elaborating.

The work of the rights commission, which included documenting civilian casualties of Afghanistan's two-decade war, was halted when the Taliban ousted a US-backed government last year and the body's top officials fled the country.

The National Security Council and a reconciliation council that promoted peace were also shut down at the weekend as the government announced its first annual budget.

Heather Barr, associate women's rights director at Human Rights Watch, said it was shocking to see Afghanistan backslide with the closures.

Afghanistan's interior minister promised "very good news" soon on the return of girls to secondary schools, in a rare interview broadcast Monday by CNN. "I would like to provide some clarification. There is no one who opposes education for women," said Sirajuddin Haqqani.

He argued that girls could already go to primary school. "Above that grade, the work is continuing on a mechanism" to allow girls to attend secondary school, he said in his first televised interview.



Israeli security forces detain a man as they clash with Palestinians outside the Old City of Jerusalem, on Monday night. More than 70 Palestinians were wounded in overnight clashes with Israeli forces at a Jerusalem funeral, Palestinian medics said yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## ECONOMIC CRISIS IN SRI LANKA President escapes censure motion

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's beleaguered president side-stepped a censure motion yesterday after his fractured coalition rallied to delay a resolution blaming him for the country's worst economic crisis.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa's shaky coalition voted against taking up the unprecedented "displeasure of parliament" motion.

The non-binding motion was proposed by the main opposition Tamil party, the Tamil National Alliance, saying it echoed the demands of thousands of anti-government demonstrators who have for weeks been seeking Rajapaksa's resignation.

Shortages of food, fuel and medicines, along with record inflation and lengthy blackouts, have brought severe hardships to Sri Lankans, in the worst financial crisis since



independence from Britain in 1948. The president's elder brother Mahinda stepped down as prime minister last week and in a bid to defuse mounting public anger, Gotabaya appointed opposition politician Ranil Wickremesinghe to replace him.

Wickremesinghe has won crucial support from the two main opposition parties to form a "unity government" to pull the country out of the dire

economic crisis, but had yet to form a full cabinet on Monday afternoon.

He was expected to name a new cabinet later, but political sources said negotiations were still underway on sharing portfolios.

In an address to the nation Monday, Wickremesinghe said the country had run out of petrol and that the "next couple of months will be the most difficult ones of our lives".

Most petrol stations in the capital were closed yesterday with long queues outside the few that were still open. Sri Lanka had run out of dollars to finance essential imports, Wickremesinghe said, and three oil tankers were waiting off Colombo to be paid before they would unload.

The country was also out of 14 essential drugs including anti-rabies vaccines, the premier said, adding suppliers of medicines had not been paid for about four months.

## Provide arms for fight against junta Myanmar's NUG urges West

REUTERS

The defence chief of Myanmar's shadow government has called for international help to arm its resistance forces fighting the ruling military, requesting support similar to that being given to Ukrainians battling invading Russian troops. The people of Ukraine and Myanmar's pro-democracy militias are all fighting for freedom and giving their lives, but those taking on Myanmar's well-equipped army need more than international solidarity, said Yee Mon, the National Unity Government's (NUG) defence minister.

"The stance of international community for Myanmar is moral support for us and we are grateful for it. We will be much more appreciative if we get physical support such as arms and funding," he said in handwritten remarks provided to Reuters. "With that support, we will be able to end the revolution sooner..." The NUG declared a "defensive war" in the countryside to stifle efforts by the military to consolidate power after its crackdown on protests.



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## ASI releases pics of closed rooms of Taj Mahal

TNN, Agra

The Archeological Survey of India (ASI) recently released pictures of some of the 22 underground rooms of the Taj Mahal, which were opened in January this year for carrying out conservation work, reports Anuja Jaiswal. This was done to debunk claims about the presence of Hindu idols and structures in the so-called "permanently locked" rooms, as was claimed in a petition filed in the Allahabad high court (HC). The Lucknow bench of the HC had dismissed the petition filed by BJP media in charge of Ayodhya, Rajneesh Singh, last week that sought permission to open the "locked rooms" and get a survey done to ascertain the presence of idols of Hindu deities. TOI had reported on May 13 quoting senior ASI officials that the Taj Mahal's below the main structure were "not always locked" and that they had no idols. The officials had said that "various records and reports reviewed till now have not shown the existence of any (Hindu) idols".

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited

Dhaka Mass Transit Development Project (Line-5) Southern Route [PRF]  
Probashi Kallyan Bhavan, Level-02  
71-72 Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000



Date: 18/05/2022

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

1	Ministry	:	Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges
2	Division	:	Road Transport and Highways Division
3	Name of Procuring Entity	:	Project Director Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Development Project (Line-5): Southern Route [PRF]
4	Expression of Interest for Selection of Individual Consultant	:	Structure Specialist
5	EOI Reference No	:	35.05.0000.301.14.002.21.966
6	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	:	18/05/2022
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
7	Procurement Sub Method	:	ICS
8	Type of Bidding	:	National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>			
9	Budget & Source of Funds	:	Development Budget, GoB and Asian Development Bank (ADB) Fund
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>			
10	Project Name & Code	:	Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Development Project (Line-5), Southern Route [PRF] 223038600
11	EOI Closing Date & Time	:	31 May 2022, 11:59 PM in Manila time standard
<b>INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT</b>			
12	Brief Description of Assignment	:	Provide technical and analytical support to Project Director and other technical members of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) regarding civil engineering structural design for depot, tunnel, viaduct, underground and elevated stations. Specifically, the consultant shall assist the technical team of Project Director in ensuring adequacy, appropriateness, soundness as well as optimality, at least cost, of the designs developed by the Engineering Design Consultant related to railway structures as mentioned in the above section including the related documents (survey reports, drawings and other reports) submitted by consulting firm. To ensure consistency and optimality of the overall detailed engineering design of the project, the consultant shall work in close coordination with the other individual consultants including Railway Specialist, Railway Civil Engineering Specialist, and Tunnel Expert, to be engaged concurrently by the DMTCI under the project.
13	Educational Qualification, Experience, Resources & Delivery Capacity Required	:	Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering or relevant field. Candidates having advanced academic degree, i.e., Masters or PhD and/or professional qualifications in structural engineering will be given preference. Have 15 years of general experience out of which 10 years' proven working experience in planning, designing and implementing projects which should include civil structure design.
14	Other Details	:	Certificates of performance of similar services should be attached with EOI. TOR will available in DMTCI website ( <a href="http://www.dmtcl.gov.bd">www.dmtcl.gov.bd</a> ) and in Project Office.
15	Duration of the assignment	:	Required inputs would be 6 months on staggered time basis over a period of 24 months (on an on-call basis as and when needed) likely starting from August 2022.
16	Package No	:	PRF-DM-IC-04
17	Submission of EOI	:	EOI must be submitted electronically through the website of ADB ( <a href="http://www.csrm.adb.org">www.csrm.adb.org</a> )

### PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

18	Name of the Official Inviting EOI	:	Md. Aktaruzzaman Haider
19	Designation of Official Inviting EOI	:	Project Director (Additional Charge) Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Development Project (Line-5) Southern Route [PRF]
20	Address of the Official Inviting EOI	:	Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Development Project (Line-5) Southern Route [PRF] Probashi Kallyan Bhavan, Level-2. 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000
21	Contact Details of the Official Inviting EOI	:	Phone: +88-02-55137132 Email: <a href="mailto:akhaider1960@gmail.com">akhaider1960@gmail.com</a>

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept/reject any EOI.

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Date: 16-05-2022.

### INVITATION FOR TENDER

Sealed tender are hereby invited from recognized Contractor/Suppliers to supply Outsourcing manpower for Chest Disease Hospital, Fouzderhat, Chattogram in the fiscal year 2022-2023. As per PPA-2006 & PPR-2008 (including all corrigendum). Terms and conditions are follow(s):

KEY INFORMATION			
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, CTG.	
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 2022-2023.	
06	Tender Ref. no & date	45.00.0000.140.11.05.21.616: Date:-11-05-2022.	
07	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (OTM).	
08	Budget and Source of Fund	GOB in Bangladeshi Taka.	
09	Tender Schedule Selling Date & Time	From Date of published to 02-06-2022 During office hours.	
10	Tender Dropping & Closing Date & Time	04-06-2022; 10.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M.	
11	Tender Opening Date & Time	04-06-2022; 11.30 A.M.	
12	NAME & ADDRESS OF THE OFFICE'S		
	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 certificate/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 2021-2022. In case of Ltd. company corporation charter, bank statement (original sheet) from 01-07-2021 to 31-05-2022, = 20,00,00/- (Twenty lacs) Bank Deposit status 01-07-2021 to 31-05-2022. Financial solvency certificate stating amount 50,000/- (Fifty Lacs) from any scheduled bank with the bidder holding an account.	
14	Details manpower	Job Title	Number of Manpower
		Electrician	01
		Pump operator	01
		Plumber	01
		Gardener	01
		Baburchi	02
		Aya	03
		Ward Boy	05
		Security guard	05
		Assistant Baburchi/Moshalchi	02
		Cleaning staff	07
		<b>Total = 28 only</b>	
15	Description of Group, price of tender document, tender security etc.		
	Sl. No.	Description of Group	Price of tender document in BDT Code No-1-2711-0000-2366, 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) 2,00,000.00 (Two Lacs 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 whatsoever.  
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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