

'It is very hard to find work'

Battered by economic crisis, Sri Lankans seek passport to a better life

REUTERS, Colombo

R.M.R Lenora stood in a snaking queue outside Sri Lanka's Immigration and Emigration Department headquarters for two days last week, hoping to get a passport and, with it, a chance to leave a country wilting under an economic crisis.

A garment worker, 33-year-old Lenora decided to apply for a job as a maid in Kuwait after her husband was laid off from a small restaurant where he worked as a cook.

"My husband lost his job because there is no cooking gas and food costs have skyrocketed. It is very hard to find work and the salaries are very low," said Lenora, who said she earns about 2,500 Sri Lanka rupees (\$6.80) a day. "With two children that is impossible."

So last week, carrying a change of clothes and an umbrella to fend off a blistering sun, the petite woman boarded a train from the town of Nuwara Eliya, in Sri Lanka's central hills, and travelled 170 km to the commercial capital, Colombo, to hand in her papers for her first passport.

In the queue, Lenora was joined by labourers, shop owners, farmers, public servants and housewives, some of whom camped out overnight, all looking to escape Sri Lanka's worst financial crisis in seven decades.

In the first five months of 2022, Sri Lanka has issued 288,645 passports compared with 91,331 in the same period last year, according to government data.



Activists hold the image of missing UK journalist Dom Phillips and Brazilian Indigenous affairs specialist Bruno Pereira during a protest near the European Commission building in Brussels, Belgium yesterday. Activists protest against the apparent killings of the British journalist and Brazilian Indigenous expert in the Amazon, and urge stronger rules of deforestation-free products in the EU. PHOTO: AFP

Women 'essential' to peace talks

AFP, United Nations

Men must stop excluding women from peace talks around the world, UN chief Antonio Guterres said Wednesday, warning that in conflicts such as Russia's invasion of Ukraine the situation is actually "going backwards."

The UN secretary-general said

the lack of female representation in such negotiations from Ukraine to Afghanistan, Myanmar and Mali shows "how enduring power imbalances and patriarchy are continuing to fail us."

It results in "men in power and women excluded, their rights and freedoms deliberately targeted," he told a meeting

of UNSC. But women's "right to equal participation at all levels, is essential for building and maintaining peace," said Guterres. He noted that Russia's invasion of Ukraine has forced millions of women and children to flee the country, "putting them at high risk of trafficking and exploitation of all kinds."

"Women who chose not to evacuate are at the forefront of healthcare and social support," said Guterres.



I am also grateful for the (US) leadership in mobilising the help of all partners. Zelensky on new US arms package to Ukraine

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INVITATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE NO. 59/2022

01 Agency	Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd.
02 Invitation for	a) Procurement of Food Stuff (Foreign) 25 Line Items. b) Procurement of Food Stuff (Foreign) (Perishable) 08 Line Items.
03 Invitation for Ref.	a) 30.34.0000.063.45.003.21 Dated: 17-01-2021 b) 30.34.0000.063.45.003.21 Dated: 17-01-2021
04 Tender document selling date	From 21-06-2022 to 13-07-2022 (During office hours).
05 Tender receiving date and time	Date: 14-07-2022 Time: 12:00 Hrs BST
06 Tender opening date and time	Date: 14-07-2022 Time: 15:00 Hrs BST
07 Selling address of schedule (local)	(i) Address: a. Manager Finance, Biman Flight Catering Centre, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kumitola, Dhaka b. Manager Cash & Banking, Balaka Bhaban, Biman, Bangladesh Airlines, Dhaka.
08 Selling tender document (foreign)	(ii) Address: Manager Finance, Biman at Dubai, Bangkok, Singapore, London, Jeddah, Riyadh and Kuala Lumpur.
09 Receiving tender document	a. BFCC Main Security Gate, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kumitola, Dhaka. b. Biman Balaka Bhaban, Security Counter Gate (Ground Floor), Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kumitola, Dhaka.
10 Price of tender document (Tk)	a) USD 22.00 or BDT 2,000.00 (Two thousand) only per set (Non-refundable) Food Stuff (Foreign) 25 Line Items. b) USD 22.00 or BDT 2,000.00 (Two thousand) only per set (non-refundable) Food Stuff (Foreign) (Perishable) 08 Line Items.
11 1) Location 2) Tender security amount (USD/BDT) 3) Supplying period	a) USD 7,000.00 or BDT 6,00,000.00 (Six lac) only (refundable) Food Stuff (Foreign) 25 Line Items. b) USD 7,500.00 or BDT 6,50,000.00 (Six lac fifty thousand) only (refundable) Food Stuff (Foreign) (Perishable) 08 Line Items. a) 02 (Two) years. b) 02 (Two) years.
12 Procuring entity & fund	General Manager, BFCC, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kumitola, Dhaka. BIMAN/BFCC's own fund.
13 Official inviting tender	Dy-General Manager, BFCC, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kumitola, Dhaka. Phone: 880-2-8901760-64 Ext-13, Fax: 880-2-8901638
14 Tender schedule and other related information will be available in Biman website: www.biman-airlines.com for ready reference.	

GD-1248 Dy-General Manager, BFCC

Padma Bridge

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betrayed the country for staying in the post of Grameen Bank managing director, flouting the country's laws.

The PM said she had given the Grameen Bank Tk 400 crore in three phases to revive it from ruining in 1997-98 despite the country was facing difficulties due to various adversities, including flooding.

Mentioning that there are about 53 banks in the country and all of the them have MDs, she questioned, "How many MDs of those banks have given lakhs of dollars as donation and made frequent visits to foreign countries like Yunus did?"

The premier thanked the people of the country for their spontaneous support when she made the announcement on building the Padma Bridge with own finances.

Three Palli Janopad schemes are being implemented in Rangpur, Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions at a cost of Tk 247 crores. Of them, the work on the Palli Janopad, Rangpur, project has already been completed.

A total of 272 beneficiaries have got flats under the Palli Janopad, Rangpur, project at lower prices on the basis of cooperative society by paying 30 percent of the total cost. The rest of the amount is payable in next 15 years.

After inaugurating BAPARD, Kotalipara in Gopalganj, Hasina said the Padma Bridge would help the organisation gear up its activities on poverty alleviation, research and employment generation. IGRD and Cooperatives Minister Tazul Islam spoke at the event as the special guest, with State Minister Swapan Bhattacharjee in the chair.

'Arsa member' shot dead

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to a Cox's Bazar court implicating 29 Rohingyas in the grisly murder of Mohib Ullah, the chairman of the Arakan Rohingya Society for Peace and Human Rights. He was shot dead at the Kutupalong camp on September 29 last year.

Soon after the murder, Mohib's brother Habib Ullah alleged that

Myanmar's banned outfit Arsa, locally known as Al-Yakin, was behind the killing.

On March 6, members of APBn-14 arrested the chief commander of Arsa's Ulha Branch from a Rohingya camp. Police said the Arsa leader, identifying himself as Zakaria, 55, issued a fatwa (decree) for the assassination of Mohib.

UK PM loses 2nd ethics chief

AFP, London

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's top ethics advisor said he had quit after the government forced him into an "impossible and odious" position, according to a letter released yesterday. Christopher Geidt is the second official to quit the role in two years in protest at Johnson's actions. His resignation on Wednesday came after the prime minister was enmeshed in the "Partygate" scandal, which saw him receive a police fine. Lord Geidt had stayed on despite expressing unease over the lockdown-breaching parties in Downing Street. Johnson's office was "surprised" at his decision to step down now.

NEW ARMY RECRUITMENT PLAN Protests break out in India

REUTERS, Lucknow

Angry crowds in India set an office of the ruling party on fire, attacked railway infrastructure and blocked roads yesterday, in widening protests against a new military recruitment system, police officials said. PM Modi's government this week announced an overhaul of recruitment for India's 1.38 million-strong armed forces, looking to bring down the average age of personnel and reduce pension expenditure. But potential recruits, army veterans, opposition leaders and even some members of BJP raised reservations over the revamped process.

Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh
Establishment of Clearing House for Integrating Transport Ticketing System in Dhaka City and Adjacent Districts (Phase-II)
Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority
Road Transport and Highways Division
Nagar Bhaban, Level-12, Dhaka
www.dhca.gov.bd

EOI Ref No:- 35.02.0000.008.35.003.22.33 Date: 15 June 2022

Request for Expression of Interest for Selection of Consultant/Jr. Consultant

1. Ministry/ Division	Road Transport and Highways Division
2. Agency	Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA)
3. Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Establishment of Clearing House for Integrating Transport Ticketing System in Dhaka City and Adjacent Districts (Phase-II).
4. Procuring Entity Code	Not Applicable
5. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6. EOI Ref. No.	35.02.0000.008.35.003.22.33
7. Date	15 June 2022
8. Expression of interest for selection of Individual Consultant (National)	Consultant/Jr. Consultant (National) ---Position: 01 (Time-Based)

KEY INFORMATION

9. Procurement Method	Selection of Individual Consultant (SIC)
10. Sources of Fund	GoB

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11. Program Name	Establishment of Clearing House for Integrating Transport Ticketing System in Dhaka City and Adjacent Districts (Phase-II). Acronyms for "ECHITTSDCAD (Phase-II)"
12. Scheme Name	N/A
13. EOI Closing date and time	EOI (along with soft copy) shall be submitted on or before 05.07.2022 at 12.00 PM in sealed envelope delivered to the undersigned and be clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest for selection of Individual Consultant/Jr. Consultant (National)". Necessary documents in support of educational qualification and experience and skills shall have to be submitted.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Package No	Title of service	No of service	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Experience	Brief Description of Service
S8-CH	Individual Consultant (National) (Clearing House Management)	01	(i) B.Sc. Engineering (Civil/Mechanical/ICT/CSE/EEE) MBA with BBA from any recognized university. (Finn. With MBA degree will be given preference)	(i) At least 05-10 years working experience after graduation from university or equivalent (ii) Min. 2 years of working experience in project planning, preparation with the execution of related projects, and procurement. (Course on PPR will get preference). (iii) Experience as project personnel of Government and donor agency like IICA/ WB/ADB/USAID etc. will be given preference.	(i) Facilitate implementation of the respective clearing house project action plan consistent. (ii) Details responsibilities are included in Terms of Reference (ToR).

15. Other Details: Applicants are requested to submit hard copies of the application with necessary documents at DTCA office, Nagar Bhaban, Level-12, (Room No: 1317) Fulbaria, Dhaka during 9 am to 5pm within the deadline. A copy of Terms of Reference (ToR), Request for Application (RFA) and necessary forms of the assignments may be obtained from the website <http://www.dhca.gov.bd>

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

16. Procuring Entity Details	Md. Mamunur Rahman Project Director, ECHITTSDCAD (Phase-II) Nagar Bhaban, Level-12, Fulbaria, Dhaka
17. Name of official inviting EOI	Md. Mamunur Rahman
18. Designation of official inviting EOI	Project Director, ECHITTSDCAD (Phase-II)
19. Address of official inviting EOI	Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA), Nagar Bhaban, Level-12, Room No: 1317, Fulbaria, Dhaka.
20. Contact details of official inviting EOI	Md. Mamunur Rahman Project Director, ECHITTSDCAD (Phase-II) Phone: +880-2-47120832, Email: engrmamurrahman@gmail.com

The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all EOI and the whole process.

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