



Children of Bogura's Dharmakul village get up early in the morning to reach the nearby lotus pond and pick the flowers. They gather the flowers and take them back home to either prepare as meals or play around with them. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: MOSTAFA SHABUJ

Flood death toll now 131

UNB, Dhaka

The death toll from floods in the country rose to 131 with two more deaths in Lalmonirhat district in 24 hours till yesterday morning.

The deaths were recorded from May 17 to July 26, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

The latest victims drowned in floodwater, it added.

Of the deceased, 73 were from Sylhet, 43 from Mymensingh, 14 from Rangpur and one from Dhaka division.

One hundred and three people drowned in floodwaters, 16 died by lightning strikes, two from snake bites, one from diarrhoea, and nine due to other reasons.

One hundred and eighty-five upazilas were affected by floods, including 33 in Sylhet, three in Rangpur, seven in Mymensingh and one in Chattogram.

Sylhet, Sunamganj, Netrokona and Moulvibazar were the worst-hit districts, with 13, 11, seven and five upazilas affected by floods respectively.

REMARKS ON EVM AL issues show-cause notice to Jobaidul

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Patuakhali District Awami League has issued a show cause notice to district leader Jobaidul Haque Russell, for making a "misleading" statement about the EVM machine.

The notice which was issued yesterday instructs the local leader to respond within three days on why disciplinary actions should not be taken against him for tarnishing the party's image.

Campaigning on behalf of the AL nominated chairman candidate for the

Nazirpur UP by-elections, Jobaidul on July 23 said, "Voting will be done in EVM but we will know who votes for whom. So there is no reason to fear, there is no tension."

The video of his speech soon went viral on Facebook.

On July 25, the Election Commission postponed the by-election until further notice after the speech grabbed headlines in national media.

Contacted, Jobaidul said he is yet to receive the notice. Upon receiving it, he will respond accordingly, he added.

Withdraw

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abolishment of DSA.

Contacted, OC Anwar Hossain Talukdar of Mirzaganj Police Station said an investigation is currently ongoing in this regard.

"The case has been sent to Dhaka for experts' opinion," he added.

Badal could not be contacted for comments.

PUST entry test begins July 30

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST) admission test will be held on July 30, under the uniform admission test of 22 universities.

A total of 17,483 admission seekers will sit for the test in PUST in three phases.

Pabna University of Science and Technology Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Hafiza Khatun said the university authority has taken necessary steps for holding the test in a peaceful manner.

In the first phase, "A" unit admission test will be held on July 30, "B" unit on August 13, "C" unit admission on August 20, according to a PUST press release.

Jinjira palace

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official (DO) letter to the cultural ministry to take over the property for preservation. They've only put up a signboard there so far.

They didn't take any initiative to identify the property of the nawab by going through the records, nor have they taken any measures to evict the encroachers, he added.

Illegal occupants even used the palace's bricks to build their own houses, said the state minister.

A collective effort by relevant authorities, including Dhaka deputy commissioner and the cultural ministry, is needed to restore the palace, Hamid said.

Ratan Chandra Pandit, director general of Department of Archaeology, said most of the land by now is hawli residents' recorded property, which is a big problem.

"With local and administrative support, an intervention is required to restore it, but the matter

is very complex. Local lawmakers can play the leading role in this regard," he said.

"We'll provide all our support if the initiative is taken collectively, but locals do not want to leave the area and even create obstacles to enter the place," Pandit said.

Keraniganj UNO Md Mehedi Hasan said they've issued a letter to the Department of Archaeology to take necessary steps to protect the site.

"We didn't get any response so far, although we had issued the letter around two years back," he said. "Dhaka district administration is aware of this, and we're working following their direction."

"We will first go through the records and figure out the situation of ownership. Then we will take action against the occupiers," Hasan said.

The palace can be a tourism spot, and public representatives are very sincere about the issue, he assured.

Century-old market

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running in such a way for a century.

"On various occasions, we have informed the MCC officials and administration to recover the footpaths, especially around the cattle market," he said.

"We also advocated for shifting kitchen markets to other areas to lessen pressure on the main road. But no initiative has been taken in this regard," he added.

Shahjahan Monir, local ward commissioner of MCC, said they've informed

the authorities on different occasions and they should take immediate steps to mitigate the decade-long sufferings.

"If the city corporation takes stern action to evict the illegal structures from the footpath, the city's people will have a huge relief," he said.

Khandaker Jahangir Alam, MCC market inspector, said they're working to reduce the public sufferings at Shambhuganj Bazar. A decision will be taken soon, he added.

Five of expat family

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rented the house at Tazpur Bazar on July 18. Rafiqul's parents-in-law, brother-in-law and his wife were also residing at the house.

Farid Uddin, superintendent of Sylhet police, said, "Primarily, the admitted three are being treated for suspected poisoning, but the matter is under investigation."

Bamboo platform

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Bangladesh, a true champion

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Rohingya crisis, she hoped that all the global efforts on operational and political levels will help end all displacement crises, not just the Rohingya and Myanmar issues.

"There is a whole process in place looking at displacement and the requirements to end the crisis," said the IOM DDC, hoping that the global political leadership will take the necessary steps in this regard.

Asked about the flow of funds to the displaced Rohingya community amid crises in other parts of the world, she said, "Yes, the (funding) trend is downward, not specifically to the Rohingyas. Donors have placed their priority on responding to situations in Afghanistan and Ukraine."

Daniels thanked Bangladesh for its generosity in hosting over a million displaced members of the Rohingya community despite

multiple challenges. The protracted crisis is now entering its fifth year.

The IOM DDC said the government of Bangladesh, locals and the international community have been providing immediate humanitarian assistance from the onset. "The needs are immense and meeting them depends on continuous support until the Rohingya community can voluntarily return to Myanmar in a safe and dignified manner."

পাওয়ার গ্রিড কোম্পানি অফ বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড
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INVITATION FOR TENDERS	
PGCB Memo No. & Date:	27.21.0000.101.07.416.22.4342; July 25, 2022
Project No. and Title:	000308; Southern Chattogram and Kaliakoir Transmission Infrastructure Development Project.
Contract No. and Title:	PGCB/AIIB/000308-BQ/SS/Package-1 Construction of 230/132/33kV GIS Substation at Anwara, 230/33kV GIS Substation at Bangabandhu Hi-Tech City (Kaliakoir), 132/33kV GIS Substation at Cox'sbazar & Teknaf and 230kV GIS bay extension at existing Kaliakoir Substation (Package-1)
Deadline for Submission of Bids:	September 22, 2022, 11:00 Hours Local Time

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has applied for financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) toward the cost of Southern Chattogram and Kaliakoir Transmission Infrastructure Development Project. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contract named above. Tendering is open to Tenderers from eligible countries described in the Tendering Document.
 - The Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited (PGCB), (the Employer) invites sealed tenders from eligible tenderers for the "Construction of 230/132/33kV GIS Substation at Anwara, 230/33kV GIS Substation at Bangabandhu Hi-Tech City (Kaliakoir), 132/33kV GIS Substation at Cox'sbazar & Teknaf and 230kV GIS bay extension at existing Kaliakoir Substation (Package-1)" (herein after referred to as "the Works"). The Works under this turnkey contract shall have to be completed within 36 (Thirty Six) months from the effective date.
 - International Open Competitive Tendering (IOCT) will be conducted in accordance with AIIB's Interim Operational Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients (June 2, 2016) (PIR) and is open to all prospective Tenderers from all eligible countries as described in the Tendering Document.
 - Tenderers shall meet the following minimum requirements along with other requirements as mentioned in the tendering documents:
 - Tenderer must have Experience under contracts in the role of contractor, sub-contractor or management contractor in power sector for at least last 10(ten) years prior to the Tender submission deadline.
 - Participation as a contractor in at least three contracts that have been successfully completed within the last 10 (ten) years (counting backward from the tender submission deadline) and that are similar to the proposed contract, where the value of the Tenderer's (or JV partner) participation in one contract exceeds USD 41.0 million (USD forty one million) and with a total aggregated value of at least: USD 70.0 million (USD seventy million)
- The similarity of the Tenderer's (or JV partner) participation shall be based on the physical size, nature of works, complexity, methods, technology or other characteristics as described in Employer's Requirements.
- The scope of each contract must include design, supply, installation, testing & commissioning of new or extension/renovation of existing 220/X kV or above voltage AIS/GIS substation with at least three (3) bays of 220 kV or above voltage including one (1) power transformer 220/X kV voltage rating or above.
- The above three contracts must meet the criteria mentioned below:
- At least one (1) of the above mentioned contracts shall be Construction of completely new GIS substation.
 - At least one (1) of the above mentioned contracts shall be in successful operation for a minimum of three (3) years counting backward from the tender submission deadline.
 - At least one (1) of the above mentioned contracts must be completed outside the Tenderer's own country or in Bangladesh.
- Evidence of above experience shall be submitted in the tender. It shall be given on the user's letter-head, indicating address, telephone and fax numbers of the user. It shall include the name of the project, name of the employer, description of the work, commissioning date and contract amount.
- The qualification criteria of the tenderers have been given very briefly above. The tenderers are advised to inspect the tendering document by visiting the PGCB website <http://www.pgcb.gov.bd>.
- Interested eligible tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the tendering documents at the office of the Company Secretary, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. (PGCB), Head Office (2nd Floor), Avenue-03, Jahurul Islam City, Aftabnagar, Badda, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh; Tel: +88 02 55046731-35, Fax: +88 02 55046722; Email: se.contract@pgcb.gov.bd, se.contract@pgcb.gov.bd. The complete tendering documents are also available for download from PGCB's website <http://www.pgcb.gov.bd/>. Eligible tenderers who download the tendering document from the PGCB's website shall inform PGCB in writing (and provide their contact details) at the address given above, failing which PGCB shall not be responsible if the tenderer does not receive clarifications and amendments, if any. In case of any discrepancy between the documents downloaded by the prospective tenderer and the Tender Documents (hard copy) of PGCB, the latter shall prevail.
 - A complete set of tender documents in English language, may be purchased by interested tenderers upon submission of a written application to the Company Secretary, PGCB at the above address, from July 28, 2022 up to one day before the tender submission deadline and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of USD 400.00 (United States Dollar Four Hundred) or BDT 36,000.00 (Taka Thirty-Six Thousand only) in the form of Pay Order/ Demand Draft in favour of the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited. The Tendering Document may be sent through a courier for an additional fee of BDT 10,000.00 (local delivery) or USD 120.00 (International delivery) in the form of Pay Order/ Demand Draft in favor of Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery of the Tendering Document.
 - A Pre-Tender meeting will be held at 11:00 Hours Local Time on August 16, 2022 at the head office of the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited (PGCB), Avenue-03, Jahurul Islam City, Aftabnagar, Badda, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh.
 - Deliver tenders:
 - to the address below: Company Secretary, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. (PGCB), Head Office, Avenue-03, Jahurul Islam City, Aftabnagar, Badda, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh
 - on or before 11:00 Hours Local Time on September 22, 2022
 - together with a Tender Security in the amount and form as described in the tendering document. Late tenders will be rejected.
 - Technical tenders will be opened at 11:05 Hours Local Time on September 22, 2022 at the head office of the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited (PGCB), Avenue-03, Jahurul Islam City, Aftabnagar, Badda, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh in the presence of Tenderers' representatives who choose to attend, whereas the Financial Tenders shall remain sealed and unopened and shall be placed locked. The Financial Tenders of only Technically Responsive and Qualified Tenderers shall be opened after Technical Tender Evaluation, whereas, the Financial Tenders of those Tenderers who's Technical Tenders are not responsive and qualified shall be returned unopened after the contract is awarded.
 - When comparing bids, Domestic Preference Scheme will be applied in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Tender Document.
 - PGCB will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of tenders including costs and expenses related to participation in pre-tender meeting and site visit/s.

Md. Jahangir Azad
Company Secretary

30TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF MD. SALAHUDDIN FAROQUE

Today the 27th July is the 30th death anniversary of late Md. Salahuddin Faroque Managing Director of Modhumita Group and eldest son of late Md. Sirajuddin founder of Modhumita Group.

Though he is not in this world he lives in our hearts, in our minds and in our memory.

All friends relatives and well wishers are requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

All Members of Modhumita Family

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একটি ইউরোপিয় মেশিনারী সম্পন্ন শতভাগ রপ্তানীযোগ্য স্পিনিং মিলে তুলা সরবরাহের মাধ্যমে ১২২/৩ টাকার প্রতি কেজি সার্ভিস চার্জের বিনিময়ে মানসম্পন্ন সূতা (৫০^৪-৬০^৫) উৎপাদনের জন্য আত্মীয় সূতা ব্যবসায়ীদেরকে যোগাযোগের জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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Memo No. 46.03.9000.000.065.20-961 Date: 25.07.2022

Invitation for e-Tender Notice

1	Ministry/Division	Local Government Division.
2	Implementing Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering.
3	Project name	Project for Improvement of Sustainable Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene System in Haor areas.
4	e-Tender IDs	718617,718618,718619,718620,718621,718622,718623,718624,718741,718742,718743,718744,718745.
5	Description of works	Installation of Water Point at Different Upazila in Sunamganj district.
6	This is online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. Interested persons/firms can see details in the website: www.eprocure.gov.bd	
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