

DEPOSITS WITH SWISS BANKS
Dhaka in talks with Bern to find ways to exchange info

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has started a discussion with Switzerland to develop a mechanism for exchanging information on funds deposited by Bangladeshi citizens in Swiss banks, to ensure that there is no confusion over the matter.

The mechanism will also help bring back money if it was laundered from Bangladesh, said Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen.

"We will try to ensure that no one from Bangladesh illicitly transfers money. This does not only concern Switzerland but other countries as well. For example, we know about tax havens like Panama and the Caribbean islands," he told reporters at the foreign ministry yesterday.

At an event at Jatiya Press Club on August 10, Swiss Ambassador Nathalie Chuard said Bangladeshi authorities did not seek information about any particular fund from Swiss authorities.

The next day, Foreign Minister AK Abdul

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Momen said the ambassador's statement is not true.

In the wake of an embarrassing situation, the High Court intervened. Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) and Anti-Corruption Commission placed two separate reports before the HC, saying that BFIU sought information from Switzerland Financial Intelligence Unit (SFU) through Egmont Secure Web about 67 persons and organisations, who or which have allegedly deposited money to Swiss banks.

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PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Tk 120 for a day's work is not something that can be worked with in this economy, is what the tea workers of the country have been trying to say since August 13, the first day of their strike demanding a raise. In Sylhet's Malinichara Tea Garden, this tea worker holds a placard that says, "The movement for raise will go on." This photo was taken yesterday.

'Our movement will go on'

Tea workers' strike for pay hike to continue as meeting with govt officials yields no results

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moubibazar

A government-convened meeting to discuss revising wages of tea garden workers ended without any decision yesterday.

The Department of Labour yesterday held a day-long meeting with workers at its Sreemangal's office in Moulvibazar.

As the officials and workers could not reach a consensus over the wage hike, the department will hold another meeting with both workers and tea garden owners today at the department's head office in Dhaka.

"In today's (yesterday) meeting, I heard problems and demand of workers. Then I requested the workers to resume

work. At the same time, we assured them that we will continue discussions with owners about the wage hike. But the workers did not agree," said Khaled Mamun Chowdhury, director general of the Department of Labour.

"We will hold another tripartite meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) at 4:00pm in Dhaka," he told this correspondent last evening.

However, the workers remain rigid to continue their work abstention until their demand is met.

"We will resume work only after our demands are fulfilled," said Nipen Paul, acting general secretary of Bangladesh Tea Workers Union.

Workers of 166 tea estates across the

country, including those in Chattogram and Sylhet, have refrained from working since August 13 demanding a hike in daily wage from existing Tk 120 to 300.

Meanwhile, tea workers held daylong demonstrations and rallies in different gardens to press home their demands yesterday.

Around 11:00am, workers blocked roads in Gazipur area of Moulvibazar's Kulaura upazila and observed a one-and-a-half hour hunger strike.

Addressing the programme, a female worker Gouri Almik said, "We don't want to conduct any movement. But we have no alternative. It is impossible to survive with a daily wage of Tk 120. We demand

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4 killed, 21 hurt in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Four people were killed and 21 injured in road accidents in three districts during the last two days, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Thakurgaon, helper of a truck driver was killed as another truck hit their parked vehicle in front of Thakurgaon bus terminal early yesterday.

The deceased is Rabiul Islam (20) of Gopalganj. In Tangail, two persons were killed and three injured as a CNG-run three-wheeler hit a paddy-laden parked truck from behind on Tangail-Mymensingh highway in Nazunbagh area of Ghatail around 5:00am yesterday.

Mohammad Shahjahan (65) and Nepal Chandra Saha (62) were returning home on the three-wheeler after attending a wedding party.

Meanwhile, at least 17 people were injured when a Dhaka-bound bus of Jannat Paribahan lost control and fell into a ditch beside the Tangail-Mymensingh highway at Bangra in Kalihati upazila around 6:00am yesterday. Being informed, highway police and fire service personnel took the injured to Tangail General Hospital.

In Panchagarh, a chili trader was killed and another injured as a timber-laden pickup hit their motorbike from behind on Panchagarh-Atwary road in Atwary upazila on Monday night.

Sarwar Kamal (60) from Chattogram's Satkania upazila died on the spot, said police.

Son kills mother over property

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman was shot dead allegedly by her son following a dispute over property in Patiya upazila of Chattogram yesterday.

The deceased is Jesmin Akhter (52), wife of late Shamsul Alam Master, who was former mayor of Patiya municipality, said police.

Shamsul Alam died on July 23 leaving behind his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Inspector (investigation) Rashedul Islam of Patiya Police Station said Jesmin and her eldest son Md Mainul had an altercation over property in the afternoon. The rest of the family members were not at home at the time.

At one stage of the altercation, Ayub shot his mother in the head with his father's licensed firearm.

"Hearing the gunshot, neighbours rushed to the spot. By that time, he managed to flee," he added.

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Tender No: KU/ENGG/564/2022 Date: 16/08/2022

e-Tender Notice (Re-Tender) No. 03/2022-23

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP system portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of

Tender ID No.	Name of the works	Tender Closing and Opening date & time
724350	Supplying, Installation, Commissioning and Testing of 01 No 1000 kg Capacity 4-stops Passenger lift with ancillary works for Administrative Building (Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Administrative Building) at Khulna University, Khulna	29-Aug-2022, 3:30 PM

This is an online Tender, where only e-tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the national e-GP system portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank's branches up to Banking hours on e-GP system. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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PRICE HIKE
Left parties call hartal on Aug 25

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Left Democratic Alliance (LDA), a platform of left leaning political parties, yesterday called a nationwide half day general strike on August 25, protesting the price hike of daily essentials, fuel and fertiliser as well as bus tickets.

In the morning, LDA brought out a procession from Paltan intersection and marched towards the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) protesting the price hike.

When they reached Shabbagh, the procession was barred by police. Then the leaders and activists held a rally there and LDA coordinator and General Secretary of the United Communist League, Prof Abdus Sattar, announced the hartal programme.

Rohingya man held with firearm

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Members of the Armed Police Battalion (APBn-14) in a drive yesterday arrested a Rohingya man with a firearm and two rounds of bullets from a camp in Teknaf yesterday.

The arrestee is Md Ayub, 20, a residence of Camp-14-A block at Hakimpara of Ukhiya, Teknaf. He was arrested from Camp 26 Shalbagan.

Additional Superintendent of Police Kamrul Hasan said following a tip-off, they arrested Ayub. "He is an active member of a Rohingya robber gang." Ayub was handed over to Teknaf police and a case was lodged.

Bangladesh Bank
Common Services Department-2
(Mechanical Engineering Wing)
Head Office, Dhaka-1000

Invitation for Tender (Goods & Related Works) Through Web

01.	Procuring entity	Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
02.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
03.	Invitation Ref. No. & Date	CSD-2(MES): 1/31/2022-37 Date: 16/08/2022
04.	Source of funds	Bangladesh Bank's own fund.
05.	Name of the work	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 05 Ton Capacity 06(Six) Set cassette Type Air-conditioner at BBKSRSL office, Bangladesh Bank Head Office premises, Dhaka.
06.	Address of the web for submission e-Tender	From web: www.bangladeshbank.org.bd www.bangladeshbank-bank.org (e-Tender)
07.	Last date & time e-Tenders through web	31/08/2022 on or before 3:00pm.
08.	Last date & time and name & address of the office for receiving original tender security and other documents	31/08/2022 on or before 3:15pm Director (Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2 (7th floor of 30th storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
09.	Name & address of the office opening tender	Director (Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2 (7th floor of 30th storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000 on 31/08/2022 at 3.30pm. (Intending tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the tender opening).
10.	Eligibility of the tenderer	(a) The minimum of years of general experience of the tenderer in the supply of Goods and related services as Supplier shall be 10 years. (b) Tenderer shall have minimum specific experience as Supplier in supply of proposed brand Air conditioner machine in any Govt./Semi-Govt./Autonomous organization in single contracts having total value not less than tk. 14.00 lac successfully completed within the last 05 years. (c) Tenderer shall have agency/distributorship of the proposed brand Air conditioner Machine. Scanned Copy of original Distributor/Agencyship certificate shall be enclosed with the offer. (d) The tenderer shall have to furnish the certificate in this respect from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent and shall meet all other criteria, terms & conditions as specified in the tender documents without which the tender will not be considered. (e) The minimum amount of liquid asset i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be Tk 14.50 lac only. In case of credit facilities, Bank shall ensure that the abovementioned credit limits will be given if the said work is awarded to the contractor.
11.	Tender security	Tender security amounting Taka 37,000/- (thirty-seven thousand) only will be required in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee in favour of Director (Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
12.	Work completion time	45 days from the date of Award of Contract.
13.	Address of official inviting tender	Sudhangshu Kumar Sarker, Director (Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2 (7th floor, 30th storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
14.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 88-02-9530490, Fax: +88-029530321
15.	Special instructions	(i) The tenderer shall submit the tender through Bangladesh Bank website (e-Tendering) & shall have a valid e-mail address for participating in e-Tendering. (ii) Original PO/BD/BG as Tender Security has to be send to Director (Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2 within stipulated date and time of TDS. (iii) Scanned copy of the tender security shall be submitted with the tender through web. (iv) Tenderer shall submit all documentary evidence (attested or original), failing which the tender may be considered as non-responsive. (v) Tenderer shall duly fill in the Form PG3-1 (Tender Submission Letter) an Form PG3-2 (Tenderer information sheet) as per format given in Tender Document. (vi) PG-3-1 form shall be completed and signed by the Authorized Signatory on the Letter-Head Pad and scanned copy of it shall be attached during submitting tender and original will have to send to Director (Engineering-E/M), CSD-2 at scheduled time as per TDS. (vii) Furnishing of any false, misleading documents shall result in rejection of the tender and may lead to action under Rules 127 of PPR 2008. (viii) All sorts of Security and Safety measures shall be carried out by the contractor during execution of the work. (ix) Bangladesh Bank reserves all right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. No claim will be entertained in this regard.

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