



The depot in Khulna city's Khalishpur was full of parked fuel-trucks during yesterday's strike, which was called by the truck owners for 12 hours to raise fares and fuel commission. As a result, fuel supply remained suspended in 10 districts of Khulna division and four districts of greater Faridpur. Rangpur and Rajshahi also witnessed strikes on the same day, with similar demands. Customers, however, were able to get fuel at stations.

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TRAWLER CAPSIZE
300 fishers
rescued, 124
still missing

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Patuakhali

As of yesterday night, over 124 Patuakhali fishermen remained missing as 15 fishing trawlers capsized in the Bay of Bengal due to turbulent sea on Friday.

Of them, 112 are from Alipur area and 12 from Mohipur of Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila.

Around 300 fishermen of the trawlers that sank in the Bay near Kuakata in Patuakhali have been rescued so far, said Ansar Uddin Molla, president of Alipur Fish Traders Association.

Some were rescued by Bangladesh Coast Guards from the Bay while others were found by the fishermen of Rayadighi of India.

The latter are currently in the custody of South Sundarban Fishermen and Fish Workers Union of India.

Besides, some fishers were rescued by the trawlers of the owners' association and local fishermen, said officials.

Raju Ahmed Raja, general secretary of Mohipur Fish Depot Owners Association, said at least 12 fishers of a trawler of Mohipur are still missing.

‘We want our land, not compensation’
Mongla port authorities to dump sand on croplands amidst farmers’ protests

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

In the pretext of increasing navigability and capacity, the Mongla Port authorities are dredging the Pashur River.

Many fear that the plan to dump sands on over 300 acres of cropland in Banishanta union of Dacope upazila will have a disastrous impact on the environment and displace at least 5,000 farmers.

Goutom Roy, a farmer of Dacope, believes he may not be able to cultivate rice next year as the government is going to take over 300 acres of agricultural land in his village, including his 50 bighas of land.

“My only source of income is now in jeopardy,” said Goutom.

The excavation project at the Inner Bar of the Mongla Port Channel was approved at Ecneec on January 28, 2020.

Under the project, about 216 lakh cubic metres of soil and sand will be extracted from Pashur river. Due to the lack of land in Mongla, the soil and sand are being dumped on private lands of Dacope's Banishanta.

The port authority has already dumped sand on 700 acres of land in Chila area of Mongla under the Bagerhat district.

Although the project was supposed to end in June, it looks as if the authorities are just getting started.

Visiting the area, this correspondent saw locals protesting the move. They fear that once the port authorities take control of these



Over a hundred farmers held a paddy planting programme yesterday. The event was organised to protest the Mongla Port authority's move to dump sand after dredging Pashur river on croplands.

PHOTO: STAR

lands, they will come for more, while different industrial groups will also try grabbing the remaining agricultural lands.

“I have 20 bighas of land that will go barren and infertile for years. Croplands, where sand have been dumped, cannot be harvested for 15 to 20 years,” said farmer Hironmoy Roy.

“I don't want any compensation. I just want to cultivate my cropland,” said Hironmoy.

Satyajit Gain, another local, said, “The Mongla Port authorities want to give us Tk 2 lakh per acre in 10 years as compensation, where we now earn about Tk 5 lakh per year by selling crops from the land.”

“I have also received the requisition notice. I'm currently on the run as I have been threatened to give up my land,” he claimed.

Meanwhile, around 1,500 families will be displaced if lands are given to Mongla Port for dumping sand, said Sudeb Kumar Roy, chairman of Banishanta Union Parishad.

“Port police have grounded red flags and sign boards announcing this illegal occupation on July 27, much to the dismay of locals. On August 5, a public meeting organised by Bapa, Bela, Brac, TIIB, Action Aid and similar organisations, was held at Banishanta, where hundreds committed to saving their land at any cost,” said the chairman.

Sudeb also said that the port authorities have carried on with this controversial move despite alternatives.

Bapa General Secretary Sharif Jamil said,

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‘Don't write against us if you want to stay’
BCL activists ‘force’ student to leave DU hall over FB post on fuel price hike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of BCL activists based in Dhaka University's Haji Mohammad Mohsin Hall allegedly made a resident student of the hall leave the dormitory as the latter made a Facebook post about the recent fuel price hike.

Kazi Sakib Miah, a senior-year student of philosophy, alleged that on August 6, he made a satiric post on a Facebook group and his profile about the recent fuel price hike.

After a while, he was called back to his hall over the phone from the central library by Abu Hasan Roni, a student of world religion and culture.

When Sakib returned, Hasan and Mohiur Rahman Shanto, both students of Persian language and literature, asked him about the post and told him to delete it from the group he posted it on. “We will not be reprimanded by the [BCL hall unit] president and seniors for the things you write. If you want to stay here, don't write against our agenda,” Shanto told him, alleged Sakib.

However, Sakib did not remove the post from his personal profile.

Shanto and Hasan later asked him to choose between two options – stop writing against BCL and shift from room 112 to room 1022 of the tin-shed building with juniors or leave the hall.

However, Sakib did neither. On the night of August 15, some BCL leaders, including Shanto and Hasan, called him again and told him to leave the hall within a month.

He left the hall on August 18. Asked whether he informed the hall authorities of the matter, Sakib said he did not as he noticed the authorities hardly

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Bangladesh Bank
Department of Currency Management
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Dhaka.

Ref no: DCM(PM)/25(Padma Bridge)/2022- 3287

Date: 22/08/2022

Time Extension Notice for submission of e-Tender.

The International e-Tender No- DCM(PM)/25(Padma Bridge)/2022-2946, Dated 21 July,2022 for procurement of Silver Coins commemorating the inauguration of Padma Bridge - The symbol of national pride by Bangladesh Bank is hereby amended as follows:

Reference clause of IFT document	Item description as per IFT document	Amendment
7.	Last date and time for submission of original tender, security and tender submission letter: 01 September,2022 at 2:00 pm, Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6)	Last date and time for submission of original tender, security and tender submission letter: 15 September,2022 at 2:00 pm, Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6)
8.	Tender closing Date & Time: 01 September,2022 at 2:00 pm, Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6)	Tender closing Date & Time: 15 September,2022 at 2:00 pm, Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6)
9.	Tender Opening Date & Time: 01 September,2022 at 2:30 pm, Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6)	Tender Opening Date & Time: 15 September,2022 at 2:30 pm, Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6)

All other terms and conditions of IFT will remain unchanged.

DCP: 48/2022-2743
Date: 22-08-2022

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স্বাক্ষরিত ও অর্থিক সেবা পেতে স্বাক্ষরিত শিকার হলে কিংবা কোনো অভিযোগ থাকলে ১৬২৩৬ নম্বরে কলন করুন।

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FARMER HIRONMOY ROY

RMG workers block road over arrears

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

The workers of a garment factory blocked a road in Hemayetpur area of Savar demanding their salaries yesterday.Nearly a thousand workers of Raquef Apparels Washing and Packaging Industries Ltd blocked Hemayetpur Singair road at Tetuljhora area around 3:30pm, said Dhaka Industrial Police-1 assistant sub-inspector Korban Ali.

He said the workers were supposed to get their salary for the month of June at 2:00pm, but they were not paid.“Agitating workers have blocked the road. We are trying to convince the workers to leave,” he added.

Rafiqul Islam Shujon, president of Bangladesh Garments and Shilpa Sramik Federation, said there are more than 1,000 workers in the factory and

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Date: 22 August 2022

Corrigendum No. 01: Extension of Bid Submission Date

Name of The Work: Design, Supply and Installation of Solar Power Highway Lighting along the BRT Corridor including the provision of Solar Panels at Bus Station under Greater Dhaka Sustainable Urban Transport Project (GDSUTP) [PD/GDSUTP(BRT, Gazipur-Airport)RHD/ICB/ ADB-08/RPW-05].

Invitation Ref: Memo No.:35.01.0000.059.31.007.22-255, Date: 27 June 2022

The following amendment is made to the above-mentioned bid documents:

Reference Clause and Page No.	Subject of Amendment	As per Bid Documents	Amended as
Part-I Bidding Procedures Section 2, ITB 24.1 page BDS-4	The deadline for bid Submission	Date: 25 August 2022 Time: 15.00 Hrs Bangladesh Local Time	Date: 01 September 2022 Time: 15.00 Hrs Bangladesh Local Time
Part-I Bidding Procedures Section 2, ITB 27.1 page BDS-5	Opening of the bid	Date: 25 August 2022 Time: 15.00 Hrs Bangladesh Local Time	Date: 01 September 2022 Time: 15.00 Hrs Bangladesh Local Time

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

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