

It's time now for sports to stop seeing gender



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IRONIC as it may sound, I have found that competitive sport is a great equaliser in Bangladesh, in terms of entertainment. Back when the internet was not as handy as it is now, if you were out and about during a Bangladesh versus so-and-so cricket match, you could ask just about anyone on the street what the latest score was. The image of a crowd gathered in front of an electronics showroom, watching the same match on the wall of multiple screens, will always be enticingly romantic. But when it comes to overcoming the patriarchal system ingrained in our culture, even sports fail on that account. And Bangladesh's spotless victory at the 2022 SAFF Women's Championship in Kathmandu on September 19 has brought this reality to the fore.

The fact that women's and men's sports teams in Bangladesh receive vastly different treatment, and never in favour of the former, is no news. As per the Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB) own unabashed data, on average, a female cricket player receives a monthly salary of Tk 40,000, in contrast to the Tk 3 lakh paycheque her male counterpart enjoys. For One Day International (ODI) matches, a female cricketer receives an average of less than Tk 9,000 per match, while a male cricketer can expect to get around Tk 3 lakh for each match. Meanwhile, a top male player in club football receives a salary of Tk 50-60 lakh per



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SOURCE: BFF

year, while his female counterpart gets Tk 4 lakh at most.

Why this blatant discrepancy? The answers to this question are many. Some say women's teams don't do as well as men's teams (though the present reality should

the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) in neglecting female players to favour male ones. But these are all symptoms of the core disease that is misogyny.

Inhuman and unprofessional as it is, those who are in charge of

sports in Bangladesh value women less than men – just as the society they have come out of. And we need to build on the momentum created by the Bangladesh women's football team's win to address and cure this misogyny that has been normalised.

Besides monetarily, our women

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sportswear and, not to mention, respect.

Post Monday's win, the ever-resolute coach of the Bangladeshi team, Golam Rabbani Choton, shared with the media how his own peers would belittle him by calling him "mohila coach," as if that is somehow derogatory. Former national striker Suinu Pru Marma told *The Daily Star* how this victory veiled many tales of hard work and sorrow. How some players of the current team "did not

have enough to afford the bus fare to Dhaka." And how "some even struggled to get meals once a day."

While we may be inclined to romanticise such struggles – so as to amplify the Bangladeshi women's victory – this should not be the standard of living a winning national team is afforded.

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In recent years, the world has finally begun to acknowledge and address the gender-based pay gap that exists in sports. Notably, in Brazilian football, in New Zealand cricket, and in US football, female and male players are now paid the same amounts of salary and match fees. Revolutionary though this is, we must not treat it as a blessing bestowed upon female players. This should be the norm, after all, that women and men get paid equally for expending the same effort and dedication for their sports.

But no matter, perhaps this historic win by the Bangladeshi footballers will cure sporting federations, boards, sponsors, and the media of their gender-seeing ailment. After all, if our women have been able to clinch such a victory with what little they were given, one can only imagine how many more titles they will win us when their country stops setting them up for failure.

Dhaka Tannery Industrial Estate Wastage Treatment Plant Company Ltd. (DTIEWTPCL)				govt./autonomous body/limited company (public/private) in last 2 years for supply of similar goods.	
(A Public Limited Company) Tannery Industrial Estate, Dhaka (TIED) Horindhora, Hemayetpur, Savar, Dhaka				ix) Registration/enlistment to any govt./semi-govt. organization/autonomous body/association as chemicals supplier/producer.	
Invitation for Tenders (National)				x) Other details as per tender schedule.	
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh				18 Brief description of goods	
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Industries		a) Supply of Caustic soda, Lime & Poly Aluminium Chloride (PAC) for package (i) DTIEWTPCL/Chem-05/22	
2	Agency	Dhaka Tannery Industrial Estate Wastage Treatment Plant Company Ltd. (DTIEWTPCL)		b) Supply of Ferrous sulphate, PAM (Anionic & Cationic), Potash Alum and Tri Sodium Phosphate (TSP) for package (ii) DTIEWTPCL/Chem-06/22 as per specifications in the tender document	
3	Procuring entity name	Managing Director, DTIEWTPCL		19 Brief description of related services	
4	Procuring entity code	N/A		All services related to supply of chemicals up to CETP warehouse at TIED, Horindhora, Hemayetpur, Savar, Dhaka including transportation, loading, unloading, testing etc.	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka		20 Price of tender document (Tk)	
6	Invitation for	Supply of Tannery effluent treatment chemicals		Tk 2000/- (two thousand) only in cash (non-refundable) for each package with application on letterhead pad	
7	Invitation Ref. No. & Date	DTIEWTPCL/Chem/101/2021-22/ Date: 15/09/2022		21 Package & Lot No.	
KEY INFORMATION				Tender security amount (Tk)	
8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)		Completion time in week/month	
FUNDING INFORMATION				(i) DTIEWTPCL/Chem-05/22	
9	Budget and source of funds	GOB through Tannery Industrial Estate, Dhaka (4th revision) project		50% of total chemicals should be supplied within 2 weeks and rest part within 5 weeks from the date of issuance of purchase order at CETP warehouse, TIED, Hemayetpur, Savar, Dhaka	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				(ii) DTIEWTPCL/Chem-06/22	
10	Tender Package No.	(i) DTIEWTPCL/Chem-05/22 (ii) DTIEWTPCL/Chem-06/22		-Do-	
11	Tender package name	Procurement of Tannery effluent treatment chemicals		22 Name of official inviting tender	
12	Tender publication date	22/09/2022		Mustak Ahmed	
13	Tender last selling date	10/10/2022		23 Designation of official inviting tender	
14	Tender closing date and time	11/10/2022 at 11.30pm		Managing Director	
15	Tender opening date and time	11/10/2022 at 02.30pm		24 Address of official inviting tender	
16	Name & address of the office(s)	Address		Office of the Managing Director, DTIEWTPCL, TIED, Horindhora, Hemayetpur, Savar, Dhaka	
	-Selling tender document (principal)	Office of the Managing Director, DTIEWTPCL, TIED, Horindhora, Hemayetpur, Savar, Dhaka		25 Contact details of official inviting tender	
	-Selling tender document (others)	Office of the Chairman, BSCIC & Chairman, DTIEWTPCL, 398, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208		Cell: 01718-275990	
	-Receiving tender document	i) Office of the Managing Director, DTIEWTPCL, TIED, Horindhora, Hemayetpur, Savar, Dhaka ii) Office of the Chairman, BSCIC & Chairman, DTIEWTPCL, 398, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208		E-mail: secy.dtiewtpcl@gmail.com	
	-Opening tender document	Office of the Managing Director, DTIEWTPCL, TIED, Horindhora, Hemayetpur, Savar, Dhaka.		N.B.:	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				(a) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject in part or whole of any or all tenders without explanation or annul the tender proceedings.	
17	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	i) Tender security in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order		(b) The purchase quantity may vary from the schedule. The quantity will be fixed during contract signing.	
		ii) Trade license updated for 2022-2023 fiscal year		(c) Bidder must enclose original schedule which is duly filled in unit rate, total price both in figures and words. Any overwriting, correction and scratch or ineligibility will be rejected.	
		iii) TIN & Tax paid certificate for 2021-2022 year		(d) A bidder may drop both packages if the bidder has aggregated capability to be responsive as a whole.	
		iv) VAT registration certificate with 13 digit BIN		(e) If the date of selling, receiving and opening of tender is hindered under any unavoidable circumstances the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.	
		v) Bank solvency certificate and bank statement for last six months.			
		iv) Minimum amount of liquid capital shall be Tk 80.00 lac for package (i) DTIEWTPCL/Chem-05/22 and Tk 81.00 lac for package (ii) DTIEWTPCL/Chem-06/22			
		vii) Manufacturers authorization certificate for each chemicals/certificate of analysis.			
		viii) One successfully completion certificate at least to the tune of Tk 70.00 lac for package (i) DTIEWTPCL/Chem-05/22 and Tk 71.00 lac for package (ii) DTIEWTPCL/Chem-06/22 from any govt./semi-			
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				Mustak Ahmed Managing Director DTIEWTPCL	