

Inclusion key to ensuring their rights Speakers tell Domestic Workers Conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a conference yesterday said although various initiatives have been taken by the government to improve the lives of domestic workers, implementation of these policies and other guidelines is not possible due to the lack of necessary legal framework.

Planning Minister MA Mannan assured that if the labour ministry can create a proposal of a comprehensive project for the welfare of the domestic workers and send it to the ministry, the government might consider it.

He made the comments yesterday at the "National Domestic Workers Conference 2022", organised by Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE), in association with Oxfam in Bangladesh, Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS), Hellotask, Dushtha Shasthya Kendra (DSK), Karmojibi Nari, Nari Maitry, Red Orange and UCEP Bangladesh.

The conference was held at Krishibid Institute in the capital.

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For almost eight years now, commuters have been crossing the Bir Srestha Ruhul Amin Road in Rupsha upazila of Khulna with great difficulty. Often times, rickshaw and van pullers have to get down and drag their vehicles on the muddy road amid numerous potholes.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Research must be engaging: speakers

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Research in the country should be engaging to resolve civic crises affecting urban life, said speakers at a workshop yesterday.

The workshop, titled "A Knowledge Co-production Workshop for an Equitable Healthy Dhaka City", was organised by Brac School of Public Health at a city hotel.

Hossain Zillur Rahman, chairperson of the Brac governing body, said research must be engaging so that it can breed some solutions to the existing crises of the society.

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Nightmare on Khulna road

Major road in Rupsha upazila unrepaid for 8 years

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

The bitumen has eroded in many parts. During dry season, the road is engulfed in dust and in monsoon. There is water and a thick layer of mud.

This is the state of one of the busiest roads in Rupsha upazila for the last eight years.

As a result, for Khulna residents, using the Bir Shrestha Ruhul Amin Road has turned into a living nightmare.

According to LGED sources, the road's length is around seven kilometres. It starts from the eastern bank of Rupsha Ferry Ghat and ends at Zabusa Bazar via Char Rupsa, Bagmara. The road has seen no repairs since 2015.

Visiting the road last week, this correspondent saw around four km of the road (from Orion Power Plant to Ferry ghat) in a dilapidated state.

Rickshaw and van drivers were seen pushing their vehicles as there was no scope to drive it properly. Some pedestrians even chose to pass the road on barefoot, wading through murky water and mud.

Along the road, there are at least 15 shrimp processing factories and ice mills, three primary schools, coast guard office, police camp and several important facilities. At least 50 shrimp buying agents run their business on both sides of the road.

Md Kamal Hossain Bulbul, chairman of Naihati Union Parishad, said it's almost shameful that the road named after a Bir Shrestha is being neglected this way.

Although the road is under LGED, the road is categorised as "Village Road-A" in documents. However, large vehicles of fish companies, heavy vehicles of power plants and many vehicles of the under-construction Rupsha rail bridge ply the road.

"There are also brick, sand, stone and coal dealers on both sides of the road and overloaded trucks from those places ply it regularly. This made the road unusable," said Kamal Hossain.

Jalal Sheikh, a van driver in Bagmara, said, "It has become difficult to use the road. Not a day goes by that cars don't get stuck in the potholes."

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Date: 29.09.2022

1. Ministry, Procuring Entity & District	: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Public Diplomacy Wing, Segunbagicha, Dhaka
2. Invitation for	: Procurement of Diary, Desk Calendar and Wall Calendar
3. Invitation Ref No & Date	: 19.00.0000.625.04.001.22/302, Date: 29.09.2022
4. Procurement Method	: OTM (Open Tendering Method)
5. Budget and Source of Funds	: Revenue Budget for MOFA
6. Tender Publication Date	: 30 September, 2022
7. Tender Last Selling Date and Time	: 16 October, 2022, Time-9:00 AM
8. Tender Closing Date and Time	: 16 October, 2022, Time-1:00 PM
9. Tender Opening Date and Time	: 16 October, 2022, Time-1:30 PM
10. Selling Tender Document-Place & Address of the Office	: Assistant Secretary, Room no. 220, Public Diplomacy Wing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Segunbagicha, Dhaka
11. Receiving Tender Document-Place & Address of the Office	: Assistant Secretary, Room no. 220, Public Diplomacy Wing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Segunbagicha, Dhaka
12. Opening Tender Document-Place & Address of the Office	: Office of the Director General, Public Diplomacy Wing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Segunbagicha, Dhaka
13. Price of Tender Document	: Each set Tk. 1000/- (Non-refundable)
14. Brief Description of Goods	: Printing of Diary, Desk Calendar and Wall Calendar as per schedule with technical specification and supplied design.
15. Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	: (a) Minimum 05 years of general experience in printing said products of the best quality. (b) Tenderer should have latest Trade Licence, 13-digit VAT Certificate, Income Tax Pay Certificate, TIN Certificate along with other conditions described in tender documents.
16. Special Instruction for the Tenderer	: (a) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings. (b) Tender details are mentioned in Tender Document. (c) If tender cannot be received in due time for unavoidable circumstances, tender will be received in following working day.
17. Name & Designation of Official Inviting Tender	: Mr. Toufique Hasan, Director General, Public Diplomacy Wing, Segunbagicha, Dhaka
18. Address of Official Inviting Tender	: Room No. 206, Aennex Building, Public Diplomacy Wing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Segunbagicha, Dhaka
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Caretaker govt, forget about it! Quader tells BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League General Secretary yesterday urged the BNP leaders to take part in elections shaking off the thought of a caretaker government.

"The elections will be held in the country like in other democratic countries across the globe. So, BNP leaders especially Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir should remove the ghost of the caretaker government from their heads and participate in the elections..." said Quader, also road transport and bridges minister, reports BSS.

The minister said this at a discussion organised by Awami Swachhchasebak League, the volunteer wing of AL, at the auditorium of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University on the occasion of the 76th birthday of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

During the polls, the government will conduct its routine duties, he said, adding that the Election Commission will have the main responsibility.

Besides, the law

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PRAYER TIMING

SEPTEMBER 30

Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4-35 12-30 4-15 6-00 7-30

JAMAAT 5-10 1-15 4-35 6-05 8-00

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Office of the Principal
Graphic Arts Institute
Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh
Invitation for Tender (ICT)

01 Ministry	Ministry of Education	
02 Agency	Directorate of Technical Education (DTE)	
03 Procuring entity name	Principal, Graphic Arts Institute.	
04 Procuring entity code	160-02-06-132581	
05 Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
06 Invitation for	Goods	
07 Invitation Ref No.	37.03.2650.304.19.011.22-848	
08 Date	29/09/2022	
KEY INFORMATION		
09 Procurement method	ICT Open Tendering Method	
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10 Budget and source of funds	GOB Revenue	
11 Development partner	N/A	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12 Programme code	N/A	
13 Programme name	N/A	
14 Tender Package No.	GAI/REV/2022-23/GD-1	
15 Tender package name	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Engineering & Others Equipment for Printing Department (Four color offset printing machine).	
16 Tender publication date	29/09/2022	
17 Tender last selling date	14.11.2022	
18 Tender closing date and time	15.11.2022; 11:00am	
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20 Selling tender document	Office of the Principal, Graphic Arts Institute, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.	
21 Receiving tender document	Principal, Graphic Arts Institute, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.	
22 Opening tender document	Office of the Principal, Graphic Arts Institute, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.	
23 Selling tender document (others)	N/A	
24 Place/date/time of tender meeting (optional)	N/A	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
25 Eligibility of tenderer	Minimum 05 years general experience of supplying offset printing machine & the requirements mentioned in the Tender Document.	
26 Brief description of goods	Four-Color offset Printing Machine 01(one) No.	
27 Brief description of related services	As mentioned in the Tender Document.	
28 Tender document price	BDT 5000.00 (Five thousand) or equivalent: USD/EURO/GBP/YEN non-refundable	
29 Tender identification/tender lot information	Location	Tender security amount (refundable)
	Graphic Arts Institute, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.	BDT: 02 million or equivalent: USD/EURO/GBP/YEN)
		Completion time after contract signing (days)
		210 days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAIL		
30 Name of official inviting tender	Engr Niher Ronjon Das	
31 Designation of official inviting tender	Principal (In-Charge), Graphic Arts Institute.	
32 Address of official inviting tender	Graphic Arts Institute, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.	
33 Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: +8802-58151777	Email: principal.graphic@gmail.com
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I have no hard feelings

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the police department ends today after over 34 years of service.

Benazir further said police are allowed to use their firearms while on duty to defend themselves.

"The firearms I possess are to save my life. Several mechanisms are in place to see whether such arms were used [by law enforcers] to save [their] life or if there were instances of violation," he said when replying to a question about killings by law enforcers during political unrest or other mob incidents.

Judicial and internal enquiries are carried out into all such incidents to find out whether the rules were violated, he added.

Benazir said there are various accountability managements to investigate the allegations of human rights violation by law enforcers.

"The law enforcers are accountable to their department, court, state, and society," he said.

The outgoing IGP further said Bangladesh is one of the many countries that are signatories to the Convention Against Torture, and it is the only country in the world that has enacted the Torture

and Custodial Death (Prevention) Act.

Asked about the killing of Teknaf municipality councillor Ekramul Haque, during which he was the Rab director general, he said the incident did not take place on his "personal" watch. "It happened with [the involvement of] my field level officers, who were on government duty."

"It's a legal matter. There is no scope for me to express my opinion until it [the incident] is identified as unjust or immoral," he added.

"There was no personal dispute with the gentleman [Ekramul] who was killed in the incident, even though many tried to identify it as such.

"It is our responsibility to see if any of our colleagues have gone out of the mandate ... If someone overstepped it, legal action will be taken against them."

He added that he has information regarding multiple investigations into the incident.

"There has been a magisterial enquiry. I ordered an internal enquiry too when I left [Rab to join as IGP]. It would not be fair to say there was no investigation."

It's helping men

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years in Oman were recovered from his possession, they said.

A senior official of the CTC unit said Delwar was an "Ansar" (permanent) member of the outfit, who was going abroad with the outfit's funds.

ADC Ahamedul said Delwar's main task was to give shelter to outfit leaders in his house and hold meetings when they visited Dhaka.

He said, "We are trying to collect details about those who visited the house."

Delwar has been living in the house for the last two years. Recently, he cleared the house rent to leave the house after law enforcers learned of the address and his identity, said investigators.

Jakia Akter Mitu, Delwar's wife, however,

told this newspaper that she was unaware of her husband going abroad.

"Some people used to visit their house, but I did not meet them," said Jakia, adding, "I still do not believe that my husband is involved in militancy."

Asked why they were planning to leave the house, she said they wanted to reduce costs.

Ansar Al Islam's regrouping and operational activities came to the fore on August 23 after seven youths went missing from Cumilla.

At a programme yesterday, Shaiful Islam, commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said, "We learnt that about 50 youths left their homes. We're working to know where they are being trained, and there has been much progress in this regard."