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Every region in the world has its own brand of politics. While there may be some interregional commonalities, it is always the uncommon factors that define the politics of a particular region. For example, one of the key characteristics of South Asian politics is the tendency to form alliances before a major election. While occasionally the allies may have strong ideological similarities, in most cases, the partnerships are held with loose, common threads.

Bangladesh, being a part of South Asia, is no different. With the next parliamentary election set to be held in a year or so, the ruling Awami League and the BNP, the two dominant political forces in the country, have once again started rallying lesser and sometimes even completely unknown political parties to form alliances.

Eventually, it's all about numbers. Before the 2001 general election, the then main opposition in parliament, BNP, formed a four-party alliance with three other like-minded right-wing parties, including Jamaat-e-Islami. BNP and its allies swept that election with a two-third majority and ended up forming a coalition government. Before the following election in 2008, the Awami League took a page out of their archival's books and formed a bigger alliance with 14 like-minded parties, who were mostly left and centre-left in terms of political ideology. That coalition later came to be known as the "grand alliance" and it ended up winning an even bigger majority in parliament than what the four-party alliance did in 2001.

After a disastrous defeat in the 2008 election, the BNP took a couple of years to regroup and decided to form an even bigger alliance, this time with as many as 19 parties, in 2012. Apart from Jamaat-e-Islami, the remaining 18 parties were either one-man shows or existed only on papers and signboards, let alone having any significant vote bank.

Around the same time, the ruling Awami League revived the long-pending 1971 war crimes trial against top leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami. By

**While some smaller left-wing parties have started to side with the BNP, which has always been centre-right, some right-wing parties are getting closer to the Awami League, which has been historically centre-left.**

the time the next general election rolled around in 2014, some of the top Jamaat leaders had already been executed for their war crimes, and some others, alongside a number of BNP stalwarts, were awaiting the same fate, which significantly curtailed the impact that the 20-party alliance could have had.

The BNP-led alliance tried to

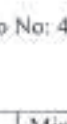


**Supporters of the Jatiya Party outside a polling station in Dhaka on December 30, 2018.**

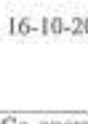
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took part. One of those parties had the organisational strength to nominate a candidate for just one seat in parliament, and there, too, that candidate managed to bag 297 votes only. In 2014, at least five among the 12 parties who took part in the election received less than

10,000 votes combined. In some cases, the smaller parties were the ones who were the beneficiaries. For example, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, Workers Party, and Bangladesh Tarikat Federation contested in the election with the Awami League's "boat" symbol in the 2014 election



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


**শেখ হাসিনার মূলনীতি**  
**এক শব্দের উন্নতি**

Memo No: 46.02.0000.660.03.006.22.26
Date: 16-10-2022

**Invitation for Tenders (Outsourcing)**

1	Ministry/Division	Local Government Rural Development & Co-operative, Local Government Division.		
2	Agency	Local Government Engineering Department		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Local Government COVID-19 Response & Recovery Project (LGCRRP)		
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present		
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Physical Services		
7	Invitation Ref No	46.02.0000.660.03.006.22.26		
8	Date	16.10.2022		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>				
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>				
10	Budget and Source of Funds	GoB		
11	Development Partners	World Bank		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
12	Project / Program Code	224364300		
13	Project Name	Local Government COVID-19 Response & Recovery Project (LGCRRP)		
14	Tender Package No.	NS-101		
15	Tender Package Name	Selection and Employment of a Firm for Outsourcing Support Staff		
		<b>Date</b>		
16	Tender Publication Date	16.10.2022		
17	Tender Last Selling Date	09.11.2022 (During Office hour) 3.00pm		
		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	10.11.2022	12.00Noon	
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	10.11.2022	1.00pm	
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	Office of the Project Director, Local Government COVID-19 Response & Recovery Project (LGCRRP), LGED-RDEC Bhaban (Level-07), Agargaon, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.		
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
21	Eligibility of Tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract under the Applicable Law.</li> <li>Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organizations registered in Bangladesh.</li> <li>Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh</li> </ul>		
22	Brief Description of Services	Providing support for the position of 4 nos. Computing, 4 nos. Work Associate, 1 no. Security Guard, 1 no. Cleaning under the project for 36 months.		
23	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	Tk. 2000.00		
	Package No	Identification of Package	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)
24	1	NS-101	Dhaka	1,50,000.00
				Completion Time in Weeks / Months
				36 Months
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>				
25	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Nazmus Sadat Md. Zillur Rahman		
26	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director		
27	Address of Official Inviting Tender	LGED-RDEC Bhaban (Level-07), Agargaon, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.		
28	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Ph: 02-44826494	e-mail: pd.lgcrp@lged.gov.bd	
29	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings			



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