

Hasina Chowdhury passes away

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Hasina Chowdhury, wife of martyred intellectual Rafiqul Haider Chowdhury, passed away yesterday due to old-age complication at her Dhaka residence.

She was 83, says a press release.

Limitations

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Khalid mentioned.
The state minister praised the media for its role to uncover incidents of river grabbing and pollution. The government were able to recover many of the waterbodies due to media reports.

Replying to another question, Khalid said a project to establish a riverine route between India and Bangladesh is progressing.

He said one of the top agenda of the government is to revive the country's rivers.

The state minister called upon all to raise awareness about protecting these waterbodies.

Will hold rally on

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The BNP leader said the government could not stop BNP's seven divisional rallies despite using everything at their disposal to erect various obstacles, as "the people have now woken up".

He alleged that the government has been recycling the old game of filing false cases against opposition leaders and activists to subdue them.

GOVT THE "BRUTE"

Referring to the killing of Nayan Miah in police firing, he said the government has claimed the lives of seven youths in the current movement for the restoration of democracy and voting rights of people.

"They [AL] have been playing the most brutal

role in the history of the country," the BNP leader observed.

Slamming Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader for his comment that the Bancharampur incident was "arranged" or somehow not genuine, Fakhrul said, "How inhuman and cruel can they become that they can't even express a little sorrow?"

He said it is Awami League which has been staying in power by force through stage-managed polls. "You don't have legitimacy. If the constitution of Bangladesh is true, you are not genuine (regime) as you're not elected one. You stuffed ballot boxes at night what now the foreigners are also saying."

Consider mental

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Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua said people involved in the judicial process should be taken under training and awareness programmes by mental-health experts.

Ainun Nahar Siddiqua, a panel lawyer of BLAST, said mental health should be taken into account in all cases, especially in the trial of women victims of domestic and other forms of violence.

The participants also demanded increasing budget allocation in the field of mental health, speeding up the implementation of the Mental Health Act, and formulating the rules related to this act.

The discussion was chaired by Supreme Court lawyer and member of BLAST board of trustees ZI Khan Panna.

Central lottery

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and district Sadar upazilas will come under the central lottery.

Non-government schools in Dhaka will not be a part of the central lottery. However, they will also need to hold lotteries through committees approved by the education ministry, said Mohammad Belal Hossain, director of DSHE.

He added that non-government schools in others areas will also need to hold a lottery with approval from district admission committees.

"Lottery has been arranged centrally in the schools where the competition is high. The rest of the schools will be gradually brought under the central lottery. If any school does not hold a lottery, action will be taken against them," Belal said.

According to Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics, there are 18,874 secondary schools in the country. Of them, 621 are government run.

The online application process for admissions to all government and non-government secondary schools for the upcoming academic session started on November 16.

The deadline for the submission of forms is 5:00pm on December 6.

Applications for both government and non-government schools will have to be submitted on the website "gsa.teletalk.com.bd".

Myanmar

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political situation in Myanmar stand in the way, he said.

"We believe early resolution to the Rohingya crisis through their dignified return... is an essential element for realising the full potential of inter-regional trade and connectivity," he added.

Mustafizur Rahman, fellow of Centre for Policy Dialogue, moderated the session.

Sanjay Kumar Bhardwaj, professor of South Asian studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University, said India has understood that economic prosperity can't be achieved alone. Neighbouring countries must be connected and develop together.

"Bangladesh and India have a complex inter-dependency, which is forcing both countries to think together, apart from shared historic and cultural ties," he said.

Water-vessel workers

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observing programmes, like bringing out processions and holding rallies, across the country in support of the abstention.

Bangladesh Water Transport Workers Federation, a platform of eight workers' organisations, has already expressed support for the programme.

Md Shah Alam, the federation's president, said after a movement, the government fixed the minimum wage at Tk 7,500 in 2016 for a five-year period. The wage was supposed to be raised in June last year.

Since then, the federation leaders have been raising their voice for a pay hike, but the government and watercraft owners did not pay heed, he said.

"As the workers were planning to start a movement for a pay hike in mid-September this year, we halted it on request of the director general of Department of Labour, who offered to talk about the demand," he mentioned.

The Department of Labour sat with the federation leaders on September 21 and met watercraft owners' leaders on October 13. In the latest meeting, participants decided to form a

committee comprising a representative of all stakeholders within October 20 to fix new wages, said the leader.

Since nothing has been done till that date, the workers are unwilling to wait more and want to wage a tough movement, he said.

Alam said as prices of all commodities are rising, the wages need to rise too.

Meanwhile, business leaders expressed concern over the work abstention since it would hurt the already volatile commodity market.

Mahbubul Alam, president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said it is illogical to call a strike for the most important logistics sector of the country, when the whole world's economy is volatile.

If the supply chain is slightly disrupted, the commodity market would become unstable, which would ultimately bring sufferings to consumers, he said.

Mentioning that importers and traders are already struggling amidst the volatile situation, the Mahbubul said the workers should not hold everyone hostage.

He urged the government to take initiative to avoid any stalemate in business activities.

Rajshahi BNP

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anticipatory bail expired.

"He had been absconding for a long time. But we learnt that he returned home for the rally," said Mazharul Islam, officer in-charge of Boalia police station.

Other than Nadim, at least 33 BNP leaders and activists have been arrested in Rajshahi, Joypurhat, Bogura, Naogaon, and Natore since November 15.

Around 1,000 BNP leaders and activists have also been accused in 21 new cases, filed under special powers act and explosives act, in Sirajganj and five other districts.

On Saturday night, police recovered a sack of

six cocktail bombs from a bush in front of BNP's Gopalpur municipality office in Natore's Lalpur upazila.

The office was later sealed off by police.

Farzana Sharmin Putul, a member of BNP's media cell, said, "The incident of recovering bombs was arranged. BNP members had nothing to do with it."

"We think a transport strike will also be enforced in Rajshahi ahead of the rally, like in other divisions. But our demands will only reach more people with all the obstacles," said Ruhul Quddus Talukder Dulu, BNP's Rajshahi divisional organising secretary.

Sit together

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completing the "Senior Leaders' Fellowship Program".

Among the graduating senior fellows, 11 leaders are from Awami League, 10 from BNP, and two from Jatiya Party.

Speaking at the programme, BNP Standing Committee Member Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan said, "Millions of people of this country sacrificed their lives in the Liberation War for democracy. We must not forget this. If we lose that democracy, then the sacrifice will be in vain."

"On a specific day every five years, I will vote according to my wish...

If I can't cast that vote, then our struggle was for nothing," he added.

In her concluding remarks, Democracy International Chief of Party Dana L Olds said the graduating leaders must serve as an example to young politicians in their constituencies, so that they can work together across parties to improve people's lives.

The fellowship programme is designed to provide mid-level and senior-level leaders of central and grassroots organisations with opportunities to hone their leadership and political skills.

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Memo no: 46.02.6485.000.99.001.22-502 Date: 21-11-2022

e-Tender Notice NO: 03/2022-2023. (OTM)


e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal(<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works, Details are given below:

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2.		Construction of additional class room of Laikuri GPS, under-PEDP4, Raninagar, Naogaon. Tender ID No.750252	18 Dec 2022 (17.00pm)	19 Dec 2022 (13.10 pm)
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RPCL-NORINCO INTL. POWER LIMITED

Memo No: RNPL/1320/2022/0654

"শেখ হাসিনার উদ্যোগ-
যে যত্নে বিদ্যুৎ"

Date: 22.11.2022

Invitation for Proposal for Procurement of Coal from Indonesia and/or Australia for PATUAKHALI 1320 (2 X 660) MW COAL FIRED THERMAL POWER PLANT

- "RPCL-NORINCO INTL Power Limited" (RNPL), a Joint Venture of Rural Power Company Limited (RPCL), Bangladesh and NORINCO International Cooperation Ltd., China, incorporated to implement on BOO basis the "Patuakhali 1320 (2x660) MW Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant" (the Plant) at Patuakhali, Bangladesh. The expected Initial Operation Date (IOD) of this plant is June 2024 and expected Commercial Operation Date (COD) is Oct 2024. At normal operational capacity, the plant with 2 units is anticipated to require 4,000,000 (+/- 10%) metric tonnes (MT) coal per annum. The First delivery of coal is expected to be ensured within October 2023.
- Now RNPL intends to invite eligible Bidders to submit their proposals for the supply of coal with following details:

Required maximum quantity per annum	Up to 1x±10% 2,400,000 MT from Indonesia and/or 1x±10% 1,600,000 MT from Australia
Net Calorific Value as Received Basis (NAR)	≥3900 kcal/kg (Indonesia) or ≥5100(Australia)
Delivery Condition	FOBT
Contract Term	Minimum Five Years from First Delivery Date subject to a review of the Agreement every year starting from the beginning of the fourth Year
- Only Eligible Bidders are invited to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP). Bidders are requested to refer to Section 2.9 of Instruction to Bidders (ITB) in the Request for Proposal for a full range of criteria prior to submitting their proposals. In case of any discrepancies between this invitation for proposal and the Request for Proposal, the Request for Proposal shall prevail. The bidder needs to fulfill the following criteria:
 - A Bidder should be a coal mine owner or holding company of a coal mine owner or a trader and should have exported, a minimum quantity of 2 million MT of coal, in any continuous twelve (12) months period, during the past three (3) years;
 - The recoverable reserves of the coal of the coal mine should be of a minimum quantity of 5 million MT;
 - In case of a trader, a coal supply agreement with a minimum term of 5 (five) years between the trader and its coal mine should be submitted together with a report for that contracted coal mine evidencing its recoverable reserves of the coal having a minimum quantity of 5 million MT;
 - The average annual turnover of the Bidder, in any of the three (3) financial years within the preceding four financial years, as on 1st July 2022, should not be less than USD 100 Million (US Dollars One Hundred Million Only);
 - Net Worth of the Bidder, as on the last date of the financial year immediately preceding 1st July 2022, should not be less than 100% of its paid-up share capital.
 - The values of the specified parameters of the coal supplied by the Bidders should be close to the corresponding figures as set out in ITB 2.3;
 - This RFP is open to potential Bidders from all countries, except Israel.
- The Request for Proposal will be available from 23 November, 2022 at the following website for information only: <https://www.rnpl.com.bd> and <http://www.rpcl.gov.bd>
- The interested bidder must collect the Request for Proposal in their name for submission of Bid Proposal from the corporate office of RPCL-NORINCO INTL Power Limited (RNPL); Address: Atlanta Trade Center (7th Floor), House # 01, Road # 1/A, Sector # 04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh, with a non-refundable fee of USD 1,200 (US Dollar one thousand Two Hundred) or BDT 100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Bangladesh Taka) in the form of an international bank draft encashable at any scheduled bank in Bangladesh or in the form of local bank draft/pay order, made payable to the Company Secretary, RNPL.

In case bidder chose to pay the amount through online bank transfer, the account details of RNPL are as under:

Applicable for	: Any bidder paying to RNPL in USD
Transfer Method	: SWIFT
Account Title	: RPCL-NORINCO Intl. Power Limited
Account Number	: 0200016276015
Bank Name	: Agrani Bank Limited
Branch Name	: Gulshan Corporate Branch, Gulshan-01, Dhaka.
SWIFT Code	: AGBKDDH042
Remarks	: Please mention the purpose of the remittance during transfer through the bank and inform RNPL's Company Secretary after remitting.

The RFP document purchaser must have an original copy of authorization letter issued by the bidder with Bank draft or Swift copy attached.

- Bid Security**
 - the amount of Bid Security shall be US\$ 1,500,000.00 (US Dollar one million and Five Hundred Thousand only) in the form specified in the RFP;
 - Bid Security shall be valid for at least 28 (twenty-eight) days beyond the original validity period of the Bid Proposal, or beyond any period of extension if required.
- Bid Validity shall be 180 (one hundred eighty) days after the Deadline for submission of Bid Proposal.
- Deliver your Proposal to the following address as per procedure described in ITB 3.2 of RFP document:

Company Secretary
RPCL-NORINCO INTL Power Limited (RNPL)
Address: Atlanta Trade Center (7th Floor), House # 01, Road # 1/A, Sector # 04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh.
Phone: +88-02-48956157-58, +88-01717939084, +88-01552379158

Note that, Proposal submission through E-mail will not be acceptable.

- Date and Time for procuring RFP and submission of proposal:

Description	Date	Time
Starting Date and Time for Selling Request For Proposal	24 November, 2022	10.00 AM (BST)
Last Date and Time for Sending Queries on Request For Proposal	14 December, 2022	05.00 PM (BST)
Last Date and Time for Selling Request for Proposal	09 January, 2023	05.00 PM (BST)
Last Date and Time for Submission of Proposal	10 January, 2023	12.00 PM (BST)
- The Employer will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of their Bid Proposals.
- In case of any queries regarding this Invitation for Proposal, E-mail to: cs@rnpl.com.bd

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