

‘Protect indigenous people and their land’ Civic delegation tells Bogura DC

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Members of a civic delegation and leaders of various indigenous organisations met Bogura district commissioner yesterday and raised the issue of the security of the indigenous people living in Bogura’s Sherpur upazila.

The delegation also met the indigenous communities and listened to their grievances regarding the recent land dispute in Sherpur’s Gorta, Joy nagar, Ambol, Mordighi and Keshobpur villages.

Prof Rubayat Ferdous of Dhaka University; Prof Farha Tanzim of Islamic University; Gozendranath Mahato, assistant secretary of the Bangladesh Adivasi Forum; Zakir Hossain, executive director of Nagorik Uddayog; Shrikanto Mahato, general secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Union; Prof Ahsan Habib of Dhaka University; Horendra Singh, president of Adivasi Jubo Parishad, were present there among others.

The indigenous people of Sherpur upazila recently came under attacks while protesting the alleged land grabbing by local Bangladeshes.

The delegation urged the DC to ensure the safety of the indigenous communities, protect their land and allocate the khas land among the landless.

DC Saiful Islam assured them that no one can encroach on the khas land, which will be either under the government’s jurisdiction or allocated among the local landless families.

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Will Dhaka walls finally be free of posters?

DNCC fixing designated spots; expert skeptical

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Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) is designating specific locations for posters, banners, signboards, and billboards in every ward to stop the rampant practice of illegally putting up posters and other forms of advertising.

An expert on urban planning, however, is somewhat skeptical about the initiative. He said even though DNCC took a similar decision in 2013, the corporation hasn’t been able to implement it till date.

DNCC has instructed its 54 ward councillors to select locations and inform the relevant department for implementation. The move is to stop unauthorised advertising and improve the city’s appearance, said DNCC officials.



But DNCC has failed to fix designated locations for posters in 10 years, said Prof Adil Mohammed Khan of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Jahangirnagar University.

He said, “This will be challenging to implement. Proper planning is necessary.”

“It will be difficult to make people aware of the rules for putting

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Gazipur trader dies as ‘cops torture him in custody’

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Rabiul from his shop on Saturday night on charges of gambling.

Quoting Rabiul’s wife Nupur, his neighbours Tarajul Islam and Abdus Salam said police demanded Tk 5 lakh for the release of Rabiul.

Nupur gave Tk 85,000 to police on Saturday night, but the law enforcers didn’t free her husband, the neighbours added.

Another neighbour Aytal said police picked up Nupur from her home in Pearabagan around midnight on Tuesday. They took her signature on a blank paper assuring her that her husband would be freed.

After signing the paper, Nupur demanded her husband be freed, but police didn’t release him. Rather, they dropped off Nupur at her home and said her husband would be

released two hours later, said Abdul Kalam, a cousin of Rabiul.

Around two hours later, someone identifying himself as a policeman called Nupur and said her husband was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital after being injured in a road accident.

Around one hour later, the “policeman” phoned her again to inform that her husband passed away at the hospital.

Family members claimed that Rabiul, father of two daughters, was not accused in any criminal cases.

As the news of his death spread yesterday morning, locals blocked the two highways.

On information, police rushed to spot and tried to drive away the protestors. A clash broke out as the mob hurled brick chunks at the police. The protestors and police chased each other,

said witnesses.

Police fired rubber bullets to disperse the mob and bring the situation under control. Movement of vehicles on the Dhaka Mymensingh and Joydevpur-Jamalpur highways resumed around 11:30am.

Law enforcers, however, denied the allegations of torturing Rabiul and receiving money from his wife.

Basan Police Station OC Malek Khasru said, “Four people, including Rabiul, were arrested on Tuesday evening for their involvement in gambling. Police later decided to release them all after primary interrogation.”

He said they informed Rabiul’s family to take him home from the police station. “Rabiul’s relatives took him from the police station around 9:00pm on Tuesday night. On the

way home, Rabiul was hit by a truck on a road in Bhogra area. His relatives rushed him to the hospital where he died,” claimed the OC.

Malek, however, didn’t specifically say to whom Rabiul was handed over.

Meanwhile, Gazipur Metropolitan Police (GMP) yesterday closed two assistant sub-inspectors – Mahbubur Rahman and Nurul Islam – of Basan Police Station, said an official of the GMP.

Besides, a three-member probe body, led by GMP Additional Commissioner Delwar Hossain, was formed to investigate the trader’s death and the clash.

Abdus Salam, a brother-in-law of Rabiul, said the body was lying at the Dhaka Medical College morgue until 9:00pm yesterday as police were yet to hand it over to them.

EU keen

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Commission office in the capital’s Agargaon.

“We are advancing as per the roadmap we have. We are preparing and we will hold the election on time. We also made it clear to them [the EU delegation],” said CEC Kazi Habibul Awal.

He said, “We told them that we expect all parties will finally participate in the polls We also said if the election is participatory, there will be a good competition. We are fully prepared for that.”

Asked whether they talked to the delegation about political dialogue, the CEC said, “The Election Commission several times earlier said there is a need for dialogue between political parties. An understanding is needed between them so that the election is held in a fair manner.”

“They [EU delegation] asked us if we trust EVMs? I said the lack of confidence we had in EVMs has gone away to a great extent. But I also informed them that I’m not still sure whether EVMs will be available.”

The 11-member delegation included EU Deputy Head of Mission Bernd Spanier, Danish Ambassador Winnie Estrup Petersen, Swedish Ambassador Alexandra Berg Von, German Ambassador Achim Tröster, Netherlands Ambassador Anne Gerard van Leeuwen, France Deputy Head of Mission Guillaume Audren de Kerdrel, Italy Deputy Head of Mission Mattia Ventura, Spain Charge d’ Affaires Ignacio Siles Fernández-Palacios, Switzerland Ambassador Nathalie Chuard and Norway Ambassador Espen Rikter-Svendsen.

The next national election is slated for January next year.

Buy gas at global price

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the same price that the government pays to procure gas. There is no reason to provide subsidy here,” she said.

The PM made the statement while responding to remarks of Jatiya Party MP Mujibul Haque Chunnun.

Hasina said Bangladesh is taking the loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on no significant conditions. “IMF gives loans to a country only when it has the capacity to repay.”

Earlier, taking the floor on a point of order, Chunnun said Bangladesh is now meeting some conditions to get loans from IMF and has already raised electricity price and would increase gas price, which will lead to soaring prices of commodities and inflation.

Hasina said the government is giving subsidy to power and gas. “My question is that which country in the world provides subsidy to electricity and gas. No country gives subsidy to them. We’ve increased the electricity generation and ensured its supply. But all will have to exercise austerity in using electricity.”

She said the electricity price was raised by 150 percent in England following the Ukraine-Russia war. “We’ve hiked the price of electricity by only 5 percent and the bulk gas price to some extent now.”

The PM said the spot price of LNG is now \$68 in international market, which was earlier only \$6. “If so,

how much subsidy will the government provide? The government gives the subsidy from the public money.”

Hasina said the commodity prices have gone up across the world. In Bangladesh, the government provided fair price and TCB cards to the lower and middle-income people so that they can buy some essential commodities, including rice, at subsidised rates, she added.

She said the inflation came down slightly in December and January in the country. The food inflation is 13.3 percent in a country like England. The same situation prevails in all other countries of the world. But Bangladesh has not fallen into such situation yet, she added.

The PM said the use of electricity was reduced by 50 percent at the Prime Minister’s Office and the Gono Bhaban. If all take such measures, they can save power, she said.

FOOD CRISIS

In reply to a question from Jatiya Party MP Syed Abu Hossain, Hasina said the risk of food crisis stems from the Covid-19 pandemic and Russia-Ukraine war.

She added that the pandemic and the war have impacted the global economy and Bangladesh is no exception.

Hasina said her government has taken various measures so that there is no food shortage here.

The measures include increasing agriculture production and construction of modern silos.


MEGA PROJECTS

Responding to another question from Awami League lawmaker Abdul Latif, Hasina placed the statistics over the progress of 10 mega projects.

Of the projects, Padma Bridge and metro rail have already been opened, while Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Tunnel under the Karnaphuli river is awaiting inauguration.

She said 52 percent progress has been made in the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant project, 90 percent of the physical work has been completed in the Maitree super thermal power plant project, 71 percent in the Matarbari coal-fired power plant, 81 percent in the Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Development Project-6, 100 percent in the Anwara-Fauzdarhat gas transmission pipeline, 95 percent in the Moheshkhali-Anwara Gas transmission parallel pipeline, and 92 percent progress in the Chatogram-Feni-Bakhrabad gas transmission parallel pipeline project.

While reading out a scripted answer, the PM at one stage said she was not feeling well due to cold-related complications and requested Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, who was presiding over the sitting, to consider the rest of the answer as read.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh				
Department of Agricultural Extension				
Farm Mechanization Through Integrated Management Project				
Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215				
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Memo No. 12.01.0000.000.14.054.21/229			Date: 17/01/2023	
e-Tender Notice				
Open Tender Method (OTM)				
e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following works.				
Sl. No.	Tender ID and Invitation Reference No.	Name of the works	Publication date and time	Last date and time for opening and closing
1	779676, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot-21/184	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (i) Upazila: Sadar, Dist: Panchagor, (ii) Upazila: Pirgonj, Dist: Thakurgaon, (iii) Upazila: Sadar, Dist: Lalmonirhat, (iv) Upazila: Kaligoni, Dist: Lalmonirhat, (v) Upazila: Akkelpur, Dist: Joypurhat	17-Jan-2023 20:00:00	09-Feb-2023 12:00:00
2	779688, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot-22/185	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila at (i) Upazila: Sadar, Dist: Rangpur, (ii) Upazila: Kaunia, Dist: Rangpur, (iii) Upazila: Mithapukur, Dist: Rangpur, (iv) Upazila: Taragonj, Dist: Rangpur, (v) Upazila: Gobindogonj, Dist: Gaibandha	17-Jan-2023 20:00:00	09-Feb-2023 12:00:00
3	779923, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot-23/186	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (i) Upazila: Domar, Dist: Nilphaman, (ii) Upazila: Dimla, Dist: Nilphaman, (iii) Upazila: Jaldhaka, Dist: Nilphaman, (iv) Upazila: Kishoreganj, Dist: Nilphaman, (v) Upazila: Kahaloo, Dist: Bogura	17-Jan-2023 16:00:00	09-Feb-2023 12:00:00
4	779956, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot-24/187	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (i) Upazila: Faridpur, Dist: Pabna, (ii) Upazila: Sadar, Dist: Rajbari, (iii) Upazila: Sadar, Dist: Madaripur, (iv) Upazila: Nagarkanda, Dist: Faridpur, (v) Upazila: Mukshudpur, Dist: Gopalganj	17-Jan-2023 16:00:00	09-Feb-2023 12:00:00
5	780002, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot-25/188	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (i) Upazila: Tungipara, Dist: Gopalganj, (ii) Upazila: Kotalpara, Dist: Gopalganj, (iii) Upazila: Dhobaura, Dist: Mymensingh, (iv) Upazila: Delduar, Dist: Tangail, (v) Upazila: Mirzapur, Dist: Tangail	17-Jan-2023 16:00:00	09-Feb-2023 12:00:00
6	780184, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot-26/189	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila at (i) Upazila: Durgapur, Dist: Rajshahi, (ii) Upazila: Sadar, Dist: Naogang, (iii) Upazila: Dhamoirhat, Dist: Naogaon, (iv) Upazila: Gurudaspur, Dist: Natore, (v) Upazila: Naldanga, Dist: Natore	17-Jan-2023 16:00:00	09-Feb-2023 12:30:00
7	780204, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot-27/190	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila at (i) Upazila: Sadar, Dist: Patuakhali, (ii) Upazila: Dashmina, Dist: Patuakhali, (iii) Upazila: Bauphal, Dist: Patuakhali, (iv) Upazila: Sadar, Dist: Jhalokati, (v) Upazila: Nalchhiti, Dist: Jhalokati	17-Jan-2023 16:00:00	09-Feb-2023 12:30:00
8	780205, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot-28/191	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (i) Upazila: Sadar, Dist: Barguna, (ii) Upazila: Betagi, Dist: Barguna, (iii) Upazila: Patharghata, Dist: Barguna, (iv) Upazila: Sadar, Dist: Pirojpur, (v) Upazila: Barlekha, Dist: Moulvibazar	17-Jan-2023 16:00:00	09-Feb-2023 12:30:00
9	780206, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot-29/192	Machinery/Input storage Building ?Construction at 5 at Upazila pazila: Kendua, Dist: Netrokona< (ii) Upazila: Nalitabari, Dist: Sherpur, (iii) Upazila: Sreebardi, Dist: Sherpur, (iv) Upazila: Sadar (Dakshin), Dist: Cumilla, (v) Upazila: Adersha Sadar, Dist: Cumilla	17-Jan-2023 16:00:00	09-Feb-2023 12:30:00
10	780207, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot-30/193	Construction of one Storey machinery Input Storage Building at (i) Upazila: Sadar, Dist: Noakhali, (ii) Upazila: Companiganj, Dist: Noakhali, (iii) Upazila: Kabirhat, Dist: Noakhali, (iv) Upazila: Sadar, Dist: Khagrachari, (v) Upazila: Matiranga, Dist: Khagrachari Under Farm Mechanization through Integrated Management Project	17-Jan-2023 16:00:00	09-Feb-2023 12:30:00
This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) is mandatory. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd). The procuring entity reserve the right to accept or reject all tender/proposals without showing any cause.				
 Tarik Mahmudul Islam Project Director Farm Mechanization Through Integrated Management Project Department of Agricultural Extension Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215				
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INVITATION OF TENDER (NCT)			
Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB)			
The People's Republic of Bangladesh			
1	Ministry/Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.	
2	Agency	Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB)	
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Modernization and Capacity Enhancement of BREB Network (Dhaka- Mymensingh Division)	
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present	
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka	
6	Invitation for	Man-power Supply through Outsourcing	
7	Invitation Ref No	Ref: 27.12.0000.224.11.001.22-146	
8	Date	Date:16.01.2023	
KEY INFORMATION			
9	Procurement Method	Open tendering Method (OTM)	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Own Fund (BREB)	
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	Not Applicable	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12	Project / Program Code (if applicable)	Not Applicable	
13	Project Name (if applicable)	Modernization and Capacity Enhancement of BREB Network ((Dhaka- Mymensingh Division)).	
14	Tender Package No.	MCEP/BREB/DMD-MPS-51, Lot-01	
15	Tender Package Name	Man-power Supply through Outsourcing	
16	Tender Publication Date	19-01-2023	
17	Pre-Tender Meeting	Date: 30-01-2023	Time: 11:00 AM (BST)
18	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	Date: 19-02-2023	Time: 4:00 PM (BST)
19	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date: 20-02-2023	Time: 11:00 AM (BST)
20	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date: 20-02-2023	Time: 11:30 AM (BST)
21	Name & Address of the office	Office of the Project Director, Modernization and Capacity Enhancement of BREB Network (Dhaka- Mymensingh Division), Academic Building, Floor and room number: 6 th Floor, BREB H/Q, Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229.	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	As per tender document.	
23	Brief Description of Services	Man power supply for Office Assistant cum Computing services, Office/work Support services, & Cleaning Staff.	
24	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	The tender document can be purchased from the office of the project director by any interested tenderer on submission of a written application upon payment of non-refundable TK. 3,000 (Three thousand) only in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favor of, Project Director, MCEP (Dhaka- Mymensingh Division) Project, BREB, Dhaka.	
25	Brief Description of Tender and Amount of Tender Security:		
	Package No	Identification of Package	Tender Security Amount (Tk)
	MCEP/BREB /DMD-MPS-51, Lot-01	Man-power Supply through Outsourcing [Office Assistant cum Computing services(6 nos.), Office/work Support services(4 nos.) & Cleaning Staff (4 nos.)]	5,00,000.00 (Five Lakh)
			Completion Time in Weeks / Months
			As per stated in the tender document
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
26	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. ShafiqurRahman	
27	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director	
28	Address of Official Inviting Tender	As stated below	
29	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	+88-02-8900323	
30	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings		
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