Commuters suffer for delay in road work

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

The delay in the construction of a 3.5-kilometrelong Hatbati-Kasaribari-Soilmari road located at the Sadar union in Khulna's Batiaghata upazila is causing immense suffering to thousands of commuters. The road construction work has remained suspended for six months, making it hard for locals to live in roadside houses and continue their businesses due to the sand and thick dust of brick chips in the air.

Construction firm Shahid Enterprise got the work order in April 2022, to complete the 4.5-kilometre road under the Rural Connectivity Improvement Project (RCIP). The

In the last six months, many patients, particularly children and the elderly have come to me with breathing problems. The contractor was supposed to spray water two times a day to minimise the dust, but he is not following it.

Homoeopathy doctor and resident of Khalashibunia

work was scheduled to be completed by August this year, but after doing some development work, the contractor suspended the work six months ago.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw the entire area's air thick with dust due to the dumping of brick chips. Local vehicles like vans and easy bikes hardly run along the road due to the thick sand. Residents get off from vans and easy bikes at the culvert of Hatbati Road.

Near Kasaribari Bridge, passersby face one-footthick dust to walk along the road. From Kasaribari to Pathorighata, it is almost impossible to even walk to the desired destination

Khukon Mallick, a van driver and resident of Hatbari village, said he generally avoids going to Kasari bari or Soilmari using the road for the last year.

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A little rain, a whole lot of pain

Plastic chokes drains, roads in Kulaura during monsoon

MINTU DESHWARA

When it rains a little, almost all the roads in Moulvibazar's Kulaura Municipality get flooded. On top of that, the road towards the railway station through Dakshinbazar gets inundated, causing locals to suffer.

Even though the water in the whole of Moulvibazar went down last year, it takes a long time for the water to reach Upazila Chattar from Miliplaza in Kulaura town.

The authorities started cleaning the drains before the upcoming monsoon. Later, it was found that various commercial wastes, including polythene, plastic, bottles, and cork sheets, were being dumped in the drains.

Municipality officials specific cleaners are employed in different areas to clean the garbage from homes and businesses. They regularly take garbage in trucks at certain times. Various campaigns have also been conducted by the municipality to keep garbage at specific places.

However, people still throw garbage in the drains.

When this correspondent visited the Kulaura Municipality area recently, it was seen on the surface that in many places from the municipality to Dakshinbazar, garbage has been removed from the drains and piled on the side of the



Apart from empty packets of chips and biscuits, polythene, and plastic bottles, this pile also contains various wastes, including wires, cork sheets, bricks, pieces of wood, broken nail rods, and sacks. Bags and shoes are also stuck in different places.

Md Halim Ahmed, a resident of Dakshinbazar, said drain water stays on the road in front of our house throughout the year.

"There is water here even in the dry season. My father had an accident a few days ago when he slipped in this drain water authorities have turned a blind eye all. to our issues," he added.

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Another local Mahbub Ahmed said, "We are so unconscious that we break some part of the slab used to cover the drain and throw dirt inside the drain. Those who throw bottles or polythene in the drain should be brought under penalty.

Saidul Hasan Sipon, general secretary of Kulaura Journalists' Association, said even with a bit of drizzle, drain water inundates the roads, and garbage from the drains floats on the roads.

Abdul Karim Chowdhury, general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon Sylhet, said although there is a law to ban while going to the mosque. The polythene bags, it is not effective at

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Illegal structures continue to plague Kuakata Beach

SOHRAB HOSSAIN. Patuakhali

Around 600 illegal structures were evicted from Kuakata Beach in November 2022, thanks to the initiative of Patuakhali District Administration and Water Development Board (WDB). However, just four months later, illegal construction has resumed in different areas of the beach on government land.

Over 200 structures have been built on the beach's flood control dyke in the last two weeks alone, and more are still under construction.

The root of the problem dates back to 1975, when a gang filed a case with a Patuakhali court claiming ownership of land on the beach. The complexity of the case led to the gang building hundreds of structures on the beach. Besides, local influential people have occupied various areas of the beach and constructed structures at different times.

In November 2022, after the case was dismissed, district administration and WDB conducted separate eviction drives for three days from November 10 to 12, resulting in roughly 600 illegal structures being removed from the beach.

However, just four months later, the construction of illegal structures on the beach resumed.

One such structure, built by local influential Sajedul Islam Hiru, on the west side of zero point, is particularly risky. The three-story structure is being held up by iron angles. It's so tall and risky that there is a possibility of a major accident if it

Although there is a rule requiring approval from the municipality and the beach management committee for the construction of structures in the beach area, this is not being followed in Hiru's case.

This correspondent could not reach Hiru over the phone. However, Hiru's father-in-law AKM Shahjalal, who is overseeing the construction work, claimed that they have a court order regarding the land.

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Bangladesh Shipping Corporation BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road Chattogram-4100 Memo No. 18.16.0000.362.07.001.23 Request for Expressions of Interest (EoI) for Consulting Firm

GENE	RAL INFORMATION			
01.	Ministry/Division	023	Ministry of Shipping (MoS);	
02.	Agency	1 929	Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC);	
03.	Procuring entity name		Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC);	
04.	Procuring entity district		Chattogram;	
05.	Expression of Interest for Selection of	1.1	Consulting Firm (lump-sum);	
06.	Title of service		Maritime Commerce and Business Models, Finding out scope of shipping businesses adopting Innovative Ideas, and Expanding Existing Services/Businesses, Fostering, 'Shipping Business: Beyond Boundary' as Core to Transform BSC an Entity in Achieving Desired National Economic Development;	
07.	EOI Ref. No.	1 900	18.16.0000.362.07.001.23.	
08.	Date	140	12-04-2023	
KEY IN	IFORMATION		10	
09.	Procurement sub-method	1.5	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)	
FUNDI	NG INFORMATION			
10.	Budget and source of funds		BSC's own fund	
11.	Development partners		N/A	
PARTI	CULAR INFORMATION		No.	
12.	Project/programme code		N/A	
13.	Project/programme name		N/A	
14.	Publication date	1 :	13-04-2023	
15.	EOI closing date and time	8.5	24-05-2023	
16.	Place of EoI submission		BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, P.O. Box No. 641, Chatttogram-4100, Bangladesh;	
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Brief description of the assignment

The consultancy services are divided into tasks as follows: Detail Study:

To have broad-based reliable studies and assessment of opportunities for BSC in merchant shipping. Diversification of services of the BSC.

Enhancement of capacities of the BSC

Considering the outcomes of 'i', 'ii' and 'iii', the consultant shall develop the Business Model for BSC.

Considering the outcomes of 'i', 'ii' and 'iii', the consultant shall prepare the outline technical specifications and cost estimation of proposed vessels considering global trade.

vi. Facilitate funding/ financing and planning. Organizational Reformation:

Feasibility study and organizational reformation including acquisition of ship(s) in joint venture and formation of various subsidiary companies under BSC's own supervision. Gap analysis of legal framework and necessary remedial steps.

Feasibility study for development of ship building and ship repairing facilities. Qualification and Experience of Consulting Firm: The interested Consulting Firm should provide evidence demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experiences to perform the services and submit the following documents:

Application for Expression of Interest; Registration/Certificate of Incorporation of firm/ organization;

Updated trade license: Deed of Partnership/ Memorandum & Articles of Associations (if applicable):

TIN Certificate;

VAT Registration Certificate; Income Tax Return Certificate of last fiscal year;

General Experience of firm/ organization (minimum 15 years);

Brochures & Company Profile;

Details of the experienced & professional manpower for each area with required man-month as described in ToR;

Experience of working as a consultant with sea port and shipping organization authority in the world within last 10 years; Must have experiences on 'Feasibility study of Container Vessel, Multipurpose Vessel, LNG Bunker Vessel, Tanker Vessel and other';

m. Availability of resources (manpower, equipment, software etc.): n. Consulting firm should have ISO certificate

o. Experience of working as a legal consultant with any government owned shipping company in the world within last 10 years;

The EoI shall contain at least two (02) resource persons having 15 years' high level of functional experience about the legal system of Bangladesh including laws, rules, regulations, policies and principles which taken together make diagnostic survey and remedy thereof to achieve the goal as set out in serial 16 (Organizational Reformation). Again, team shall consist of one or more experienced maritime

undertaking that the firm has not been debarred by any government organization.

(All the information and document are to be supported with appropriate authority, documents and proof. Submitted offer and documents should have content list and Page No.)

Other Details (if applicable): The Consultation Firm shall submit 02 (two) copies of Expressions of Interest (EoI) (One original & one copy in sealed envelope) and one soft copy (in MS word). Clearly marked on the envelope or in e-mail subject line Request for Expressions of Interest (REoI) for providing consultancy services for the Maritime Commerce and Business Models, Finding out scope of shipping businesses adopting Innovative Ideas, and Expanding Existing Services/Businesses, Fostering, 'Shipping Business: Beyond Boundary' as Core to Transform BSC an Entity in Achieving Desired National Economic Development to the mail and e-mail address mentioned below on or before 24-05-2023 at 12.00pm. Copy of the indicative ToR may be collected from the office of BSC or through email gm-plan@bsc.gov.bd and cc to gm-

fnp1@bsc.gov.bd and md@bsc.gov.bd. Necessary documents in support of experiences & skills shall have to be submitted Association with foreign firm is Optional (with proper documentation);

21.	Phasing of Services		Location	Indicative start date (month/year)	Indicative completion date (month/year)			
			Chattogram, Dhaka, Khulna;	Mutually Agreed by Both Par	ties			
22.	Name & designation of official inviting Eol	1	Capt. Md. Mozibur Rahman, General Manager (Planning)-CC;					
23.	Address of official inviting Eol	1	 Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, PO Box # 641, Chattogram-4100; 					
24.	Contact details of official inviting Eol	-00	Phone: +8801894509986 Email: gm-plan@bsc.gov.bd and cc to gm-fnp1@bsc.gov.bd and md@bsc.gov.bd					
25.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all EoIs without showing reason whatsoever.							

Capt. Md. Mozibur Rahman General Manager (Planning)-CC Bangladesh Shipping Corporation

8 'outlaws' held over AL leader killing

OUR CORRESPONDENT.

Police claimed to have

arrested eight outlaws in Sirajganj's Tarash upazila early yesterday on the charge of killing an Awami League leader. A court sent the arrestees – Md Johurul Islam Tushar, 25,

Md Rahmat Ali, 45, Bishwanath Mohonto, 23, Shahidul Islam, 40, Boloram Chandra Das, 38, Uttom Chandra Das, 40, Rahmat Ali, 48, and Sunil Urao, 45 -- to a three-day remand, said Md Arifur Rahman, superintendent of police in Sirajganj.

They belong to an outlawed group called "Purbobanglar Sarbohara", he said at a press briefing. During the drive.

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