

Sayed Khokon relieved of Tk 34.89cr embezzlement charges

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday relieved Dhaka South City Corporation former mayor Sayeed Khokon and six others from the charges of the case filed over embezzlement of Tk 34.89 crore.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Rajesh Chowdhury passed the order, accepting the probe report filed with the court by the Police Bureau of Investigation in May 9.

PBI Inspector AZM Moniruzzaman said the charges against Sayeed Khokon and other accused were not found true.

On December 29, 2020, Delwar Hossain, president of Traders Owners Association of Fulbaria City Supermarket-2 in the capital's Gulistan, filed the case.

According to the case documents, Khokon and six others built shops, violating the main design of the market and allocated those.



As part of a newly-launched campaign, Dhaka North City Corporation brings out a procession in Mirpur-1 yesterday. DNCC will now work with members of national cadet corps and scouts to raise awareness on dengue. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Hasnat to lead AL polls

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AL Joint General Secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim has been made coordinator and Organising Secretary Afzal Hossain the joint convener.

The six other members of the team are AL presidium members Jahangir Kabir Nanak, Abdur Rahman, Dr Shammil Ahmed, the party's international affairs secretary Siddiqur Rahman, and members Golam Kabir Rabbani Chinu and Anisur Rahman.

Abul Khair Abdullah previously formed two electioneering committees to help him garner votes in the polls.

However, the incumbent mayor and Barishal city AL General Secretary Serniabat Sadiq Abdullah, who had also been vying for the party ticket, and his followers were not included in either committee.

Abul Hasnat Abdullah, who is father of Sadiq, was made the chief of one of the committees -- a 31-member

advisory committee.

On May 8, Khair announced formation of the advisory committee during a press conference at his campaign office.

The other one -- a 16-member election conducting committee -- was formed on April 28.

Meanwhile, the Election Commission will scrutinise the nomination papers submitted by the mayoral and councillor aspirants today.

Action against those

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health ministry to revise the price fixation rule for drugs and other medical products, he added.

According to sources, the health ministry will arrange a meeting of the "medicine price fixation committee" based on recommendation made at the meeting.

A summary of reports from the PMO and the Special Branch of Police, including a 17-point recommendation was also discussed in the meeting. This newspaper obtained a copy of the recommendations, which was annexed with a letter sent by the health ministry to DGDA on May 9.

The recommendations highlighted weak market surveillance, raw material crisis due to the dollar price hike, and aggressive marketing by pharmaceutical companies. It included establishing DGDA's authority to fix prices of all medicines in addition to the 117 essential medicines, increasing supply of high-demand medicines, reducing unnecessary packaging costs, etc.

"Stopping aggressive marketing is a policy-related

issue... the ministry should take the lead in this regard. A proposal has been sent to the ministry a year ago," said the DGDA director general.

Humayun Kabir Bhuiyan, general secretary of Consumer Association of Bangladesh, also spoke.

"The meeting was to discuss ways to reduce the price. However, no conclusive recommendations were made other than discussing the rising production cost," he told The Daily Star.

Make SRHR

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Dr Md Shamsul Hoque, programme manager at the DGHS, said a major portion of rural people lack knowledge regarding SRHR issues and tools, which is also responsible for the increasing cases of early marriages.

"The first place to learn from is family. Fathers should break the social stigma and contribute to making children aware of SRHR issues, said Dr Md Manjur Hossain, programme manager of adolescent and reproductive health, MCH-Services Unit, Directorate General of Family Planning.

We all want fair polls: Menon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People of the country will hold a fair election for their own interest, not at the behest of foreigners, said Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon yesterday.

He was addressing the closing rally of the year-long programme, marking the party's 50th anniversary.

He said, "When the elections came, conspiracies were hatched at home and abroad. The country's people are worried about the upcoming elections. Foreign friends want free, fair and participatory elections. They are threatening in many ways. But we want to make it clear that we all want such elections."

Menon said. "We want free and fair, participatory elections, but as in the past, the Workers Party will fight and resist any conspiracy to sabotage the election."

DSCC to undertake

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area with Tk 19.88 crore. There will be 1,968-foot walkways, 2,155 feet bicycle lanes, 60,000 square feet of greeneries, two amphitheatres, a staircase, a play zone for children, four fountains and kiosks.

"Dholaikhal reservoir is a lung of the Old Dhaka. The current situation of this place will be changed within the next year and a more beautiful and greener environment than Hatirjheel will be created,"

he said.

The mayor also mentioned the plan to build an open stage where cultural practices could take place.

"We will remove and transfer the sewage connections tied to this spot so that the water remains uncontaminated. Besides, we will permanently remove the sediments accumulated here and harvest rainwater during the monsoon," he added.

SKS Foundation
College Road, Uttar Horin Singha, Gaibandha

Tender Notice

SKS Foundation is inviting tender from real supplier/vendor for purchasing goods for Solar Home System of "Lighting the Poor and Disadvantaged Families Living in Char Areas Project" supported by Andheri- Hilfe Bonn, Germany. Detail terms and conditions, particulars and quantity will be mentioned in schedule. Schedule can be collected from SKS Head Office, College Road, Uttar Harin Singha, Gaibandha (Admin Department) from 21/05/2023 to 31/05/2023 (Last time-12:00pm on 31/05/2023). Rate of schedule: 500/- (Not returnable). It is requested to drop schedule in tender box on mention dates and tender will be opened at 1:00pm on 31/05/2023 in presence of bidders (if anybody present). Authority reserves the right to accept or cancel fully/partially all the schedules without assigning any reasons.

Chairperson-Procurement Committee
SKS Foundation, Gaibandha

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Tetultala intersection, where he said, "I want to transform Gazipur into a corruption-free city. I want to transform it into a planned city."

Zaida campaigned at various places along the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway, Gazipur Chowrasta and Banglabazar areas. Her son Zahangir and supporters accompanied her.

At that time, Zahangir said, "We want a fair election. Wherever we are going for campaign we are being barred and attacked. We want voters' security."

Meanwhile, Gazi Aatur Rahman, mayoral candidate of Islami Andolon Bangladesh, announced his election manifesto yesterday.

His 34-point manifesto prioritises a corruption-free Gazipur city, formation of pollution control board, rehabilitation of hawkers and women-friendly public transports and formation of zakat fund.

Community

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Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York Ambassador Muhammad Abdul Muhith introduced the resolution in the General Assembly.

The resolution, the first of its kind in the United Nations or the World Health Organization, was co-sponsored by 70 countries.

On behalf of the Bangladesh Permanent Mission in New York, the resolution was facilitated by Md Monwar Hossain, deputy permanent representative.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Local Government Engineering Department
Resilient Infrastructure for Adaptation and Vulnerability Reduction (RIVER) Project
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)
(CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS SELECTION [INTERNATIONAL])

Country: Bangladesh
Name of Project: Resilient Infrastructure for Adaptation and Vulnerability Reduction (RIVER) Project
Assignment Title: Consulting Services for Design & Supervision
Reference No. LGED/RIVER/21-22/SD-1
Credit No.: IDA-7167-BD

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group toward the cost of the Resilient Infrastructure for Adaptation and Vulnerability Reduction (RIVER) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the consulting services of Design and Supervision (D&S).

The consulting services ("the Services") include: The D&S consultancy Firm will support the implementing agency in the Design phase to prepare the initial and final detailed designs; technical specifications, bill of quantity (BoQ), cost estimate and procurement support including bidding documents, and followed by the Supervision phase including contract management, construction supervision, and project management support. The firm will also support the preparation of the site screening and environmental and social reports required by and complied with the World Bank's new Environmental and Social Framework (ESF); developing, maintaining and improving the Information, Communication Technology (ICT) based monitoring and decision support systems and integrating with the LGED and the concerned project, etc.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment and soft copy of prescribed format for submission of Expression of Interest can be found at the following address and website: www.lged.gov.bd. The duration of the assignment will be about sixty (60) months covering the full project period. The assignment is expected to commence on December 2023.

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) now invites eligible consultancy firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing D&S Consulting Services. Interested Consultancy firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- General Experience of the Firm (core business and years in business).
- Experience in similar assignments of compatible size, complexity and technical speciality in the required area. International experience and experience in development partner-financed contracts will be considered an advantage.
- Firm's in-house staffing resources with relevant expertise (extent of relevant expertise available among the staff who are on the firm's regular payroll). However, CVs of individual staff will not be evaluated in the EOI/shortlisting stage.

Consultants are requested to submit at least the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria: (a) The Firm's Incorporation/Trade/registration documents from the country of the firm; (b) JV agreement/letter of intent (if applicable); (c) Firm's brochure; (d) Audited financial reports for last 3 years; (e) list of the firm's in-house/regular staff with relevant expertise (f) description of experience of similar assignments (including nature, scope of services, contract amount, name of employer, period of contract (date of contract signing to date of completion) funding agency(s), location /country of service etc.)

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Fourth Edition, November 2020) ("Procurement Regulations") setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. The qualifications of sub-consultants will not be considered in the EOI evaluation and Shortlisting process. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected, and it is preferable to limit the maximum number of JV partners to 04 (four) including the Lead Firm. In the case of an association (JV or Sub-consultancy), the Consultants must explain in the EOI submission (a) the rationale for forming the association and (b) the anticipated role and relevant qualifications of each member of the Joint Venture and/or of each sub-consultant for carrying out the assignment, to justify the proposed inclusion of the JV members and/or sub-consultants in the association. Failure to provide the above explanation in the Expression of Interest may risk the association not being shortlisted for the assignment.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 09.00 to 16.00 hours local time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by mail or by email by 15.00 local time (GMT+ 6 hours) on or before June 07, 2023. In the case of hard copy, one original and three copies should be submitted.

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Invitation for e-Tender (OTM)
Tender No. 05/2022-23

e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (https://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following works:

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Package No.	Name of works	Tender documents last selling/ downloading date and time	Tender closing and opening date and time
01.	832060	LGCRPP/ Bonpara/2022-23/W-03	a) Construction of Road start from Bonpara-Haikumal Bypass Road towards Rakibullahs Mazar by DBC in Ward No. 11, under Bonpara Pourashava, Natore (Ch 0+00m to 0+615m). b) Construction of Road start from Kalkapur Takulderpara Road H/O Fatema to H/O Zakir by CC in Ward No. 08 under Bonpara Pourashava. (Ch. 0+00m to 0+135m)	11-Jun-2023 15:30	12-Jun-2023 15:00

These are online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (https://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks 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 bill will be paid when fund received.

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Invitation for Re e-Tender

Memo No-44.01.0000.057.11.068.22/2068/Betar Date: 17-05-2023.

For the financial year 2022-2023. Re e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following items.

SL	Description	e-Tender ID	Procurement Method	Online Tender Publication Date & Time	Online Tender Closing Date & Time
1.	Purchase of Pack Battery for Motorola VHF DMR XiR P-6620i	834075	OTM	18 May 2023 15:00	05 June 2023 14:00
2.	Purchase of Parabolic Grid Dish Antenna.	834076	OTM	18 May 2023 15:00	05 June 2023 14:05

This is an online Tender, Where only Re e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/ hard copies will be accepted. To submit Re e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Systems Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required.

The fees for downloading the Re e-tender documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk (http://www.helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Tenders/Proposal/Pre-Qualification/EOIs.