

INDO-BANGLA CONNECTING ROAD Expansion work starts three years after approval

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The physical work to expand the 38km road that connects the Bangladesh-India border with the Dhaka-Chattogram highway has finally started, after around three years of the project's approval.

The Baraiyerhat-Heanko-Ramgarh road would be expanded from 5.5 metres to 11.30 metres under the Indian Line of Credit aiming to broaden the bilateral trade between India and Bangladesh.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday joined the ceremony of the road-widening works as chief guest virtually from Dhaka.

The project would contribute to improving the road network between the Chattogram port and the Ramgarh land port and open the door for bilateral trade between Bangladesh and India through the Sabram/Ramgarh land port, according to the project documents. It will also help to expand business and tourism in Khagrachhari district.

AT A GLANCE
Project to improve road network between Ctg, Ramgarh ports
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Deadline: June 2022; cost Tk 848.3cr
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New deadline: Dec 2024

Ecne approved the project in August 2020, to complete it within June 2022 at a cost of Tk 848.3 crore.

However, the physical works of the project even could not be started within the deadline mainly due to a lengthy tendering process, forcing the authorities to extend both the deadline and the project cost, said RHD officials.

After the revision, the project cost rose to Tk 1,107.12 crore, while the deadline has been set for December next year, according to the documents. Of the total cost, India will provide Tk 594.07 crore while the Bangladesh government will provide Tk 513.05 crore.

Project Director Mohammad Jahed Hossain, also the superintendent engineer of RHD Chattogram Circle, the implementing agency of the project, said the price of the contract was higher than what was mentioned in the original Development Project Proposal. Following the instruction of the Cabinet Committee for Government Purchase, they had to revise the project before getting approval for the contract.

The project will be implemented under three packages

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Violation, conflict of interest wrapped in one

Some BCC employees campaigning for ruling party candidate

SUSHANTA GHOSH and MD ABBAS

In clear violation of the electoral code of conduct, several staff members of Barishal City Corporation have been actively engaging with voters, going door-to-door to secure support and votes for the Awami League mayoral candidate Abul Khair Abdullah.

This act directly disregards an order issued on May 11 by the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Co-operatives, signed by Mohammad Shamsul Islam, deputy secretary of the local government division, instructing BCC officials not to participate in campaigns.

Deepak Lal Mridha, currently an officer in the waste department of BCC, was spotted on May 3 interacting with voters alongside AL mayoral candidate Khair, despite his role in the BCC.

It has been revealed that several other employees, who have faced disciplinary actions by the incumbent Mayor Serniabat Sadiq Abdullah in the past, were also actively seeking votes for Khair.

Sources have disclosed that over 100 BCC officers have been in constant communication with the AL mayoral candidate, indicating their involvement in his electoral campaign.

Previously, Mayor Sadiq had removed Mridha from his duties as the conservancy officer of BCC and reassigned him to the office



PHOTO: COLLECTED

Many staffers of Barishal City Corporation were seen campaigning for Awami League mayoral candidate Abul Khair Abdullah, violating the electoral code of conduct. This photo was taken recently.

of a well-known councillor. This action was seen as insulting by many, leading Mridha to become an opponent of Mayor Sadiq, according to sources.

Numerous BCC officials have expressed discontent with Sadiq's interference in various matters, including working at night, which has prompted their support for the AL mayoral candidate.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Mridha proudly admitted that he sought votes for the AL nominated candidate and defended his actions, saying, "I am also the secretary of Bangabandhu Peshajibi Parishad at BCC. I cannot hold rallies, but why can I not ask people to vote for the

AL-nominated candidate?"

BCC Administrative Officer Swapan Kumar Das emphasised that any form of participation in the BCC election by officials, the use of BCC vehicles, or support for any political party is strictly prohibited.

"This is a violation of the city corporation code of conduct. There are also instructions from the local government division in this regard," he added.

Humayun Kabir, returning officer for the Barishal regional election office, highlighted that the involvement of city corporation staffers in any electoral process, including campaigns, clearly

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AL's instigation behind attacks on BNP rallies: Rizvi

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi yesterday alleged that BNP leaders and activists are being attacked and implicated in cases afresh due to the instigation by the ruling party.

Speaking at a press conference at BNP's Nayapaltan central office, he claimed that their party's 650 leaders and activists were arrested just in the last six days while several hundred were injured in attacks on the party's programmes in different parts of the country.

"Addressing a rally in front of the central office of the Awami League yesterday, its General Secretary Obaidul Quader threatened to eliminate BNP forever... following his threat, the police, Rab, and SWAT forces have launched a drive against BNP men and started attacking, and arresting them in new cases," he said.

We will counter if anyone obstructs next polls: Quader


STAR REPORT

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said they would counter anyone who tried to obstruct the next general elections.

"We will continue our peaceful programme till the election but if anyone tries to obstruct us or the polls, we will counter it," Quader said.

Quader, also the road transport and bridges minister, was talking to reporters after joining a programme at Roads and Highways Department headquarters in capital's Tejgaon.

Referring to Tuesday's clash between police and BNP men in the capital and vandalising of two BRTC buses, he said the incident exposed BNP's real face. He said police would take action against them.



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DEEPAK LAL MRIDHA, officer in BCC waste
department, campaigning for AL candidate Khair

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e-Tender ID No.	Name of the work	Last time for tender security submission	Tender/proposal closing date and time
834064	Establishment of Cancer Unit at Medical College Hospital of Eight Divisional Head Quarters One at Rajshahi (Sub-Head: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 4 Lifts: 2 Nos. 2500 Kg 17 Stop Bed Lift, 1 No. 2500 Kg 17 Stop Cargo/Food Lift & 1 No. 1250 Kg 15 Stop Bed Lift)	25-June-2023, 11:00	25-June-2023, 12:00
835224	Extension of Lift of New Building including Change of Useless Parts of Other Lifts at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital	04-June-2023, 11:00	04-June-2023, 12:00
838150	Installation of Air Cooler Including Other Electrical Works at Ward No. 18-20-28-32 (Cardiology) and Processors-Doctors-Tutorial Class Room Adjacent to Ward No. 31-44-52 of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.	04-June-2023, 11:00	04-June-2023, 12:00

This is online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://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 e-GP 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).

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Date: 22/05/2023

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SL No.	e-GP Tender ID & Reference No.	Name of work	Tender proposal closing date and time
1	833592, PWDRNGPR/BITAC/22-23/W-PWD/OB-23	Establishment of 6 (Six) Centers of BITAC in Gopalganj, Sumanganj, Barisal, Rangpur, Jamalpur and Jessore Districts (One at Rangpur) Sub-head: Construction of Residential Building, A. Construction of 10 (Ten) Storied Boy's Hosted with 10 (Ten) Storied Foundation, B. Construction of 10 (Ten) Storied Girl's Hostel with 10 (Ten) Storied Foundation & C. Construction of 3 (Three) Storied Guard's Accommodation with 3 (Three) Storied Foundation (civil, sanitary and internal electrical works)	22-Jun-2023 12:30

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company (Pvt.) Limited (BIFPCL), a Joint Venture Company of Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB), Bangladesh and NTPC Limited, India, is looking for energetic and promising candidates for immediate appointment on contract basis to the following posts and inviting online applications from Bangladeshi nationals only.

Sl. No.	Name of Post, Basic Salary and Maximum Age Limit	No. of Vacancy	Job Location	Qualifications and Experience
01	Assistant Manager (HR/Admin) Basic Salary: 52,000/- Maximum Age: 30 years	03 (Three)	Rampal Project Site, Bagerhat	a) At least Honours with Master Degree in HR / Management / Public Administration or any other relevant subject with MBA (HR) from any recognized university. b) No third division / class at any stage of the academic career shall be acceptable. Candidates passed in the grading system must possess at least a GPA 3.5 on a scale of 5.0 & CGPA 3.0 on a scale of 4.0. c) Must have strong communication skill in Bengali and English (Written & Oral) including computer literacy. d) Prior relevant experience will be an advantage.
02	Assistant Manager (Law) Basic Salary: 52,000/- Maximum Age: 30 years	01 (One)	Rampal Project Site, Bagerhat	a) Graduation in Law. Post-Graduation in law will be preferred. b) No third division / class at any stage of the academic career shall be acceptable. Candidates passed in the grading system must possess at least a GPA 3.5 on a scale of 5.0 & CGPA 3.0 on a scale of 4.0. c) Must demonstrate strong participatory leadership ability. d) Must have strong communication skill in Bengali and English (Written & Oral) including computer literacy. e) Prior relevant experience will be an advantage.
03	Imam (Staff Level-3) Basic Salary: 26,000/- Maximum Age: 45 years	01 (One)	Rampal Project Site, Bagerhat	a) Minimum Fazil or equivalent from any recognized Madrasa/ institution, Kamil from any Aliya Madrasa or Dawra Hadith from Quaimi Madrasa or Masters in Al-Fiqh & Legal Studies from any recognized University will be preferred. b) No third division / class at any stage of the academic career shall be acceptable. Candidates passed in the grading system must possess at least a GPA 3.5 on a scale of 5.0 & CGPA 3.0 on a scale of 4.0. c) Must have good communication skill in Bengali and English (Written & Oral) including basic working knowledge in computer application software. d) Minimum 5 years of working experience in any large-scale organization/Mosque as Imam/Mufti. e) Candidates must be the followers of sunnah in practical life. f) Candidates with certificates on Hafez-e-Quran and Ilme Qiraat from recognized institution will get advantage.
04	Purahit (Staff Level-3) Basic Salary: 26,000/- Maximum Age: 45 years	01 (One)	Rampal Project Site, Bagerhat	a) Minimum Graduation or equivalent from any recognized institution and 5 years of working experience in any large-scale organization/ temple as Purahit/Pandit. b) No third division / class at any stage of the academic career shall be acceptable. Candidates passed in the grading system must possess at least a GPA 3.5 on a scale of 5.0 & CGPA 3.0 on a scale of 4.0. c) Must have good communication skill in Bengali and English (Written & Oral) including basic working knowledge in computer application software. d) Candidates must be well versed in Sanskrit in order to recite chants & mantras and perform rites of passage for their congregation. e) Candidates with Kabbo Tirtho or any other relevant certificate will get preference.
05	Security Supervisor (Staff Level-4) Basic Salary: 23,000/- Maximum Age: 45 years	06 (Six)	Rampal Project Site, Bagerhat	a) Minimum HSC or equivalent from any recognized institution and 5 years of relevant working experience in any large-scale organization. b) No third Division/Class at any stages of the academic life shall be acceptable. Candidates passed in the grading system must possess at least a GPA 2.0 on a scale of 5.0 & CGPA 2.25 on a scale of 4.0 at all stage of the academic career. c) Must have good communication skill in Bengali and English (Written & Oral) including basic working knowledge in computer application software. d) Retired defense personnel (Army/Navy/Air force/BGIB) will get preference.

Compensation Package :
a) Basic Salary, House Rent allowance, Medical Benefits, Bonus, CPF, Gratuity and other Fringe Benefits will be given as per the policy of BIFPCL.
b) Income Tax has to be paid by the employee.

Nature of the Service :
The service is purely contractual. The initial contract period of the service shall be for 03 (Three) years and is renewable for further period(s) upto the limit of 60 (sixty) years of age subject to satisfactory performance.

General Conditions :
1) Interested candidates shall have to apply through the Online Application Form wherein a scanned photograph and signature of the candidate has to be inserted into due place. The online Application Form will be available at <http://bifpcl.teletalk.com.bd> during application period from 25.05.2023 (09:00 A.M) to 08.06.2023 (4:00 P.M).
2) All eligible qualifications and experiences should be from a recognized institution or university.
3) Candidates passed from foreign university(s)/institute(s) should have equivalent result and certificate from the competent authority.
4) All computations of Age shall be as on last date of submission of application i.e., 08.06.2023.
5) Candidates shall have to pay BDT 1,000/- (BDT One Thousand only) each for the posts mentioned in Sl. No. 1-2 and BDT 500/- (BDT Five Hundred only) each for the posts mentioned in Sl. No. 3-5 as application fee on non-refundable basis through SMS from any Teletalk mobile connection following the instructions mentioned in <http://bifpcl.teletalk.com.bd> or www.bifpcl.com.
6) Persons employed in Government/Semi-Government/Autonomous organization(s) or Govt. Power Sector utilities should apply through proper channel.
7) The applicant (if selected) must have to sign 03 (Three) years' Service Bond at the time of joining for the post mentioned in Sl. No. 1-2.
8) In case of departmental candidates, age limit is maximum 35 years for the posts mentioned in Sl. No. 1-2.
9) No TA/DA shall be paid for appearing/participating in the recruitment process.
10) BIFPCL reserves the right to shortlist candidates for Written Test/ Interview. Applicants should note that mere fulfillment of minimum eligibility criteria may not ensure consideration for shortlisting for Written Test/Interview. BIFPCL will not entertain any correspondence on this subject and decision of BIFPCL will be final in all matters.
11) Age limit for sons/grand-sons and daughters/grand-daughters of freedom fighters and martyred freedom fighters shall be 32 years in place of 30 years (wherever applicable). Only at the time of joining (If selected) these candidates have to submit attested copies of certificates issued to Freedom Fighters/ Martyred Freedom Fighters by the appropriate authority. Also, these candidates have to submit certificate (In Original) issued from the respective Union Parishad Chairman/ Ward Commissioner of City Corporation/ Pourashava Mayor/ Counselor, mentioning their relationship with the Freedom Fighters/ Martyred Freedom Fighters.
12) BIFPCL reserves the right to cancel the candidature of the applicant if any fake or wrong information is found at any stage of recruitment process.
13) BIFPCL reserves the right to cancel/restrict/enlarge/modify/alter the recruitment/selection process or/and no. of posts, if need so arises.
14) Last date of receipt of online application is: 08.06.2023 (4:00 P.M).


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