

TEA WORKERS IN HABIGANJ

A month-long strike for arrears, better life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Around 360 tea workers and their families of Imam and Bawani tea gardens in Habiganj's Nabiganj upazila have observed a strike for a month to press home their seven-point demand that include receiving due wages and better living conditions.

The tea workers have long been holding various programmes demanding rations, unpaid wages, bonuses and festival allowances, arrears of provident fund, medical care, and permanent accommodation, but to no avail.

Although tea garden owners repeatedly assured them of meeting their demands, they have yet to come up with any visible steps to this end, tea workers alleged, adding that they no longer have faith in mere words of affirmation.

Talking to this correspondent, the workers claimed the owners are not paying their dues, violating the labour contract signed between the Bangladesh Tea Association and the Bangladesh Tea Workers' Union.

On June 25, the tea workers wrote to the chairman and managing director of Imam Tea Estate Ltd to realise their demands. However, as the owners did not take the complaints into consideration, the tea workers went on strike from July 3 to July 11.

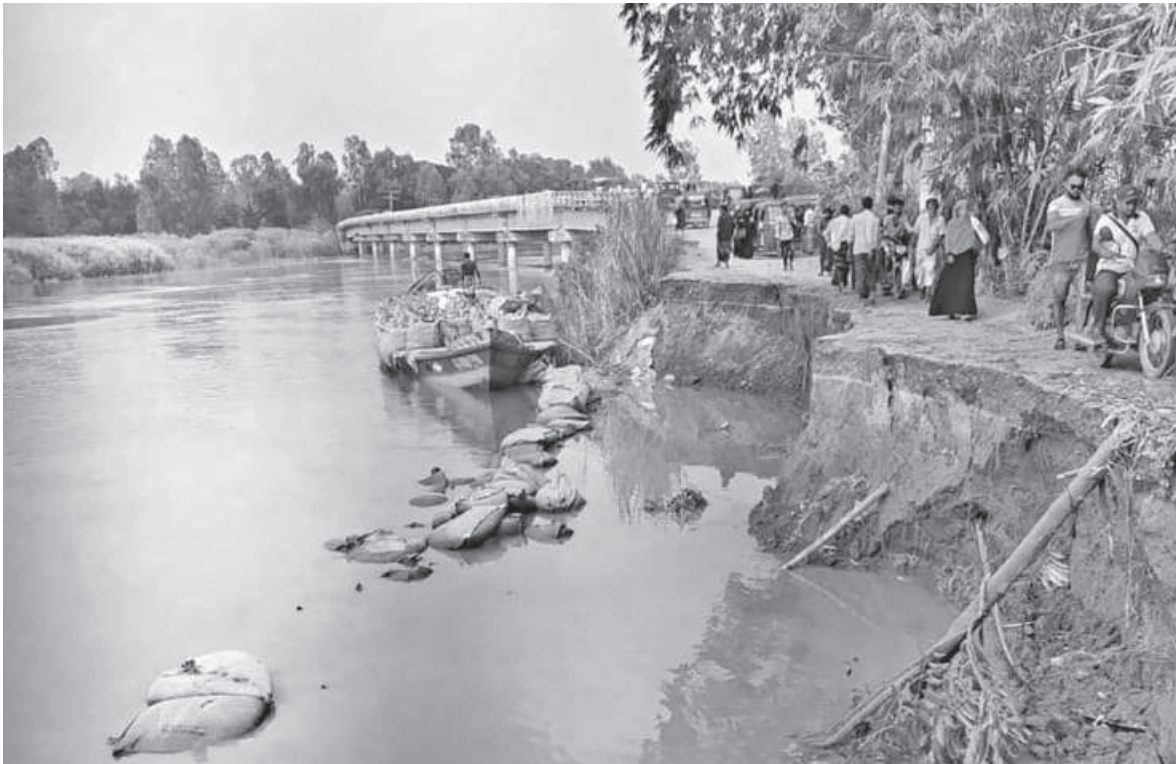
Rambhajan Rabidas, president of Imam Tea Garden Panchayet Committee, said the owners of Imam and Bawani tea gardens owe Tk 81.59 lakh in outstanding wages and Tk 14.47 lakh in bonuses, which was to be paid to 360 workers in the financial years 2019-20 and 2021-22.

Besides, retired workers are also not getting their matured provident fund.

Also, the tea workers have long been suffering due to poor accommodation and are also being deprived of medical services due to a lack of doctors at the gardens.

Under these circumstances, the tea workers resorted to continuous strikes from July 21 to August 22, demanding

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Dhaleshwari river devours an approach road of a bridge in Tangail Sadar upazila, suspending vehicular movements and causing immense suffering to inhabitants of several char areas who depend on the bridge for communication. This photo was taken recently.

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WATERLOGGING IN BHALUKA

Students suffer due to unplanned constructions

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A high school in Mymensingh's Bhaluka upazila remains under water during the monsoon due to unplanned construction of buildings in the neighbourhood.

A little rainfall inundates field of the Batajhor Bhawal Muslim High School for several days, hampering academic activities.

During a recent visit to the school, this correspondent saw the teachers and students have to wade through ankle to knee-deep water in the field to reach their class rooms.

Though waterlogging has been a problem for the last 10 years, the situation took a serious turn in last 2 years, said Md Abdul Quddus, the headmaster of the school.

"Now we face severe waterlogging for around four months every year. During heavy showers, the field remains inundated for some 10 days," said the headmaster.

There are some 1,400 students in the school, but only 200 attend their classes during the monsoon, he added.

Locals say markets and buildings have been built blocking canals which used to drain out rainwater.

The school authority and local people have knocked the doors of administration and local leaders seeking relief from this menace, but found no

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BCL's IU unit suspends 8 activists

UNB, Islamic University

Eight activists from the Islamic University unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of the ruling Awami League, have been suspended from the organisation temporarily for violating its rules and regulations.

A press release, signed by IU BCL unit President Faisal Siddiqi Arafat and General Secretary Nasim Ahmed Joy, was issued on this matter yesterday morning.

The suspended activists are Sabbir Khan, Shamim Reza, Akib Masud Anubhav, Parvez Hossain Banat and

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BANGLADESHI PILGRIMS

Saudi Arabia to launch Nusuk platform

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saudi Arabia will be launching the Nusuk platform in Dhaka tomorrow, aiming at enhancing the convenience for Bangladeshi Hajj and Umrah pilgrims.

A delegation led by Saudi Minister for Hajj and Umrah Dr Tawfiq Al-Rabiah was scheduled to arrive at Dhaka, on a three-day visit, last night, Md A Hamid Zamadder, Secretary of religious affairs ministry told The Daily Star.

The purpose of the delegation's visit is to advance Saudi Arabia's initiatives aimed at enhancing the pilgrimage experience for Bangladeshis during Hajj and Umrah.

The Nusuk roadshow by Saudi Tourism Authority will be launched tomorrow at the Bangabandhu International Convention Centre in the capital, sources at the religious affairs ministry said. Additionally, the Nusuk digital platform for Umrah pilgrims will also be launched tomorrow.

Nusuk is a platform that works as a one-stop

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Police not giving political statements

IGP responds to BNP's claim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun yesterday said the police are focused on maintaining law and order instead of making political statements.

This comment came against the backdrop of BNP leaders' claims that top officials of law enforcement agencies are making political statements ahead of the upcoming general election.

The IGP made the remark while visiting Habiganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge Ajay Chandra Dey at the National Eye Science Institute and Hospital in Dhaka.

Ajay's eye got injured in a clash between BNP and police during a BNP road march in Habiganj on Saturday when a brick chunk hit him.

Responding to a query, Mamun said, "I have not come across any statement from law enforcement agencies that can be deemed political. We fulfill our duties according to the law and regulations."

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1	SupRB/Chott/New/22-23/W-86	Construction of 75.06m long PSC Girder Bridge on Tewari Hat GC to Charamba UP Via Andar Manik Rd at Ch. 7950m under New Construction Category [415473005] Lohagara	846630	OTM	20/09/2023 16:00 BST	21/09/2023 13:00 BST
2	e-tender/LGED/CTG/GOBM/23-24/W-58	Periodic Maintenance Pukuria UP office to Pukuria Bazar Road (Rampur DC Road) from Ch. 00-3100m (Banskhali) 415082007	860747	OTM	24/09/2023 16:00 BST	25/09/2023 13:00 BST
3	CW-101/RCIP/CTG	Section-A (i) Maintenance of Charati-Khoderhat-Moulavir Dokan-Bazalia-Bomang Hat-Noya Hat Road (From RHD # 129) at Ch. 00-10802m (Road ID-415822010) Upazilla: Satkania, District: Chattogram (Salvaged Cost-2020491.00). Section B Maintenance Works: 5 Year Maintenance works of all the above Roads.	862320	OTM	24/09/2023 16:00 BST	25/09/2023 13:00 BST

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For further information, please contact the M.Phil and PhD section of the Registrar Office, Room # 323 or Call 88-9666911463/4653, 4651, or E-mail: [bsmripl@du.ac.bd](mailto:bsmripl@du.ac.bd) or access our website: <https://du.ac.bd/body/BSMRIPL>

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Individual National Consultant (ICT)

1.	Ministry / Division / Directorate	MOHFW, HSD, DGHS
2.	Procuring Entity Name	Planning, Monitoring & Research Operational Plan (PMR – OP)
3.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
4.	Expression of Interest for selection of	Individual National Consultant ( ICT)
5.	EOI Ref No	DGHS/PMR/Consultant-1/94/2023-24/107
6.	Date	17/08/2023
KEY INFORMATION		
7.	Procurement Method	QCBS Method according to PPR 2008
8.	Budget and Source of Funds	GoB (Development)
9.	Development Partner	NA
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
10.	Project / Programme Code	1270201-2241002
11.	Project / Programme Name	PMR – OP, DGHS
12.	EOI closing date and time	Date : September 10, 2023 Time : 14:00 Hours
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
13.	Brief description of the Assignment and Delivery Capacity Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Familiarity with the health, nutrition and population sector program;</li><li>Extensive knowledge on health in all policies of Bangladesh and how health system works with have clear idea on health-related different Research Activity;</li><li>Capacity to prepare different papers in accordance with the PMR OP activities e.g., Policy brief, Research abstract, Journal publication;</li><li>Capacity to maintain &amp; management of the Research Policy Communication Cell of PMR</li><li>Collection &amp; Analyze data as required from different Ops, institutions, government agencies, and other stakeholders; and,</li><li>Perform any other duties delegated by senior authority.</li></ul>
14.	Academic Qualification Experience, Resource and Nature of Job, Salary	MBBS with a Master in Public Health/ Health Informatics from a recognized/ authorized Govt. University with excellent computer and Analytical skills. Having skills of Python, Oracle database is preferred. Nature of Job: Contractual (Full Time), Salary: Consolidated BDT per month
15.	Other details (if applicable)	EOI should be submitted in sealed envelope clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Individual National Consultant (ICT)" along with name of the position. Submit academic, experience and relevant documents and apply for to the undersigned within time period.
16.	Indicative start date (month/ year)	October, 2023
17.	Indicative completion time (month / year)	June, 2024
18.	Other Detail (if applicable)	Not Applicable
19.	Association with foreign firm is	Not Applicable
20.	Phasing of Services	Not Applicable
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
21.	Name of Official Inviting EOI	Prof. Dr. Mazharul Islam
22.	Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Line Director, Planning, Monitoring & Research Operational Plan, DGHS, HSD, MOHFW
23.	Address of Official Inviting EOI	Planning, Monitoring & Research Room No – 615, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Director General of Health Services (Old Building) Mohakhali, Dhaka - 1212
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