

## 7000 families

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At least 798 houses went underwater 5,683 hectares of agricultural land were damaged, it said.

Abdullah Al Mamun, Executive Engineer of Kurigram Water Development Board , said, “There is no imminent possibility of rise in water levels in the next 48 hours, which indicates an improvement in the flood situation.”

DC of Kurigram, Mohammad Saidul Arif, said that resources have been allocated by the district and upazila administrations to aid flood-affected people. Distribution of relief materials is underway, he said.

“Furthermore, 18 permanent and 361 temporary shelters have been established to provide shelter to the displaced residents, and an adequate number of speedboats and boats are on standby for flood rescue operations,” he added.

In Gaibandha, academic activities of sixty primary, secondary schools and madrasas in four upazilas have been suspended due to the ongoing flood.

## Dhaka focuses on

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also spoke at the opening session of the event.

Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) and Bangladesh Foundation for Regional Studies (BRFS) hosted the daylong seminar.

As a littoral state of the Bay of Bengal, the state minister said, Bangladesh’s appreciation of the Indo-Pacific narratives is based on her foreign policy dictum “Friendship towards all, malice towards none,” set forward by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Foreign Secretary Masud Momen said Bangladesh cannot afford to pursue a divisive or exclusionary approach to the Indo-Pacific as we strive towards collective resilience and prosperity in tandem with their own development trajectory.

“While we keep in mind the primacy our government attaches to economic diplomacy, we also remain mindful that we can achieve our national development objectives only in an environment

of regional peace and security,” said the foreign secretary.

Like all Indo-Pacific partners, he said, Bangladesh faces a number of non-traditional security threats that can be a serious detriment to our economic growth and development aspirations unless we tackle them through effective regional and international collaboration.

“Here, we would like to stress that security or defence cooperation does not necessarily entail joining any military bloc or alliance,” he added.

Looking ahead, the Foreign Secretary said Bangladesh will continue to attach priority to regional connectivity in pursuance of their political leadership’s vision to position the territory as a connectivity hub in the Indo-Pacific context.

Pankaj Saran said the India-Bangladesh relationship offers a model of cooperation in which openness, connectivity, and integration of two economies are creating scopes across the sub-region.

## 50 editors protest

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against the provisions of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the laws of Bangladesh, safeguarding labour rights, the editors added.

Such statements and letters from the globally famous and Nobel laureate personalities are unwanted and unethical, they said, adding the demand that one cannot be prosecuted or sued for committing crimes is contrary to the establishment of justice and the rule of law.

“We think they made such a demand without having proper knowledge about the cases (against Dr Yunus). So, we would like to invite them or their representatives to come to Bangladesh and observe whether Dr Yunus is being harassed at all. Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has already given this message, and we also support it,” said the eminent editors.

The comments made in the letter regarding democracy and elections in Bangladesh are

tantamount to direct interference in an independent and sovereign state, the statement said, adding, as citizens of the independent country, which emerged through the great Liberation War, the people of Bangladesh will not accept such insulting, unwanted and illegal interference from any quarter.

“We call upon all concerned to show respect to Bangladesh’s independence, sovereignty, independent judiciary and labour rights,” the editors said.

The editors included the Daily Observer Editor Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, the Ajker Patrika Editor Golam Rahman, the Ittefaq Editor Tasmima Hossain, Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) Chief Editor Abul Kalam Azad, the Kaler Kantho Chief Editor Imdadul Haque Milan, the Samakal Editor Alamgir Hossain, the Jugantor Editor Saiful Alam, the Bangladesh Pratidin Editor Naem Nizam, UNB Editor Farid Hossain and the Bhorer Kagoj Editor Shyamal Dutt.

## Abul Mansur Ahmad

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daily newspapers Krishak and Navajug and many other periodicals.

An immensely successful politician, Ahmad was the provincial education minister of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haq’s United Front government and, in 1957, served as the commerce and industries minister of the central government. His contributions to the development of East Bengal is undeniable.

Among his famous satirical novels, “Aina”, “Asmani Parda”, “Gulliverer Safarnama,” and “Food Conference” are notable. Two of his autobiographies are “Atma Katha” and “Amar Dekha Rajnir Panchash Bachhar”. While his works bring out his own personal struggles, they also depict the historical

and social challenges faced by the common people of that period.

His role in the initial days of Pakistan was extremely important in highlighting issues of economic and cultural rights for the people of East Pakistan. He was one of the earliest proponents of Bangla being the national language of the country.

He had written extensively about the issues of national language since the beginning of the ‘40s and also contributed actively to the Language Movement as the editor of Ittehad. Abul Mansur Ahmad was the author of the famous 21-point manifesto for the United Front in the 1954 election, which saw the demise of the Muslim League from power and from the politics of East Pakistan. The manifesto

was a historic document that first portrayed the political, economic, and cultural aspirations of the suppressed Bangalees.

The military regime of Ayub Khan imprisoned Abul Mansur Ahmad several times as a result of his political activities in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

On the occasion of his birth anniversary, a discussion programme will be organised on September 16 at 4:00pm.

Journalist Abul Momen will be the main speaker in award giving ceremony titled “Centenary of Abul Mansur Ahmad’s Journalism and Essay Competition Awards”, at Dhaka University’s Professor Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium. Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury will preside over the programme.

## Water everywhere

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“I have already informed the civil surgeon, upazila nirbahi officer, chairmen of local upazila and union parishad on different occasions but the problem has yet to be resolved,” said Dr Mahmud.

More than 100 hospital staff and their family members reside in the hospital’s dormitories and they are also victim of the situation, he added.

Alongside the drinking water crisis, the health complex, has been lacking facilities including necessary tests and C-section operation, depriving the haor people, who are mostly poor, of much needed medical services.

Although the hospital has a modern operation theatre, due to lack of surgery and anesthesia consultants, surgeries are not being done now.

The hospital has 130 staff posts, including 15 ones of

doctors and 33 of nurses.

At present, only four doctors are working at the hospital while six doctors – including gynaec, anesthesia and medicine consultants – are on deputation at Netrakona General Hospital and Madan Upazila Health Complex, and five doctor posts, including that of dental surgeon, are vacant.

Two other posts of lab technician and radiographer also have been lying vacant. A radiographer appointed through outsourcing is now running the x-ray machine. All the five posts of cleaners are also lying vacant, which means maintaining cleanliness at the hospital is another of its woes.

For now, the cleaning activities are performed by some cleaners appointed through outsourcing.

Masud Mia, a patient from Laxmipur village in Khaliajury, said his family

members have to collect drinking water from outside and it is problematic.

Md Nazim Uddin Sarker, former chairman of Krishnapur Union Parishad in Khaliajury, said he recently took his daughter-in-law, who was expecting, to the health complex but the required test facilities were not available there and hence the patient was referred to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, which cost him Tk 6,500 for boat and ambulance fare.

It is very painful when the patients – including pregnant women – have to visit the district hospital and they have to bear Tk 1,500 to Tk 2,000 in extra expenses, which is a serious burden for the poor haor people, Nazim Uddin added.

Contacted, Netrakona Civil Surgeon Dr Md Selim Miah said he will look into mitigating the problems as soon as possible.

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## Repression

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“These findings are based on information from various media outlets in Bangladesh, as well as investigations conducted by the HRSS’s dedicated unit and input from local representatives.”

The statement also pointed out that violence against women continues unabated with as many as 85 women being raped, of whom 38 were minors.

“It is of great concern that 13 women and children were gang raped and 2 were killed after the rape,” it said. They also logged one incident of acid violence.

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তারিখঃ ৩১ আগস্ট ২০২৩খ্রিঃ

শিশু-কিশোর চিত্রাঙ্কন প্রতিযোগিতা

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তারিখঃ ৫ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৩; রোজঃ মঙ্গলবার; সময়ঃ বিকাল ৩:০০টায়।

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গ গ্রুপঃ ১১ বছর - অনুর্ধ্ব ১৬ বছর;  
ঘ গ্রুপঃ বিশেষ চাহিদাসম্পন্ন শিশু

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মোঃ জিয়াউল হক

পরিচালক (বায়ুমান ব্যবস্থাপনা)

ফোনঃ ০১৭১৩০১৩৩০১০/০১৭১৬২২৩৬১৪

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Alternative Medical Care (AMC)

Director General of Health Services

Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

Memo No. DGHS/AMC/Procurement plan/GoB (Services)/2023-2024/3966

Date: 31/08/2023

1.	Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW).	
2.	Division	Health Services Division.	
3.	Agency	Directorate General of Health Services.	
4.	Procuring entity name	Line Director, Alternative Medical Care (AMC), DGHS.	
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
6.	Expression of interest for selection of	SL. No.	Package No. Name of the service package
		01	AMC-2023-2024-SD-1 (Unani) Survey on Challenges and opportunities of AMC Education Unani System of Medicine Situation analysis.
		02	AMC-2023-2024-SD-2 (Ayurvedic) Survey on Challenges and opportunities of AMC Education Ayurvedic System of Medicine Situation analysis.
		03	AMC-2023-2024-SD-3 (Homeopathic) Survey on Challenges and opportunities of AMC Education Homeopathic System of Medicine Situation analysis.
7.	EOI Ref. No.	Memo No. DGHS/AMC/ Procurement plan/GoB (Services)/2023-2024/	
8.	Date	03/09/2023.	
9.	Procurement method	Consulting firm/research institute will be selected in accordance with the People's Republic of Bangladesh procurement Guideline and procedures set out in the Public Procurement Regulation 2008 of the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh (Followed by QCBS Method).	
10.	Budget of source of funds	As per ADP allocation 2023-2024 (GOB), Health Sector Development fund.	
11.	Project/program name	4th HPNSP, Alternative Medical Care (AMC).	
12.	Development partners	N/A.	
13.	Project/program code	127-12702-224021011	
14.	EOI closing date & time	01/10/2023 (Up to 1.00pm). EOIs shall be submitted in sealed ghala envelope to Line Director, Alternative Medical Care, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. Name of the work should be mentioned on the top of the envelop.	
15.	Brief description of assignment	(1). Survey on challenges and opportunities of AMC Education Unani System of Medicine Situation analysis. (2). Survey on challenges and opportunities of AMC Education Ayurvedic System or Medicine Situation analysis (3). Survey on challenges and opportunities of AMC Education Homeopathic System of Medicine Situation analysis.	
16.	Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	The application shall have to submit the EOI with the following documents: (1) Category of the firm: Research Organization/Survey organization/Consulting firm; (2) Brief description of the firm with proof of working in the relevant areas and of conducting Survey; (3) Updated Valid Trade License/Registration; (4) Updated income Tax certificate; (5) Updated Certificate of VAT; (6) Minimum 05 (five) years experience in the health related survey/research; (7) List of major clients working within last five years with contact reference; (8) Liquid money or credit facility certificate with of Tk. 75.00 Lac (Seventy five lac) in case package AMC-2023-2024-SD-1 (Unani), Tk. 75.00 Lac (Seventy five lac) in case package AMC-2023-2024-SD-2 (Ayurvedic) & Tk. 75.00 Lac (Seventy five lac) in case package AMC-2023-2024-SD-3 (Homeopathic) (Any liquid money or credit facility certificate issued before 28 days prior to last date of submission of EOI will not be accepted) (9) Updated Bank solvency certificate with statement & financial audit report (10) Name of the central key personnel with CV who will be involved with the assignment; (11) Relevant documents in favor of organizational strength of the farm; (12) Each research organization/survey organization consulting farm can apply only in one package.	
17.	Association with other firms	Consultant firm/research institute may associate with other consultants to enhance its quality (optional).	
18.	Association with foreign firms	N/A.	
19.	Name of official inviting EOI	Dr. Md. Abu Zaher.	
20.	Designation of official inviting EOI	Line Director, Alternative Medical Care (AMC).	
21.	Address of official inviting EOI	Room No-502, (Old Building) Alternative Medical Care, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.	
22.	Contact details of officials inviting EOI	Tel No-02-58812134, Email- amc@ld.dghs.gov.bd	
23.	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all of the EOIs.		

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