

Boro paddy procurement half of target till Sept 7

Food minister tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Food Minister Sadhan Chandra Majumder yesterday told the parliament that half of the target for paddy procurement has not been achieved in the current Boro season.

In reply to a query from Awami League MP Kazim Uddin Ahmed, the minister said over1.99 lakh tonne paddy have been procured till September 7.

The government has also procured over12.93 lakh tonne of boiled rice so far, he said. It had set a target to procure 4 lakh tonne paddy and 14.5 lakh tonne boiled rice by August 31. Later,

The government had set a target to procure 4 lakh tonne paddy and 14.5 lakh tonne boiled rice by August 31.

the date was extended till September 14.

In reply to a query of AL MP AKM Sarwar Jahan, the minister said the government had decided to buy paddy at Tk 30 per kg and boiled rice at Tk 44 per kg during Boro season.

Among them, the aforementioned amounts of paddy have been collected till last September 7.

In response to another query by MP Kazim, the minister said there is no food shortage currently in the country.

The total population of the country requires 2.18

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PHOTO: STAR

Locals compelled to use a risky makeshift bamboo bridge as a bailey bridge in Tangail's Sakhipu upazila stays submerged for over a month.

BAILEY BRIDGES IN TANGAIL

Communication disrupted in two upazilas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Locals in two upazilas of Tangail are in distress as two bailey bridges in the areas remain unusable.

A bailey bridge in the district's Delduar upazila collapsed recently, cutting off direct road communication between the area and the district headquarters.

Meanwhile, commuters in Sakhipur upazila are facing immense sufferings as a bailey bridge in the area has been submerged in the water for last one month, following a tidal surge.

The dilapidated bridge in Delduar upazila, built over a ditch at Dulla area on Tangail-Delduar road, was in a vulnerable state for a long time. It collapsed recently when a sand-laden dump truck was passing on it, said locals.

Four passengers from the truck were



PHOTO: STAR

The collapsed bailey bridge in Delduar upazila.

rescued by the locals after it fell into the water. One of them was seriously injured and needed medical treatment, said Nasir Uddin Mridha, officer-in-charge of Delduar Police Station.

"With the road communication on Tangail-Delduar road being halted, commuters now have to travel several additional kilometers

to go to district headquarters through Elasin on the Tangail-Nagarpur road. Many people are also using boats to cross the water body, spending extra money," Rezaul Karim, a local.

The bridge collapsed two more times previously, and was still being used after temporary repairs, said Mohammad Ali of Sewratoil village.

Delduar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Farhana Ali said that the matter has been informed to the higher authorities.

The Roads and Highways Department has been requested to repair the collapsed bridge and restore connectivity as quick as possible, the UNO added.

Aliul Hossain, executive engineer of RHD, Tangail, said necessary measures have been taken to this end and direct communication will be restored within three days.

On the other hand, the bailey bridge on

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5 killed, 4 injured in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Five people were killed and four others injured in separate road accidents in Cumilla, Gazipur and Sylhet districts yesterday and on Monday.

In Cumilla, three people were killed as a bus hit a motorcycle and then two pedestrians on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway in Chandina upazila yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Alamgir Hossain, Abul Kalam and Baharam, said Md Mamun, in-charge of Illiotganj Highway Police Outpost.

The accident happened at Harikhola area on the highway around 10:00am, leaving motorcyclist Alamgir dead on the spot and two others injured, he said.

The others succumbed to their injuries after they were rushed to Chandina Upazila Health Complex.

The driver of the bus fled the scene.

Filing of a case in this regard was underway, said the police official.

In Gazipur, a bus driver was killed and two others were injured, as the bus fell into a roadside ditch after hitting an electric pole in Sreepur upazila early yesterday, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Mofizul Islam, 30, of Sohadia village in Sreepur upazila. Detailed identities

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ROHINGYA CRISIS

UK announces £3 mn aid

BSS, Dhaka

Britain would provide £3,000,000 (around Tk 42 crore) as new funding to support Rohingyas in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char of Bangladesh.

"I am pleased to announce a further UK contribution of £3,000,000 to UNHCR, which will help ensure refugees in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char be able to access healthcare, clean water, hygiene and sanitation services and cooking fuel," said Sir Philip Barton, permanent under-secretary to the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO).

The new funding will be channeled through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), said a press release issued by the British High Commission in Dhaka yesterday.

Six years since the atrocities of 2017, which forcibly displaced Rohingyas into Bangladesh, the UK continues to stand with the Rohingyas in Bangladesh, and all those affected by this crisis, Barton said.

"We continue to push for a long-term solution

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Rights situation for tea workers unsatisfactory

Says BILS and Oxfam study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The actual rights situation of tea workers in Bangladesh is unsatisfactory compared to the existing legal standards for tea workers as a whole, according to a study.

"The employment opportunities in tea gardens are very limited, and there is no job security for workers. Only 15 percent of tea workers are permanent employees, while 5 percent work temporarily," it said.

The study, "Rights of Women Workers Engaged in the Tea Sector and the Prevailing Status of Decent Work," conducted by Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies with the support of Oxfam in Bangladesh (BILS), was unveiled yesterday at the capital's Dhaka Reporters Unity.

It was conceptualised with the aim of improving the tea workers' quality of

life, implementing decent wages in tea gardens, and improving the skills of tea workers.

Over 17 percent of women workers do not have an appointment letter, while 87 percent do not have any identity cards. Additionally, 10 percent of women workers do not know what an identity card is, the study read.

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All of the study participants said they do not have a service book in the tea garden, and 41 percent of workers said they work 1-2 hours of overtime for extra income.

Speakers at the event said there is no sexual harassment prevention committee for women workers, even though more than 50 percent of the workers are female. They alleged that the land rights for tea garden workers are also not clear.

According to speakers, the

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Dhaka-Narita flight delayed for 11 hours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines on Dhaka-Narita route was delayed for around 11 hours due to a technical glitch, causing suffering to its 76 passengers.

The flight, BG 376, was initially scheduled to take off around 11:45pm on Monday.

Tahera Khondoker, general manager (public relations) of Biman, said the delay was due to a technical problem. "Biman never compromises the safety of its passengers. After fixing the glitch, the flight took off from the Dhaka Airport at 11:00am today [yesterday]," she said.

Passengers were taken to nearby hotels.

Biman started the much-awaited Dhaka-Narita-Dhaka flight on September 1.

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Memo No. 46.00.6400.002.06.749.2017-310Date: 11-09-2023

e-Tendering Notice Number-02/2022-2023
Limited Tendering Method (LTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the Procurement of following:

Sl No.	Package No.	Description of works	Tender ID	Last selling date & time	Submission date & time
1.	e-Tender/ZP/ Nao/ADP/ 2022-23/02/03	A. Estimated for Bodhapur High School Semipucca Building for Truss & CI Sheet under Manda Upazila, Dist. Naogaon. (PART-A) B. Estimated for Bodhapur High School Semipucca Building for Truss & CI Sheet under Manda Upazila, Dist. Naogaon. (PART-B)	868786	Date: 25/09/2023 Time: 17.00	Date: 26/09/2023 Time: 13.00
2.	e-Tender/ZP/ Nao/ADP/ 2022-23/02/04	Improvement of Double Brick Soling Road at Birgram-Verom Pucca Road Mongalia Belal House More to Mongalia Eistpara Late Ahammed Ali House at Rood from Ch 00m-414.100m under Dhamoirhat Upazila, District. Naogaon	868788	Date: 25/09/2023 Time: 17.00	Date: 26/09/2023 Time: 13.00
3.	e-Tender/ZP/ Nao/ADP/ 2022-23/02/04	A. Estimate for Construction of Approach Road with Roundabout and fountain at Chanda Ideal High School Alipur under Mohadevpur Upazila, District: Naogaon. (Part-A) B. Estimate for Construction of Shahid Minar at Chanda Ideal High School Alipur under Mohadevpur Upazila, District: Naogaon. (Part-B)	868789	Date: 25/09/2023 Time: 17.00	Date: 26/09/2023 Time: 13.00

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 registered banks. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP helpdesk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Memo No. NIENT/Admin/Tender(Medical Equipment/Heavy)/2023-2024/1274Date: 12/09/2023

Invitation for Tender

KEY INFORMATION					
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare			
2.	Agency	Department of Health Services			
3.	Procuring entity name	Director, National Institute of ENT			
4.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka			
5.	Invitation for	Procurement of Medical Instruments (Heavy Equipment)			
6.	Invitation Ref No.	NIENT/Admin/Tender(Medical Equipment/Heavy)/2023-2024/1274			
7.	Date	12/09/2023			
8.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
9.	Budget and source of funds	GOB (Revenue)			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
10.	Organization code	1270208111119			
11.	Organization name	National Institute of ENT, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.			
12.	Tender publication date	13/09/2023			
13.	Tender last selling date and time	15/10/2023 during office hours			
	Date	Time			
14.	Tender closing date and time	16/10/2023 11.00am			
15.	Tender opening date and time	16/10/2023 12.00pm			
16.	Name & address of the office(s)				
	(a) Selling tender document	Office of the Director, National Institute of ENT, Tejgaon, Dhaka			
	(b) Receiving tender document	1. Office of the Director, National Institute of ENT, Tejgaon, Dhaka 2. Office of the Deputy Police Commissioner (North), Tejgaon Division (North), Shamoly, Dhaka (west to Shamoly Shishu Park)			
	(c) Opening tender document	Office of the Director, National Institute of ENT, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
17.	Eligibility of tenderer		The tenderer shall have a minimum 3 years of general/overall experience in the supply of similar goods to the govt./semi-govt./autonomous institute/hospital. Certificate must be submitted along with supplying documents. The tenderer shall have a minimum 2 years of specific experience in the supply of related services to the govt./semi-govt./autonomous institute/hospital. Certificate must be submitted along with supplying documents. Other requirement described in the Tender Document.		
18.	Brief description of goods		Medical Instruments (Heavy Equipment)		
19.	Pkg. No.	Identification of Pkg	Tender security (Tk.) (refundable)	Price of tender document (Tk.)	Deposit on Code No. 1-2711-0000-2366 by Treasury Challan (with CTR) in favor of Director, National Institute of ENT, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.
	GR-24	Supplying of Medical Equipment	2% As quoted offer	2000/-	
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
20.	Name of official inviting tender		Prof. Dr. Md. Zakaria Sarker		
21.	Designation of official inviting tender		Director, National Institute of ENT, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.		
22.	Address of official inviting tender		Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka		
23.	Contact details of official inviting tender		Telephone: 02-8878155, Fax No. 02-8878150		
24.	Authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender/rate. Authority may cancel the whole tender/part of the tender without assigning any reason.				
25.	Terms and conditions of the tender and other information will be available with the schedule.				

Note: If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.

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