

CHT crisis needs a political solution

Speakers tell event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon at an event yesterday stressed that the crisis in the Chattogram Hill Tracts can be solved politically and not through militarisation.

"The CHT Peace Treaty is a significant achievement... The military approach attempted by Ziaur Rahman has been replaced by a political solution. One crucial aspect of the agreement was the demilitarisation. However, under the disguise of political instability, militarisation is being increased in the CHT. We must remember that the CHT crisis cannot be resolved through militarisation; it needs to be solved politically."

Menon, also a lawmaker, said this at a views-exchange meeting titled, "Commitment and Actions of Political Parties to Implement CHT Peace Treaty," held at Jatiya Press Club. The event was organised by the Chattogram Hill Tracts Treaty Implementation Movement.

"It should be considered whether the Awami League and other parties can also engage in this initiative of the treaty implementation movement. In the current context of our country, the strength and capacity of left-progressive parties are insufficient to make this movement successful," he suggested.

Ruhin Hossain Prince, general secretary of Communist Party of Bangladesh, encouraged Jana Sanghati Samiti to step forward in this regard, emphasising on its potential role on a national level.

Bazlur Rashid Firoz, general secretary of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal, demanded constitutional recognition for different indigenous groups.

Dhaka University Prof Khairul Islam Chowdhury, also a joint convenor of the CHT Peace Accord Implementation Movement, presented five demands aimed at implementing the peace treaty and resolving the CHT issues permanently.

The demands include preparing a time-based action plan to swiftly and effectively implement the treaty, ending military authority in the hills, ensuring the proper functioning of the Parbatya Chattogram Regional Council and the three hill district councils to guarantee local governance, making the CHT Land Commission effective for a permanent land solution, and ensuring participation of indigenous people of the CHT in the country's economic progress and sustainable development.

Khairul also presented two additional demands concerning indigenous people living in the plainland: taking measures to reserve special seats for them and improving their quality of life; and forming a separate Land Commission.

PANDITPARA-HORIKISHORE ROY ROAD IN M'SINGH

Locals suffer for delay in roadwork

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Due to delayed sewage works on Panditpara-Horikishore Roy Road in Mymensingh city, residents have been suffering for over a year now.

This road is an important one in the city as it leads to several schools, colleges, district and police administration offices, Judge Court, museum, and two archeological sites.

The tender for this 16-month project was allotted to Faridpur Jannat Construction, which was supposed to complete the works by August.

However, the works were not completed within the stipulated time due to a lack of monitoring, said locals.

Meanwhile, the dilapidated condition of the under-



construction road has exacerbated the sufferings of students, traders, and job holders.

"We have been suffering losses since the work started about a year ago. We have informed the Mymensingh City Corporation of our problems numerous times, but the work is still going on at a snail's pace," said Salahuddin

Ahmed, a local trader who has been doing business in the area for the last 10 years.

Smruti Rani Sarker, a tea stall owner in the area, and Rashed, a salesman in one of the local shops, echoed the same.

"It is very difficult for students, their parents, and the teachers to reach school as the road is a

menace," said a local school teacher.

MCC is becoming busier with every passing day. In such circumstances, such delays are one of the main causes of the increased traffic congestion in the area, said Nazrul Islam Chunnun, convener of "Jonoudhygh, Mymensingh", a citizens' forum.

"We have to be careful while digging up the road as we have to look out for gas and electric lines underground. Heavy rains during the monsoon further contributed to the delay," said Md Monir Hossain, project engineer.

Md Rafiqul Islam Miah, MCC's executive engineer, said the deadline of the project was extended till December this year upon request. "We have asked the contractor to finish the work as quickly as possible," he added.

Tk 50 on paper

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had to pay Tk 820 for a dengue test in the same hospital.

This correspondent spoke to a number of patients, all of whom said that they were overcharged by the hospital staffers.

Benzir Ahmed, a resident of Arjuntola village, said, "Even a government hospital staffer suggested doing the tests at a private hospital, where I had to pay Tk 1,100 for dengue test."

Ismail Hossain, 20, attendee of a patient echoed him.

Similarly, due to a

shortage of saline, public hospital patients were compelled to buy it from private pharmacies at higher prices.

"We have already sent a letter to the higher authorities seeking a sufficient amount of test kits and saline," said Dr Masum, Noakhali district civil surgeon.

Some 1,768 dengue cases have been detected in Noakhali so far this year, according to the civil surgeon's office.

Madhumati

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reached the villages following a rise in the river's water level.

A similar situation was observed in several villages under Mohammadpur upazila of Magura.

Baliadi UP chairman Mofizur Rahman said they informed Water Development Board about erosion situation but they are yet to do anything to this end.

Ramananda Paul, Mohammadpur upazila nirbahi officer, said they have informed the higher authority. "I have also directed the project implementation officer to prepare a list of affected families," he added.

"To check erosion, we have built a 150-metre embankment at a cost of Tk 1.5 crore in Kashipur area, while geo bags were dumped on river bank in Harekrishnapur area last year," said Magura WDB Executive Engineer Sarowar Jahan Sujon.

Int'l Day for Universal Access to Info today

BSS, Dhaka

The International Day for Universal Access to Information will be observed in the country today like elsewhere across the globe with the theme "Importance of internet in free flow of information".

On the eve of the day, President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages wishing all programmes of the day a success.

PRAYER TIMING
SEPTEMBER 28

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
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Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) T20 Sports TV Production

Ref: BCB/Sports TV Production/BPL-T20/2023/649 Date: 28th September 2023

Request for Quotation (RFQ)

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) hereby invites interested, qualified and reputed Sports TV Production Companies / Firms to submit quotations for providing & delivering comprehensive International Standard Live Sports TV Production Services for a period of 02 (Two) editions/seasons (i.e. 10th and 11th seasons/editions of BPL T20 Tournament).

Eligibility Criteria :

- The eligible company should preferably have a comprehensive track record of providing professional Sports TV Production services worldwide.
- The company must have a minimum of 03 (Three) years experience of providing International Standard Sports TV Production Services in Cricket Events (i.e. ICC & ACC events/Bilateral Cricket Series / IPL / PSL / Big Bash / BPL T20 tournaments etc.).
- Interested TV Production Firm / Company must provide all 4K Standard Cameras, International Standard Graphics and Technology for live broadcast coverage / production.

RFQ Submission Procedure :

Details of RFQ submission procedure including production level will be available from 30th September, 2023 to 12th October, 2023 during working hours (10.00 AM to 5.00 PM except Friday & Public Holidays in Bangladesh).

The detailed quotation along with relevant documents prepared in accordance with the RFQ document must be submitted at the BCB Management Office at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh by 16th of October 2023 during working hours (10.00 AM to 5.00 PM except Friday & Public Holidays in Bangladesh) and should be in a sealed envelope to be addressed to: **The Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Cricket Board.**

Interested participant may submit the quotation along with financial proposal electronically via email at sponsorship.rights@bcb-cricket.com.

The following documents must be submitted along with the Quotation:

- Company Profile.
- Updated auditor's report on financial statements (in case of consortium, each party's auditor's report needs to be submitted individually).
- Bank Solvency Certificate.
- Certified copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association along with Certificate of Incorporation or similar constitutional documents.
- Updated VAT Registration Certificate, Trade License and Tax Identification Number (TIN) Certificate or similar documents.
- Experience certificate in the field of sport TV production.
- The TV production Firms / Company must submit a Performance Guarantee an amount of USD 200000 or equivalent amount in BDT in the form of Pay Order / Bank Guarantee.

The BCB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations at its sole discretion without assigning any reason. The BCB also reserves the right to cancel the entire RFQ process and / or modify, add or alter the terms of the document and/ or the conditions for RFQ by issuing an addendum(s) at any time prior to the submission of the proposal.

Chief Executive Officer
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Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh

Home Series - Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men) Sports TV Production

Ref: BCB/Sports TV Production/Home Series - BD National Cricket Team (men)/2023/650 Date: 28th September 2023

Request for Quotation (RFQ)

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) hereby invites interested, qualified and reputed Sports TV Production Companies / Firms to submit quotations for providing & delivering comprehensive International Standard Live Sports TV Production Services for "Home Series Involving Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men)" from 1st of January, 2024 to 30th of June, 2027.

Eligibility Criteria :

- The eligible company should preferably have a comprehensive track record of providing professional Sports TV Production services worldwide.
- The company must have a minimum of 03 (Three) years experience of providing International Standard Sports TV Production Services in Cricket Events (i.e. ICC & ACC events/Bilateral Cricket Series / IPL / PSL / Big Bash / BPL T20 tournaments etc.).
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World Health Organization
Bangladesh

VACANCY NOTICE

World Health Organization (WHO) invites applications from the interested and eligible candidates for the following position under following contractual modality:

- National Professional Officer (EPI, Vaccine Safety & Quality)/ Fixed-term Appointment**

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) (CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS SELECTION)

Country: Bangladesh
Name of Project: Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE)
Credit No: 6841-BD
Assignment Title: Selection of a Consulting Firm for Psychometric Profiling Tools Development.
Reference No: PKSF/RAISE/S-05.1

PKSF has been implementing Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE) project jointly funded by the World Bank and PKSF and implemented through 70 POs. The objective of this project is to provide services to enhance earning opportunities for low-income youths and COVID-19 affected micro-entrepreneurs (MEs) in urban and peri-urban areas of Bangladesh. Through the project, the COVID-19 MEs get inclusive financing on a priority basis to restore their previous business and receive capacity development supports for business continuity. Besides, young MEs receive inclusive financing along with capacity development training on Entrepreneurship Development, Business Risk Management, Life-Skills Development so that they are well equipped with the skill set required for their sustainable growth. However, as new entrants, a significant number of these individuals do not have financial support mechanisms and have no credit history either, making it challenging to assess their creditworthiness. Additionally, they more often than not lack the necessary business skills and technical skills to start and sustain a venture on their own. The overall objective of the assignment is to develop behavioral science-led tool that would profile candidates on the basis of entrepreneurial capabilities, risk mitigation capabilities based on desired behavioral competencies and map the behavioral shortcoming areas specific to each entrepreneur that would guide the capacity development pathways. The tools would be used to measure entrepreneurial capability and creditworthiness of the existing microentrepreneurs, scaling up the existing microenterprises and selecting the appropriate trainees for training program.

The specific objectives are-

- To deploy appropriate and tested tool(s);
- To develop a guideline for behavioral profiling based on tested tools;
- To develop behavior competence shortcoming pathways of individual microentrepreneurs;
- To design capacity development curriculum including nudges to execute behavior modification;
- To develop tracking mechanism to register the changes over the project intervention period; and
- To familiarize/train POs, PMU and PIU staffs on the use of the solution.

I. The shortlisting criteria are:

- Nature of the core business and general experience of the Firm;
- Experience in similar assignments of compatible size, complexity and technical specialty in required areas;
- Financial Soundness, staffing and logistics of the firm;

II. Consultants are requested to submit the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria:

- Up to Date Relevant Legal Papers of the Firm's including Trade license, TIN, VAT, Income Tax Assessment Certificate/Acknowledgement;
- JV Agreement/Letter of Intent (if applicable) along with the proposed JV agreement [Maximum of two (2)]. In case of an affiliation or management relationship with another entity, the parent company's experience and other resources will be taken into account during the evaluation process;
- Firm's brochure including staffing and logistics (Such as: permanent employees, expert pool, office nos. and space, office equipment, manpower, and other available resources);
- Strong financial capability will be required (Need to submit ONLY signed Income statement and Balance sheet from last 3 years' audit report);
- Any relevant licenses, certification, and accreditation
- All other items necessary to substantiate satisfaction of the shortlisting criteria listed above and/or included in the TOR; However, Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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

IV. 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. 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.

V. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Fixed Budget Selection (FBS) method set out in the procurement regulations.

VI. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, 09:00 to 16:00 hours. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be downloaded from www.pksf.org.bd website or can be obtained upon request from the address below or either by e-mail or in person during the office hours (Local Time: 09:00 to 15:30 hours).

VII. Expression of Interest (EOI) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in-person, or by mail) by 16 October, 2023 on or before 14:00 hours (UTC+6 hours).

VIII. The Procuring Entity (PE) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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