

Mamoon Sarker no more

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Brahmanbaria

Al Mamoon Sarker, a freedom fighter, an Awami League leader and Brahmanbaria Zilla Parishad chairman, passed away yesterday at his relative's residence in Brahmanbaria town.

He left behind his wife, a son and a host of admirers to mourn his death. Sarker was suffering from various diseases for a long time.

His funeral was held at Brahmanbaria District Eidgah Maidan.

Central and local Awami League leaders, including Law Minister Anisul Huq, attended his funeral prayers.

He was buried at Sherpur graveyard with state honours. Other than being involved in politics, Sarker received numerous accolades for his humanitarian works.



Haringhata forest in peril

Locals continue to cut trees to collect kewra

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

The Haringhata reserve forest in Barguna's Patharghata upazila is facing a deforestation threat as locals are sneaking into the forest to cut down kewra trees illegally.

Covering an area of 200 hectares, the forest sits at the edge of the Bay of Bengal and is home to kewra, gewa, sundari, and jhau (tamarisk) trees.

Recently, a group of 20-25 people was seen collecting kewra fruit deep inside the forest and cutting down the trees as well. After this correspondent confronted them, the group tried to run away.

Even though the group was caught in the act and several tree trunks lay on the ground, they denied that they ever cut down trees for fruit collection.

Locals claimed that hundreds of maunds of fruit were also being collected by certain local groups every day from the upazila's Tengra, Mejher Char, Char Lathimara, and Bihango Dwip areas.

Researcher and journalist Shaiful Islam Khokon said, "Just like the Sundarbans protect people from storms and floods, the coastal forests of Patharghata protect



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Some local groups are cutting kewra trees to make the fruit collection process more convenient and to collect seeds and timber as well.

us. But some gangs are cutting and destroying forest trees, which will increase the level of natural disasters in the near future."

Forest Department's Patharghata range officer and Haringhata area beat officer, Md Abul Kalam, said, "Due to our manpower crisis, we cannot bring these perpetrators to book. We didn't give permission to collect kewra fruit in the reserved forest, and we have already filed

a case against four people on the charge of cutting trees."

Barguna Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Rafiqul Islam said action will be taken after an inquiry.

Patuakhali Sadar Upazila Forest Officer Nayan Mistry said many earn their living by making pickles and chutneys with kewra fruit and selling them in the village market. Also, when this fruit rots, fishermen use it as bait, he added.

Solar power plants the way forward

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increase power prices and the financial burden on taxpayers, the study added.

A few countries, including Japan and South Korea, are considering the use of co-firing coal with ammonia and blending

natural gas with hydrogen, but such a process is still under piloting.

"Hydrogen and ammonia are more expensive fuels than gas and coal. Imported hydrogen procurement could be four to five times

more expensive than gas procurement, while ammonia procurement would be seven to nine times more expensive than coal procurement," reads the study.

Currently, the country has a power generation

capacity of 23.2 GW, 50 percent of which comes from gas fired power plants, followed by oil-fired power plants (33pc) and coal-fired power plants (12pc). Since 2015, the country has seen modest growth in solar installations, reaching just over 1 GW.

Bangladesh aims to increase the share of renewables to 30 percent by 2030 and at least 40 percent by 2041.

"Bangladesh's heavy reliance on fossil-fuel thermal power plants has reduced the country's energy security while draining its foreign currency reserves and increasing local pollution. In addition, further expansion of fossil-fuel thermal power plants would jeopardise the country's energy security and affordability," the study added.

Invitation to submit proposals for one (1) Request for Proposal (RFP) and one (1) Service ITB issued by UNICEF Bangladesh

RFP No. LRPS-9185831 to establish Long Term Agreement (LTA) to provide Travel Management Services for UN staff.

Service ITB No. LIBS-9185833 to establish Long Term Agreement (LTA) for accommodation and venue for conference related services for all UN agencies in Bangladesh.

UNICEF Bangladesh is inviting interested companies with a strong track record and professional credibility of providing the above-required services under one contract. To receive the detailed scope of work and procedure to submit the bid response, please email to supplybangladesh@unicef.org

The pre-bid meeting schedule and bid submission deadlines are mentioned in the respective bid documents.

Please note UNICEF does not charge any fee at any stage of the solicitation process.

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Notice for Closure of Liaison Office in Bangladesh

Shinhan Apparel Co. Ltd Liaison office House # 22, Road #12, Block F, (2nd Floor) Niketon, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 had been closed on 31st July 2023 in Bangladesh. However, if anyone has any type of claims, please contact to the authorized representative Md. Yasin Miah FCA House # 22, Road #12, Block F, (2nd Floor) Niketon, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212. Cell: 01711957242

Notice regarding the Publication of Information Memorandum (IM) on the websites



Corporate HQ
2/F HRC Bhaban, 46 Kawran Bazar C.A., Dhaka-1215

This is for information of all concerned that the Bangladesh Securities & Exchange Commission (BSEC) has given its consent/approval to the issuance of Unsecured, Non-convertible, Fully Redeemable, Floating Rate ONE Bank Subordinated Bond -V for 7 years amounting BDT 400.00 (Taka four hundred) crore for raising Tier-2 Capital of the Bank as per Basel-II. According to the condition of the consent of BSEC, the Information Memorandum (IM) of OBL Subordinated Bond-V has been published on the following websites:

- Issuer : www.onebank.com.bd
- Trustee : <http://www.greendeltacapital.com/view/index>
- Arranger : <https://ucb-investment.com>

Dhaka
October 02, 2023

John Sarkar
DMD & Company Secretary

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Date: 02-10-2023

Invitation of Application for Appointment of Auditors

Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), an apex development organization was established by the Government of Bangladesh in 1990 for sustainable poverty reduction through employment generation. PKSF is carrying out its operations through its Partner Organizations (POs). Present number of POs is above 200.

PKSF is going to appoint a Chartered Accountancy (CA) firm having international affiliation for conducting 'Statutory Audit' of PKSF for the FY 2023-2024. PKSF will also appoint up to 15 (fifteen) Chartered Accountancy (CA) firms for conducting 'External Audit' of its selected POs (approximately 82 POs) for the FY 2023-2024. The Terms of References (ToRs) for 'Statutory Audit of PKSF' and 'External Audit' of PKSF's POs are available on the PKSF website- www.pkfsf.org.bd.

The provisional remunerations (inclusive of Income Tax, VAT and Auditor's expenses) which are expected to be finalized in the forthcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) of PKSF are as follows:

- For Statutory Audit of PKSF including its Projects and Special Accounts: BDT 865,000/- (eight lac sixty five thousand) only.
- For External Audit of Partner Organizations (POs) of PKSF:
 - Each big Partner Organization: BDT 125,000/- (one lac twenty five thousand) only.
 - Each medium Partner Organization: BDT 86,000/- (eighty six thousand) only.
 - Each small Partner Organization: BDT 57,500/- (fifty seven thousand five hundred) only.

In this regard, PKSF is inviting application from the reputed Chartered Accountancy (CA) firms of the country which fulfill the following mandatory criteria.

The CA firm shall have- i) Up-to-date Trade License; ii) Up-to-date Certificate of Practice (CoP); iii) Up-to-date Enlistment with Financial Reporting Council (FRC); iv) Up-to-date income tax certificate/Acknowledgement slip of the last submitted Income Tax return; and v) VAT registration certificate.

Interested CA Firms which fulfill the above-mentioned mandatory criteria are requested to submit their application in letterhead/pad by 17 October 2023 till 4:00 PM in the form of hard copy in favor of 'Deputy Managing Director-2, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)'. Application should be accompanied by the 'Template' available on the PKSF website- www.pkfsf.org.bd as well as at PKSF reception desk during 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM till 16 October 2023.

PKSF reserves the right to accept or reject any application or cancel this appointment process without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Deputy Managing Director-2

INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TENDER (IFIT)

KEY INFORMATION	
1	Procuring Entity Name: IsDB-BISEW
2	Invitation for: Procurement of Central Air Conditioning System
3	Invitation Ref. No.: IsDB-BISEW/Tender-IDB Bhaban-2/TP-02
4	Publication Date: 03 October 2023
5	Procurement Method: Competitive Tendering among eligible Tenderers: One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method (OSTEM) under Least Cost Basis (LCB).
6	Source of Funds: IsDB-BISEW and Government of Bangladesh
7	Project Name: Construction of IDB Bhaban-2 comprising of Multi-Storied Twin Tower and 4-Storied Multi-Purpose Business Center with common 3-Level Basement at Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
8	Tender Package No.: Tender-IDB Bhaban-2/TP-02
9	Tender Package Name: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Central Air Conditioning System.
10	Last Date of Receiving Application from Tenderers for Issuing Tender Documents: 26 October 2023 upto 5:00PM
11	Last Date of Issuing Tender Documents: 06 November 2023 upto 5:00PM
12	Date & Time of Pre-bid Meeting: 16 November 2023 at 11:00AM
13	Place of Pre-bid Meeting: Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
14	Last Date & Time of Tender Submission: 27 November 2023 upto 12:00 Noon
15	Opening of Technical Offer of Tender (Date, Time & Place): 27 November 2023 at 12:30 Noon at the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh. Intending Tenderers or their Authorized Representatives may remain present during opening of Technical Offer.
16	Name and Address of the Office Selling Tender Documents: Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
17	Name and Address of the Office for Receiving Tender: Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
18	Eligibility of Tenderers for Purchasing Tender Documents This Invitation for Tender is open to all qualified and experienced Tenderers in the field. Sale of Tender Documents Tenderers shall apply in their Letter Head to the undersigned latest by 26 October 2023, during office hours up to 5:00PM along with the documentary evidence to fulfill the following primary eligibility criteria only to purchase Tender Documents: a) Lone Local Tenderer/Foreign Lead Firm of Joint Venture (JV) Tenderer (if applicable) must have minimum 15(fifteen) years of general experience in Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Central Air-conditioning System. The Joint Venture Partner (Limited to 1 number only) must be a Bangladeshi Company having minimum 10(ten) years of general experience in Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Central Air-conditioning System. b) Lone Local Tenderer/Foreign Lead Firm and Joint Venture Partner of a Joint Venture Tenderer (if applicable) must have valid TIN/BIN, VAT Registration Certificate, Trade License, Up-to-date Income Tax Clearance Certificate, Incorporation Certificate of the Company. (Attested Copies of Certificates and Documents to be submitted) c) Documentary evidence (Attested copies of Work Completion Certificate and Financial Statement to be submitted) to fulfill the Experience Criteria and Financial Criteria as stated in SI. No. 22 & 23. i) Procuring Entity shall verify the above-mentioned criteria in Serial Numbers a), b) & c) within 7(seven) working days. ii) After scrutiny and verification of the documents, the primarily eligible Applicants shall be notified to collect the Prescribed Tender Documents on payment of non-refundable BDT 100,000 (One Hundred Thousand) or equivalent amount in USD by Pay Order from a Scheduled Bank in favor of IsDB-BISEW. iii) False statement found during verification shall disqualify the Applicant from purchasing Tender Documents. iv) Tenderers without having the above-mentioned Primary Eligibility need not apply to purchase the Tender Documents.
19	Brief Description of Works: Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Central Air-conditioning and Ventilation System comprising e.g Supply & Installation of Chillers, Fan Coil Unit (FCU), Air Handling Units (AHU), Pump, Cooling Tower, Ventilation Fan, Ducting and Piping and Air Terminal etc.
20	Price of Tender Documents: Non-refundable Pay Order/Bank Draft in BDT 100,000 (One Hundred Thousand) or equivalent amount in USD in favour of IsDB-BISEW (IDB Bhaban-2).
21	Tender Security Amount: Lump Sum BDT 10.00(Ten) million or equivalent in USD in the form of Pay Order/ Irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of IsDB-BISEW (IDB Bhaban-2). The Tender Security furnished by a Foreign Bank must be Counter guaranteed by a Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh.
22	Experience Criteria of Tenderer a) General Experience: i) Lone Local Tenderer/Foreign Lead Firm of Joint Venture must be a bonafide Contractor having minimum 15(fifteen) years of experience in supplying and installation of Central Air-conditioning Works. ii) The Joint Venture Partner (Limited to 1 number only) must be a Bangladeshi Firm having minimum 10(ten) years of general experience in Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Central Air-conditioning System.
23	Financial Criteria of Tenderer a) Minimum Average Annual Turnover: i) Lone Local Tenderer must have minimum Average Annual Turnover only for Central Air-conditioning works of BDT 250(two hundred fifty) Million or Equivalent USD in last 5(five) years. ii) Foreign Lead Firm of the JV must have minimum Average Annual Turnover only for Central Air-conditioning works of USD 50(fifty) Million in last 5(five) years. iii) The Local JV Partner of a JV Tenderer must be a Bangladeshi Firm having minimum Average Annual Turnover only for Central Air-conditioning works of BDT 100 (one hundred) Million or Equivalent USD in last 5(five) years. b) Liquid Asset/ Working Capital/ Credit Limit: i) Lone Local Tenderer/Foreign Lead Firm of the JV must submit original letter from Foreign Bank/a Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh (as applicable) confirming a Liquid Asset/Working Capital/Credit Limit for an amount of BDT 250 (two hundred fifty) Million or Equivalent USD for this particular project. ii) The Local JV Partner of a JV Tenderer must submit original letter from a Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh confirming Liquid Asset/Working Capital/ Credit Limit for an amount of BDT 50(fifty) Million for this particular project.
24	Other Requirements The Tenderer must submit the following attested Documents, information along with the Tender: i) Up-to-date Income Tax Clearance Certificate. ii) Valid VAT Registration Certificate for National Tenderers and similar certificate if applicable for International Tenderers. iii) Up-to-date Trade License for National Tenderers and similar certificate if applicable for International Tenderers. iv) Up-to-date ABC Category Contractor's and Supervisory License from Electricity Licensing Board, Government of Bangladesh for National Tenderers and similar documents if applicable for International Tenderers. v) Tender Documents Purchasing Money Receipt (Original). vi) Other required eligibility criteria & conditions as mentioned in the Tender Data Sheet (TDS) of Tender Documents.
25	Name, Designation, Address & Contact details of Official Inviting Tenderer Neaz Khan Chief Executive Officer IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Telephone No.: +880 2 9183006; Fax No.: +880 2 9183001-2, e-mail: tender@isdb-bisew.org ; Website: www.isdb-bisew.org
26	Submission of Application for Purchasing Tender Documents Preferably hard copy to the address as mentioned in Item No. 25 above or email at tender@isdb-bisew.org attaching scanned copy of all supporting documents.
27	Any further changes/update/modifications regarding this Tender Shall be available in the official Website of IsDB-BISEW (www.isdb-bisew.org) in the form of Corrigendum and Addendum. Link for Tender information: www.isdb-bisew.org/tender
28	Special Instructions and Conditions: a) To obtain Tender Documents attested copies of all necessary documents by 1st Class Gazetted Officer (with name & designation) which are to be notarized by Notary Public and to be submitted along with the Application in case of the Lone Local Tenderers. For Foreign Lead Firm of JV, all documents are to be submitted shall be duly attested by the competent authority. b) The Lone Local Tenderer must be the Authorized Agent for major Air-conditioning equipment of the Manufacturer in Bangladesh and the Tenderer is authorized in writing by the Manufacturer to participate in this particular tender. The Tenderer must submit a Letter of Authorization (in original) along with the tender. c) Tenderer has to collect hard copy of Tender Documents from the office of the undersigned which is mandatory for tender submission. d) If the Government declares holiday on the opening day of Tender, Tender shall be received and Technical Offer shall be opened at the same time on the next working day. e) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Tenders or any Tender or annul the Tender proceedings without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever. f) It should be clearly understood by the Applicant that the Eligibility of the Tenderer to purchase the Tender Documents as mentioned in SI. No. 18 above is only the criteria for sale of the Tender Documents and not the criteria for being Responsive in the Technical Evaluation of the Tender. g) This Invitation for Tender can be seen in the Website of IsDB-BISEW.



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