

## CHT PEACE ACCORD Activists send open letter to political parties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Implementation Movement wrote an open letter yesterday, presenting a four-point demand to political parties, urging them to play a role in implementing the peace accord.

Human rights activist Jakir Hossain and Dhaka University Professor Khairul Islam Chowdhury, both joint coordinators of the CHT Implementation Movement, sent the letter.

"Almost 25 years after signing of CHT Accord, the fundamental components of the agreement remain unimplemented," the letter said.

The letter concluded with the hope that political leaders would exert pressure on the government and concerned parties to implement the CHT Accord to resolve the CHT issue.

To expedite the implementation, they put forth four demands: announce specific programmes in line with the seven-point demands raised by all democratic political parties in support of the CHT Accord Implementation Movement, seriously consider incorporating the seven-point demands of the CHT Peace Accord Implementation Movement into the party's election manifesto for the 2024 national elections, appoint a spokesperson and an organisational secretary responsible for issues related to indigenous peoples within the political parties and their affiliates and provide party nominations to indigenous people at all levels of local government councils, including the national parliament.



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Votes being cast in the open around 12:30pm yesterday in the Jatrapur Nuraniya Hefezia Madrasa centre in Ashuganj for the Brahmanbaria-2 by polls. Awami League candidate Shahjahan Alam Saju won the by-election with 66,314 votes, defeating independent candidate Ziaul Haque Mridha, who got 37,758 votes.

## Hajj airfare still very high

### HAAB president sends letter to PM to further reduce it

RASHIDUL HASAN

Leaders of Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (HAAB) and Association of Travel Agents of Bangladesh (ATAB) criticised the high airfare rate for hajj pilgrims, fearing that the quota of 1.27 lakh hajjis from Bangladesh may not be fulfilled in the upcoming year.

They claimed Biman arbitrarily increases airfare for Hajj pilgrims to cover up its yearlong losses in order to show itself as a profitable entity.

Contacted, ATAB Secretary General Abdus Salam Aref said the fixed airfare for hajj pilgrims is three times higher than the normal rate.

"In a bid to fulfil Biman's desire, intended hajjis have to bear high airfare," he added.

HAAB President M Shahadat Hossain Taslim, in a letter to Prime

Minister Sheikh Hasina on November 4, demanded that the airfare for hajj pilgrims be reduced.

HAAB said although this year's airfare has been reduced by Tk 2,997 to Tk 1,94,800, the airfare is still very high.

"As Biman is a commercial organisation, it was not fair to fix the airfare under its lone jurisdiction," the HAAB president told The Daily Star.

According to HAAB, different airlines are selling tickets for Dhaka-Jeddah-Dhaka round trip for around Tk 75,000, keeping 20 percent of seats vacant, while Biman operates hajj flights with the seats totally filled up.

The HAAB president said Biman always argues that during hajj flights, they need to operate empty flights while coming to Dhaka from Saudi Arabia, but in reality, the cost of operating

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## RU physician suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi University yesterday suspended its deputy chief physician, Dr Md Razu Ahmed, on an allegation of sexually harassing a teacher's daughter.

Prof Prodig Kumar Pandey, administrator for public relations, announced the decision at 11:30am while several hundred teachers and students were demonstrating in front of the Martyred Syed Nazrul Islam administrative building, demanding the accused's removal.

RU administration took the university's legal cell's opinion on Thursday and formed a three-member committee to investigate the allegation, Prof Prodig said while talking to this correspondent.

## DENGUE OUTBREAK Death toll crosses 1,400 11 new deaths yesterday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The death toll from dengue this year crossed the 1,400 mark, as 11 new deaths were reported in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

According to Directorate General of Health Services, at least 15 patients died and 2,103 others were hospitalised across the country yesterday, raising the total number of cases to 2,79,904.

HM Nazmul Ahsan, associate professor at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, said there are multiple reasons for the high rate of dengue deaths this year, including virus, patient and management related factors.

Of the four types of dengue strains, Den-2 serotype is most active this year and has high severity. This is the reason why there are so many deaths this year, he said.

Around 87 percent of the patients were infected with Den-2 serotype, according to a recent study by Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute, Nazmul said.

"Serotype sequence is another factor. If a patient, who was infected with one serotype earlier, gets infected again with a new serotype, then its severity will be more, especially if the second infection is from serotype-2," he said.

"Another reason is high rate of infection among high-risk groups - elderly, infants, obese, pregnant women and patients with comorbidity like diabetics, high pressure, heart, kidney, lung and liver problems," Nazmul noted.

Additionally, many patients are coming to the hospital late, with shock syndrome. This year, we are observing many patients going into shock syndrome in just two or three days, which is unusual, he shared.

"Many patients are also coming from outside Dhaka. It takes several hours to reach the capital, during which patients do not get enough fluids. Thus, many patients collapse even before they are admitted to hospitals," Nazmul added.



### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Bangladesh Police Police Headquarters, Dhaka.

#### Invitation for Local Tender for Goods

Memo No.44.01.0000.024.01.004.2023/1944

Date:05 November 2023

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafied business organization/suppliers in their official letter head pad for purchase of the following items for Bangladesh Police under the project "Strengthening the efficiency of Highway Police". Tenderer must read and fill up the tender documents cautiously so that the offered package complies with the tender documents. Conditional or alternative offer shall not be evaluated.

1. Ministry / Division	Ministry of Home Affairs/ Public Security Division.
2. Agency	Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
3. Head of Procuring Entity	Inspector General, Bangladesh Police.
4. Invitation for	Purchase of specialized Vehicle.
5. Invitation Reference No	44.01.0000.024.01.003.2023/04 (FY-2023-2024)
6. Date	05 November 2023.

## KEY INFORMATION

7. Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelope Method (National)
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## FUNDING INFORMATION

8. Budget and Source of Fund	Development Budget GOB
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## PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9. Tender Publication date	06 November 2023
10. Tender Selling last date	03 December 2023
11. Tender closing date and time	04 December 2023 at 12.00pm
12. Tender opening date and time	04 December 2023 at 12.30pm
13. Place of Selling / Receiving/ Opening tender document	Level-4, NCCOM Centre, Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.
14. Date and time of pre-tender meeting (Optional)	21 November 2023 at 03.00 pm Office room, Addl. DIG (Transport), Level-4, NCCOM Centre, PHQ, Dhaka

## INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

15. Eligibility of tender	(i) Up to date trade license (ii) Up to date VAT registration Certificate (iii) Up to date income tax clearance certificate (iv) Manufacturers or Local Agents shall not be black listed by any other organization in Bangladesh (v) Other conditions are given in standard tender document (STD).
16. Price of tender document (BDT)	TK. 5000.00 (Five Thousand) Only (non-refundable).

## 17. Brief description of goods

Lot No	Identification of Goods	Tender security amount in BDT	Completion Time
Lot-1	Wrecker (30 Ton)	39,00,000/- (Thirty Nine Lac) Taka only.	30 June 2024.
Lot-2	Wrecker (20 Ton)	19,00,000/- (Nineteen Lac) Taka only.	

## PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

18. Name address of the official inviting tender	Sarwar Murshed Shamim, BPM Addl. DIG (Transport) Level-4, NCCOM Centre, Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000 Phone : +88 02 223384779 E-Mail: addidigitrans@police.gov.bd
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## 19. Special Instruction:

- No tender will be received after the deadline of submission.
- The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all/ any tenders or annul the tender proceeding without causing any reason.
- The Procuring Entity reserves the right to omit, increase and/or decrease the quantity of any item (s) from the tender depending on approval from the Ministry of Finance.
- The bidders must abide by the decision of the HOPE.
- The procurement process will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act- 2006 & PPR- 2008.

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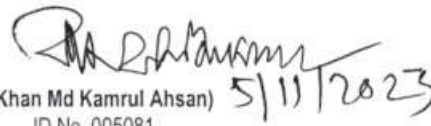
Date: 05 November 2023

## Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SERVICE AS LAND ACQUISITION AND RESETTLEMENT SPECIALIST (NATIONAL)  
for Sylhet-Charkhai-Sheola Highway Improvement Project under ACCESS PROGRAM

Assignment Title: Individual Consultant Service as Land Acquisition and Resettlement Specialist (National). Package No: SP-07

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) has received a credit from the World Bank towards the cost of Accelerating Transport and Trade Connectivity in Eastern South Asia (ACCESS) Program - Bangladesh Phase 1. Roads and Highways Department (RHD) will be implementing Sylhet-Charkhai-Sheola Highway Improvement component under the project. It intends to apply a part of the proceeds of this credit for the services of an individual Consultant as Land Acquisition and Resettlement Specialist (National).
- The broad scope of consulting services ("the Services") include but not limited to carry out following in the project:
  - Support Project Management Unit (PIU) of RHD in Preparation/update of existing Land Acquisition Plan (LAP), and Resettlement Action Plan (RAP).
  - Assist PIU in preparing necessary numbers of LA cases (including all preparatory activities) for submitting to the Deputy Commissioners office, Sylhet and also assist in LA activities to be executed by DC office.
  - Assist PIU in Monitoring implementing NGO's activities such as: Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation including income restoration management of the project following the requirements of the World Bank's Environmental and Social framework (ESF), and national laws.
  - Ensure timely execution of Land acquisition and Resettlement activities within the GOB and WB policies.
  - Any other relevant services requested by PIU.
- The expected date for commencement of the services is February 2024 and the tentative duration of the entire assignment is about 30 (Thirty) Man-Months of intermittent input over a Contract Period of 40 (forty) Months. Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and other information will be available upon request from the address provided below either through email or in person. The TOR can also be found at the following website: (www.rhd.gov.bd).
- The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) under Road Transport and Highways Division, Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges, Government of Bangladesh now invites eligible Individual to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Individual should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. All claimed qualifications shall be substantiated with documentary evidence. A consultant will be selected following the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016, and updated in September 2023. The selection criteria are:
  - At least master's degree in Social Science/Sociology/Anthropology/Development Studies or equivalent in a related field.
  - Minimum 15 (Fifteen) years of general experience in the area of Social Development, including Land Acquisition, Survey, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, Income restoration related to construction or logistics infrastructure projects.
  - Minimum 10 (Ten) years of experience in the role of similar importance in preparation/ implementation of LAP and RAP in Development Partner (ADB, WB, JICA, AIIB etc.) funded infrastructure projects.
  - Specialized experience of undertaking or monitoring LAP and RAP preparation/implementation for Road/Bridge project will be considered as an added advantage.
- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to the Section III, Para 3.14,3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016 and updated in September 2023, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (09:00 AM to 05:00 PM Bangladesh Standard Time). Expression of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 01:00 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time), December 11, 2023.

  
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