

Anwaruzzaman takes charge as Sylhet mayor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Newly elected mayor of Sylhet City Corporation Anwaruzzaman Chowdhury took charge of his office yesterday, pledging to work for the development of the city.

The AL-backed mayor took charge of the SCC five months after winning the city polls.

Outgoing BNP-backed mayor Ariful Haque Choudhury greeted him in the mayor's office at Nagar Bhaban and handed over the charges to him.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Imran Ahmed, also the lawmaker for Sylhet-4, was present on the occasion.

A programme to welcome the new mayor in presence of people was held in front of Nagar Bhaban in the afternoon.

"I am grateful to all for electing me as the mayor. I wish to keep up my good work as mayor with the help of everyone," Anwaruzzaman said.

Outgoing SCC mayor Ariful mentioned his 10 years of hard work to develop the city and pledged to extend his support to the new mayor.



VANDALISM OF CJ RESIDENCE

Three BNP leaders get anticipatory bail from HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted anticipatory bail to three BNP leaders and lawyers — Zainul Abedin, Nitai Roy Chowdhury and AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon — for three weeks in two cases filed over vandalising the chief justice's residence and preventing police from discharging duties on October 28.

The HC, however, ordered them to surrender before the lower court concerned in three weeks.

The bench of Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman and Justice Md Bashir Ullah passed the order.

The HC granted the anticipatory bail to the accused as they are senior lawyers and said the order of their bail will not be applicable as reference for bail of other accused in the case.

During hearing of the bail petitions, the HC bench said the attack on the chief justice's residence is the attack on the heart of the judiciary, which cannot be accepted in any manner.

Metro starts at 7:10am from Uttara today



TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The metro rail authorities will operate two additional trains from 7:10am and 7:20am today from the Uttara end mainly to facilitate the trips of students and teachers of different educational institutions.

However, the extended services would be available only for the MRT Pass/ Rapid Pass holders (permanent pass), Tarafdar Mahmudur Rahman, deputy project director (public relations) of Mass Rapid Transit Line, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Educational institutions usually open at 8:00am and many people requested the authorities to start metro operations at least half an hour earlier so that students and teachers can avail the service, said

MAN Siddique, managing director of Dhaka Mass Transit Company Ltd.

"So, we are considering to start metro services from 7:00am," he said.

Currently, metro rails are being operated between 7:30am and 11:30am on Agargaon-Motijheel route. However, MRT Pass holders can avail the service until noon.

The Agargaon-Motijheel section of the country's first metro rail (MRT-6) opened to public on Sunday, generating huge interest among metro users, especially among the office goers.

At least 26,000 people used exit points at Motijheel, Secretariat and Farmgate stations on the first day, but the number of people who used the entry points at those stations was very low, MAN

Siddique said.

The number of passengers using the exit points at those three stations increased further in the last two days, he added.

"So, we are going to increase one exit gate each at Farmgate, Secretariat and Motijheel stations to facilitate the trips of those passengers," he said.

The three stations are among the seven on Agargaon-Motijheel section currently open to passengers. The authorities have announced to open the Dhaka University station within a month and the rest three within next three months.

After making all stations operational, the authorities will increase both the service time and frequency of trains.

No Rajuk

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approval of three housing projects — BCS Admin Housing Society; Police Officers Housing Society and Bonrupa Residential Project — are underway.

The capital's development authority also said land has been acquired for Rajuk Uttara Model Town (Sector 4 and 6) project. However, it did not clarify whether the project has been approved or not.

Five projects — East West Properties Ltd, Jolshiri Housing Project, Neptune Properties Ltd, Swadesh Residential Project and Lake City Concord — have got final approval from Rajuk.

Ashrafur Islam, Rajuk's urban planner, Nabayan Khisa, deputy urban planner and Md Hasibul Hasan, assistant urban planner, signed the document on November 5.

On November 2, the SC asked the additional attorney general to produce the papers before it during hearing of two appeals that challenged a High Court judgement which justified the Ashiyani City housing project in Dhaka's Holan and Ashkona.

Yesterday, a five-member bench of the Appellate Division, led by Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan, heard the appeals and set November 22 for verdict.

The appeals were filed by the government and eight organisations — including Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, Ain o Salish Kendra, and BLAST.

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UNHCR

TENDER NOTICE

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Sub-Office in Cox's Bazar hereby announces launch of the following tenders:

TENDER REFERENCE NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION
RFP/HCR/CXB/2023/004	FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF MID-TERM EVALUATION OF THE SAFE ACCESS TO FUEL AND ENERGY PLUS PROGRAMME (SAFE+2)

Interested and bona fide vendors are invited to participate in these REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) by accessing and downloading the tender documents at the following weblink:
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Bid submission deadline:

TENDER REFERENCE NUMBER	Bid submission deadline
RFP/HCR/CXB/2023/004	30 November 2023 – 14:00 hrs BST

Please note that hard copy submissions are no longer accepted, only soft copies are accepted.

PHARMA AIDS LIMITED
345 Segun Bagicha, Ramna, Dhaka-1000
PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of the Company in its Board Meeting held today, 7th November, 2023, at 3:00 P.M., in the Conference Room of the Registered Office of the Company at 345 Segun Bagicha, Dhaka-1000, has approved the Annual Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended on 30th June, 2023 and taken the following decisions:

Sl.	Particulars	2022-2023	2021-2022
01	Recommended Dividend	10% (ten percent) in Cash for all Shareholders.	50% (fifty percent) in Cash for all Shareholders
02	Net Profit after Tax (NPAT)	Tk. (63.83) Lac	Tk.347.65 Lac
03	NAV per Share	Tk. 91.28	Tk. 98.83
04	Earnings per Share (EPS)	Tk. (2.05)	Tk. 11.14
05	Net Operating Cash Flow per Share (NOCFPS)	Tk. 2.33	Tk. 10.85
06	Record Date	December 07, 2023	December 08, 2022
07	Date of 42 nd AGM	December 28, 2023	December 27, 2022
08	Time & Venue of AGM	Digital Platform at 11: 30 AM	Digital Platform at 11: 30 AM

EPS & NPAT significantly decreased and became negative for following major reasons: reduction in sales due to hamper in production from frequent power cuts and gas supply shortage; radical increase in the cost of electricity, gas, and importing raw materials resulting from extreme increase in foreign exchange rate; payment of excessive advance tax in the form of TDS despite minimal profits; and most importantly, unchanged selling price of glass ampoules.

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(Md. Humayun Kabir)
Company Secretary

Date: November 07, 2023

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End violence

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Rights, International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, Omega Research Foundation, Redress and World Organisation Against Torture.

"We stand in solidarity with the people of Bangladesh in their pursuit of a just, democratic, and peaceful society and call for an immediate end to the cycle of violence, repression, and intimidation against political opponents, as well as the immediate release of all the individuals who have been arbitrarily detained," it said.

"The United Nations member states must raise these concerns during the fourth cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on Bangladesh, taking place on November 13, 2023 since the current human rights abuses result from a pattern of violence and repression of dissidents in the country," it said.

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INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENDERERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CRICKET STADIUM (IN COMPLIANCE WITH ICC STANDARDS) IN DHAKA, BANGLADESH



Bangladesh Cricket Board

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) invites reputed international construction firms to submit their APPLICATION for the PREQUALIFICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE **SHEIKH HASINA CRICKET STADIUM** – a state of the art cricket facility to be constructed at **PURBACHAL, NARAYAGANJ, DHAKA, BANGLADESH**. The Applicants must meet the qualification criteria stated below. No separate Prequalification Document will be issued. After prequalification/shortlisting, Tender Documents will be issued only to the Shortlisted Applicants.

01.	Name & Address of the Employer	Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) , Sher-E-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur - 2, Dhaka - 1216, Bangladesh.
02.	Prequalification Ref. No. & Date	BCB/Admin/Tender/2023/727, Date: 08 November, 2023
03.	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (OTM)
04.	Name of the Project	Construction of the Sheikh Hasina Cricket Stadium at Purbachal, Narayaganj, Dhaka, Bangladesh
05.	Budget & Source of Fund	Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB)
06.	Eligibility and qualification criteria of the Applicants	i. At least 20 (Twenty) years' experience as a Prime Contractor in the field of construction of major or mega projects; especially, experience in the construction of stadium and sports facilities with seating capacity of over 40,000 (Forty Thousand). In case of JVCA, the Lead Partner must have this experience. ii. The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor in construction work of at least 01 (One) Contract of stadium construction successfully completed within the last 10 (Ten) years having a seating capacity of at least 40,000 (Forty Thousand). iii. The net worth of the Applicant in the last financial year must not be less than USD 100 (One Hundred) Million supported by Audit Report. In case of JVCA, the Lead Partner must fulfill this criteria. iv. The Liquid Assets or Credit Lines or Working Capital net of other Contractual Commitments must not be less than USD 25 (Twenty-Five) Million. v. Multi-level infrastructure construction projects undertaken by the firm in the last 05 (Five) financial years should have a minimum Total Turnover of USD 500 (Five Hundred) Million. Certification to this effect is required. vi. The applicant must have the ability and experience of working with international design consultant(s) in stadium and sports facilities construction work. vii. The design of the stadium is architecturally unique and therefore, the applicants must submit the proof of experience of working with large span structures (50 Meters between supports), steel structures (10,000 Tonnes or more), precast concrete element (14 Meters long or more), natural/artificial timber products and tensile roof structures during the last 10 years. viii. For Applicant or in case of JVCA, the Lead Partner having experience in large projects in Bangladesh will be considered as added qualification for prequalification. ix. The Applicant must have (owned or hired) concrete batching plant in Bangladesh with minimum capacity of 50 Tonnes per hour with on field quality check arrangement along with lab technicians and standby facilities. x. The Applicant must demonstrate that they have adequate qualification (ISO 14001, 9001, 45001 or equivalent), experienced technical and administrative personnel, and equipment capacity including physical facilities in full working conditions to perform the Contract. The above information must be substantiated by appropriate and acceptable documentary evidence.
07.	Technical Documents	The Application must also include the following: i. The written confirmation authorizing the signatory of the Prequalification Application. ii. Company/Firm profile and individual Key Personnel Profile mentioning their experience and the nature of relationship with the company. iii. Notarized consortium agreement for JVCA. Each partner of JVCA shall be jointly and severally liable for the execution of the whole work of the Contract, for all liabilities and ethical as well as legal obligations in accordance with the Contract Terms. JVCA must nominate Lead Partner being entrusted with the Contract Administration and management at Site. iv. Latest auditor's report and audited Financial Statements (in case of a JVCA, each party's auditor's report is required to be submitted). v. Bank Solvency Certificate of Applicant (or in case of JVCA, for all partners). vi. Certified copy of Memorandum and Article of Association along with Certificate of Incorporation with certified updated documents or similar constitutional documents (in case of JVCA, each partner must fulfill this criteria). vii. Updated VAT, Trade License and Tax Identification Number (TIN) certificate or similar documents (in case of JVCA, each partner must fulfill this criteria). viii. Proof of mega project experience along with project certification from competent authorities of the concerned organization (past and current stadium and sports facilities construction). ix. Declaration of the applicant firm's/company's annual turnover and overall financial strength including current ongoing project and committed project.
08.	Prequalification Application Submission	The applicants are requested to submit Prequalification Application in a sealed envelope to the following address: Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Cricket Board, Management Office, Sher-E-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur - 2, Dhaka - 1216. Note: in addition to the 1 (One) set "ORIGINAL" Application, the applicant must submit 2 (Two) sets of "COPIES" of the original. For any discrepancy between the original and the copies, the original will prevail. Only hard copies of the said documents will be accepted.
09.	Last Date and Time for Submission of Prequalification Application	BST 5:00 p.m. (Bangladesh Standard Time; GMT+6) Day & Date: Wednesday, 06 December 2023
10.	Name & Address of the Office Inviting Prequalification Application	Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur - 2, Dhaka - 1216.
11.	Designation of the Official Inviting Prequalification Application	Chief Executive Officer Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB)
12.	Evaluation Process for Prequalification Documents	i. After primary evaluation, Applicants will be shortlisted based on submitted Prequalification Application and Technical Documents. ii. The shortlisted applicants will be provided with Tender documents including Drawings for Tender, Technical Specifications, Sub-soil Investigation Report, Bill of Quantities, and submission deadline. iii. A Pre-Tender Meeting shall be held before the submission deadline to address and clarify issues regarding the Tender documents, if any. iv. The documents submitted in response to the Tender documents will be evaluated. v. Further physical meeting and presentation sessions with the responsive Tenderers will be arranged to facilitate the selection process.
13.	Brief Description of the Project	The design for 'The Boat', the Sheikh Hasina Cricket Stadium, is a decorated representation of the carriers that sail and flow across the rivers, often referred to as the veins, of Bangladesh. It is an unmistakable component of the Bangladeshi DNA and a glowing reference point for historical, cultural and anthropological identity of the nation. The stadium, supported with the modern technology of a reinforced and prestressed concrete frame is clad in natural/artificial timber boards evoking the look and feel of the traditional boat. It accommodates over 45,000 spectators, more than 5,000 in the VIP areas in the north and south pavilions and up to 40,000 spectators in the outer stands. The north and south pavilions have air-conditioned spaces, while the east and west stands over two tiers have a lightweight PTFE fabric roof providing shade to the seating in those areas. In terms of design aesthetics, the stadium is unique globally; and in terms of quality and standard of finish and supporting facilities, it will be of world class and set a new benchmark in the south Asian cricket world.
14.	Language of Application	English
15.	For Clarification, the Employer's Address	Chief Executive Officer , Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), Management Office, Sher-E-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur - 2, Dhaka - 1216, Email: pic.shcs@bcb-cricket.com
16.	Special Conditions	The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications or annul the Tender Proceedings without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

Chief Executive Officer

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