



Trash and illegal structures have become a common phenomenon around Berry Lake. Once pristine, the lake in Moulvibazar municipality has fallen prey to encroachment and pollution.

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## MOULVIBAZAR MUNICIPALITY

# Berry Lake in peril

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Berry Lake, nestled in the heart of Moulvibazar municipality, once stood as a testament to natural beauty and aesthetic appeal.

However, the lake has fallen prey to encroachment and pollution, and its existence is now under threat alongside environmental degradation to the city.

Recognising the urgency of the situation, concerned individuals are advocating for renovation and modernisation to save this once pristine lake.

According to locals, Berry Lake used to be connected with Manu River that flows through the northern side of Moulvibazar city. Over time, it separated from the river and took the form of a lake, with Dhaka-Sylhet regional highway on one side and Shah Mostafa Road on the other.

To the north of the lake there is an area called Berir Char, where many buildings and mud houses have been built.



Visiting the lake recently, this correspondent found garbage like plastic bottles and boxes, packets were left around the lake, while the bank was overgrown with weeds and trucks and other vehicles were parked around the waterbody.

Piles of stones and makeshift structures including shops worsened the view.

“The lake has long been neglected, and lost its beauty and charm. Renovation and development of the lake is essential for a healthy and

beautiful environment of the city dwellers,” said Mohidur Rahman, general secretary of Bangladesh Progress Writers Association's Moulvibazar unit.

Saleh Soheli, a local environmental activist, and Rajan Ahmad, general secretary of Moulvibazar Sadar upazila unit of Haor Raksha Sangram Committee, echoed the same.

Contacted, Moulvibazar Municipality mayor Fazlur Rahman said they are working on plans to rejuvenate the lake to its former glory.

### No new projects

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The violation of the rules will be counted as a violation of the electoral code of conduct which is a punishable offence, according to the letter.

The letter also mentioned that no estate or manpower of the local government will be used in the election duty, adding that no candidate will also be allowed in any government purchase related activities.

All the ministries except disaster management were, however, instructed to continue the programmes which were initiated earlier.

The disaster management ministry was instructed to suspend all newly introduced programmes until the election is over, while the women and children affairs ministry was instructed not to issue any new VGF cards.

### Train link

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at Bangabandhu East Railway Station, Sirajganj Express at Bridge's West Station, Silk City Express at Jamoil Station in Sirajganj, North Bengal-bound Dhumketu Express at Mahera in Mirzapur, and Nil Sagar Express, causing suffering to the passengers.

Tangail Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Hasan Bin Ali, after visiting the site, initially deemed it an accident.

## Dhaka to seek clarification

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will definitely seek clarification about Kalpona Akter when there is a meeting next time and ask how and when she felt threatened by the Bangladesh government or someone else.

“Kalpona Akter was arrested only once in Bangladesh in 2010. She was not the only one; several other labour leaders were also arrested. Later, the case against them was withdrawn,” he said.

“Kalpona never told anyone in Bangladesh that she felt threatened. So, we would like to learn the truth of her statement.”

The state minister also assured the garment exporters, saying that they have no reason to worry about this issue or the recent US policy on labour rights, as it isn't specific to Bangladesh or the RMG sector.

“Dhaka is well engaged with Washington on labour issues. The US appointed a labour attaché in its embassy in Dhaka a year ago,” he said.

“The US doesn't have as much engagement with our competitor countries in the RMG sector as it has with Bangladesh,”

he added. “Bangladesh's garment sector has no reason to be worried.”

Salman F Rahman, private industries and investment adviser to the prime minister, told The Daily Star that Bangladesh will not issue any statement about Blinken's statement at this moment, as the remark was about the labour rights situation globally.

Moreover, the improvement of labour rights is a continuous process and efforts are on for that, he said.

A group of businessmen, including garment exporters, met Rahman in Dhaka on Monday to learn about Bangladesh's position regarding Blinken's statement.

AK Azad, chairman and CEO of Ha-Meem Group, said no US customer has contacted him about Blinken's remark until now, and he's satisfied with the government's position on the matter.

Faruque Hassan, president of BGMEA, said it may issue a media statement explaining the latest labour rights situation in Bangladesh and Blinken's remark to remove their confusion or worries.

### PM pays tribute

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Later, Hasina, also in-charge of the Ministry of Defence, signed the visitors' book kept on the Shikha Anirban premises.

Earlier, on her arrival at Shikha Anirban, the prime minister was received by chiefs of the three services.

After placing the wreath, she went to the Armed Forces Division where the chiefs made a courtesy call on her.

Earlier in the day, President Mohammed Shahabuddin also paid tributes at the Shikha Anirban and signed the visitors' book.


On this day during the Liberation War in 1971, the Bangladesh Armed Forces, comprising the army, navy and air force, came into being and launched an all-out attack on the Pakistani occupation forces which expedited the victory in the Liberation War.

After the independence of the country, this historic day is observed as Armed Forces Day every year.

### Reassess

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wage is too scanty for garment workers to live their lives.

Factors like the necessities of the families of workers, country's general wage structure, cost of living, social safety benefits and other related issues have been mentioned in the international labour standards. It is not clear how much of those factors have been considered, he said in the statement.



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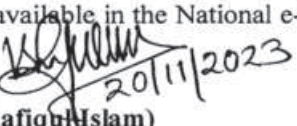
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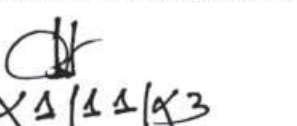
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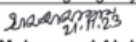
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**Bangamata Sheikh Foijlatunnesa Mujib Science & Technology University**  
Jamalpur  
Invitation for Tender



1	Ministry/Division	Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education			
2	Agency	Bangamata Sheikh Foijlatunnesa Mujib Science & Technology University			
3	Procuring entity name	Engr. Fakir Mohammad Abdul Mannan, BSFMSTU			
4	Procuring entity code	-			
5	Procuring entity district	Jamalpur			
6	Invitation for	Construction of Parapet Wall, Repair of HBB Road (Campus Main Road to Hall gate) & earth filling works of inside boundary wall of Nurunnahar Begum Hall at Bangamata Sheikh Foijlatunnesa Mujib Science and Technology University, Jamalpur.			
7	Invitation Ref No.	37.01.0044.193.52.009.23-1075			
8	Date	21.11.2023			
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget, GOB			
11	Tender Package No.	W-08/2023			
12	Tender package name	Construction of Parapet Wall, Repair of HBB Road (Campus Main Road to Hall gate) & earth filling works of inside boundary wall of Nurunnahar Begum Hall at Bangamata Sheikh Foijlatunnesa Mujib Science and Technology University, Jamalpur.			
13	Tender publication date	22.11.2023			
14	Tender last selling date	06.12.2023 at 04.00pm			
15	Tender submission date and time	07.12.2023 at 9.00am to 12.00pm			
16	Tender opening date and time	07.12.2023 at 12.15pm			
17	Name & address of the office(s)	(a) Selling tender document Finance & Account Division, 2nd Floor, Administrative Building, BSFMSTU Campus, Melandaha, Jamalpur. (b) Receiving tender document Office of the Registrar, 1st Floor, Administrative Building, BSFMSTU Campus, Melandaha, Jamalpur. (Tenderers on their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the tender opening meeting) (c) Opening tender document Office of the Registrar, 1st Floor, Administrative Building, BSFMSTU Campus, Melandaha, Jamalpur. (Tenderers on their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the tender opening meeting)			
18	Eligibility of tenderers	• The minimum number of years of general experience of the Tenderer in the construction works shall be 3 (three) years. • The minimum specific experience in construction works of at least 2 (two) contract(s) from govt sector/autonomous body of similar nature, complexity and methods/construction technology successfully completed within the last 3 (three) years, each with a value of at least Tk 10 (ten) lac. • Tenderers should have available liquid assets Tk. 15 (fifteen) lac or above. • As per latest Amendment of PPR-2008 Tenderers having quoted the tender price more than 10 (ten) percent above or below the official cost estimate, the tender will be rejected. • Other terms and conditions stated at TDS			
19	Brief description of works	Attached of Schedule			
20	Brief of tender document (non-refundable)	Tk. 1500.00 (one thousand five hundred Tk) only in cash.			
	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (refundable)	Completion time in weeks/ months
21	1	-	Jamalpur	Tk. 30,000.00 (Tk thirty thousand) only in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order on behalf of Bangamata Sheikh Foijlatunnesa Mujib Science & Technology University	45 (forty-five) calendar days from the signing date of contract.
22	Name of official inviting tender	Engr. Fakir Mohammad Abdul Mannan			
23	Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer			
24	Address of official inviting tender	Engineering office, Ground Floor, Administrative Building, BSFMSTU			
25	Contact details of official inviting tender	02223-377503/536			
26	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or accept any tender in part or in full without assigning any reason whatsoever.				



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