



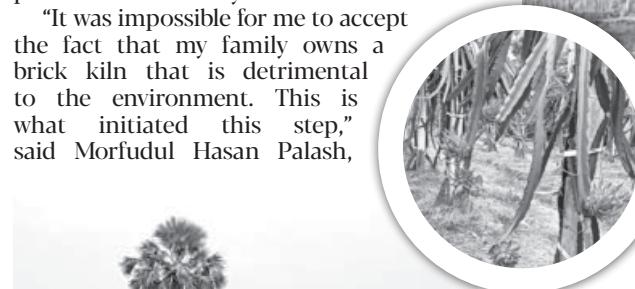
Six brothers transform brick kiln into DRAGON FRUIT ORCHARD

PARTHA CHAKRABORTY, from Narail

On a 23-acre land on the bank of Navanganga river in Narail's Kalia upazila, where there was once a brick kiln emitting dark clouds of smoke, now lies a vast dragon fruit orchard.

Considering the kiln's adverse environmental impact, six brothers -- owners of the brick kiln -- decided to transform the place into a dragon fruit plantation in January 2022.

"It was impossible for me to accept the fact that my family owns a brick kiln that is detrimental to the environment. This is what initiated this step," said Morfudul Hasan Palash,



White, and Palora.

"We invested around Tk 2.5 crore to set up the plantation and are expecting to cash the investment in the first season. We have already sold dragon fruits worth Tk 20 lakh this year and are also selling seedlings to local farmers. The local agricultural department also assisted us whenever necessary," said Palash.

The fruits are cultivated naturally, with fertiliser being applied only once and twice a year, mentioned Palash, adding that the fruits can be harvested from March till December and are sold for the wholesale price of Tk 150-280 per kg, depending on size.

"We get many visitors every day while some locals have started dragon fruit farming with seedlings from us," he further

added.

Being invested in the orchard since the beginning, the garden is designed in a way that requires simple maintenance.

"However, proper nurturing is needed to keep the plants free from pests and diseases," said Saddam Hossain, the plant's maintenance worker.

There are 13 dragon fruit gardens, small and big, on 20 hectares of land in the district. However, this one on 70 bighas (23 acres) of land in Kalia is the largest in Khulna division, said Dipak Kumar Roy, deputy director of Department of Agricultural Extension in Narail.

Considering the environment, the college teacher [Palash] has taken a wonderful and praiseworthy initiative. This fruit has anti-cancer properties and is rich in antioxidants," he added.

youngest of the six siblings and a lecturer of Islamic History at Munshi Manik Mia Degree College in Kalia.

Over 56,000 green dragon trees, blooming with flowers and fruits, currently adorn the land. Employing around 20 workers, the orchard is home to different varieties of the fruit, including Red Velvet, American Beauty, Vietnam Red, Vietnam

APPOINTING FOREIGNER TO PVT UNIV ILLEGALLY

UGC asks IIUC for explanation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The University Grants Commission has asked for an explanation from the International Islamic University Chattogram (IIUC) authorities for appointing a Pakistani citizen, who is currently staying in the country on a tourist visa, as a teacher.

UGC sent a letter to the registrar of IIUC following a report published on the online version of The Daily Star Bangla titled "Job for Pakistani on Tourist Visa: What I will say in my university, is the law," on November 21.

The commission asked IIUC authorities to send their explanation on some specific issues within the next three working days.

They are: the process through which Mohammad Amin Nadwi was appointed; attested copies of his resume, appointment letter, terms of appointment, educational qualification, citizenship (national identity card and passport); and work permit and visa of the appointed person.

Amin Nadwi, the foreigner in question, is in the country on a tourist family (TF) visa.

According to the country's immigration

rules, a foreign national is prohibited from working with a TF visa. An employment (E) visa is required for them to work here.

Amin has been illegally working at the university for nearly two and a half years, after being appointed by a local AL lawmaker, who is also the chairman of board of trustees at IIUC.

Amin, who is married to a Bangladeshi woman and currently based in Dubai, holds a Pakistani passport. He has been working as a teacher in the Arabic language and literature department since he arrived in June 2021.

AL lawmaker Abu Reza Nadwi, who appointed Amin to the role, was frank about Amin's identity. "I appointed Amin knowing. I have applied to the Ministry of Home Affairs to change his citizenship. It will come into effect within a month or two," he told this newspaper on November 21.

He also said, "What I say in IIUC is law or rule. What is your problem with the appointment of a Pakistani citizen at IIUC? If there is any irregularity, law enforcement agencies will look into it. Why are you making a fuss about it?"

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Memo. No.25.45.0000.002.14.025.23.538 Date: 21/11/2023

Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for services for Preparation of Development Plan for 3 Upazilas (Pirojpur Sadar, Nesarabad and Nazirpur Upazila) of Pirojpur District.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
Ministry of Housing and Public Works (MoHPW)
Urban Development Directorate (UDD)

Project Director, Preparation of Development Plan for 3 Upazilas (Pirojpur Sadar, Nesarabad and Nazirpur Upazila) of Pirojpur District.

1320401 Dhaka

Expression of Interest for Selection of Consulting Firm (Survey Work) Time-Based

7. EOI Ref. No. No. 25.45.0000.002.14.025.23.538

8. Date 21/11/2023

KEY INFORMATION

9. Procurement Method Selection under a Fixed Budget (SFB)

FUNDING INFORMATION

10. Budget and Source of Funds Development Budget GoB

11. Development Partner (if applicable) N/A

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12. Project/Programme Code 222016500 Preparation of Development Plan for 3 Upazilas (Pirojpur Sadar, Nesarabad and Nazirpur Upazila) of Pirojpur District

13. Project/Programme Name 11/12/2023, 02:00 PM

14. EOI Closing Date and Time

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

15. Brief Description of the Assignment UDD is undertaking a project entitled "Preparation of Development Plan for 3 Upazilas (Pirojpur Sadar, Nesarabad and Nazirpur Upazila) of Pirojpur District" Project with an area of approximately 14722.80 acre or 595.83 sq.km. UDD has decided to engage Bangladeshi Survey Firm (as mentioned in clause 20) for the task entitled "Physical Feature Survey with Establishment of BM Pillar"

Related Experience: a) Firms with Physical Feature Survey Experience of at least 5 Years. b) Data Management and Data Processing Experience.

Hardware and Software: Computer, Survey Equipment (RTK, Total Station, Leveling Machine), Large Format Plotter, Arc GIS compatible Workstation, Vehicle & Arc GIS (latest version) Licensed Software etc.

Related Professionals: Survey expert, Surveyor, Urban Planner, GIS/RS Expert, Junior GIS Expert, Junior Urban Planner, CAD Operator etc.

Resources: Office Space, Financial and Managerial Strength and other logistics etc.

Interested Consulting Firms are hereby invited to submit EoI containing printed brochures (showing organizational identity and background), Legal Documents, Bank Solvency showing financial and Managerial standing (according to PPA 2006 and PPR 2008), Legal Trade License, VAT Registration Certificate, Valid TIN Certificate & Tax return Slip/Certificate of Last Fiscal year, Memorandum of Article (if applicable), Nationality Certificate of Authorized person, NID card of authorized person, staffing with CV with education and experience Certificate, inventory of resources and logistics confirming the firm's capabilities to provide the required services. All documents should be attested by a first Class Gazetted Officer. Consulting firm will submit one (1) original and one (1) true copy of the EoI separately in sealed envelopes marked with the "Title" and "Specific Name of service" with an electronic copy.

18. Association with foreign firms is Not Encouraged

19. Survey Firms/Association (JVCA) Firms As per PPA-2006 and PPR-2008

20. Ref. No. Phasing of Services Description of Assignment Location Indicative Start Date (Month/Year) Indicative Completion Date (Month/Year)

SD 2 & SD 7 N/A Physical Feature Survey with Establishment of BM Pillar Pirojpur Sadar Upazila, Nesarabad Upazila and Nazirpur Upazila March, 2024 18 months after indicative start date

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

21. Name of the Official Inviting EOI Uday Sankar Das

22. Designation of the Official Inviting EOI Project Director, "Preparation of Development Plan for 3 Upazilas (Pirojpur Sadar, Nesarabad and Nazirpur Upazila) of Pirojpur District"

23. Address of the Official Inviting EOI Room No-604, 5th Floor, Urban Development Directorate, 82, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.

24. Contact Details of the Official Inviting EOI Phone no: +88-02-223351272

25. The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EoIs without assigning any reason.

21.11.23

(Uday Sankar Das)
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e-GP Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the national e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of goods details below in the table.

Sl. No.	Tender Ref.	Tender ID No. (From e-GP Portal)	Tender Description	Publication Date and Time	Opening Date and Time
01.	57.03.0000.070.007.203.20-792	773111	Farm-1, Supply and installation of Equipment for Farm Machinery Lab for 11 TSC	23-Nov-2023 09:00	28-Dec-2023 12:00
02.	57.03.0000.070.007.203.20-459	897020	Farm- 2, Supply and installation of Farm Machinery Lab equipment for 8 TSCs.	23-Nov-2023 09:00	28-Dec-2023 12:00

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the national e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required

The fees for downloading the e-GP tender documents from the national e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to specified date & time mentioned in the e-GP system.

Further information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP system portal and from e-GP helpdesk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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