



Six brothers transform brick kiln into DRAGON FRUIT ORCHARD

PARTHA CHAKRABORTTY, from Narail

On a 23-acre land on the bank of Navaganga 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,



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



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 the 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.

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 knowingly. 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?"

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
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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						
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works (MoHPW)				
2.	Agency	Urban Development Directorate (UDD)				
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Preparation of Development Plan for 3 Upazilas (Pirojpur Sadar, Nesarabad and Nazirpur Upazila) of Pirojpur District.				
4.	Procuring Entity Code	1320401				
5.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka				
6.	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting Firm (Survey Work)				
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				
13.	Project/Programme Name	Preparation of Development Plan for 3 Upazilas (Pirojpur Sadar, Nesarabad and Nazirpur Upazila) of Pirojpur District				
14.	EOI Closing Date and Time	11/12/2023, 02:00 PM				
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 147232.80 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"				
16.	Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	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.				
17.	Other Details					
18.	Association with foreign firms is	Not Encouraged				
19.	Survey Firms/Association (JVCA) Firms	As per PPA-2006 and PPR-2008				
Ref. No.	Phasing of Services	Description of Assignment	Location	Indicative Start Date (Month/Year)	Indicative Completion Date (Month/Year)	
20.	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.					

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21.11.23
(Uday Sankar Das)
Project Director
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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 belows 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 Date: 02.01.2023	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 Date: 02.11.2023	897020	Farm-2, Supply and installation of Farm Machinery Lab equipment for 8 TSCs.	23-Nov-2023 09:00	28-Dec-2023 12:00

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The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.

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