

1,500 children lost access to education

Says Unicef on fire at Rohingya camp

UNB, Dhaka

At least 1,500 children lost access to education when 20 of their learning facilities were destroyed in a fire that broke out in Camp 5 of the Cox's Bazar refugee camps on Sunday, said Sheldon Yeti, Unicef Representative in Bangladesh, yesterday.

Unicef said at least 5,000 Rohingya refugees, including 3,500 children, lost their homes in the fire.

As they assess the full extent of the damage, Unicef and partners will construct temporary tents to enable children to learn whilst classrooms are reconstructed.

Associate Spokesperson for the Secretary-General Florencia Soto Niño said their colleagues at the UN refugee agency and their partners are responding in the aftermath of the fire that took place in the Cox's Bazar refugee camp.

They said nearly 800 shelters are feared to have been destroyed in the fire, and



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around 120 facilities, including learning spaces, mosques, and health-care centres were also destroyed or damaged.

Refugees displaced by the fire are now staying within the camp's community centres and are being provided with emergency food assistance.

"The Bangladeshi authorities and UNHCR, in coordination with the International Organization for Migration and other partners, are supporting the Rohingya refugees who lost their shelters and belongings," said the associate spokesperson.

The cause of the fire is so far unknown.



JAYAPARA LAKE IN JU

Once a haven for birds, now on deathbed

PHOTO: STAR

SHEIKH TAJUL ISLAM TAJ

Jahangirnagar University's Jayapara Lake, once a vibrant habitat for migratory birds, has been neglected for over a decade. Faculty members attribute the current state -- filled with aquatic plants and garbage -- to authorities' indifference.

Despite pleas for action, the lake remains widely neglected since 2013.

Once, the 21.45-acre lake was a haven for local and migratory birds, attracting people to witness its serene beauty. Today, there's hardly any space for birds to move. The lake was last cleaned over a decade ago. It was under lease at that time, according to JU estate office.

The terms of the lease expired back in August, 2013, after which the lake came under the jurisdiction of JU authorities.

This year, the estate office cleaned only two lakes out of four where migratory birds used to flock together. Jayapara Lake was not among them.

Md Azim Uddin, deputy registrar (estate), said, "The lake needs excavation as it doesn't have water anymore. The

authorities concerned don't give us the budget to clean it."

According to students and environmentalists, the authority has been ignoring their calls to clean up the lake and their inaction threatens the ecological balance of this wetland.

"I wrote a letter in 2022 urging the



authorities to clean all the lakes for a safe habitat for migratory birds. I also mentioned Jayapara Lake in my letter. But I received no response," said Prof Kamrul Hasan of the Zoology department.

Referring to his recent visit to the lake, he said, "There is sufficient water in the lake and what the estate office is referring to is not true."

"Birds will roam in the lake if it is cleaned. Rare species of birds used to flock together here including Little Grebe and Purple Swamphen, and they used to breed here. The waterbody is so vast that it resembles a beel... so it will be a good habitat for both migratory and local birds," Prof Kamrul said.

He added that over 3,000 birds would be able to come here once the lake is cleaned, and it would not require clearing every year.

Contacted, JU Pro Vice-Chancellor (education) Prof Mostafa Feeroz said he has been advocating to clean the lake for years, but to no avail. The once flowing lake is now on deathbed, he said.

The condition of the lake has deteriorated so much that it might take a huge amount of money to recover and excavate it, he added.

JU VC Prof Nurul Alam said he would visit the lake soon and take steps accordingly.

US, UK STATEMENTS

No reason to worry about it: Momen

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen yesterday said there is no reason to worry about the US and UK statements on Bangladesh's election, as they respect people's verdict.

"The election was held in a free, fair, credible and non-violent manner. That's it. We are very happy with it," he told reporters when his attention was drawn to the statements from two of Bangladesh's important partners.

After attending a "meet and greet" event at State guesthouse Sugandha with diplomats stationed in Dhaka, Momen said the foreign observers also described the election as free, fair and peaceful.

Though the event was organised to brief foreign diplomats on the polls, Momen did not formally brief any diplomats. Rather a briefing note was distributed among them.

During his short address, Momen said many diplomats were away and he was busy for election campaigns.

"I thought we should have a get together. It's a lovely weather. So, please meet and greet. Nothing else," he added.



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Contradicting own observers: Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT


Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said those (US, UK) who gave contrasting statements about the election in Bangladesh, should see the positive comments of the observers from their country.

"Observers of America, Commonwealth and OIC were present in this election of Bangladesh. I think those who are making contrasting statements will also understand this [the election was free and fair] based on the positive comments that the observers from their countries made," said Quader in response to a journalist's question on what is the party's reaction to the UK and US's statements on Bangladesh's election.

Quader was addressing a joint meeting at the Dhaka District AL office at Tejgaon in Dhaka.

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Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)
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Commercial Section

Invitation For Tender (National) for Purchase of

(a) 1,10,00,000 (±5%) Liter Refined Soyabean Oil, (b) 50,00,000 (±5%) Liter Rice Bran Oil, (c) 10,000 (±5%) M. Ton Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce.
2	Agency	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Additional Director (Commercial), TCB, Dhaka.
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not applicable.
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	a) Refined Soyabean Oil b) Rice Bran Oil (c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil
7	Invitation Ref. No.	a) 26.05.0000.016.08.312.24.122 b) 26.05.0000.016.08.312.24.123, c) 26.05.0000.016.08.312.24.124
8	Date	09-01-2024

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) (National)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and Source of Funds	TCB's Own Fund.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Tender Package No.	a) TCB/Imp-45/Soyabean Oil/2023-24, b) TCB/Imp-45/Rice bran oil/2023-24, c) TCB/Imp-45/Red Lentil/2023-24	
12	Tender Package Name	a) Refined Soyabean Oil, b) Rice Bran Oil, c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil	
13	Tender Publication Date	10-01-2024	
14	Tender Documents Last Selling Date and Time	05-02-2024 16:00 P.M	
15	Tender Closing Date and Time	06-02-2024 12:00 P.M	
16	Tender Opening Date and Time	06-02-2024 12:15 P.M	
17	Name & Address of the office(s)	Date Time (1) Sonali Bank Ltd. Kawran Bazar Branch, TCB Bhaban, Dhaka. (2) Trust Bank Ltd. Kawran Bazar Branch, and (3) Accounts & Finance Division, TCB's Principal Office at Dhaka.	
- Selling Tender Document of each item can be purchased from the banks & offices as mentioned in right column.			
-Receiving Tender Document			In front of TCB's reception (2 nd floor), TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
- Opening Tender Document			Board Room, TCB.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

18	Brief Eligibility of Tenderer	Bonafide Suppliers. Details conditions will be mentioned in the Tender documents.
19	Brief Description of goods	a) 1,10,00,000 (±5%) (One Crore Ten Lac Plus Minus Five Percent) Liter Refined Soyabean Oil Packed in 02 (Two) Liter Food Grade PET Bottle. b) 50,00,000 (±5%) (Fifty Lac Plus Minus Five Percent) Liter Rice Bran Oil Packed in 02 (Two) Liter Food Grade PET Bottle. c) 10,000 (±5%) (Ten Thousand Plus Minus Five Percent) M.Tons Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil packed in 50 kg bag.
20	Price of Tender Document	Price of (a) Refined Soyabean Oil tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand), (b) Refined Rice Bran Oil tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand) & (c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand).

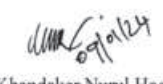
Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (USD/BDT)	Supply Schedule
21	1. a) Refined Soyabean Oil b) Refined Rice Bran Oil c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil	Offers are to be made on TCB's Godowns of Dhaka, Chattogram, Khulna, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Barisal, Moulvibazar, Mymensingh, Cumilla, Madaripur, Jhenaidah, Bogura, Dinajpur, Gazipur/District's godown/Upazila's godown.	Tender is to be submitted along with Tender Security amounting to: a) BDT 3,71,00,000 (BDT Three Crore Seventy One Lac) Only. b) BDT 1,73,00,000 (BDT One Crore Seventy Three Lac) Only. c) BDT 2,14,00,000 (BDT Two Crore Fourteen Lac) Only. in the form of Pay-Order/ Bank Draft/ Bank Guarantee must be issued from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh. After issuing NOA, the awardee is to submit 5% (Five Percent) Performance Security in the similar form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee.	Entire quantity of Goods is to be supplied within (a) 23-04-2024 (b) 23-04-2024 (c) 23-04-2024

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

22	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Khandaker Nurul Hoq
23	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Additional Director (Commercial), TCB Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
24	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Principal Office, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
25	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone No. 55014272 Fax No. 88-02-55014269 E-mail: tcb@tcb.gov.bd, tcbimp@tcb.gov.bd

Special Instruction

a) This tender will be conducted in accordance with the Public Procurement Act, 2006 and the Public Procurement Rules, 2008.
b) All terms and conditions related to the tender and product details are mentioned in the tender document.
c) Incomplete, conditional and alternative tenders will not be entertained.
d) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender in whole/in part without assigning any reason.
e) Any bidder who fails to furnish the Performance Security in time after receiving the Notification of Award (NOA) will be debarment listed and the bid security will be forfeited.
f) If any bidder fails to pay the Performance Security on time after receiving the previous Notification of Award (NOA) for any reason or if the performance security of any previous bidder is partially or fully forfeited, then he will not be able to participate in the tender.


 (Khandaker Nurul Hoq)
 Deputy Secretary
 Additional Director (Commercial)
 Trading Corporation of Bangladesh

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Bangladesh Police
Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
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Date: 09/01/2024

Memo No-Police Aviation-44.01.0000.440.11.004.23-06

Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Individual Consultant (Operation Pilot):

1.	Ministry/ Division	Ministry of Home Affairs/Public Security Division
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Police.
3.	Procuring Entity Name	AIG (Police Aviation), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
4.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
5.	Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)	For Selection of Individual Consultant (Operation Pilot)
6.	EOI Reference No	44.01.0000.440.11.004.23-/12 (2023-2024)
7.	Date	09/01/2024

Key information

8.	Procurement Sub-Method	Selection of Individual Consultants (SIC) (National) (Time Based)
9.	The Period of Assignment	1 year
10.	Quantity	1

Funding information

11.	Budget & Source of Fund	Revenue Budget/GOB
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Particular information

12.	Project/Program Code/Budget Code	122-0201-105954- Consultancy-3257101
13.	EOI Publication Date	10/01/2024
14.	Standard Request of Application (SRFA) Document Issuing Last Date	25/01/2024
15.	EOI/Application Submission Last Date and Time	29/01/2024, 15:00 PM
16.	EOI/Application Opening Date and Time	29/01/2024, 15:30 PM
17.	Name & Address for Submission of Application	Police Headquarters, 6 Phoenix Road, NCCOM Building, Fulbaria, Dhaka.
18.	Address for Collecting/Receiving/Opening SRFA Document	AIG (Police Aviation), NCCOM Building (3 rd Floor) Room No-303, Police Headquarters, 6 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka.

19. Brief description of the Assignment of the consultant (Operation Pilot):

- The consultant (Operation Pilot) will work as a PIC (Pilot in Command) in medical evacuation, operational, administration and training missions of Bangladesh Police Aviation.
- The consultant (Operation Pilot) will have to instruct the apprentice/novice pilots of Police Aviation so that they will be self-sufficient to operate the helicopter.

20. Qualification & Experience:

The consultant (Operation Pilot) should be:

- Between 40 to 65 years of age on the date of advertisement.
- CPL / ATPL(H) ground subject qualified.
- Cat-A and Instrument rated/IFR certified and rated instructor on any type of helicopter.
- Certified as VVIP/VIP rated Pilot on any type of helicopter.

The consultant (Operation Pilot) should have:

- Minimum 250 hrs. night flying on helicopter.
- Minimum 200 hrs. instructorship flying.
- Minimum 50 sorties of SAR/ MEDEVAC flight.
- Minimum 50 hrs. air route flying.
- Minimum 100 hrs. instrument flying (IMC)
- Minimum 50 hrs. operational/instructional hill flying
- Minimum 05 sorties of rappelling
- Minimum 1,500 hrs on helicopter
- Minimum 500 hrs as pilot in command (PIC)
- Minimum 200 hrs on multi engine helicopter.
- NVG experience.
- B.Sc degree from any authorized university.
- Flying in International and offshore route
- Excellent aeronautical decision-making skills without any major accident history.
- No criminal history or security risk.
- Other required qualification and experiences mentioned in the terms of reference (ToR)

Procuring Entity Details:

21.	Name of Official Inviting EOI	Md. Jahangir Alam
22.	Designation of Official Inviting EOI	AIG (Police Aviation), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
23.	Address of Official Inviting EOI	NCCOM Building (3 rd Floor) Room No-303, Police Headquarters, 6 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka.
24.	Contact details of Official Inviting EOI	Phone: 0255101714 Fax: 0255101714 Email: aigpolaviation@police.gov.bd

Special Instructions:

25. a) No EOI will be received after the deadline for submission.
b) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject any EOI and to annul the EOI proceeding.
c) If it is not possible to receive/open the EOI on the scheduled date due to any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time and same venue.
d) The procurement will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Rules-2008.
e) The bidder/consultant must abide by the decision of the HOPE
f) Request for Application will be available at the office of AIG (Police Aviation), NCCOM Building (3rd Floor) Room No-303, Police Headquarters, 6 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka from 9.00am to 4.00pm till the last date of submission of application from the date of publishing this EOI.


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