

BCSIR holds stakeholder workshop

STAR REPORT
The Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industry Research (BCSIR) organised a stakeholders' workshop on the "Role of Safe Food Research in Building Smart Bangladesh" in Dhaka yesterday.
BCSIR Chairman Prof Dr Md Aftab Ali Shaikh was present as a chief guest while its members Md Delwar Hossain, Kazi Anwar Hossain and Shah Abdul Tariq were present as special guests.
Dr Md Abdus Sattar Mia, director in charge of IFST, presided over the workshop, attended by more than 300 participants, including researchers, university teachers, and business institutions.

AL's power

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1,186 cases across the country from October 28 last year until yesterday afternoon.
He also claimed that 12 party leaders and activists were detained and two cases were filed against 123 named and unnamed party activists in 72 hours preceding yesterday afternoon.

No one can

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President Sheikh Hasina on August 21, 2004, BNP has proved that it is a party of anti liberation forces.
Moyeen Khan should seek an apology to the nation for his hate speech, he added.

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40 years without a concrete bridge

Over 10,000 people of 6 Kurigram villages continue to suffer

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In the remote villages of Kantapara, Jhaukuti, Char Gorakmandal, Paschim Phulmati, Jamakuti, and Kalabagan, nestled along the Baromasia river in Kurigram's Phulbari, stands a 40-foot-long bamboo bridge that has become the lifeline for over 10,000 residents.

For the last four decades, the promise of a concrete bridge has eluded these villagers. The bamboo bridge was built with the funds gathered by locals.

Villagers said during elections, public representatives promised them of building a concrete bridge but they never followed it through.

Sekender Ali, a 67-year-old farmer from Kantapara, said those involved with agriculture in these areas are deprived of fair market value as they are incapable of taking their agro-products to the markets on time.

Ali Akbar, a 55-year-old farmer from Jhaukuti, said they have to collect fund annually to keep the bamboo bridge intact.



Meanwhile, students and the elderly continue to bear the brunt of the situation. Fifth grader Nuri Akhter said it has become an ordeal to go to school as the rickety bridge may collapse at any time.

Hanif Sarkar, acting principal of Naodanga School and College, said many students fail to attend classes on time due to this risky journey.

Nowdanga UP Chairman Hasen Ali said he is in regular contact with the relevant department to build a concrete bridge over the river.

Asif Iqbal Rajib, LGED engineer

at Phulbari, said to construct a bridge over the Baromasia, they have to keep the issue of erosion in mind.

"Previous public representatives did not take action to address this concern. As a result, the work for the bridge got delayed," he said.

He said they will sent a project proposal to the higher authorities for approval.

Hamidul Haque Khandkar, lawmaker of Kurigram-2 constituency, said necessary steps will be taken to build a concrete bridge by this year.

53 more Covid cases reported in 24 hours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has reported 53 more Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

The infection rate has dropped to 5.81percent from the previous day's 8.06 percent.

No Covid-related death was reported in the country within this time.

Due to a sudden rise in infection rate from the beginning of this month, the government has decided to administer Covid-19 vaccines again.

Advising people to use masks as a precaution at high risk places such as hospitals or medical centres, DGHS in a press release said the new type of Covid-19 JN.1 infection has increased in several countries around the world.

Amid this situation, the DGHS advised those who are at high risk to receive the fourth dose of the vaccine. It also asked people to do Covid-19 test before any surgery or treatment.

It was sabotage

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set three coaches of Mohanganj Express on fire near Tejgaon Railway Station area in the capital on December 19 last year.

Four individuals were killed and over a dozen others were injured after arsonists set fire to the Benapole Express train in Dhaka on January 5.

Ruling party leaders blamed the opposition for the arson attacks, an allegation the opposition leaders denied and demanded judicial probes into the incidents.

After the Mohanganj Express fire, the railways ministry formed a five-member committee led by its joint secretary Hasan Mahmud to investigate the incident.

The committee, in its report, said they have taken statements from 21 witnesses and BR employees. While many of them said miscreants set fire to the train, no one saw the attackers, it said.

At least 23 people were on duty for the train's security, it said, adding, "It appears that setting fire to a train, dodging such a

good number of security men, was a planned attack or sabotage by miscreants."

It gave six recommendations, including checking tickets of all passengers, setting CCTV at all stations, and putting an archway at all stations' entrances.

The committee said BR incurred a loss of Tk 3.59 crore as three coaches of Mohanganj Express burned down.

Meanwhile, BR formed an eight member committee, led by Soumik Shaon Kabir, division signal and telecommunication engineer of Dhaka, after the fire on Benapole Express.

It also drew similar conclusions, saying BR incurred a Tk 6.37 crore loss due to the attack.

It gave several recommendations, including making the duty personnel more responsible for safety and setting up CCTV inside every coach.

Replying to a question, a probe committee member said it is not actually possible for them to identify the attackers. It is the responsibility of the law enforcers to find them out.

Press freedom, CSOs vital for healthy democracy

Says Canadian envoy at meeting with foreign minister

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Lily Nichols yesterday discussed the importance of media freedom, civil society and alternative voices in a healthy democracy during her meeting with Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud.

A statement of the Canadian High Commission in Dhaka said the two had a productive first discussion about the two countries' multifaceted and longstanding relationship.

"With strong people to people ties, a growing commercial relationship and an evolving development program, there are many areas for potential collaboration, benefiting the citizens of both our countries."

After the meeting, Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud told reporters that they discussed how to make democracy healthy.

Nichols also spoke about upholding human rights in Bangladesh.

Hasan Mahmud said human rights is an issue everywhere, be it in America, Europe and even Canada. "But we value the opinion of our friendly countries," he said.

He also discussed on extraditing convicted killer of Bangabandhu Nur Chowdhury.

In response, the Canadian envoy said it is a legal issue, yet she would convey Bangladesh's request to Canada. The minister also held a meeting with Danish Ambassador Christian Brix Moller.

Hasan Mahmud said they discussed on how to increase Danish investment in Bangladesh.

When the minister was asked about Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus' recent statement that the case against him was filed by the government, not the workers, he said he would like to say with full respect to Prof Yunus that this statement was not right.

The workers filed the case against him as they did not get their due payment, he added.

HC terms

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of the CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation).

The committee members are Prof Dr Mohammad Shadul Alam, departmental head of paediatric surgery at Mugda Medical College Hospital; its Assistant Director Dr Satyajit Kumar Saha, assistant professor (anesthesiology); and DGHS's Assistant Director, Dr Md Ali Hasan.

After the DAG read out some portions of the probe report before the HC bench, petitioner Shahjahan told the court that the probe report was manipulated.

He prayed to the HC to direct the authorities to form a judicial committee to conduct a fresh inquiry into Ayaan's death.

The HC asked Shahjahan to submit his statements by swearing an affidavit to this court and fixed February 11 for further hearing and passing an order on the matter.

When the hills cry for help

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Atowar, Munir, Awal Sikdar, Julhas Mia, Mosharraf Hossain, Monsur, Rokon Mia, Abid Sikdar, Awal Sikdar, and Shahidul Dewan are the leaders of the gang which is razing hillocks for profits.

All of them hold significant political clout in their respective areas, they added.

This correspondent tried to get in touch with the above-mentioned persons but they did not answer the repeated phone calls. Besides, law enforcers said they continue to change locations and quite challenging to trace down.

As per laws, permission of authorities is required to fell Sal-Gajari trees. However, the local forest guards allegedly remain

silent in this regard.

Several earth traders said a group of powerful individuals first buy lands from owners, then cut the hillocks and send the earth to brick kilns.

Due to high demand for earth in various development projects, the hillocks are being razed indiscriminately, said Ershad Alam, a local rights activist.

Masudur Rahman, assistant commissioner (land) in Mirzapur upazila, said, "Razing hills and hillocks is completely prohibited. Necessary legal action will be taken against those involved."

Jamir Uddin, deputy director of Department of Environment (DoE) in Tangail, said, "The hillocks are usually cut at night

and quick action cannot be taken against the culprits due to a lack of manpower. Mobile court drives are conducted sometimes."

"Earlier, we filed a few cases in Ghatail upazila for hillock cutting. The accused have been arrested and charge sheets were submitted in the cases," he added.

Kaiserul Islam, deputy commissioner of Tangail, said, "Necessary legal measures will be taken after an investigation."

Meanwhile, a mobile court imposed a fine of Tk 1 lakh on earth trader Ashik Shikder for cutting a red clay hillock.

Assistant Commissioner (Land) in Mirzapur Masudur Rahman said they will continue their drives against illegal hill cutting.

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CORRIGENDUM
Invitation for Tenders (IFT)

Invitation for Tenders IFT No: CMSD/GR-2311/ICT/2023-24/Proc.2/12 Date: 18.12.2023 was published in The Daily Star on 19.12.2023 and The Daily Jugantor on 19.12.2023. The relevant portion of the Bidding Documents and IFT regarding Procurement of "Meningitis & Influenza Vaccine for Lot-1 & Lot-2" are hereby amended as below:

Section II - Tender Data Sheet	Previous Date & Time	Amended Date & Time
ITT Clause 36.1 Bid Closing Date and Time	31-01-2024 11-00 A.M	07-02-2024 11-00 A.M
ITT Clause 42.2 Bid Opening Date and Time	31-01-2024 11-30 AM	07-02-2024 11-30 AM
Last Selling Date	30-01-2024	06-02-2024 04-00 P.M

All other terms and conditions of the IFT will remain unchanged.

Mohammad Hasan Arif
Director
Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD)

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For detailed position description, requirements, salary and benefits, please visit our website:
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Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements should submit online applications. Applications will be accepted until **15 February 2024**. Only short-listed candidates will be invited for the selection process.

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Memo No. 25.36.3000.135.07.009.21-81 Date :29/01/2024

e-GP Re- Tender Notice

e-Tender invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement as follows:

Tender ID No.	Method	Name of Work	Date & Time	
940383	OTM	Establishing 560 Model Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centers in Zila and Upazila of Bangladesh. (Sub-Head Construction of 3-Storeyed Upazilla Masjid Complex and Islamic Cultural Center Building with 3-Storeyed Foundation including All Types of Civil, Sanitary, Electrical and Ornamental Works at Sonagazi Upazilla under Feni District (Type-B). During the year 2023-2024.	Last selling date & Time	Last Closing date & Time
			27 Feb-2024 16:00	28-Feb-2024 13:00
941200	OTM	Establishing 560 Model Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centers in Zila and Upazila of Bangladesh. (Sub-Head Construction of 3-Storeyed Upazilla Masjid Complex and Islamic Cultural Center Building with 3-Storeyed Foundation including All Types of Civil, Sanitary, Electrical and Ornamental Works at Parashuram Upazilla under Feni District (Type-B). During the year 2023-2024.	27 Feb-2024 16:00	28-Feb-2024 13:00

This is an online Tender and this 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-Tender documents from the e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any branch of the banks registered in the e-GP system.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd). For more details about procurement package, please contact the official inviting the tender.

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REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT

INVITATION FOR TENDER

Tender is invited from the reputed Companies for Modernization of one Lift (Lift No-02, Brand: Nippon) with necessary Spare parts at BDBL Head Office Bhaban, 08 RAJUK Avenue, Dhaka-1000.

Necessary information's are given below :

01. Procuring Entity :	Real Estate Department, Bangladesh Development Bank PLC, Head Office, BDBL Bhaban (Level - 09), 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka - 1000.
02. Procurement Method :	Open Tendering Method (OTM) of Public Procurement Rules, 2008 and The Public Procurement Act, 2006.
03. Invitation for Tender No :	BDBL / RED / OTM / 2024 / 01
04. Source of Funds :	Bank's own Fund.
05. Brief Description of the Goods and Services :	Modernization of one Lift (Lift No-02, Brand: Nippon) with necessary Spare parts at BDBL Head Office Bhaban.
06. Name & Address of Receiving Tender Document :	Real Estate Department, Bangladesh Development Bank Limited (BDBL), Head Office, BDBL Bhaban (Level - 09), 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka.
07. Last Date and Time for Selling Tender Schedule	28/02/2024 up to Office Hour.
08. Last Date and Time for Submission	29/02/2024 Time : 03:00 PM
09. Date, Time and Place for Tender Opening :	All tenders will be opened at Real Estate Department, Head Office, Dhaka -1000 on 29/02/2024 at 03:30 PM (Intending Tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend at the time of opening of Tender).
10. Eligibility of Tenderer :	1. The Tenderer must have 05 (Five) years of general experience (works of Lift repairing & maintenance) in public/Private sector as Prime Contractor. 2. The Tenderer must have specific experience as a Prime Contractor in providing non-consultant Service/Works of at least 02 (Two) contracts of similar nature, complexity and methods completed over a period of last 02 (Two) years, each contract with a value of at least Tk. 5.00 Lac shall be required. 3. The tenderer must have minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of Tk. 5.00 (Five) Lac. 4. The tenderer must have ABC category Electrical & Supervisory licence by name of own Company, Valid & up to date Trade License, TIN & Tax Return certificate, VAT registration certificate etc.
11. Tender Security :	Tender security of an amount of 15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Taka) only will be required in the form of Pay Order favouring Bangladesh Development Bank PLC .
12. Price or Tender Schedule :	Taka 500.00 (Five Hundred) only in the form of Pay Order favouring Bangladesh Development Bank PLC Which is Non Refundable .

Bangladesh Development Bank PLC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender either in part or full without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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