

# Many dev projects halted due to price hike of materials

LGRD minister tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Local Government and Rural Development minister M Tajul Islam yesterday told the parliament that abnormal price hike of construction materials due to global instability forced contractors to halt works for various development projects across the country.

The minister said this while answering a supplementary question of SM Shahzada, ruling Awami League lawmaker from Patuakhali-3.

Shahzada asked why many development projects under the LGRD ministry, including schools and institutions, have remained incomplete for a long time since those were tendered.

In reply, the minister said prices of construction materials increased manifold due to global instability. He mentioned that the government realised the situation and increased the prices of all these materials with permission of the prime minister.

"Price of per tonne iron rods went up from Tk 50,000 to Tk 1 lakh. A bag of cement now costs Tk 500, up from Tk 200-300 earlier," he said.

"Due to this, the contractors expressed reluctance to continue work," he also said, adding that time is running out in following this process.

He also said the ministry will float new tender if any contractor failed to complete their works on time.

"In many areas, where contractors got work but could not implement it, all their work will be cancelled and new contractors will be appointed," he added.



Kamal Hawlader mends his fishing nets on the sandy Subha Sondhya Beach in Barguna's Taltoli area yesterday evening as the sun sets on the horizon. The 48-year-old goes to the sea every evening on his small dinghy, casting his nets till night. He makes about Tk 500-1,000 from selling his catch in the local markets the next morning.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

# 102 killed in 27,624 fire accidents in 2023

Says fire service statistics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as 102 people were killed and 281 sustained burn injuries in 27,624 fire incidents across the country in 2023, according to Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence headquarters.

Of the deceased, 73 were men, and 29 women. At least 77 fire incidents were recorded in a day on average.

According to the fire service statistics, most of the fire incidents originated from electric short circuit, burning cigarettes, and gas pipeline leaks.

As per the statistics, the estimated loss caused by the fire was Tk 792,36,82,014, said Talha Bin Jashim, station officer of the Fire Service and Civil Defence media cell.

Meanwhile, 48 firefighters were injured while one died in a road crash while he was heading to extinguish a fire, he said.

Of the total fire incidents, 9,813 incidents (35.52%) happened due to electric short circuit, 4,906 (17.76%) from burning cigarettes, 4,117 (15.11%) from oven, 923 (3.34%) from playing with fire, 770 (2.79%) from gas pipeline leakage, 124 (0.45%) from explosion of gas cylinder and boiler explosion and 87 fire incidents occurred due to firecrackers explosion, the statistics said.

Of the incidents, 3,334 fire accidents occurred in March, 3,141 in April, 3,235 in May, 2,646 in January, 2,713 in February and 2,450 in June last year.

# FR TOWER FIRE Rupayan Group chairman relieved of charges

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday relieved Mukul Liakat Ali Khan alias Mukul, chairman of Rupayan Group, from the charges in a case filed over a devastating fire that ripped through the 22 storey FR Tower in the capital's Banani in 2019.

The latest development came as the Police Bureau of Investigation did not find any involvement of Mukul, now out on bail, during the probe.

However, PBI found

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# GOODS-LADEN TRUCKS 51 arrested for extorting money

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion yesterday claimed to have detained 51 people for extorting money from goods-laden trucks.

Teams of Rab-2 and Rab-3 detained them from different areas in the capital, Rab's Legal and Media Wing Director Khandaker Al Moin told a press briefing at its media centre in Karwan Bazar.

Rab-3 detained 39 extortionists from Babubazar, Gulistan, Dainik Bangla Mor, Ittefaq Mor, TT para, and Kajla areas and recovered about Tk 1 lakh from them, he said.

The Rab official said the drive was conducted to halt extortion of vegetable-laden vehicles, as prices of the kitchen market items have triggered discontent amongst people.

He said the discrepancies between wholesale and retail prices have emerged and illegal tolls and surcharges on transportation are reasons behind the price hike.

Rab has heightened intelligence surveillance to apprehend extortionists as consumers have to bear these additional expenses, he added.

# Girl found dead in Patuakhali Family alleges she was murdered over 'land dispute'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A girl was found dead in Patuakhali on Saturday night, hours after the eight-year-old went missing.

Police recovered the body of Maryam, daughter of Maqbul Mridha, from a field next to their house at Ramvalak village in Dasmina around 11:00pm.

She was a third-grader at Ramvalak Agrani Government Primary School.

Dasmina Police Station Officer-in-Charge Nurul Islam Majumder said they observed signs of strangulation on Maryam's throat and injury marks on the head.

The body was sent to Patuakhali Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy yesterday.

Locals said Maryam left the house for playing before evening on Saturday.

As she did not return home after evening, her parents and neighbours started looking for her. They found Maryam's body in the field.

Maryam's mother Rina Begum alleged their

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# 28 more hospitalised with dengue

STAR REPORT

Twenty-eight dengue patients were hospitalised in the last 24 hours until yesterday morning.

The total number of cases this year rose to 1,121 while the number of deaths stands at 15 so far, according to the DGHS.

A total of 114 dengue patients are still undergoing treatment at different hospitals.

Among the total cases, 992 patients have already been released.

Last year, the country witnessed 1,705 dengue-related deaths and 321,179 reported cases.



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Memo No. 25.36.100.05.168.22-550(3)

Dated: 04-02-2024

e-Tender has been invited in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works.

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of work
1.	946018	Establishment of Epidemiological Unit at Civil Surgeon office, Sharaitpur.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted through the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP Portal.

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### e-Tender Notice

Date: 01.02.2024

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://eprocure.gov.bd>) for the 'Procurement of the following:

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Description	Online Tender Notice Publication Date and Time	Online Tender Closing Date and Time
1.	943949	Purchase of a Ready-to-Deploy Software solution product capable of fully automating the Employee Management System of ICB.	31-Jan-2024 19:45	15-Feb-2024 12:00

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender 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 last selling/downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branch up to date & time.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd))

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## GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

Power Division  
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.

### Invitation for Tender (OTM)

1	Ministry/Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources
2	Procuring Entity Name	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources
3	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh
5	Invitation for	Stationary goods, Desktop Computers & Printer Toner.
6	Invitation Ref No	27.00.0000.043.07.021.23.46
7	Date	04.02.2024

#### KEY INFORMATION

8 Procurement Method OTM

#### FUNDING INFORMATION

9 Budget and Source of Funds Revenue/GOB  
10 Development Partners (if applicable) Not Applicable

#### PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Tender Package No.	03 (2023-2024)
12	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Stationary goods, Desktop Computers & ICT Equipments, Printer Toner.
13	Tender Publication Date	05.02.2024
14	Tender Last Selling Date	18.02.2024 Time: 3:00 PM
15	Tender Closing Date and Time	20.02.2024 Time: 12:00PM
16	Tender Opening Date and Time	20.02.2024 Time: 12:30 PM

17 Name & Address of the office(s) Power division, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.

Selling Tender Document (Principal) Assistant Secretary, Administration-3, Power Division, Room#212, Building#6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.

Selling Tender Document (Others) Accounts officer, Power Division, Secretariat Link Road, Biddut Bhaban (level-10), Dhaka.

Receiving Tender Document Assistant Secretary, Administration-3, Power Division, Room#212, Building#6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.

Opening Tender Document Deputy Secretary, Administration-1, Power Division, Room#205, Building#6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.

#### INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

18	Eligibility of Tender	The tenders should be well Experienced with (1) Trade License (2) Incomes Tax Certificate(TIN) (3) Vat Registration Certificate(3) Bank Solvency Certificate (4) Minimum 3(Three) successful completion Certificate within last 3(Three) years etc.
19	Brief Description of Goods	Lot-01 (Stationary goods), Lot-02 (Desktop Computer) & Lot-03 (Printer Toner).
20	Brief Description of Related Services	Not Applicable
21	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	LOT (1, 2 & 3) Tk. 1,000/-, Tk. 500/- & Tk. 500/- respectively.

Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Complementary equipments
22	Lot-01 Stationary goods, Lot-02 Lot-Desktop Computer & Lot-Printer Toner.	Power Division Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.	Lot-01 for Tk.25,000/- Lot-02 for Tk.8,000/- Lot-03 for Tk. 15,000/-	Ready stock or purchase/supply from main dealer/reputed company of Bangladesh within 30 days from the date of issue work order. The Tenderer Must submit sole distributor certificate/distributor authorization letter along with tender document. The authorization letter (for Lot-2 & Lot- 3) in favor of majority product must be granted. If the company/supplier provide fake or edited letter/certificate, the respective company/supplier have to black listed.

Name of Official Inviting Tender Power Division

Designation of Official Inviting Tender Assistant Secretary (Admin-3)

Address of Official Inviting Tender Room#212, Building #6, Power Division, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.

Contact details of Official Inviting Tender Tel. 02223390024 E-mail: Admin-3@pd.gov.bd

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

25 Special Condition: This invitation for tender notice will be available at Power Division's Website.

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