

'Recruit more teachers from marginalised communities'

Speakers tell discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Shortage of teachers in primary schools that serve rural ethnic and remote char communities is hindering marginalised children's right to education, stressed speakers at a discussion yesterday.

They also advocated for the recruitment and posting of teachers from ethnic and char communities in government primary schools.

The discussion, titled 'Ensuring Fair Education for Marginalized Children,' was organised by Shapla Neer Bangladesh at the Daily Star Centre in the capital.

The organisation presented the findings of its 'Odhikar' project at the event, which ran for three years, in partnership with Papi in Narsingdi and Gram Bikash Kendro in Dinajpur.

The teacher-student ratio is 1:67 in nine government primary schools of Chandpur union in Narsingdi, as there are only 32 teachers for 2593 regular students, said the project report.

The report also said out of 120 teachers in 18 government primary schools across eight unions in Dinajpur, none belong to the ethnic communities they serve.

"There are around 80 thousand children in Dinajpur. But only the children living in Sadar upazila are getting the facilities of the GBK project, as we still can't reach remote areas," said Moazzem Hossain, chief executive of GBK.

"Also, what about the quality of the

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NATIONAL JUTE DAY

Of broken promises and unmet expectations

30,000 workers of nine closed jute mills facing uncertain future

DIPANKAR ROY, *Khulna*

Citing insurmountable losses, nine jute mills in Khulna region including the country's second largest one abruptly shut down operation in July 2020.

Overnight, the closure left over 30,000 jute mill workers unemployed, subjecting them to an uncertain future.

Over the past three years, the workers have been living in an acute financial hardship, grappling to make both ends meet.

Nasima Akhtar, 47, is one of them. After 16 years of service as a shift worker, the lay-off came as a hard blow to her. To make the matter worse, her husband abandoned her and her two children.

Her family is now struggling to remain afloat.

"I got Tk 1,14,000 when the mill was closed. How long it was supposed to last? Now I am working in different houses. With meagre earnings, even after toiling for all day long, it is hard just to manage the daily essentials," Nasima lamented.

"House owners, fearing our financial instability, opt to keep houses vacant instead of renting to us," she added.

The jute mill compounds in Daulatpur and Khalishpur areas now appear deserted, with weeds and shrubs growing on crumbling buildings, deserted worker colonies.

Many former workers are living miserably in slums near the mills,



FILE PHOTO

clinging to hope that someday they will regain their jobs.

Sohrab Hossain, convenor of state-run jute mills' workers' association, said not only the authorities failed to keep their promises but also failed to settle the workers' dues.

Kudrat E Khuda, president of Sammilito Nagorik Porishad, Patkal Rokkha, said the plan to hand over state-run jute mills to private sector is "unacceptable".

"Almost 64 jute mills including Mohini mill of Kushtia did not function after being given to private sector," he said.

The Bangladesh Jute Mills

Corporation, meanwhile, claimed that all jute mills will soon become functional after modernisation.

It had made similar pledges after closure of the jute mills, citing it would take only around three months to reopen the mills.

In April 2021, the government decided to lease the mills to the private sector for periods ranging from 5 to 30 years. However, the process is getting delayed.

Only a couple of mills have been reopened since then.

"Two mills are already in production, while commissioning process is underway for six more. Legal

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5 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Five people including a 3-year-old were killed and three others were injured in separate road accidents yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents and a news agency.

A 3-year-old girl, Tabassum, was killed when a vehicle struck her as she was playing in her home yard in Jamalpur's Madarganj upazila.

Mahmudul Hasan, officer-in-charge of Madarganj Police Station, quoting eyewitnesses, said, the sudden impact caused serious injuries. Rushed to Madarganj Health Complex, the on-duty doctor declared her dead.

Meanwhile, two motorbike riders were killed and two fish traders were injured in a collision between a pickup and the bike on Majhkandi-Bhatiapara regional road at Binnahuri in Boalmari upazila, Faridpur, reports UNB.

Imran Sheikh, and Nayeem Sheikh, from Hatkholarchar village died on the spot, said Boalmari Police Station Officer-in-Charge Shahidul Islam.

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2011 VIOLENCE CASE

Hafiz sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent BNP vice chairman Maj (ret'd) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed to jail in a 2011 political violence case in which he was convicted in December last year.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Rajesh Chowdhury passed the order after rejecting the bail petition of Hafiz, who appeared before the court in a wheelchair.

The court also directed the jail authority to provide him with first class division in jail custody according to the Jail Code.

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Sl No.	Tender ID.	Name of works	Publication Date and upto Last Selling Date
01	957057	Renovation and Modernization Work of Toilet Portion with other Ancillary Civil, Sanitary and Electrical Repair Works at Circuit House, Chapainawabganj.	05/03/2024 19/03/2024
02	957056	Establishing of Bangabandhu Corner on 2nd Floor at Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chapainawabganj.	
03	957055	Construction and Extension Work of Garage, Driver Restroom, Toilet, Septic Tank, Soak Well with other Ancillary Civil, Sanitary and Electrical Repair Works at Circuit House, Chapainawabganj.	
04	957053	Replacement of Damage Tiles, Fitting and Fixing of Pavement Tiles on Remaining Portion, Painting Works with other Ancillary Civil, Sanitary and Electrical Repair Works at Residence of Deputy Commissioner, Chapainawabganj.	
05	957051	Renovation and Modernization Work of Conference Room, Fitting and Fixing of Curtain with other Ancillary Sanitary and Electrical Repair Works at Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chapainawabganj.	
06	957050	Renovation and Modernization Work of Corridor from DC Room to Establishment Branch and Conference Room to Nezarat Branch at Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chapainawabganj.	
07	957049	Replacement of Damaged Door Shutter, Fitting and Fixing of Pavement Tiles and Thai Window, Painting Works with other Ancillary Electrical Repair works at Circuit House, Chapainawabganj.	

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ILLEGAL BRICK KILN DoE mobile court attacked amid drive

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

At least six people including a policeman were injured as miscreants allegedly attacked a mobile court team of Department of Environment during a drive against an illegal brick kiln yesterday.

Police arrested a person in connection with the incident that took place in Chirirbandar upazila of Dinajpur in the afternoon.

According to the local witnesses and police, a mobile court of DoE led by magistrate Sultana Saleha Sumi went Purba Saitara village in the upazila to conduct drive against MH Bricks.

As the owners failed to show relevant documents, the mobile court fined them Tk 4 lakh, and ordered to demolish the kiln.

Suddenly, workers of the brick kiln launched an attack, hurling brick chips at the DoE team, leaving six people injured and also a vehicle.

Additional police force later took the situation under control.

AKM Shariful Haq, UNO of Chirirbandar upazila, confirmed the matter.

"We conducted drives against three other brick kilns before, but never faced such incident," said magistrate Sultana Saleha Sumi.

"Police detained one person in connection with the attack. Filing of a case is underway," said Abul Hasnat Khan, officer-in-charge of Chirirbandar Police Station.

This was, however, the second such incident in Dinajpur within a week.

Md Khairul Islam, beat officer of Nawabganj Forest Range under Dinajpur, was injured during drive to evict land grabbers inside the forest area in Nawabganj upazila on February 28.

He was later admitted at M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital for treatment.

A case was also filed against 12 people on February 29.

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"সেতুর ইজারা কোটেশন আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি"

০১	ইজারা কোটেশন নং	০৩/ইজারা/সৌঃসঃবিঃ/২০২৩-২০২৪ (৩য় আহবান)
০২	ইজারার বিবরণ	২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থবছর হতে ২০২৬-২০২৭ অর্থবছর পর্যন্ত (০১ জুলাই ২০২৪ হতে ৩০ জুন ২০২৭) মেয়াদে গোপালগঞ্জ সড়ক বিভাগীয় পিরোজপুর-গোপালগঞ্জ (ঘোনাপাড়া) (জেড-৭৭০৪) সড়কের ৪০তম কিলোমিটারে অবস্থিত 'শেখ মুজিব রহমান সেতু' এর উপর দিয়ে পারাপারকারী বিভিন্ন প্রকার যানবাহন হতে টোল আদায়ের ইজারা প্রদান।
০৩	ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ	১ জুলাই ২০২৪ হতে ৩০ জুন ২০২৭ পর্যন্ত = ৩ (তিন) বছর।
০৪	ইজারা কোটেশনের সিডিউল মূল্য	টাঃ ৫০০০.০০ (পাঁচ হাজার টাকা) মাত্র।
০৫	জামানতের টাকার পরিমাণ	উক্ত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/ পে-অর্ডার আকারে।
০৬	ইজারা কোটেশন বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৮/০৩/২০২৪ তারিখ বিকাল ৫:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
০৭	মুখবন্ধ অবস্থায় ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৯/০৩/২০২৪ তারিখ দুপুর ১২:৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
০৮	ইজারা ভাঙে অংশ গ্রহণের যোগ্যতা	ভাট ও আয়তনের সনদধারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ন্যায়িক, সরকারী/ বেসরকারী/ স্বায়ব্বাসনিত সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের ঠিকাদার।
০৯	যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন ক্রয়ের জন্য পাওয়া যাবে	বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা বিভাগ, সেগুন বাগিচা, ঢাকা/ জেলা প্রশাসক, গোপালগঞ্জ/ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, গোপালগঞ্জ/ উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, গোপালগঞ্জ সড়ক উপ-বিভাগ, গোপালগঞ্জ।
১০	যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন মুখবন্ধ অবস্থায় গ্রহণ করা হবে	(ক) নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, গোপালগঞ্জ। (খ) জেলা প্রশাসক এর কার্যালয়, গোপালগঞ্জ।
১১	ইজারা কোটেশন খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	স্থান : নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, গোপালগঞ্জ। তারিখ : ১৯/০৩/২০২৪ সময় : দুপুর ২:৩০ ঘটিকা।
১২	ইজারা আহবানকারী যে কোন সময় যে কোন কোটেশন/সকল কোটেশন বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	

(মোঃ আজহারুল ইসলাম)
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শেখ জাহাঙ্গীর হোসেন
সচিব, আইবিবি

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দি ইনস্টিটিউট অব ব্যাংকার্স, বাংলাদেশ (আইবিবি)
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ইনস্টিটিউটের ব্যাংকিং প্রকৌশলী পরিচালক জন্ম ১.০০ (এক লক্ষ) উত্তরপত্র (লিখিতভাবে) সফলিত OMR শীটসহ) এবং ২.০০ (দুই লক্ষ) লুজশীট মূদ্রণ ও সরবরাহের জন্য আত্মীয় মূদ্রণ প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের নিকট হতে তাদের প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক পেটোর হেড প্যাড-এ একক দর ও মোট মূল্য উল্লেখসহ সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। আত্মীয় প্রতিষ্ঠানের শিক্ষা বোর্ড/পাবলিক সার্ভিস কমিশন/ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে OMR শীট/OMR শীটসহ উত্তরপত্র সরবরাহ কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। দরপত্রের সাথে কাগজের নমুনা ও মোট উদ্ধৃত দরের (ফেরতযোগ্য) ৫% আর্নেস্ট মানি ডিডি/পে-অর্ডার-এর মাধ্যমে অত্র ইনস্টিটিউটের অধিকারে জমা দিতে হবে। তাছাড়া কার্যদেয়প্রাপ্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানকে উল্লিখিত কাজের মোট মূল্যের ১০% হারে জামানত ১ (এক) বছরের জন্য (ফেরতযোগ্য) আইবিবি'র বরাবরে জমা রাখতে হবে। বিজ্ঞাপন প্রকাশের দিন হতে ১৯-০৩-২০২৪ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময় (সকাল ১০:৩০ ঘটিকা হতে বিকাল ৩:৩০ ঘটিকা)-এর মধ্যে উত্তরপত্র ও লুজশীটের নমুনা দেখা যাবে এবং টাঃ ৫:০০-মূল্যে টেন্ডার সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাবে। দরপত্র আগামী ২০ মার্চ ২০২৪ তারিখ দুপুর ২:৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে ইনস্টিটিউট কার্যালয়ে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাজে দাখিল করতে হবে। একই দিন দুপুর ২:৩০ মিনিটে দরপত্রাদাতাদের (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) সম্মুখে দরপত্রসমূহ খোলা হবে। ইনস্টিটিউট কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনো কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোনো দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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PADMA OIL COMPANY LIMITED
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)
Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chattogram

International Tender for Installation of Terminal Automation System for Main Installations Of Three Oil Marketing Companies Padma Oil Company Limited (POCL), Meghna Petroleum Limited (MPL) and Jamuna Oil Company Limited (JOCL) at Patenga, Chattogram, Bangladesh on Turnkey Basis

1	Ministry/Division	Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry/Energy and Mineral Resources Division			
2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Padma Oil Company Limited (POCL)			
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present			
5	Procuring Entity District	Chattogram			
6	Invitation for	Tender			
7	Invitation Ref No	856.10.001.24			
8	Date	03/03/2024			
9	Procurement Method	ICT Single Stage Two Envelope Tendering for Turn-key contract			
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Own Fund of Three Oil Marketing Companies (POCL, MPL & JOCL)			
11	Development Partner (if applicable)	None			
12	Project/Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A			
13	Project Name	Automation of Main Installations Of Three Oil Marketing Companies (POCL, MPL and JOCL) at Patenga, Chattoram, Bangladesh			
14	Tender Package No.	GD-1			
15	Tender Package Name	Installation of Terminal Automation System of Main Installations Of Three Oil Marketing Companies (POCL, MPL and JOCL) at Patenga, Chattoram, Bangladesh on Turnkey Basis			
16	Invitation for Tender Ref No.	856.10.001.24			
17	Tender Publication Date	05/03/2024			
18	Tender Last Selling Date	14/05/2024 upto 1400 Hrs			
19	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date (dd/mm/yyyy) Time			
20	Tender Opening Date and Time	15/05/2024 02:30 PM			
21	Name & Address of the Office(s)	Address(es)			
	-Selling Tender Document (Principal)	a) Padma Oil Company Limited, Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chattogram. b) DGM (Dhaka)'s Office, BTMC Bhavan (10th Floor), 7-9, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215.			
	-Selling Tender Document (Others)	N/A			
	-Receiving Tender Document	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC), BSC Bhavon, Saltgola Road, Chattogram Padma Oil Company Limited (POCL), Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chattogram Jamuna Oil Company Limited (JOCL), Jamuna Bhavon, Agrahad, Chattogram Meghna Petroleum Limited (MPL), 58-59, Agrahad C/A, Chattogram Padma Oil Company Limited, Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chattogram.			
	-Opening Tender Document	Padma Oil Company Limited, Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chattogram.			
22	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Place Date Time Online meeting on ZOOM (ZOOM meeting ID and passcode will be intimated to the Bidders who will purchase the tender schedule in due course). 22/04/2024 11:00 Hrs (BST)			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
23	Eligibility of Tenderer	a) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of Fifteen (15) years of Overall Experience in the role of contractor, sub-contractor or management contractor. b) The minimum specific experience of Tenderer from the client in similar to the proposed plant and services in at least 02 (Two) contracts of similar nature*, complexity and methods/construction technology successfully completed within the last 10 (Ten) years with a value of at least USD 60 (Sixty) million out of which each shall not be less than USD 20 (Twenty) million or one contract with a value at least USD 60 (Sixty) million in USA/UK/Canada/Japan/South Korea/Australia/New Zealand/Middle East countries/EU countries/ CIS Countries. Documentary record of such experience shall be attached along with the un-priced technical offer. The contractor shall have the safety certificate from an internationally accredited organization in order to work in a running oil installation. c) The Tenderer shall submit the list of organization and contact details (telephone, fax, e-mail) of the end user duly signed in the official pad to whom the bidder has supplied similar Gas/Oil Terminal Automation system for the last 10 (ten) years. *similar nature means: The Terminal Automation System (TAS) will include a Central TAS consisting of Petroleum Storage Tank Auto gauging in Minimum 3 (three) Terminals & at least one with railway Terminal where each terminal must serve minimum 50 (fifty) tank lorries/tankers daily. The received & delivery of Petroleum Products from each Terminal must be through Custody Meter. [Years counting backward from the date of publication of the IFT in the newspaper] d) The required average annual turnover shall be greater than USD 55 (Fifty-five) Million or equivalent over the best 05 (Five) years in the last 10 (Ten) years; years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. Note that Average Annual Turnover shall be calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed; or audited balance sheets or other financial statements acceptable to the purchaser shall be submitted by the tenderer to demonstrate annual turnover of the tenderer. e) The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the Tenderer shall be USD 20 (Twenty) Million or equivalent.			
24	Brief Description of Works	The activities which shall be controlled by the terminal automation system are: a) Receipt of Petroleum products from import tankers, ERL, and Single Point Mooring (SPM) pipeline. b) Tank Truck Loading/Unloading c) Tank Truck Entry/Exit & Access Control d) Tank Wagon Loading and Unloading e) Inland Tanker Loading and Unloading f) Tank Farm Management including auto gauging g) Pump House Operations h) Fire Fighting & Jockey Pump Operation i) Fire Alarm system j) Management Information System k) ERP interface, Terminal Security and Vehicle Tracking System			
25	Brief Description of Related Services	N/A			
26	Tender Document Price	US\$ 2500 or BDT 25000 Per Tender Schedule (Non Refundable)			
27	Location and Estimated Date of Completion	Chattogram, Bangladesh & June, 2026			
28	Type of Payment for Tender Price	On Cash Payment			
29	Type of Payment for Security Amount	As per tender documents			
LOT INFORMATION					
	Lot No	Identification of Lot			
	Location	Tender Security Amount in Taka			
	Completion Time in weeks/months				
30	1	N/A	Chattogram, Bangladesh	USD 2.5 (Two point Five) Million	24 (Twenty-four) Months
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
31	Name of Official Inviting Tender	MD. FARUK HOSSAIN MAHMUD			
32	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Assistant General Manager (Engineering & Planning)			
33	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chattogram, Bangladesh.			
34	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone: +880233360430, Fax: +8802-333367347, e-mail: hamul138@yahoo.com, gm.projects@poel.gov.bd, dgm.epn@poel.gov.bd, farukmahmud80@gmail.com			
35	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders without showing any reason.				

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