

MYMENSINGH CITY POLLS 12 extended wards can turn tides

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The voters from 12 extended wards under the Mymensingh City Corporation can be a decisive factor in the upcoming MCC polls which is scheduled to be held on March 9.

There are a total 3,36,490 voters in 33 wards under MCC, of which 1,35,563 voters are in these 12 wards, which were included in MCC after it was upgraded to a city corporation in 2018.

The extended wards include three from shoal areas within Old Brahmaputra river, with a total 46,146 voters, said sources.

Since Mymensingh city is a stronghold of Awami League for years, most voters from city areas are expected to vote in favour of the party's candidates.

However, the scenario could be different in the 12 extended wards, which are mostly rural areas.

"With some 40 percent voters belonging to the extended areas, their votes could be a decisive factor as they will mostly cast their votes based on their personal choices," opined Nurul Amin Kalam, secretary of Mymensingh Nagarik Andolon.

Candidates who can build personal contact with the voters of these areas will be benefited, he added.

"The residents of these extended areas had cast their votes in the last city polls but they did not see their desired development. So, there is no reason for them to rally behind any particular candidate. It is likely that they would vote for the candidates who maintained good contact with them and worked for them," said Advocate Nazrul Islam Chhunu, convener of Jonouddog, Mymensingh.

Arif Hasan, a voter of Char Gobindapur under Ward-31, said they will vote for the candidates based on their pledges and past contributions.

Admitting that votes in the 12 extended wards will be crucial, Mohammad Al Amin, president of Mymensingh district unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, said all the mayoral candidates conducted elaborate campaigns in these wards.

Meanwhile, the candidates are going from door to door in the last stage of the polls campaigns.



A worker operates at an aluminium factory in Khulna city's Zero Point area, without any safety gear. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

CUMILLA CITY CORPORATION BY-ELECTION

No enthusiasm among voters

ASHIK ABDULLAH APU and KHALID BIN NAZRUL

Despite 13-day-long vigorous campaigning by mayoral candidates in Cumilla City Corporation by-polls that ended last night, there is no apparent enthusiasm among voters.

Also, apprehension and concern prevail among many voters regarding the electoral environment, raising concerns over voter turnout.

All mayoral candidates, except Tahsin Bahar Suchona -- daughter of Cumilla 6 lawmaker

AKM Bahauddin Bahar -- have alleged that a certain quarter is intimidating voters not to go to polling centres.

They also expressed their concerns over the poll's fairness.

According to locals, councillor candidates usually play a major role in bringing voters to the centre in local government elections.

Since Cumilla city by-polls will be held for the mayoral post only, the electoral field is a bit mundane compared to previous elections, they said.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Kazi

Mahbubur Rahman, councillor of ward-21 of Cumilla, said, "Councillor candidates usually take the initiative to bring voters in these elections. In my opinion, not more than 40-45 percent of voters will show up."

Meanwhile, tension is mounting among voters owing to incidents of attacks on supporters of Monirul Islam Sakku.

On Monday, some unidentified miscreants blasted crude bombs and attacked a meeting of Sakku supporters.

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Wrong treatment

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"My husband was undergoing treatment under the supervision of Prof MU Kabir Chowdhury of Samorita Hospital over the last one and a half years. Nine days after taking a new medicine, according to Prof Kabir's advice, he was hospitalised," she said.

During the treatment at the hospital, Rajib's condition deteriorated.

Sarawat said his husband was moved to Square Hospitals on February 8 as they failed to get any acceptable explanations for his deteriorating condition from the doctors at Samorita Hospital.

At Square Hospitals, Rajib's condition worsened and he was moved to the intensive care unit on February 11, said his wife.

"There was mismanagement during Rajib's treatment at both the hospitals and the treatment was delayed. Doctors did not inform us about his condition at that time, rather they hid it from us," alleged the wife.

At the briefing, Arif Uddin, a relative of Rajib, who is also a radiologist and former assistant professor at the Dinajpur Medical College, said Rajib was given two new medicines as per Prof Kabir's advice and it caused his liver to fail.

The two medicines -- Methotrexate and

Acitretin -- cannot be given together as per the clinical guidelines of US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and British National Formulary, he said.

Prof MU Kabir, principal of MH Samorita Hospital & Medical College, did not respond to phone calls and text messages from this newspaper.

Arif Uddin said, "Rajib's liver got damaged slowly after the two drugs were given together. Even after he was taken to Square Hospitals, his liver complications were ignored, he was not seen by doctors on time. Rajib's diagnosis was delayed."

Contacted, Esam Ebne Yousuf Siddique, chief operating officer of Square Hospitals, said they were not aware of the allegations.

He questioned as to why family members did not complain when Rajib was undergoing treatment at the hospital.

He said, "Our hospital keeps specialised physicians round the clock. The complaint is not true. We will take action if any complaint is lodged."

Speaking at the press conference, Mahmudul Islam Jaglul, a colleague of Rajib and vice-president of Institute of Architects Bangladesh, said, "We want justice for the death of Rajib. If we don't get justice, we will take to the streets."

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Date: 07/03/2024

Invitation for Re-Tender (OTM)

01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
02	Agency	Director General of Health Service
03	Procuring Entity Name	Director, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital
04	Procuring Entity Code	1270208111110
05	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka-1207
06	Invitation for	Supply of (i. MSR Instrument ii. Medical Equipment)
07	Invitation Reference No	56 (8)/NINS&H/Tender Document/2023-24/3271
08	Date	07/03/2024

KEY INFORMATION

09	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget & Source of Fund	Revenue Budget (GoB)
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Office Code	1270208111110
12	Office Name	National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital
13	Tender Package No	NINS & H/GR-09 & GR-22
14	Tender Package Name	Supply of Medical Equipment
15	Tender Publication Date	08/03/2024
16	Tender Last Selling Date	23/03/2024 (Office hour)
17	Tender Closing Date & Time	24/03/2024, Time: 12:00 pm
18	Tender Opening Date & Time	24/03/2024, Time: 12:15 pm
19	Name & Address of the office	
	Selling Tender Document	Accounts Section, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
	Receiving Tender document	1) Room No-306, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
	Opening tender document	Room No-306, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
20	Place/Date /Time of Pre-Tender meeting	Room No-311, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207; Date 13-03-2024 at 11.00 am

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

21	Eligibility of Tenderer	Tenderer shall have the following legal documents /capacity to enter into the contract- a) Valid up-to date Trade License b) TIN Certificate with Up to date Tax Return/ Tax Deposit Slip c) VAT Registration Certificate d) Bank Solvency Certificate, e) other details conditions including in the schedule.				
22	Brief Description of Goods	i. MSR Instrument (Disposable & General), OT, Cath Lab, ii. Parts for existing Medical Equipment				
23	Price of Tender Document	PK-09 TK. 2000.00 (Per Lot), PK-22 TK. 5000.00 (Per Lot)				
24	PK No	Lot No	Identification of lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in work
	09	01,02	MSR Instrument (Disposable & General)	NINS&H, Dhaka.	2.5 % of offered price	60 days after Work Order.
		03	MSR Instrument (OT)			60 days after Work Order.
		05	MSR Instrument (Cath Lab)			60 days after Work Order.
	22	01	Parts for existing Medical Equipment			120 days after Work Order.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

25	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Prof. Dr. Quazi Deen Mohammad.
26	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director
27	Address of Official Inviting Tender	National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
28	Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel : +88-02-48120079; Fax: +88-02-48120568, e-mail: nins@hospi.dghs.gov.bd
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender (s) without assigning any reason whatever.	

Note: (1) If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.

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Invitation Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)

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The Ministry of Commerce is implementing the Technical Assistance Part of IDA financed Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1 (BRCP-1). The BRCP-1, MoC intends to apply a part of the IDA Credit for procuring consulting services from individual consultant for the position of **Procurement Specialist, Data Management Consultant and Jr. Trade Expert cum Focal Person Coordinator**. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. Details of the qualification requirements and responsibilities are available in Terms of Reference (TOR):

Position	Education	Experiences	Major Responsibilities
BRCP/MOC/SD-48 Procurement Specialist (12 Months)- Individual Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least Bachelor's degree in Engineering or Masters in Procurement/Finance/Supply Chain Management/ Law/Commerce/ Business Administration or any other relevant subjects. Professional certifications/degree in Procurement from any recognized institution will be given preference. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least total 07 (Seven) years of experience in carrying out Public Procurement with primary responsibilities and substantial content of his/her position in practical application of internationally accepted procurement and contracting procedures and documents for works, goods and services. Of which at least 03 (Three) years of experience in managing internationally/nationally competitive procurement under projects funded by multilateral organizations such as ADB/AIIB and World Bank. Hands-on experience in managing all steps in the procurement process, including procurement planning, preparation of bidding/contract documents, bid/proposal evaluation, contract award and implementation monitoring, of internationally/nationally competitive procurement of goods, works and consultant services. 	As mentioned in the TOR.
BRCP/MOC/ SD 14/D Data Management Consultant for Bangladesh Trade Portal (21 man months/till project period which one is earlier)- Individual Consultant	Bachelor degree from a reputed and recognized university in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Software Engineering or related discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum 5 (five) years of experience in IT Sector with 3 (three) year experience in Website Management, Content Development and Uploading. Deep expertise and hands on experience with Web Applications and programming languages such as HTML, CSS, PHP, JavaScript, JQuery and API; Experience in public policy related projects in the Government offices and a good understanding of international trade, possibly gained in Customs Department, and business procedures in Bangladesh will be an advantage; 	As mentioned in the TOR.
BRCP/MOC/ SD-49 Junior Trade Expert cum Focal Person Coordinator (21 man months/till project period which one is earlier)- Individual Consultant	Post Graduate university degree in Economics/Law/Business /Public Policy or Trade related field;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 05 years of experience in WTO/ Trade Facilitation/ bilateral or regional or national trade-related issues with public/ private/ development sector; Experience in managing Trade Information Portal and Enquiry Point will be an advantage; Experience in conducting trade/investment/access to finance/SME related research will be an added advantage; Experience in designing and coordinating meeting/ workshops/ seminar/training is required; Experience in partnership management is preferable; 	As mentioned in the TOR.

Selection of Individual Consultant will follow the procedures for selecting Individual Consultants described in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Procurement in Investment Project Financing, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016, updated on November 2020. Necessary documents in support of educational qualifications and experience & skills shall have to be submitted for Individual Consultants. Interest consultants are requested to send their CVs on or before 19.03.24 at 03.00PM to the undersigned.

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