

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 benefitted, 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 aluminum factory in Zero Point area in Khulna city, without any safety gear. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

CUMILLA CITY CORPORATION BY-POLLS 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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UP chairman suspended for embezzling rice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The government has suspended Abu Sufian, chairman of Aliat Union Parishad under Dinajpur's Hakimpur upazila, on charge of embezzling 1.8 tonnes rice allocated to Vulnerable Women Benefit (VWB) programme.

A notice, signed by AKM Anisuzzaman, senior assistant secretary to Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development, and Co-operatives, was released on Wednesday, said Amit Roy, UNO of Hakimpur.

It also asked Sufian, also general secretary of Awami League's Alihat unit, to show cause why he will not be permanently dismissed within the next 10 working days.

The investigation began after Abu Musa, general secretary of AL in Ward-6 of Alihat, lodged a written complaint last year. Abu Sufian could not be reached for comment despite repeated attempts.

Madrasa teacher hacked to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

A madrasa teacher was hacked to death allegedly by a neighbour in Cumilla's Sadar Dakshin upazila on Wednesday evening.

Liton Mozumder, 45, was a teacher of Nolkuri Furkania Madrasa and a resident of Nolkuri village, said police.

During the attack, Liton was teaching at his coaching centre at his home. His mother Aklima Begum was also injured while trying to save him.

According to locals, Liton was attacked allegedly by his neighbour Safayet Ali, 35, a returned expatriate.

Sadar Dakshin Police Station OC Alamgir Hossain Bhuiyan said, "The attacker was arrested last night (Wednesday)."

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Date: 07/03/2024

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Invitation for Re-Tender (OTM)

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| 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

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| 09 | Procurement method | Open Tendering Method (OTM) |
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FUNDING INFORMATION

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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.

(Prof. Dr. Quazi Deen Mohammad)

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Invitation Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)

Memo No: 26.00.0000.066.11.013.24-044

Dated: 06/03/2024

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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