

## Ban bulkhead movement for safe Eid journey: SCRF

UNB, Dhaka

Shipping and Communication Reporters Forum (SCRF) yesterday urged the government to ban movement of sand-carrying vessels or bulkheads from April 8-15 to prevent accidents on waterways during the Eid journey.

The organisation also demanded mobile court drives against all types of illegal vessels.

In a statement, SCRF president Ashis Kumar Dey and its general secretary Lion Mohd Jahangir Alam called for immediate action to conduct mobile court drives across the country.

They urged the Ministry of Shipping, Department of Shipping (DoS), Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), River Police and Coast Guard to pay heed to their demand.

The organisation called for the involvement of district administration and the police to prevent waterway accidents.

In addition to punishing masters and drivers (sailors) without documents, the statement also demanded that vessel owners be held accountable for employing sailors without proper documents.

The statement expressed deep concern over frequent waterway accidents and the sinking of cargo boats in different parts of the country after being hit by bulkheads.

Despite the restriction on the movement of bulkheads from sunset to sunrise, the statement highlighted that hundreds of bulkheads are operating at night in absence of monitoring by the administration.

Citing the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Shipping, the leaders of the SCRF stated that while the number of registered vessels is 15,000, there are at least 85,000 types of vessels across the country.

Among these, approximately 70,000 vessels are operating illegally, with bulkheads making up at least 6,000 of them, they said.

## SHOALS ON DHAKA-BARISHAL ROUTE

# Passenger launches at risk of running aground

SUSHANTA GHOSH

Passenger launches on Dhaka-Barishal river route are at risk of running aground during the Eid journey due to underwater shoals in the rivers.

As such, operating launches on the route may be risky during the journey of home-goers ahead of Eid, said launch drivers.

At least one lakh people may travel on the river route daily ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

According to Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, passenger launches and cargo vessels require at least 8-12 metres of depth of water to navigate and sometimes run aground where the water is no more than four or five metres deep, often due to underwater shoals.

A total of 20 passenger launches will operate on the route for Eid journey, said launch owners.

They also said these launches will make round trips if passengers are available.



There are also plans to double the number of launches on domestic routes, but the need for navigability at different river points is likely to cause obstacles to that end, the launch owners added.

"Due to shallow waters and underwater shoals at different points, launched will have to run slowly, thereby taking more time to reach the destination. Sometimes, if a launch runs aground, it has to wait for the tide, which often takes up to three hours," said Saidur Rahman Rintu, vice president of Launch Owners Association.

"If a launch runs aground, it takes hours to make it move again, while fuel consumption also increases. It also poses a risk for the vessel to sink or undergo accidents at any time. So, we are worried," said Abdus Shukkur, chief master of MV Survi 7.

Launch drivers said that underwater shoals have formed in at least 18 places on Dhaka-Barishal route as well as local routes within Barishal. SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

## RMG workers demonstrate for arrears

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Hundreds of workers from Odyssey Craft (Pvt) Ltd in Dhamrai protested for the second consecutive day yesterday, demanding their salaries for March and Eid bonuses.

The demonstration began at 8:00am near Sombhag Union Parishad Bazar.

Arriving at the factory, workers found it closed without prior notice, leading to frustration and anger. They protested in front of the factory, attempting to block the Dhaka-Aricha highway, said Russell Pramanik, president of the Bangladesh Textile and Clothing Industry Workers League's regional committee.

Dhamrai Police Station Officer-in-Charge Sirajul SEE PAGE 4 COL 5

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**Invitation for e-Tender**

Tender Not. Memo No. 46.03.0300.000.99.001.24- 1166 Date: 03/04/2024

1	Ministry/ Division	Local Government Division
2	Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE)
3	Project Name	PEDP-4
4	e-Tender IDs	ID No: 967774.
5	Description of works:	Construction of 2 storied RCC WASH Block having 2 storied foundation for MT & Boys and FT & Girls including all associated construction, sanitary, plumbing & electrical works at different Upazila in Bandarban District.
6	Name, Designation & Address of official inviting Tender	Engr. Anupam Dey, Executive Engineer, DPHE, Bandarban District.
7	This is online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal Interested persons/firms can see details in the : www.eprocure.gov.bd	

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Memo no. BMDA/HQ/EIDL/Consultant-08/2023-24/2831 Date: 03/04/2024

**Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)**  
Consultancy Services under Supply of Padma River's Water to Barind Area for Extension of Irrigation by Double Lifting System (EIDL) Project

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Agriculture
2.	Agency	Barind Multipurpose Development Authority
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Project for Supply of Padma River's Water to Barind Area for Extension of Irrigation by Double Lifting System (EIDL) Project of Barind Multipurpose Development Authority, Rajshahi.
4.	Procuring Entity Code	224384900
5.	Procuring Entity District	Rajshahi
6.	Expression of interest for	Supply of Padma River's Water to Barind Area for Extension of Irrigation by Double Lifting System (EIDL) Project of Barind Multipurpose Development Authority, Rajshahi.
7.	EOI Ref No.	BMDA/HQ/EIDL-Service/Raj-870/2023-24
8.	Date	03/04/2024
9.	Key Information	
9.	Procurement Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
10.	Funding Information	
10.	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB
11.	EOI Closing Date, Time & Place	24.04.2024 Time: 11:00PM & Head Office, BMDA, Rajshahi.
12.	EOI Opening Date, Time & Place	24.04.2024 Time: 3:30PM & Head Office, BMDA, Rajshahi.
13.	Information for Application	
13.	Brief Description of Assignment	The overall objective of the services shall cover but not limited to the following scope: a) Completion of Survey Works, Subsoil Investigation, Detail Structural Drawing & Design of Pump base Station to the River sites, BOQ (Bill of Quantity), Alignment of pipe line laying & survey of Khal pre work & post work, Estimate & Schedule, Detail Electrical and Plumbing design, Tender Documents, Full time Supervision etc. b) Submission of all reports and drawing in printed form at least SIX (06) set. c) Consulting firms Camp office must be working site
14.	Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	This is a project of utmost importance to Supply of Padma River's Water to Barind Area for Extension of Irrigation by Double Lifting System (EIDL) Project, BMDA, Rajshahi to an international standard one in every respect. Bidder must have adequate technical ability resource, human resources etc., as such following are defined as minimum eligibility criteria: 1. Interested consultant are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochure, description of similar assignment, experience in similar operating conditions availability of appropriate professional qualification and experience among staff etc.) 2. For Chief Consultant : Bsc in Civil Engineer with Minimum 10 years experience. For Deputy Chief Consultant : Bsc in Civil/ Electrical and Electronic Engineer with Minimum 7 years experience. For Assistant Consultant : Bsc in Civil Engineer with Minimum 5 years experience. 3. Registered entity with Register of joint stock and companies (RJC) in Bangladesh. Must submit Current Trade license, Income tax and VAT certificate. 4. Needs to have full time experienced human resource in Drawing, Design and other related works. A complete list is to be submitted with necessary CV. 5. A complete list of accomplished works during last 5 years is to be submitted along with details contract address of the project. A short list of consultants will be prepared upon evaluation of EOI's of the eligible applicants and "Request for Proposal" document will be issued in their favor. A Consultant will be selected using the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method.
15.	Other Details (if applicable)	The firm(s) may form joint-venture, association or consortium (JVAC) to enhance their qualification, but should mention whether the Association is in the form of joint venture, in the case of joint-venture, all firms/entities shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire consultant's obligations under the contract. It is preferable to limit the total number of firm including their associate to maximum of two. Special Instruction: The Proposal in one set (1 Original) shall be submitted in sealed envelope.
16.	Procuring Entity Details	
	Name of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	Md Nazmul Huda
	Designation of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	Project Director, Project for Supply of Padma River's Water to Barind Area for Extension of Irrigation by Double Lifting System (EIDL) Project of Barind Multipurpose Development Authority, Rajshahi.
	Address of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	Head Office, BMDA, Rajshahi.
	Contact details of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	Phone : 02588862113 e-mail: pd_eidl@bmda.gov.bd
17.	Special Condition	
	a.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any and all EOI's made in response to this invitation without assigning any reasons whatever.
	b.	Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Public Procurement Act (PPA)-2006 and (Public Procurement Rules (PPR)-2008 and latest amendment public procurement issued by GOB.
	c.	If any company/ Firm produce false/fabricated papers along with EOI, the related EOI will be treated as cancelled.
	d.	Any EOI after the closing time will not be accepted.
	e.	EOI shall be submitted in sealed envelope, all supporting papers and bio-data authenticated and signed by appropriate person, delivered to the address of the under signed. Interested consultant firm may obtain further information at the address below during normal office hours.

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## JP leader jailed for 4yrs in graft case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced Jatiyo Party leader Col (ret'd) Dr Abdul Kader Khan to four years in jail in a corruption case filed against him for amassing wealth beyond known sources of income.

Judge Sheikh Hafizur Rahman of Dhaka Special Judge Court-9 of Dhaka delivered the verdict in presence of Kader, also a former lawmaker from Gaibandha-1.

The judge also fined him Tk 61.92 lakh and directed the authorities concerned to confiscate the fined money in favour of the state.

Kader was, however, relieved from the charges of concealing wealth statement of Tk 24 lakh as the allegation could not be proved against him.

Anti Corruption Commission filed the case against him with Ramna Model Police Station in 2019.

After investigation, the ACC pressed charges against him on March 16, 2022.

## EID JOURNEY

# Cops to monitor highways with drones

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Highway Police will monitor the areas prone to traffic congestion by flying drones to alleviate sufferings of passengers during the Eid journey.

Md Shahabuddin, additional inspector general of police and also chief of Highway Police, confirmed the matter yesterday after inspecting Dhaka-Aricha and Nabinagar-Chandra highways.

"Use of technology improves the quality of our services and enhances our efficiency. For this reason, we will use body cameras, drone cameras and CCTV cameras to monitor the highways. Areas that are prone to traffic congestion will be monitored with drones. We will also try to give traffic instructions through drones," he said.

He also informed that construction materials have been removed from the highways to make Eid journey smoother, while construction works will continue within enclosures.

Strict legal action will be taken against those who will collect extra rent anywhere on the highways, he added.

## 15 detained for pickpocketing, snatching phones

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday claimed to have arrested 15 persons involved in criminal activities including pickpocketing and stealing mobile phones.

They were arrested during special drives conducted in the capital's Pallabi, Jatrabari, Signboard, and Chattogram Road areas on Wednesday.

The detectives recovered 79 smartphones, and 24 button mobile phones from their possession.

Among the arrestees, some are wanted in numerous cases filed over theft and snatching, said Mashur Rahman, deputy commissioner of police, Lalbagh Division.

These criminals used to steal mobile phones and cash by entering houses where the residents go to sleep without locking doors properly after Sehri, he said.

They also used to snatch away cell phones from anyone using those at crowded places such as markets, or while sitting next to open windows in public transports and private cars, he also said.

After stealing the phones, they used to sell those to brokers in front of Dhaka South City Corporation, at Stadium Market, and in Gulistan at Tk 500 to Tk 7,000, said Mashur, also an additional deputy inspector general of police.

"For selling the phones, they used to change the IMEI number with software. Sometimes mobile displays, camera casings, motherboards, batteries, and other parts are sold separately," he added.

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MemoNo.- JnU/OCCE/Political science/Repair(Civil)/443/2022/4043 Date: 04/04/2024

**Invitation for e-Tender for Works**

1	Invitation reference No.	JnU/OCCE/Political science/Repair(Civil)/443/2022/4043; Date-04/04/2024
2	Tender ID(from e-gp Portal)	ID- 972021
3	Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
4	Name of the work	Civil and Sanitary works for repair & renovation at Political Science Building of Jagannath University
5	Tender Package No.	PWC-06
6	Tender Publication Date	08/04/2024
7	Tender Last Selling Date	22/04/2024
8	Tender Closing Date and Time	23/04/2024 12.00 Noon
9	Tender Opening Date and Time	23/04/2024 12.00 Noon
10	Tender Document Price	1000/- (One Thousand only)

This is an online tender where only e-tenders will be accepted in e-GP portal and no offline and hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-tender please register on e-GP system (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)  
(Note: Payment will be done to the contractor after availability of fund from University Grants Commission of Bangladesh)

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Memo.no.46.02.5900.000.07.001.23- 704 Date: 03/04/2024

**e-Tender Notice No: 47/2023-24 Procurement of Works (NCT)**

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

Sl. No.	Package No.	Name of Works	Tender ID No	Tender Document Last Selling Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time	Procurement Method
1.	CRMIDP/MUNSI/W-438/2023-24	Construction of 2- Storied Rural Market Building (With 04-Storied Foundation) at Hushbarchar Bazar under Upazila: Gazaria, District: Munshiganj.	971583	Upto 12:00 09-May-2024	At 14:00 09-May-2024	OSTETM
2.	IRIDP-3/MUN/SIW-78	Improvement of Dhaka-Chittagong NH(East/South of Daudkandi B.R.)-Poboretok via Char Chasni GPS Road From Ch.970-1500m.Under Upazila: Gazaria, District: Munshiganj (Road ID:359244082)	970367 (Re-Tender)	Upto 12:00 25-Apr-2024	At 14:00 25-Apr-2024	LTM

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

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**Invitation for e-Tender (LTM)**

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal for the following works:

Tender ID & Package No.	971815, e-GP/35/PRD/LTM/PMP-Minor/2023-2024
Name of tender	Maintenance of existing pavement by Carpeting & Seal coat including necessary repair works at 04 <sup>th</sup> (p km & 05 <sup>th</sup> (p) km of Pirojpur(Hularhat)-Sriamkathi-Swarupkathi Road (Z-7707) under Pirojpur Road Division during the year in 2023-2024.
Tender last selling date and time	22-April-2024 & Time 16:00
Tender closing & opening date and time	23-April-2024 & Time 12:00
Tender ID & Package No.	971816, e-GP/36/PRD/LTM/PMP-Minor/2023-2024
Name of tender	Repair and Seal Coat work at 55 <sup>th</sup> (P),56 <sup>th</sup> (P),62 <sup>nd</sup> (P) & 63 <sup>rd</sup> (P) km of Barisal-Jhalokathi-Bhandaria-Pirojpur Road (R-870) under Pirojpur Road Division during the year 2023-2024.
Tender last selling date and time	22-April-2024 & Time 16:00
Tender closing & opening date and time	23-April-2024 & Time 12:15
Tender ID & Package No.	971817, e-GP/37/PRD/LTM/PMP-Minor/2023-2024
Name of tender	Pavement Repair By Aggregate Base Type-II with Carpeting & Seal Coat work at Ch0+750 Km to 1+850 Km of Bhandaria-Paikali-Kathalia (Z-8705) Road under Pirojpur Road Division during the year 2023-2024.
Tender last selling date and time	22-April-2024 & Time 16:00
Tender closing & opening date and time	23-April-2024 & Time 12:30

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