

POLLS WITHOUT SYMBOLS

No need to amend the law: Tazul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Local Government, Rural Development, and Co-operatives Minister Tazul Islam yesterday said there is no need to amend the law to hold elections for upazila parishads and other local government bodies without party symbols.

Speaking at a seminar at the Dhaka Reporters Unity, he noted that the existing law allows parties to field their nominated candidates, who can contest the election without using party symbols.

The Reporters Forum for Election and Democracy (RFED) organised the seminar titled "Challenges in Strengthening Local Government System and the Role of Party Symbols in Elections".

Brig Gen (ret) Sakhawat Hussain, a former election commissioner, emphasised that local government elections were not initially intended to be held under party symbols. He argued that assigning party symbols to candidates centralises power within party leadership.

"Now the entire election system has become corrupted. The party symbol was introduced in local government elections to serve the interests of a party," he said.

Another former election commissioner, Kabita Khanam, suggested that changing the political culture is essential for making elections acceptable.

Badiul Alam Majumdar, secretary of Sushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan), mentioned that the local government system has weakened due to "intervention by lawmakers and control by public administration".



A long tailback on the capital's Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue near Paribagh around 2:00pm yesterday. Heavy traffic, even in the afternoon, continues to be a problem that haunts the capital.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Recognise the 1971 genocide

Speakers tell first council of 'Aamra Ekattor'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The new generation is stronger than the freedom fighters and will lead the country forward while preserving the pride, heritage, and heroism of the Liberation War, said Mahbub Zaman, chairperson of Aamra Ekattor, yesterday.

He made the remarks at the first council of Aamra Ekattor, an organisation dedicated to upholding the spirit of the Liberation War, held in the capital.

Zaman said the pride, heritage, and heroism associated with the Liberation War and its victory will continue to grow stronger. To support this mission, "Aamra Ekattor" has been established to pass the national flag to the new generation.

"Our slogan is 'Awaken in the spirit of '71, awaken others,'" he added.

During the inaugural ceremony, freedom fighter Hilal Foyezi, chief coordinator of Aamra Ekattor, gave the welcome speech.

Marking 53 years of independence, 53 freedom fighters were honoured by 53 young individuals who have excelled in fields such as literature, culture, sports, science, technology, and travel.

Speaking about the organisation's journey, Mahfuza Jasmine, a member of Aamra Ekattor, said, "Following the glorious path of our past and inspired by the ideals of the Liberation War, we started an informal journey. Our goal is to create a new awakening to build a non-communal, humane, and equitable Bangladesh."

Addressing the organisation's objectives, another member, Tamzid Siddiq Spondon, said one of their major goals is to achieve international recognition of the 1971 killings as "genocide".

He said they have already submitted a memorandum to the United Nations Secretary-General and are actively engaging in international seminars and various movements to pursue this goal.



PHOTO: TITU DAS

Workers lift motorcycles onto the roof of this Bhola-Bheduria bound launch docked next to Laharhat ferry terminal in Barishal. Such boats were not designed to carry the load of motorcycles on its roof and a disaster could strike at any moment. The fare for passengers is Tk 100, while fare for a motorcycle is Tk 120. The photo was taken recently.

Need roadmap to meet renewable energy targets
Speakers tell dialogue

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh needs a clear roadmap to implement the renewable energy targets set by the government, said lawmakers and policy experts at a dialogue yesterday.

They said people in general have limited awareness on the importance of renewable energy, that will be critical in the days to come because of climate change impacts.

The observations came at a national dialogue organised by Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) at a city hotel.

The Bangladesh government aimed to generate 5 percent of its electricity from renewables by 2015 and 10 percent by 2020. However, as of June last year, this number is less than 5 percent.

The government has now set new targets, aiming to produce 15 percent of electricity from renewables by 2030, 40 percent by 2041 and 100 percent by 2050.

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'WB loan for Rohingyas won't solve crisis'

Speakers say it will make country more debt-ridden

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank loan that is being provided for projects involving Rohingyas and host communities means the country will be more debt-ridden, said civil society groups at a rally yesterday.

When there is no option but to repatriate the around one million Rohingyas in Cox's Bazar and Bhashanchar, the WB loan will intensify the crisis of Bangladesh, which is already debt-ridden, they said.

Nine civic and development organisations organised the human chain and rally in front of Jatiya Press Club.

Recently, Ecnc approved two projects involving Tk 8,483 crore. Here, WB will provide Tk 7,720 crore (\$700 million) -- Tk 4,475 crore in loan and Tk 3,244

crore in grants.

Civil society groups said there has been no repatriation in the last seven years, while funds for Rohingyas are also dwindling. The WB loan, instead of just grant, does not ensure justice for the people of Bangladesh.

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, chief moderator of EquityBD, said, "When Bangladesh asked for assistance in the development of local communities affected by the Rohingya crisis, WB offered a loan. Since Bangladesh is not responsible for the Rohingya crisis, it must not take loans."

Secretary of EquityBD, Coordinator Mustafa Kamal Akand said the per capita population has already dropped from \$12 to \$8.

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Momo No. Director/BSMMCH/Tender/Diet & Other-2023-2024/2879

Date: 06/06/2024

Invitation for Tenders

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide Businessmen/Experienced Service Providers to supply of Dietary Items, Other Stationaries, Computer Conjumables & Electrical goods and Washing of Linen of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, Faridpur as per PPA-2006 & PPR-2008

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh		
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
2	Agency	Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)
3	Procuring entity name	Director, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, Faridpur
4	Procuring entity code	NA
5	Procuring entity district	Faridpur.
6	Invitation for	Goods & Services
7	Invitation Ref No.	Director/BSMMCH/Tender/ Diet & Other/2023-2024/2879
8	Date	06/06/2024
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	NCT Open Tendering Method (OTM)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	Non-Development GOB
11	Development partners (if applicable)	NA
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	NA
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	NA
14	Tender Package No.	Package No-1, Lot No-1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
15	Tender package name	Procurement of (i) Dietary Items, (ii) Other Stationaries, (iii) Computer Conjumables, (iv) Electrical goods and (v) Cleaning & Washing Services for financial year 2024-2025
16	Tender publication date	09/06/2024
17	Tender last selling date	07/07/2024
18	Tender closing date and time	08/07/2024, 12:00 Noon.
19	Tender opening date and time	08/07/2024, 12:30pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	
	-Selling tender document	Office of the Director, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, Faridpur
	-Receiving Tender Document	Office of the Director, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, Faridpur
	-Opening Tender Document	Office of the Director, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, Faridpur
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
21	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	a) The tenderer should have valid trade license, VAT registration certificate, latest income tax clearance certificate, and Bank's Commitment for line of Credit as specified in the TDS. b) The tenderer shall have overall experience in the supply of similar goods and related service and shall have a minimum experience for supply of similar goods and related services in the matter of money as specified in the TDS. c) Other detail conditions are included with the tender schedule.
22	Brief description of goods or services	(i) Dietary Items, (ii) Other Stationaries, (iii) Computer Conjumables, (iv) Electrical goods and (v) Cleaning & Washing Services of linen goods of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, Faridpur.
23	Brief description of related services	As required
24	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk. 4,000/- (four thousand) for Lot-1, 2 & 5 and Tk. 2,000/- (two thousand) for Lot-3 & 4. To purchase tender document fixed money must be submitted in favour of Director, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, Faridpur. Code-No-1-2711-0000-2366 in Sonali Bank by CTR form with online challan verification.

Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months (approximate)
1	Dietary Items	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, Faridpur	2% of total Quoted amount	12 months
2	Other Stationaries	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, Faridpur	2% of total Quoted amount	12 months
3	Computer Conjumables	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, Faridpur	2% of total Quoted amount	12 months
4	Electrical goods	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, Faridpur	2% of total Quoted amount	12 months
5	Cleaning & Washing Services of linen goods	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, Faridpur	2% of total Quoted amount	12 months
26	Name of official inviting tender	Dr. Md Humayun Kabir		
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Director, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, Faridpur.		
28	Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Director, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, Faridpur.		
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 02478803331, E-mail: fmch@hospi.dghs.gov.bd		
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings	Authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender rate. Authority may cancel the whole tender(s)/part of the tender without assigning any reason.		
Terms and conditions of the tender and other information will be available with the tender schedule.				

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

Dr. Md. Humayun Kabir

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