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Workers tend to plants, including flowers, fruits, and medicinal herbs, at a nursery in Pirojpur. For their daily efforts, each labourer earns Tk 500. The photo was taken at Alongkarkathi village in Nesarabad upazila yesterday.

DEFAMATION CASE
Journalist
Golam Sarwar
demands its
withdrawal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Ctg

Standing in a human chain with his wife and two children, along with a host of well wishers, journalist Golam Sarwar was describing his ordeals over the past four years following a defamation case filed against him by an influential family of the port city.

"The case was filed by a brother of the then Minister for Land Saifuzzaman Chowdhury over publishing a report," he said.

The programme was held in front of Chattogram Press Club yesterday morning.

"I have been suffering physically, financially and mentally while dealing with the case for the last four years," he said.

"I had to leave my rented house in the port city and send my family to the village home due to financial and security problems," he said. "My only fault was I have written a report about their misdeed."

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PRAYER TIMING
OCTOBER 6

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-45	12-45	4-15	5-53	7-30
JAMAAT 5-20	1-15	4-30	5-56	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Barishal drowns after downpour



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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Almost all areas across Barishal city experienced severe waterlogging yesterday after heavy downpour since Friday.

It rained at least 153mm between 9:00pm on Friday and 9:00am yesterday, according to Bangladesh Meteorological Department in Barishal.

The inclement weather and waterlogging affected the lives and livelihoods of residents, especially the daily wage earners. Many labourers were seen waiting for long hours looking to be hired for work, in vain.

Visiting different areas of the city, this correspondent found most of the important thoroughfares, including Battala Road, Amanatganj Road, College Road, College Avenue, and Baptist Mission Road, among others, submerged under ankle to knee deep water, making movement of pedestrians and vehicles difficult.

Sparse presence of vehicles was seen on the roads. Water entered many roadside shops and ground floors of numerous houses, especially those located in the low-lying areas.

City dwellers alleged that crores of taka have been spent for excavation of seven canals and renovation of the city's drainage network, but the projects hardly brought any benefit as waterlogging still remains a menace.

"The city corporation does not clean the drains regularly, leaving those clogged with debris inside, which further exacerbated the situation," said Enayet Hossain Chowdhury, a resident of the city.

Water Development Board sources said they could not excavate the canals as planned due to numerous reasons. As such, around half of the allocated for the project has been returned.

Contacted, Khalid bin Walid, BWDB executive engineer in Barishal, said numerous structures, including multi-storied buildings, have been constructed encroaching upon the canals.

"To excavate the canals properly, these illegal structures need to be evicted first. Also, many structures have been constructed by filling up reservoirs in low-lying areas, due to which rainwater cannot be drained away properly, leading to waterlogging," he added.

Reduce number of banks to 30

Says economist Moinul Islam as part of reforms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The number of banks in Bangladesh should be reduced from 61 to 30 as part of reforms in the sector, said Prof Moinul Islam yesterday.

He termed Rooppur Power Plant as Awami League's "white elephant" and criticised the involvement of Adani Group in energy sector, citing these projects as examples of large-scale corruption.

Moinul made these remarks at the "Dialogue for Democratic Reconstruction", organised by the Centre for Governance Studies (CGS) at a hotel in the port city.

He said Sheikh Hasina's relatives

and supporters had engaged in massive looting, particularly in the banking sector. He questioned why controversial figures, such as those associated with S Alam Group, had been allowed to control multiple banks.

"We don't need so many banks in the country. The number must be reduced to 30," he said, adding that corruption in Bangladesh has been a long-standing issue, not limited to the AL regime, with similar problems during the BNP's 2001-2006 tenure.

Nizam Uddin Ahmed, a former public administration professor at Chittagong University, stressed

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297 killed by lightning in eight months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 297 people have been killed and 73 injured in incidents of lightning strikes across the country between February and September this year, according to Save the Society and Thunderstorm Awareness Forum (SSTAF).

In the eight months, lightning strikes killed 152 people while they were doing agricultural works, SSTAF said in a media release yesterday.

Of the total deceased, highest 96 people died in May followed by 77 people in June and 47 in September, it said.

District-wise, the highest casualties were recorded in Brahmanbaria, Joypurhat, and Habiganj (13 people each), followed by 12 in Feni and 10 in Cox's Bazar and Gaibandha.

SSTAF called for the inclusion of a chapter on lightning strike-related awareness in textbooks.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH Department of Immigration and Passports Security Service Division Ministry of Home Affairs Invitation for Re Tender (International)

1	Ministry/Division	Security Service Division, Ministry of Home Affairs	
2	Agency	Department of Immigration & Passports	
3	Purchaser Name	Director General	
4	Purchaser Code	Not used at present	
5	Purchaser District	Dhaka	
6	Invitation for	For Procurement of 1.5 Million Machine Readable Passport Booklets and 1.5 Million Lamination Foil.	
7	Invitation Ref No	DIP- 58.01.0000.102.55.001.20(Part-4)-759	
8	Date	Date: 03.10.2024	
KEY INFORMATION			
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh (GoB)	
11	Development Partners	Not applicable	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12	Project /Programme Code	Not applicable	
13	Project/ Programme Name	Not applicable	
14	Tender Package No.	Single	
15	Tender Package Name	Not applicable	
16	Tender Publication Date	Date: 06.10.2024	
17	Tender Last Selling Date	03.11.2024	
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date	Time
		03.11.2024	01.00PM (BST)
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date	Time
		03.11.2024	02.00PM (BST)
20	Selling Tender Document	Assistant Director, (Room no-9004.), Department of Immigration & Passports, E-7, Sher-e-Bangla nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.	
NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS			
	Receiving Tender Document	Deputy Director (Procurement), Room no. 9003, 8 th Floor, Department of Immigration & Passports, E-7, Sher-e-Bangla nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.	
	Opening Tender Document	Conference Room (no-6002, 5 th floor), Department of Immigration & Passports, E-7, Sher-e-Bangla nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.	
21	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Conference Room (no-6002, 5 th floor), Department of Immigration & Passports, E-7, Sher-e-Bangla nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.	
		Date	Time
		15.10.2024	11.00 (BST)
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
22	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	<p>i) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 02 (Five) years of specific experience in the manufacture and/or supply of Passport booklets and manufacture of supply of Laminates for personalization of Machine Readable Passports (MRP) as per International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standard.</p> <p>ii) The Tenderer shall also have experience in manufacturing and supplying the above items to minimum Two (02) countries other than home country in last Five (05) years.</p> <p>iii) The Satisfactory completion of manufacture and supply of Machine Readable Passport booklets and supply of Laminates of minimum 03 (Three) Million USD equivalents under a single contract in the last 03 (Three) years i.e years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.</p> <p>The minimum supply/or production capacity of Goods is/are:</p> <p>a. The Tenderer shall have the capacity to produce and supply minimum 03 (Three) million Passport booklets in a year in its own manufacturing plant.</p> <p>b. The Tenderer shall also have the capacity to produce or supply minimum 5 (Five) million Laminates in a year.</p> <p>c. The Tenderer shall have its own Manufacturing plant for producing secure passport booklets.</p> <p>d. The Tenderer shall have experience to have produced and supplied minimum 20 (Twenty) million passport booklets and to have produced or supplied 20 (Twenty) million Laminates.</p> <p>e. The Tenderer must have the capacity to incorporate visible and invisible security printing for passport booklet which includes- Guilloche printing, Intaglio printing with 3D technique, Micro text, Latent image of 3D Image of 3D technique, Relief printing, Rainbow printing, UV inks, Duplex printing, Anti scan patterns, Deliberate spelling error, raster printing, registered water mark, OVI, OVD, plainchants etc.</p> <p>f. The Tenderer shall have its own testing lab with ISO equipments to test bending, Durability, Thermal cycling, Mechanical stress, torsion, abrasion, stamping etc.</p> <p>g. The Tenderer must have ISO 14298 certificate for high security management system for secure printing. It shall also have certification ISO 9001:2015, ISO14001, ISO18001 Certificates.</p>	
23	Brief Description of Goods and related service	For Procurement of 1.5 Million Machine Readable Passport Booklets and 1.5 Million Lamination Foil.	
24	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	BDT 10000.00	
25	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location
	1	For Procurement of 1.5 Million Machine Readable Passport Booklets and 1.5 Million Lamination Foil.	Warehouse, Department of Immigration & Passports, House No-32&34, Road No-03, Block-H, Sector- 16, Uttara, Dhaka-1230
		Tender Security Amount	Completion Time in Weeks / Months
		USD 100000	Total 1.5 Million Machine Readable Passport Booklets and 1.5 Million Lamination Foil have to be supplied at the final destination within 06 months.
Purchaser DETAILS			
26	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Director General	
27	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director General	
28	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Department of Immigration and Passports, E-7 Agargaon, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.	
29	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	+88 02 48119850	gdip@passport.gov.bd
30	The Procuring Entity reserves the rights to reject all Tenderts of annul the Tender proceedings.		

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e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the national e-GP system Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the Procurement of Following Goods.

Tender ID No	Description of Goods/Works	Publication Date & Time	Closing Date & Time
1023065	Computer (All in One), Brand PC (Desktop) with Monitor, Both Page Printer, Scanner A4, Scanner Legal, UPS, Internal SSD Card, External HDD.	06-Oct:-2024 11:00	21-Oct:-2024 14:00
1023152	A4 Size Offset Paper, Pen-General Ball Point (Black), Towel (Big), Signature Pen (0.7) (Re, Bla, Gre, Blu), Signature pen (0.5) (Re, Bla, Gre, Blu), Stapler Machine (Medium), Single Punch Machine, Double Punch Machine, Heavy Punch Machine, Stapler Pin (Big), Gum/Glue Stick, Watch Battery, Remote Battery, Calling Bell (Remote),.....etc.	06-Oct:-2024 11:00	21-Oct:-2024 14:00

This is an e-Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender registration in the national e-GP portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the national e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank.

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

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