

'Halting work in north Gaza' Rescuers say after Israel threats

AFP

Gaza's civil defence agency said yesterday it can no longer provide first responder services in the north of the territory, accusing Israeli forces of threatening to "bomb and kill" its crews.

Since October 6, the Israeli military has mounted a sweeping air and land assault on north Gaza, initially focused on the Jabalia area, describing it as an operation aimed at preventing Hamas from regrouping.

"We are unable to provide humanitarian services to citizens in the northern governorate of the Gaza Strip due to threats from Israeli occupation forces, who have threatened to kill and bomb our teams if they remain inside Jabalia camp," said Mahmud Bassal, the agency's spokesman.

First responders had been "targeted" on several occasions, leaving "several members injured, and others are left bleeding on the streets with no one able to rescue them", he told AFP.

Bassal published a photograph of a burnt truck on social media, saying it was "the only civil defence vehicle in the northern Gaza Strip governorate", which includes Gaza City.

The truck, he said, was "targeted by the Israeli army" in the northern city of Beit Lahia, just north of Jabalia and near Gaza's northern border with Israel.

The Israeli army said it was conducting operations in the Jabalia area and had "eliminated dozens of terrorists".

Military activity in adjacent Beit Lahia has also forced Palestinians to flee, including Raghib Hamuda, who moved his family to Gaza City after Israeli forces issued calls for the evacuation of a shelter last week.



A boy walks with a notebook through debris and rubble in the balcony corridor of the Shuhada (Martyrs) school, which was hit by Israeli bombardment, in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

770 killed in Israel assault on north Gaza

AFP, Jerusalem

Gaza's civil defence agency said yesterday more than 770 people have been killed in the north of the territory since Israel launched an assault aimed at preventing Hamas from regrouping there.

With Israel under pressure to end its wars with Iran-backed Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon, the United States said negotiators will meet in the coming days to reach a truce in the Palestinian territory.

After nearly a year of war in Gaza sparked by Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack, Israel expanded its focus to Lebanon last month, vowing to secure its northern border from Hezbollah attacks.

It has meanwhile kept up the pressure

on Hamas, launching an operation earlier this month in the north of Gaza where tens of thousands of civilians are trapped.

"Since the start of the military operation in northern Gaza more than 770 people have been killed," said Mahmud Bassal, spokesman for the territory's civil defence agency, adding that the toll could rise as there were people buried under the rubble.

He also said a strike on a school-turned-shelter in central Gaza killed 17 people, while the Israeli military said it was targeting Hamas when it hit the site.

The civil defence agency also said on Thursday it can no longer provide first responder services in the north, accusing Israeli forces of threatening to "bomb and kill" its crews.

The Israeli military says the goal of its assault is to destroy the operational capabilities Hamas is trying to rebuild in the north.

It has repeatedly told people to evacuate, and to do so they must pass through army-manned checkpoints.

Images posted online and verified by AFP show crowds of Palestinians waiting to cross such checkpoints, while several Palestinians reported mistreatment or detention during the process.

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Gaza war began with Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel, which resulted in the deaths of 1,206 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally of Israeli official figures.



People rescue Rohingya refugees from a boat after a week anchored ashore off the coast of Labuhan Haji in Southern Aceh province yesterday. The mostly Muslim ethnic Rohingya are heavily persecuted in Myanmar and thousands risk their lives each year on long and dangerous sea journeys to reach Malaysia or Indonesia's Aceh Province.

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Invitation for e-Tender

Memo No-44.01.0000.057.11.014.24/228/Betar

Date: 23-10-2024.

For the financial year 2024-2025 e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following items.

SL	Description	e-Tender ID	Procurement Method	Online Tender Publication Date & Time	Online Tender Closing Date & Time
1.	Purchase of Pack Battery for Motorola VHF & UHF W/T	1028905	OTM	27 Oct 2024 16:30	20 Nov 2024 14:30
2.	Purchase of 12db. 8.5db gain VHF & UHF Antenna and Magnetic base Whip UHF Antenna.	1028906	OTM	27 Oct 2024 16:30	20 Nov 2024 14:40
3.	Purchase of 12U glass Door Rack, Programming Laptop, DC & AC Programmable Electronic Load.	1028907	OTM	27 Oct 2024 16:30	20 Nov 2024 14:50
4.	Purchase of 25 & 15 Amp ACPSU	1028908	OTM	27 Oct 2024 16:30	20 Nov 2024 15:00

This is an online 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 Systems 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 branches.

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

The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Tenders/Proposals/Pre-Qualification/EOIs.

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Proportion of women killed in conflict doubled in 2023: UN

AFP, United Nations

The proportion of women killed in conflict in 2023 doubled compared to the previous year, according to a UN report that denounced "oppressive patriarchal" structures and called out an increase in sexual violence in war zones.

In the annual "Women and Peace and Security" report published on Tuesday evening, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres painted a stark picture showing "progress made over decades is vanishing before our eyes."

According to the UN's data, of at least 33,443 civilian deaths recorded in conflicts around the world in 2023 – 72 percent more than in 2022 – four out of 10 were women, a 100 percent increase, and three out of 10 were children.

"Amid record levels of armed conflict and violence... generational gains in women's rights hang in the balance around the world, undercutting the transformative potential of women's leadership and inclusion in the pursuit of peace," the report said.

UN Women Executive Director Sima Bahous said the trends were part "of a larger war on women."

"Women continue to pay the price of the wars of men," she said.

"The deliberate targeting of women's rights is not unique to conflict affected countries but is even more lethal in those settings."

In 2023, more than 170 armed conflicts were recorded, with around 612 million women and girls living within 50 kilometers (30 miles) of these conflicts -- 150 percent more than a decade ago, the report said.

The number of cases of sexual violence against women in those conflict zones increased by 50 percent, the UN's data showed, with the number of girls affected by "grave violations" in active conflict areas increasing by 35 percent.

"Perpetrators of sexual violence still largely enjoy impunity," the report said. "In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, more than 123,000 cases of gender-based violence were reported in 2023, a 300 percent increase in only three years."

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(A Company of Petrobangla)

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INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE	
1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Energy & Mineral Resources Division
2. Agency	Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd. (BGFL), A Company of Petrobangla
3. Procuring Entity	Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd. (BGFL)
4. Procuring Entity Code	----
5. Procuring Entity District	Brahmanbaria
6. Invitation Reference No.	Tender Ref. No. BGFL/GOODS(FP)/225 Dated October 23, 2024
7. Invitation for	Procurement of Spare parts of Ariel Compressor Model: JGF/4.
8. Procurement Method	Single stage two-envelope open tendering (International Competitive tendering)
9. Budget & Source of Fund	Own Fund of BGFL
10. Tender Publication Date	October 24, 2024
11. Tender Selling Date & Time	<p>a) Tender documents will be available between 09:00 hrs & 15:00 hrs (BST) on all working days (Sunday to Thursday) from October 27, 2024 to December 10, 2024. No extension in closing date for selling of tender documents will be allowed.</p> <p>b) Place: BGFL's Liaison office at Petrocentre (14th Floor), 3 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka.</p> <p>c) Price of Tender Document: Tender documents will be sold on payment of USD 20.00 or BDT. 2,400.00 (Non-refundable)</p>
12. Tender Closing Date & Time	<p>a) Date & time: December 11, 2024 up to 14:15 hrs (BST).</p> <p>b) Place: BGFL Head Office, Meeting room at 2nd floor, Birashar, Brahmanbaria - 3400.</p>
13. Tender Opening Date & Time	<p>a) Date & time: December 11, 2024 at 14:30 hrs (BST) in presence of the Tenderer's representatives, if any.</p> <p>b) Place: BGFL Head Office, Meeting room at 2nd floor, Birashar, Brahmanbaria - 3400.</p>
14. Date, Time & Place for Pre- Tender meeting	Not Applicable
15. Eligibility of Tenderer	<p>Reputed firms, manufacturers and suppliers from all countries except Israel with the following international experience :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Overall 05 (five) minimum years of experience. (b) If the tenderer is not the manufacturer himself, the tenderer has to submit the Manufacturer's Authorization Letter from the manufacturer or manufacturer's authorized distributor to supply the quoted materials are genuine. (c) Tenderer shall have experience in supplying similar materials to other than the Tenderer's own country. (d) Offered materials manufacturer shall have minimum 10 (ten) years of experience in manufacturing the same products. (e) Manufacturer shall have valid ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001 certificates as well as tenderer shall have valid ISO 9001 certificate.
16. Description of Goods	Spare parts of Ariel Compressor Model: JGF/4.
17. Tender Security Amount	USD 3,800.00 or BDT. 4,60,000.00
18. Delivery Time	120 days from the date of L/C opening
19. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Engr. Md. Shahidur Rahman Chowdhury
20. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	General Manager (Technical Services)
21. Address of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd. (BGFL) , Head Office, Birashar, Brahmanbaria - 3400, Bangladesh, Telephone no. 02334428141 E-mail: prbgfd@gmail.com / dgmpf@bgfcl.org.bd
22. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.	
Special Information	<p>i) Tenders must remain valid for 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of closing of the tender.</p> <p>ii) The tender security must remain valid for 148 (one hundred forty eight) days from the date of closing of the tender.</p> <p>iii) In case of any unavoidable circumstances such as strike, civil commotion, Govt. declared holiday, etc. tender will be received and opened on the following working day.</p> <p>iv) Tender(s) submitted after the deadline for receiving of tenders will be rejected and returned unopened to the tenderer.</p> <p>v) Tender submitted by e-mail will be rejected. Likewise photocopy of e-mailed tenders will also be rejected.</p> <p>vi) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders or annul the tendering process at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected tenderers.</p> <p>vii) This tender will be conducted as per the Public Procurement Act 2006 and the Public Procurement Rule 2008.</p>
	The aforesaid notice is also available at CPTU website @ http://www.cptu.gov.bd , Petrobangla website @ www.petrobangla.org.bd and BGFL website @ www.bgefcl.org.bd .

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