

Hajj to cost Tk 1 lakh less

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Pilgrims under both packages will have shuttle services from hotels or residences in Makkah to Mina tents and from Mina-Arafat-Muzdalifah-Mina by train.
Food services in Mina and Arafat will be provided by the Muallim.
Accommodations in Makkah and Madinah will feature rooms with attached bathrooms housing a maximum of six people per room. Rooms would have refrigerators.
Additionally, the government of

Bangladesh will provide free medicine and primary healthcare in Makkah, Madinah and Jeddah.
This year, each pilgrim is required to carry a minimum of Tk 40,000 in Saudi Riyal for meals and 750 Saudi Riyal for sacrificial purposes.
Additionally, pilgrims may opt for shorter packages or rooms with 2, 3 or 4 beds in Makkah and Madinah residences at an additional cost.
There will be no special hajj package under government arrangement this

year.
This year, the price for the private sector general Hajj Package will be Tk 4.83 lakh.
Furthermore, an option for hajj agencies to offer an additional special package based on the general hajj package has been allowed.
Hajj is expected to take place on June 5 next year depending on the sighting of the moon.
This year, 127,198 pilgrims from Bangladesh will have the opportunity to perform Hajj.

HC scraps 11 cases against Khaleda

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case against the BNP chief as the case was filed by a lawyer without taking permission from the home ministry, said Mahbub Uddin Khokon.
BNP's Legal Affairs Secretary Kayser Kamal told The Daily Star that former prime minister and BNP chief Khaleda has been accused in 37 cases lodged during the rule of Awami League government on various charges, including corruption, violence, arson, defamation, and sedition.
Of the cases, the HC yesterday scrapped 11 cases, the lower courts concerned in different districts earlier dismissed nine defamation cases and the president granted her clemency in two graft cases in which she was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment, the lawyer said, adding

that she is on bail in the other cases.
Among other pro-BNP lawyers Ragib Rauf Chowdhury, Gazi Kamrul Islam Sajal, Mohammad Siddique Ullah Miah, Anisur Rahman Raihan, Zakir Hossain Bhuiyan, HM Shanjid Siddique, and Maksud Ullah were representing Khaleda in the court during the hearing on the petitions, while Deputy Attorney General Jasim Sarkar represented the state.
Khaleda, who was under house arrest for the last five years, was released on August 6 this year after the president pardoned her, a day after Hasina resigned and fled the country amid a mass uprising.
President Mohammed Shahabuddin, exercising his power under article 49 of the constitution, granted Khaleda clemency in

the two cases based on the law ministry's recommendation and ordered her release.
On February 8, 2018, Khaleda was sent to the Old Dhaka Jail after a special court in Dhaka sentenced her to five years' imprisonment in the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case. The High Court later doubled her five-year jail term.
In the same year, the same special court in Dhaka sentenced Khaleda to seven years in jail in the Zia Charitable Trust graft case.
Amid the coronavirus outbreak, the government temporarily freed Khaleda from jail through an executive order suspending her sentence on March 25, 2020, with the condition that she stay in her Gulshan house and not leave the country.

Bangladesh women cement SAFF supremacy

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Although the final this time around was a much more competitive affair compared to the 3-1 win against the hosts under former coach Golam Rabbani Choton in 2022, it was a well-deserved one for Peter Butler's charges who went from strength to strength following a frustrating 1-1 draw against Pakistan in their first match of the campaign.

have taken a second-minute lead when Tohura Khatun, who scored five goals in the competition, struck the crossbar from the edge of the box.
Nepal had their moment eight minutes later when Bangladesh goalkeeper Rupna Chakma, later adjudged the best goalkeeper just like the previous edition, failed to gather a cross, with Amisha Karki shooting the loose ball against the crossbar.
Monika then blasted the ball over the Nepal goal following a fumble from goalkeeper Anjali Subba in the 35th minute, but the masterful midfielder made amends seven minutes after the restart, poking the ball past the Nepal goalkeeper after a throughball from captain Sabina Khatun.

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The victory also cemented Bangladesh's dominance in the tournament, which used to be a monopoly for India who won the first five editions.
The Nepal team, meanwhile, will be ruing what could have been as they've lost all six finals in this tournament's history and suffered a 12th defeat in as many final appearances in age-group and senior women's football.
Bangladesh coach Peter Butler, who announced his resignation after the final, made one change from the semifinal victory against Bhutan, bringing in Shamsunnahar Jr in place of Mst Sagorika.
There were nine players from the starting eleven that had made history two years ago in that momentous final.
The women in red and green could

"This is a big achievement for our women's football team," the chief adviser was quoted as saying in a press release.
"I am proud of you all. The entire nation is proud. Congratulations to the players who brought the nation pride," the statement read.
Youth and Sports Adviser Asif Mahmud also congratulated the national team on the occasion, promising them a better future.

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Ex-DMP DC Jasim first before ICT

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stations against the 17 individuals, including Jasim.
When asked about the absence of a defence lawyer, he added, "We cannot answer why his lawyer was not present and that is his matter."
On August 13, under an executive order from the president, Deputy Secretary Md Mahbur Rahman Sheikh issued a notice reassigning Jasim Uddin to the office of the DIG in Rangpur range.
He was arrested in Rangpur on Tuesday night.
In another development, the chief prosecutor of the ICT has sought authorisation to collect digital evidence from the digital forensic lab of the Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology.

against humanity and genocide.
In the letter, Tajul asked for necessary infrastructure support and steps to ensure legitimate access to specialised cybersecurity for the digital forensic lab within the ICT Division and other essential state documents, records, and servers.
He asked the adviser to take the necessary steps and provide infrastructural support to ensure the accurate chain of custody for sensitive information.
Tajul also requested secure server and national domain email services through the Information and Communication Technology Division to ensure the cybersecurity of the International Crimes Tribunal.

the credibility of the investigation but will also ensure swift, accurate, and lawful actions in line with the international standards.
[Our Dinajpur correspondent contributed to this report.]

To this end, Tajul wrote to Nahid Islam, adviser to the ministry, on October 24.
He also sought to utilise the National Data Centre's authorised server and secure specialised cybersecurity to securely store and analyse sensitive digital evidence related to crimes

He added that for investigating heinous acts like crimes against humanity and genocide, the support of the ICT Division will not only enhance

Missile production

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killed four soldiers and caused "limited damage" to a few radar systems. Iranian media said a civilian was also killed.
Israel has warned Iran against retaliating, while Tehran, asserting it does not seek war, vowed an "appropriate response".
Western governments have long criticised Iran's missile programme which has come under severe sanctions in recent years.
In September, the European Union imposed sanctions on prominent Iranian officials and entities over their alleged involvement in transferring missiles and drones to Russia to use in its war against Ukraine.
Tehran has repeatedly denied the accusations.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority
BSMSN Development Project (Bangladesh-PRIDE, P170688)
Biniyog Bhaban, E-6/B, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Office of the Chief Advisor
2	Agency	Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA)
3	Purchaser name	BSMSN Development Project
4	Purchaser code	
5	Purchaser district	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Design, Supply, Construction, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 33kV Switching Station with 2*20/28 MVA Power Transformer, Underground Cable Laying in Zone 2A and 2B under BSMSN, Mirsarai, Chattogram, on turnkey basis.
7	Invitation Ref No.	03.07.0000.056.029.075.22-1354
8	Date	30 October 2024

KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM), National Competitive Tender (NCT), One Stage Two Envelop Method (OSTEM)

FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	International Development Agency (IDA)
11	Development partners (if applicable)	IDA

PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project / programme code (if applicable)	
13	Project / programme name (if applicable)	BSMSN Development Project
14	Tender Package No.	WD4-BSMSN- BEZA
15	Tender package name	Power Network
16	Tender publication date	31 October 2024
17	Tender last selling date	10 December 2024 (During Office Hour)
18	Tender closing date and time	11 December 2024 at 02:00pm
19	Tender opening date and time	11 December 2024 at 02:30pm

20	Name & address of the office(s)		
	- Selling tender document (principal)	Project Director (Joint Secretary) BSMSN Development Project, Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority Biniyog Bhaban (9th Floor), E-6/B, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh. Tel: +880 2-44826009 Email: pd.pride.beza@bsmsn.gov.bd Website: www.beza.gov.bd	
	Selling tender document (others)	NA	
<i>No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents</i>			
	- Receiving tender document	Project Director (Joint Secretary) BSMSN Development Project, Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority Biniyog Bhaban (9th Floor), E-6/B, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh	
	- Opening tender document	Project Director (Joint Secretary) BSMSN Development Project, Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority Biniyog Bhaban (9th Floor), E-6/B, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh	
21	Place / date / time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Biniyog Bhaban (9th Floor), E-6/B, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh	Date: 18 November 2024 Time: 11:00am

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of tenderer	<p>1. General experience: The Tenderer shall have a minimum of five (05) years of overall experience in the role of contractor, subcontractor, or management contractor starting 1st January 2018.</p> <p>2. Specific experience</p> <p>(a) Participation as contractor, joint venture member, management contractor, or subcontractor, in (i) at least one (1) contract within the last ten (10) years, of value of BDT 2,160 million or USD 18 million; or (ii) at least two (2) contracts within the last ten (10) years, each with a value of BDT 1,200 million or USD 10 million; that have been successfully and substantially completed and that are similar to the proposed Plant and Installation Services. The similarity of the contracts shall be based on the following: 33KV or above Substation.</p> <p>(b) For the above or other contracts executed during the period stipulated in (a) above, a minimum experience in the following key activities:</p> <p>(i) At least two substations with required capacity mentioned in the schedules; and</p> <p>(ii) 6.0 km of 33 kV underground cable laying in any one year. Summation of contracts in any one year is applicable.</p> <p>(c) For the contracts in (a) above and/or any other contracts [substantially completed and under implementation] as prime contractor, joint venture member, or Subcontractor between 1st January 2014 and Application submission deadline, experience in managing ES risks and impacts in the following aspects: Preparation of environmental and social management plan and its implementation.</p> <p>3. Financial Criteria</p> <p>(a) The required average annual turnover shall be greater than BDT 4,300 million or USD 36 million calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last five (5) years.</p> <p>(b) The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the Tenderer shall be</p> <p>(i) the following cash-flow requirement: BDT 540 million or USD 4.5 million and</p> <p>(ii) the overall cash flow requirements for this contract and its current commitments.</p>			
23	Brief description of plant & equipment	Design, Supply, Construction, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 33kV Switching Station with 2*20/28 MVA Power Transformer, Underground Cable Laying in Zone 2A and 2B under BSMSN, Mirsarai, Chattogram, on turnkey basis.			
24	Brief description of services	Design, Supply, Construction, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 33kV Switching Station with 2*20/28 MVA Power Transformer, Underground Cable Laying in Zone 2A and 2B under BSMSN, Mirsarai, Chattogram, on turnkey basis.			
25	Price of tender document (Tk.)	BDT 10,000.00 (ten thousand) only or USD 100 (one hundred) only.			
26	Package No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time in weeks / months
	1	WD4-BSMSN- BEZA	Mirsarai, Chattogram	BDT. 26.4 million or USD 220,000	15 months

PURCHASER DETAILS		
27	Name of official inviting tender	Abdullah Al Mahmud Faruk
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director (Joint Secretary)
29	Address of official inviting tender	BSMSN Development Project Bangladesh-PRIDE (P170688) Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) Biniyog Bhaban (9th Floor), E-6/B, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: +880 2-44826009 Email: pd.pride.beza@bsmsn.gov.bd Website: www.beza.gov.bd
31	The purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	