

LEVEL CROSSING

Illegal structures pose accident risk

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

Numerous illegal structures, including makeshift shops, have sprung up along the Sholoshahar-Nazirhat rail tracks in Oxygen level crossing area of Chattogram city.

These structures result in poor visibility along the rail tracks, posing risk of accidents. As such, trains have to move slowly along the tracks at the rail crossing regularly, said loco masters.

Locals alleged that the structures have been set up illegally due to lack of monitoring by the Bangladesh Railway.

At least 10 pairs of trains, including the Chittagong University shuttle, run on these tracks daily, said BR sources.

Visiting the area recently, this correspondent observed that at least 15 illegal structures, from tea stalls to parking lots, have mushroomed near the rail crossing.

"We run the train at 40 kmph speed usually. However, on the tracks near



A makeshift roadside eatery occupies a significant portion of the footpath in front of the Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital in the capital. With the eatery running its activities, including cooking, there, pedestrians face difficulties and safety concerns while walking on the footpath and are often forced to walk on the road instead. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Hilsa surge right after ban sparks controversy

Locals suspect fishers caught the fish earlier and traders kept them in cold storage

SHUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

Soon after the 22-day fishing ban on hilsa ended, a significant influx of hilsa fish appeared in local markets across the Barishal division.

However, locals suspect many of these fish were caught during the ban, a claim also hinted at by fisheries officials.

They also suspect fish traders have stored hilsa through various preservation methods, releasing them into the market immediately after the ban.

Just six hours after the restriction was lifted, at least 500 maunds of hilsa were



spotted in Barishal's Port Road wholesale market. Locals said many of these fish were discoloured and appeared frozen, indicating they may have been caught

days earlier.

Liton Majhi, a trader who brought in 10 maunds of hilsa from Bhola by trowler, remained evasive when asked how he obtained such a large quantity of fish so quickly after the ban was lifted.

During a recent visit to the Port Road, various sizes of hilsa were found on sale. Traders reported prices of around Tk 68,000 per maund for larger fish, Tk 65,000 per maund for medium-sized fish, and between Tk 26,000 and Tk 58,000 per maund for smaller hilsa, depending on weight.

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Woman beaten to death in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A 55-year-old woman was beaten to death early yesterday while cooking her meal at home in Narayanganj's Fatullah area.

The victim, Nilufa Begum, a garment worker residing in Gabtali under Fatullah Police Station, was attacked around 5:00am, police said.

Police arrested the suspect, Md Shanto, 25, hailing from Cumilla, but found no clear motive behind the attack.

Locals and police reported that Shanto, wielding a stick, attempted to break the window of Nilufa's one-storey residence. When Nilufa intervened, Shanto began beating her brutally without provocation.

Upon hearing her screams, neighbours rushed to her aid and took her to Narayanganj General Hospital, where doctors pronounced her dead, said OC Shariful Islam of Fatullah Police Station.

"This was an unprovoked incident, and we found no prior connection between the suspect and the victim," OC Shariful said.

Shanto is reportedly an employee at Central Dewanbag Sharif in Dhaka. Authorities there said Shanto is 'intellectually challenged', he said.

The deceased's son, Md Nasir, said the family did not know the suspect. Following the incident, locals detained Shanto, beat him, and handed him over to police. A murder case has been filed, and Shanto has been sent to jail.

DHAKA-CTG HIGHWAY
15 tonnes of iron scrap looted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg


Approximately 15 tonnes of iron scrap belonging to GPH Ispat Limited, a private steel re-rolling company, were stolen by a group of criminals on the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway in Sitakunda upazila early yesterday.

Law enforcers detained truck driver Belal, 30, but failed to recover the looted iron scrap so far, said police.

The robbery took place on the highway near Sitakunda's BM Container Depot area in Barawlia. Around 10 to 12 miscreants intercepted the iron laden dump-truck by placing a private car on the highway, said police, quoting GPH Ispat's adviser for logistics and security Showkat Osman.

They later drove away with the truck. The dump-truck was found without the iron scrap in Panthichila Bazar area, nearly 30km away from the crime spot, in an abandoned condition, said police.

GPH Ispat authorities filed a case with Sitakunda Police Station. The police station's OC could not be contacted for comments.



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Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Selection of Consulting Firm (National) for Conducting Feasibility Study of (i) Barishal-Khulna (ii) Kuakata-Payra-Barishal and (iii) Barishal-Jajira-Maowa-Langalbandh Gas Transmission Pipeline Projects.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH		
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Energy & Mineral Resources Division
2	Agency	Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL)
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
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6	EOI Ref No	28.14.0000.185.65.001.24.1434
7	Date	05/11/2024
KEY INFORMATION		
8	Procurement Method	Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
9	Budget and Source of Funds	Own fund of GTCL
10	Development Partners	Not Applicable
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
11	Project/Programme Code	Not Applicable
12	Project/Programme name	Consulting Firm (National) for conducting Feasibility Study of (i) Barishal-Khulna (ii) Kuakata-Payra-Barishal and (iii) Barishal-Jajira-Mawa-Langalbandh Gas Transmission Pipeline Project.
13	EOI Closing Date and Time	20/11/2024 and 12.00 Noon
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
14	Brief Description of Assignment	The major source of primary energy in Bangladesh is domestic natural gas. The demand for gas is increasing rapidly while its production is declining day by day. So, the gap between supply and demand is increasing. To minimize the gap, imported Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) through two existing FSRU is being supplied to national gas grid since 2018 and the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) has planned to install 3 rd FSRU and Land based LNG terminal to meet the current and future gas demand of the country. One plan is to setup FSRU at Payra deep sea. On the other hand, there are gas reserves in the Bhola region. To evacuate gas from the Gas fields of Bhola region and the future available Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (R-LNG) at Payra/Kuakata and to supply the same to the South-Western part of the Country including Barishal and Khulna and to the mid region of the Country four pipelines (i) Bhola-Barishal (ii) Barishal-Khulna (iii) Kuakata-Payra-Barishal and (iv) Barishal-Jajira-Mawa-Langalbandh Gas Transmission Pipeline have been envisaged. Detailed feasibility study of Bhola-Barishal Pipeline has already been conducted. So, detailed feasibility study of (i) Barishal-Khulna (ii) Kuakata-Payra-Barishal and (iii) Barishal-Jajira-Mawa-Langalbandh Gas Transmission Pipeline Projects needs to be carried out for which this REOI has been sought. After shortlisting, separate Request for Proposals (RFP's) for three pipelines will be issued to the short-listed Consulting Firms.

The REOI document will be available in the website of GTCL (www.gtcl.gov.bd). Interested Consulting Firm may download the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and "Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)" Form from GTCL website.

The applicant should have the minimum following experience:

- 10 (Ten) years overall experience in Consultancy services;
- At least 08 (Eight) years experiences with minimum 3 successful completion of conducting Feasibility Study of gas Infrastructure and/or similar other projects in utility sectors;
- Consultancy work related to feasibility of cross-country Gas transmission pipeline;
- Submit evidence of experiences, continuing capability and adequacy of resources to carry out the service effectively;
- Financial Capacity.

The Expression of Interest must comprise the followings:

- Covering letter;
- Company profile, copy of Incorporation/Registration, Trade License Certificate, Brochure summarizing the available facilities to conduct the Feasibility Study;
- Experience details as mentioned above;
- Bank solvency certificate;
- Availability of appropriate in-house skilled staffs list of relevant professional, their qualification and experience;
- Copy of Audit report (Yearly Turnover) for the last 3 (Three) years;

Only shortlisted Consulting Firms will be called to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Interested Consulting Firm will be required to submit the EOI (3 Copies) one (01) Original, two (02) copies along with soft copy in pen drive in a closed envelope marked with "Expressions of Interest for Selection of Consulting Firm (National) for Conducting Feasibility Study of (i) Barishal-Khulna (ii) Kuakata-Payra-Barishal and (iii) Barishal-Jajira-Mawa-Langalbandh Gas Transmission Pipeline Project" on all working days between 09:00 to 16:00 hrs. (BST) at Committee room, Level-3, GTCL Head Office, Plot No. F-18/A, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207 before the EOI closing date & time, 20/11/2024 and 12.00 Noon.

Any application submitted later than the specific date and time or submitted through E-mail/fax will not be allowed.

17 Association with foreign firms is : Not Applicable

18 Place of Receiving the EOI : Committee Room, Level-03 (2nd Floor), GTCL Head Office, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

19 Name of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest : Monshof Ali

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23 The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all EOI.

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