



With the ban on catching hilsa lifted, fishermen are now spending busy days mending nets and preparing for journeys to the sea. The photo was taken in the port city's Fishery Ghat area yesterday. PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

Winter to get chillier this year

At least two or three severe cold waves on the cards, says BMD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country may experience eight to 10 mild to moderate cold waves during the upcoming winter season, an official of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) said yesterday.

Two to three of those waves could turn into severe cold waves, with temperatures likely to drop as low as 4 degree Celsius, in the northwestern, northeastern, and central regions, BMD said in its three-month weather outlook for November 2024 to January 2025 released on Wednesday.

According to BMD, a mild cold wave means 8-10 degree Celsius, moderate 6-8 degree Celsius, and severe 4-6 degree Celsius.



FILE PHOTO: STAR

Cold spells during winter in Bangladesh have gotten more intense in recent years.

However, BMD meteorologist Shaheenul Islam said a cold wave in November is unlikely.

The cold waves are likely to sweep through the country in December and January, he told this newspaper over the phone.

As per the weather outlook, during the forecast period, moderate to dense fog may occur in the country's northern, northwestern, central regions, and river basins from late night to morning, while other areas may experience light to moderate fog.

Due to the dense fog, the temperature difference between day and night may reduce, which could mean that this winter will be colder, it said.

BMD also predicts two to five low-pressure systems in the Bay of Bengal throughout the period, with one or two potentially developing into depressions or cyclones.

Overall, there is a possibility of normal rainfall in the country, it said.

Initiative to restore govt ponds starts

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The Patuakhali District Administration has launched a cleaning drive to restore government ponds that have become victims of encroachment and pollution over the years.

This initiative is being carried out in collaboration with BD Clean Patuakhali, the Youth Society, and Patuakhali Municipality.

The campaign began yesterday morning with the cleaning of a pond adjacent to the TB clinic. Locals said the pond had been filled with garbage for a long time, posing risks of dengue and water contamination.

Deputy Commissioner Abu Hasanat Mohammad Arefin emphasised the importance of sustaining ponds and reservoirs to protect the environmental balance. "There is no alternative to preserving these water bodies," he said. "This initiative aims to keep the pond water clean and accessible for everyone."

He said such efforts will continue.

PRAYER TIMING	
NOVEMBER 10	
Fazr	Asr
5:00	3:45
5:22	7:00
JAMAAT	5:35
1:15	4:00
5:25	7:30
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION	

AMTALI-TALTALI HIGHWAY Costly repairs, short-lived results



SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

The 40-kilometre regional road connecting Amtali, Taltali, and Fakirhat in Barguna has fallen into disrepair just 11 months after an extensive repair project, causing significant hardship for over 100,000 residents in Amtali and Taltali upazilas.

The road, previously carpeted, is now filled with potholes and uneven surfaces, making travel difficult, especially during the rainy season when water fills these pits, rendering sections nearly impassable.

In October 2021, the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) awarded a Tk 8.43 crore contract to contractor Md Sagir Hossain to repair 8.4 kilometres of the road in three phases.

By late 2022, two of these segments had been completed, with the final stretch between Tarikata and Kachupatra finished in December last year.

However, locals have alleged that Hossain, who was involved in Awami League politics, used substandard materials, ignoring the specified requirements and leading to the road's

premature deterioration.

"Shortly after repairs, the road began deteriorating, forming numerous potholes," said driver Md Shah Alam Talukder.

Local Motaleb Mia from Tarikata area said poor-quality work has left the road in an unusable state within less than a year, significantly impacting daily travel for people and vehicles in Amtali-Taltali upazilas.

A recent inspection confirmed the poor condition of the road, with large potholes appearing every 50 metres.

Contractor Sagir Hossain claimed that heavy vehicles exceeding the road's load capacity have contributed to the damage. He acknowledged receiving renovation requests from LGED but has yet to initiate repairs. Amtali Upazila LGED Engineer Md Idris Ali said multiple letters have been sent to Hossain urging action, though he has yet to respond. As a result, his security deposit has been withheld.

Barguna LGED Executive Engineer Mehadi Hasan Khan said further action will be taken against the contractor for failing to meet the project standards.

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Procurement Division
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No. 13.01.0000.093.46.005.24-368

Date: 07/11/2024

International Tender Notice To Import Milling Wheat (Package-03, FY: 2024-2025)

International tenders in sealed cover are invited from bonafide traders to supply 50,000 (Fifty thousand) (+5%) Metric Ton of Milling Wheat. The particulars and terms & conditions are given below:

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	
1	Ministry/Division : Ministry of Food
2	Agency : Not applicable
3	Procuring entity name : Director, Procurement
4	Procuring entity code : Not applicable
5	Procuring entity district : Dhaka
6	Invitation for : Procurement of 50,000 MT (+5%) Milling Wheat
7	Invitation Ref. No. and date : 13.01.0000.093.46.005.24-368 date: 07/11/2024

KEY INFORMATION	
8	Procuring method : International Open Tender Method

FUNDING INFORMATION	
9	Budget and source of fund : GoB
10	Development partners : Not applicable

PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
11	Project/programme / code : Not applicable
12	Project/programme name : Not applicable
13	Package No. : Package-03
14	Package name : Procurement of 50,000 MT (+5%) Milling Wheat
15	Notice publication date : 10/11/2024
16	Document selling date : 10/11/2024 to 24/11/2024 Time 4:30pm (BST)
17	Closing date and time of submission of tender : 25/11/2024, Up to 1:00pm (BST)
18	Tender opening date and time : 25/11/2024, Time: 2:30pm (BST)
19	Name and address of the office(s)

Selling tender documents	Office of the Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
Receiving place of tender	1) Office of the Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. 2) Office of the Joint Secretary, Room No. 114 (1st Floor), Building No. 04, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
Opening place of tender	Office of the Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
20	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional) : Not applicable

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
21	Eligibility of tenderer : Necessary papers to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the tender document.
22	Brief description of goods or works : 50,000 (+5%) (Fifty thousand) MT. of Milling Wheat at Chattogram (60%) and Mongla (40%) port on CIF Liner Out term. Cost of the Cargo, Insurance and Freight including Stevedoring, Overside Handling and Lightering are on seller's account. Single price per MT is to be quoted in US\$.
23	Brief description of related services : Not applicable
24	(i) Price of tender document (Tk.) : Tk 5,000 (five thousand) or USD 100 (One hundred) non-refundable by Pay Order/Bank Draft drawn in favour of Director General, Directorate General of Food. (ii) Mode of payment : Through Letter of Credit (L/C). (iii) Crop year : 2024 or latest (iv) Tender validity : Up to BST 17:00pm, 09/12/2024

25. Quality & Specification:				
A)		Quality Parameters	Specification	Rejection
i)	Test weight (minimum)	76 Kg/hl		below 76 Kg/hl
ii)	Damaged kernels (maximum)	3%		above 3%
iii)	Foreign material (maximum)	0.7%		above 0.7%
iv)	Shrunken & broken kernels (maximum)	4%		above 4%
v)	Wheat of other classes	4% (including maximum 2% contrasting classes)		above 4% (including maximum 2% contrasting classes)
vi)	Protein content (minimum)	11.5% (at Dry Matter Basis)		below 11.5% (at Dry Matter Basis)
vii)	Moisture content (maximum)	13.5%		above 13.5%
viii)	Dockage (maximum)	1% (All dockage shall be deductible from the value)		above 1%
ix)	Radioactivity (maximum)	50 Bq /Kg of ¹³⁷ Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC & South-East Asian Countries.)		above 50 Bq /Kg of ¹³⁷ Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC & South-East Asian Countries.)

B) Organoleptic properties: Bright, clear appearance, natural smell and color					
Pack No.	Identification of Shipment	Country of origin	Location	Tender security amount (US\$.)	Shipment period
03	50,000 MT (+5%) Milling Wheat on CIF Liner out term	Any country of the world except Israel	Chattogram Port -60% and Mongla Port-40%	US\$ 3,00,000 in favour of Director General of Food for 50,000 MT Milling Wheat (+5%) in the form of a Bank Draft/Pay-Order. (No Bank Guarantee is allowed)	40 (forty) days from the date of opening of the L/C.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
26	Name of official inviting tender : Md. Moniruzzaman
27	Designation of official inviting tender : Director (Procurement)
28	Address of official inviting tender : Office of the Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
29	Contact details of official inviting tender : Phone: +88-02-41050178 E-mail: dproc@dgfood.gov.bd

30	(i) Incomplete, conditional tender and alternate offer shall not be considered. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason. (ii) Tenderer who has been awarded two NOAs (Notification of Award) awaiting signing the contract or has signed two contracts but shipment under any of the contracts has not yet set sailed for destination, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender; (iii) Tenderer who had been awarded NOAs (Notification of Award) earlier but could not execute contract by submitting PG (Performance Guarantee) on time, shall not be eligible to participate in the next two tenders; (iv) Tenderer whose bid-bonds had been forfeited twice for not submitting PG or signing contract on time, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from the bid-bonds so forfeited is deposited to the Government treasury or not; (v) Tenderer whose whole PG (Performance Guarantee) had been forfeited for non-supply of the contracted quantity, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from PG so forfeited is deposited to the Government treasury or not.
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RPCL Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Limited (RPGCL) (A Company of Petrobangla) Invitation for Enlistment

1	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Energy and Mineral Resources Division
2	Agency	Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Limited (RPGCL)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla)
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
5	Invitation for	The application for enlistment as a potential LNG supplier to supply LNG on spot basis.
6	Invitation Ref. No	28.19.2249.701.51.010.22/462
7	Date:	10 November 2024

KEY INFORMATION	
6	Procurement Method : International RFQ

FUNDING INFORMATION	
7	Source of Fund : Government of Bangladesh - GoB (Own Source)

PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
8	Application Closing Date, Time : 1 December 2024, 12:30pm,
9	Name & Address of the Office
-Application form Availability	Place: LNG Division (2nd floor), RPGCL Bhaban, Plot # 27, New Airport Road, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh. or from the web-site www.rpgcl.org.bd .
-Submission Place	Applicant have to submit their application by physically or by courier. The applicant may submit their application through email (md.lng@rpgcl.org.bd , mukitche@rpgcl.org.bd , ripon.che@rpgcl.org.bd) also but in that case the applicant have to submit the hard copy of the application through courier or physically. Submission Address (for physical or courier): Place: LNG Division (2nd floor), RPGCL Bhaban, Plot # 27, New Airport Road, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT	
10	Brief Description of the Project/ Assignment : Supply of Lean LNG as per specification (e.g., methane molecular composition not less than 91% etc.) mentioned in Master LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (MSPA) on Delivery Ex-Ship basis to LNG Receiving Terminals of Petrobangla in Bangladesh.
11	Eligibility for LNG Supplier : Have to comply with the minimum criteria mentioned on the Standard Application form for Enlistment for procurement of LNG.
12	Other Details (if Applicable) : Enlisted LNG suppliers will be notified and provided with draft Master LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (MSPA) and any other documents (if required) by email.
13	LNG Supplier's Composition : The interested LNG Suppliers may either be a single or Joint Venture (JV) of more than one firms or as a consortium.
14	Application Fees : 500.00 USD or 60,000.00 BDT
15	Enlistment Fees : 42.00 USD or 5,000.00 BDT
16	Bank Details : A/C Name: Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Limited A/C No.: 4716-01-0000120 Bank Name & Branch: Basic Bank Limited, Banani Branch Routing No.: 055260437 Swift: BKSIBDDH022

PROCURING AGENCY DETAILS	
17	Name of Official Inviting Application : Engr. Md. Rafiqul Islam
18	Designation of Official Inviting Application : Managing Director
19	Address of Official Inviting the Application : Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Limited (RPGCL), RPGCL Bhaban, Plot # 27, New Airport Road, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh.
20	Contact details of Official Inviting the Application : Tel: 88 (02) 8900142 Fax: 88 (02) 8923948 E-mail: md.lng@rpgcl.org.bd ;
21	Other Contacts : gmlng@rpgcl.org.bd ; mukitche@rpgcl.org.bd , ripon.che@rpgcl.org.bd
22	The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications without assigning any reason. N.B. Those who are already enlisted must apply for enlistment, after completion of the new enlistment process the previous enlistment will be automatically null and void.

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