

## Aviation officials slam

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He questioned how the Tk 7,000 crore third terminal project escalated to Tk 22,000 crore in just a few years, eventually reaching Tk 25,000 crore, insinuating possible corruption.

"The second terminal of Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru came into full operation in 2022 at a cost of only Tk 7,000 crore and the area of this terminal is three times bigger than the HSA third terminal," he said.

He also stressed the need for the construction of a second runway to tap into the prospect of the third terminal.

In response to dissatisfaction, Civil Aviation Adviser AF Hassan Arif said the government is evaluating Biman's capacity for ground handling.

He said the ministry will sit with all stakeholders to hear their concerns about appointing Biman as the ground handling service provider and will work accordingly.

Arif also noted that the third terminal is expected

to become operational within a year.

Arif emphasised that measures are being taken to address customer complaints about ticketing and service quality, ensuring accountability through transparent oversight.

Aviation expert and former Biman board member Kazi Wahidul Alam also lambasted Biman and Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh for their failure in ensuring quality services at HSA.

Air Vice Marshal Monjur Kabir Bhuiyan, chairman, CAAB, reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing airport facilities.

ATJFB President Tanzim Anwar; Imran Asif, CEO of Air Astra; Air Commodore Abu Sayeed Mehboob Khan, member (Operations and Planning), CAAB; Group Captain Kamrul Islam, executive director, HSA; Suhed Ahmed Chowdhury, cargo manager, Qatar Airways and KM Mozibul Hoque, chairman, Shah Group, also spoke among others.

## A political

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Speakers also emphasised the need for recognition of indigenous rights and greater political consensus.

Bazlur Rashid Firoz, general secretary of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal, said, "The CHT crisis requires political solutions. The interim government must include the accord's implementation in its reform plans."

Saiful Haque, general secretary of Biplobi Workers' Party, called for a high-powered reform commission to evaluate unimplemented provisions. "Demographic changes in the region will not resolve the crisis," he said.

The discussion was presided over by Dhaka University Prof Khairul Islam Chowdhury, a joint coordinator of the movement, and moderated by Dipayan Khisa, central committee member of the PCJSS.

Mein Thain Promila, treasurer of the Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum, also spoke at the event.

## Frustration high in the hills

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**KS Mong:** So-called regional political parties that did not emerge from genuine aspirations of the people but were formed by vested quarters for particular objectives should not exist once the peace accord is fully implemented.

When the accord was signed, all hill communities unitedly supported it. Not only the hill people but also progressive and democratic-minded individuals across the country backed its full implementation. Therefore, we are indeed united. The question of why the hill communities cannot remain united is irrelevant in this context.

**TDS:** The current government is promising reforms in different areas. However, the hill people have expressed concerns that their representation was not ensured in the reform commissions. How do the hill communities perceive this issue?

**KS Mong:** The indigenous communities of CHT have consistently advocated for an inclusive Bangladesh. We have neither talked about separatism nor demanded it. After the uprising, the government pledged reforms and promised a "new Bangladesh." This is seen as a positive step by the hill people.

The hill communities believe that if their representation and inclusion in all spheres are ensured, they will benefit from this new vision. Since there is still time, we hope the government will avoid repeating past mistakes.

**TDS:** It has been nearly 27 years since the peace accord

was signed, yet the hill population claims that its core issues – rehabilitation of repatriated and internally displaced indigenous people, demilitarisation, activation of regional and district councils, and operationalisation of the land commission – remain unaddressed. Why?

**KS Mong:** Beyond the issues you mentioned, several other critical matters remain unresolved. For example, the transfer of administration and law enforcement to the district councils and the regional council, as stipulated in the accord, has not been implemented.

The three district councils in the CHT were established to ensure self-governance and preserve the indigenous population's unique characteristics and identity. However, the necessary amendments to relative laws to enhance their authority have not been made.

Additionally, a local police force has not been established. Police from outside the CHT cannot fully understand the region's distinctiveness. A set of regulations defining the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders needs to be finalised to operationalise the land commission. But this has yet to happen.

Elections for the three district councils and the regional council require a voter list comprising permanent residents of CHT. Without this, the elections cannot take place.

**TDS:** The Land Commission was formed in 2001 in line with the accord, yet it hasn't resolved a

single land-related dispute. Why?

**KS Mong:** A regulation outlining its operational framework must be formulated to make the commission effective. This has not been done.

After the current government came to power, we met with advisers for law, land, and CHT affairs. Both the law and CHT advisers agreed that the CHT Affairs ministry should take the initiative to draft these regulations. This is a positive step.

**TDS:** What immediate steps should the interim government take to fully implement the accord?

**KS Mong:** Apart from the above-mentioned issues, the Land Commission and the CHT Accord Implementation and Monitoring Committee must be restructured. Additionally, the advisory committee under the Ministry of CHT Affairs should be reconstituted.

Furthermore, the government must take swift action to rebuild trust among the hill people.



## DEMOCRATIC REFORMS UNDP, Switzerland embassy sign deal

STAR REPORT

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Embassy of Switzerland in Bangladesh have signed an agreement at the Embassy of Switzerland in Dhaka in support of the Democratic Reforms through Inclusive Participation in Bangladesh (DRIP) project.

The DRIP project will be implemented jointly by UNDP and UN Women to promote inclusive governance by supporting the participation of women, youth, and other socially excluded groups in political decision-making processes. This initiative is part of UNDP's ongoing Strengthening Institutions, Policies, and Services (SIPS) programme, which aims to create a more inclusive and responsive governance framework in Bangladesh.

Stefan Liller, Resident Representative of UNDP Bangladesh and Corinne Henchoz Pignani, Chargé d'affaires a.i, Embassy of Switzerland in Bangladesh, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations, in the presence of Gitanjali Singh, Representative, UN Women on December 1.

## Request for Proposal (RFP)



International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka invites applications from interested firms for developing e-Learning platform and courses for DIFE and NOSHTRI.

The Terms of Reference (ToR) can be downloaded from the **United Nations Global Market Place (UNGMP)** at <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/254619>.

The deadline for submission of proposal is **Monday, December 30, 2024, by 04:30 PM (BST time)**.

## Rajshahi City Corporation Engineering Department Nagar Bhaban, Rajshahi.

Memo No. 46.12.5081.006.07.02.18.648

Date: 27.11.2024

### e-Tender Notice (IFT-03/2024-25)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works:

S.L. No.	Tender ID	Reference No	Name of Works	Tender Document last selling Time and Date
1.	1042492	46.12.5081.006.07.02.18.649	Maintenance Works of 2 Nos. Movi Lift at Nagar Bhaban.	12:30 PM on 12-Dec-2024

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 System 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 Banks branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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## দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ সেনাবাহিনীর জন্য মিলিটারি ফার্ম কুমিল্লায় প্রাপি শেডের ৯৫০ ফুট দৈর্ঘ্য X ১৫ ফুট প্রস্থ বিশিষ্ট রাস্তা আরসিসি দ্বারা পাকাকরণ

সংস্থার নাম	: মিলিটারি ফার্ম কুমিল্লা, কুমিল্লা পুরাতন বিমানবন্দর, কুমিল্লা।
দরপত্র আহবানকারীর নাম, পদবী ও ঠিকানা	: অধিনায়ক, মিলিটারি ফার্ম কুমিল্লা, কুমিল্লা বিমানবন্দর, কুমিল্লা।
প্রকল্প কাজের নাম	: মিলিটারি ফার্ম কুমিল্লায় প্রাপি শেডের ৯৫০ ফুট দৈর্ঘ্য X ১৫ ফুট প্রস্থ বিশিষ্ট রাস্তা আরসিসি দ্বারা পাকাকরণ।
সরঞ্জামাদি	: মিলিটারি ফার্ম কুমিল্লায় প্রাপি শেডের ৯৫০ ফুট দৈর্ঘ্য X ১৫ ফুট প্রস্থ বিশিষ্ট রাস্তা আরসিসি দ্বারা পাকাকরণ (বিভিন্ন সিডিউল অনুযায়ী)।
আহবানের সূত্র	: সেনাসদর, কিটএমজিএ শাখা, আরবিএডএফ পরিদপ্তর পত্র নং ২০.০১.৯০১.০৬২.০১, ০২৯.০৬.২১.১১.২৪ তারিখ ২১ নভেম্বর ২০২৪।
সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	: উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
বাজেট ও অর্ধের উৎস	: বাংলাদেশ সরকার।
দরপত্র প্রাপ্তির তারিখ ও স্থান	: ১৭ ডিসেম্বর ২০২৪ হতে ২৯ ডিসেম্বর ২০২৪ তারিখ পর্যন্ত মিলিটারি ফার্ম কুমিল্লা, পুরাতন বিমান বন্দর, কুমিল্লায় অফিস চলাকালীন (০৯০০-১৪০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত) সময়ে।
দরপত্র জমার তারিখ ও স্থান	: ১৭ ডিসেম্বর ২০২৪ হতে ২৯ ডিসেম্বর ২০২৪ তারিখ ০৯০০ ঘটিকা হতে ১৪০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত মিলিটারি ফার্ম কুমিল্লায় রফিক টেন্ডার বক্সে জমা করা যাবে।
দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ	: ০৫ জানুয়ারি ২০২৫ তারিখ ১২০০ ঘটিকা।
দরপত্র দাতাদের যোগাযোগ	: সার্ভিস নির্মাণ কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠানকে অগ্রাধিকার প্রদান করা হবে। মান সম্মত কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা ও প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক বিন্যাস পর সিডিউল ক্রমের সময় প্রদর্শন করতে হবে। দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানকে অবশ্যই বাংলাদেশ সরকারের প্রথম শ্রেণীর তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদার প্রতিষ্ঠান হতে হবে।
দরপত্র সিডিউল মূল্য	: ১,০০০.০০ (টাকা এক হাজার) প্রতিটি।
শর্তাবলী	: ক। অধিনায়ক, মিলিটারি ফার্ম কুমিল্লা বরাবরে প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিজস্ব গেটার হেড প্যাডে লিখিত আবেদনের মাধ্যমে সিডিউলের শর্ত মোতাবেক দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। খ। দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, জাট নিবন্ধন সনদ, ডিআইএন সহ হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধ সনদ, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সনদ ও কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি দাখিল করতে হবে। গ। দরপত্র খোলার নির্দিষ্ট তারিখে কোন কারণে দরপত্র খোলা সম্ভব না হলে তা পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে নির্দিষ্ট সময়ে খোলা হবে। ঘ। দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য এবং বিবি মোতাবেক দরপত্র জামানত যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংকের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে অধিনায়ক, মিলিটারি ফার্ম কুমিল্লায় অনুমোদন প্রদান করতে হবে। ঙ। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়া যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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অধিনায়ক  
মিলিটারি ফার্ম কুমিল্লা

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## Shot, July heroes

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earning Tk 35,000 to Tk 40,000 a month, Shaon is now overwhelmed by financial hardships.

"I haven't paid rent in four months. The landlord is pressuring me, and I've sold my bed, fridge, and TV just to get by," he said.

"Hospitals are providing free treatment, but I can't sleep at night worrying about how I'll support my family."

The Health Central Sub-Committee reported that 685 people sustained serious eye injuries during the protests, with 92 losing sight in both eyes permanently.

Among them is 15-year-old Fahad Hossain, a ninth-grader from Badda who was hit by pellets on July 18.

The pellets remain lodged in his left eye and head, causing persistent headaches and sleepless nights. Despite that, Fahad remains steadfast in his dreams of achieving a peaceful Bangladesh.

"I dream of a peaceful Bangladesh, free from violence and political conflict," Fahad said. **LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS** Abdul Hamid, professor at the Institute of Health Economics at Dhaka University, highlighted the devastating financial impact of such disabilities.

"Many of those injured were sole breadwinners. They now face a lifetime of financial struggles, often relying on loans for treatment. This creates a vicious cycle of poverty," he said.

While some injured

individuals are receiving artificial limbs, Abdul Hamid stressed that comprehensive rehabilitation is essential.

He called on the government to take responsibility for those disabled in the July movement.

"Those who have lost limbs should receive training tailored to their interests and skills, enabling them to return to the workforce. Similarly, individuals with vision loss require specialised training," he said.

**A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE** The challenges faced by the victims resonate with this year's International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which is set to be observed today.

The theme, "Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future," highlights the importance of promoting the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities across all aspects of life. According to the World Health Organisation, around 1.3 billion people globally – 16 percent of the population – experience significant disability, a figure expected to rise due to ageing populations and non-communicable diseases.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
**DECEMBER 3**  
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 5-15 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00  
JAMAAT 5-50 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30  
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## USAID | BANGLADESH Position Vacancy Announcement

Position: Human Resources Specialist, FSN-09

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bangladesh is seeking applications from qualified Bangladeshi nationals for the position of **Human Resources Specialist, FSN-09** in the Executive Office Location: USAID/Bangladesh, Deadline for application submission: December 15, 2024; 04:30PM.

For a complete job description, required qualifications and detailed information on how to apply please visit USAID/Bangladesh website: <http://www.usaid.gov/bangladesh/work-with-us/careers> and [www.bdjobs.com](http://www.bdjobs.com)

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## 67 Chikungunya

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Addressing the growing concerns about Chikungunya and Zika virus infections in the country, he said, "There is no significant cause for alarm regarding Zika and Chikungunya. About 90 percent of Zika virus-infected individuals show no symptoms, and the mortality rate is zero. However, we must remain vigilant."

Other children, like little Salman, Arko, Nizam, Paban, Moyukh, and their parents, echoed Monisha and her mother. Amzad received a silver medal in the 1984 national swimming competition and gold at 2005 national cycling competition. He is a recipient of the prestigious Jatiya Shuddhachar Puroshkar in 2022. He has also coached inmates, earning accolades for Bangladesh Jail in national and international competitions. Before Barguna, he conducted similar training sessions in Rangpur, Rajshahi, Narail, Kashimpur and Dhaka.

## A jail super's mission

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## Annulment Notice

No. 03.07.0000.056.029.075.22-1513

Date: 02 December 2024

It is notified to all concerned that the Invitation for Tender of floated vide office memo no: 03.07.0000.056.029.075.22-1354, dated 30.10.2024, Package no.: WD-4-BSMSN-BEZA for 'Power Network' has been annulled due to unavoidable circumstances.

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INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF GAS PIPE LINE MATERIALS.  
Date of Issuance of IFT: 02/12/2024.

1. Ministry / Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources / Energy & Mineral Resources Division.					
2. Agency / Procuring Entity	Petrobangla / Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution PLC.					
3. Invitation for	i) Procurement of Diaphragm Meter. ii) Procurement of Master Meter for Manual Testing Bench. iii) Procurement of Turbine Meter with EVC. iv) Procurement of Butt Welding Fittings.					
4. Invitation Ref. No. and date	As Listed below.					
5. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method: For IFT (i): An Open Tendering Method (OTM) will be followed under which the tenderer shall submit both Technical and Financial Proposal together in a single sealed envelope. For IFT (ii), (iii), and (iv): One Stage Two Envelope Method (OSTEM) will be followed under which the tenderer shall submit two separate sealed envelopes, one for the Technical Proposal and other for the Financial Proposal, all together in a single sealed envelope.					
6. Source of Fund	Under Cash Foreign Exchange (Company's Own Fund).					
7. Tender Selling Date	Tender Document will be sold from 10 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. on every working day up to the preceding date of opening of respective IFT.					
8. Tender Closing Date & Time	At 11.30 A.M. on the date as listed below.					
9. Tender Opening Date & Time	At 12.15 P.M. on the date as listed below.					
10. Name & Address of the Office(s) for:						
a) Selling of Tender Document:	Tender Document will be available from 09/12/2024 on payment of price (non refundable) as per list below from following offices: i) Accounts Department, Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution PLC, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. ii) Accounts Department, Petrobangla, Petro Center, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. iii) Accounts Department, BAPEX, Bapex Bhaban (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor), 4, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.					
b) Receiving of Tender:	i) Purchase Department (12 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution PLC, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. ii) Purchase Department, Petrobangla, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. iii) Office of Company Secretary, BAPEX, Bapex Bhaban (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor), 4, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.					
11. Eligibility of Tenderer	All bonafide manufacturers/suppliers. Local suppliers who are not manufacturer are not eligible.					
12. List						
SL. No.	IFT No.	Short description of Materials.	Tender Security Amount (BDT or equivalent foreign currency)	Delivery Time	Price of tender document.	Tender Closing /Opening Date
(1)	PD.2312/404-MECD/DM	Diaphragm Meter.	Tk. 40,000.00	90 days	US\$ 25.00 or Tk.3,000.00	January 21, 2025
(2)	PD.2312/404-MECD/MM	Master Meter for Manual Testing Bench.	Tk. 6,00,000.00	90 days	US\$ 59.00 or Tk. 7,000.00	January 22, 2025
(1)	PD.2312/404-MECD/TM	Turbine Meter with EVC.	Tk. 45,00,000.00	90 days	US\$ 125.00 or Tk. 15,000.00	January 27, 2025
(2)	PD.2312/404-MECD/FT	Butt Welding Fittings.	Tk. 4,00,000.00	90 days	US\$ 59.00 or Tk. 7,000.00	January 27, 2025

13. a) Should the submission date of tenders happen to fall on holiday, tenders shall be received and opened at the same time and place on the first subsequent working day.  
b) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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