

Postgrad doctors

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our protest, we met with officials from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Additionally, the BSMU Vice Chancellor has assured us that our demands will be met soon. Therefore, we are giving an ultimatum until 5:00pm Thursday for the allowance increase and are withdrawing today's (yesterday) protest. However, our work abatement will continue during this period."

Around 5:00pm, Sarjis Alam, coordinator of Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, arrived at Shahbagh. Speaking to the protesters, he said, "We fully support the demands of the postgraduate doctors. This movement is entirely justified."

"If no announcement is made by Thursday 5:00pm, we will join the doctors on the streets," he

added.
Mamsad Shanjary Khan, a student of the 47th batch of the MPH course at the National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM), said, "Our families can't survive on a salary of Tk 25,000. We demand that the allowance be increased to Tk 50,000. Even before the anti discrimination movement, we have been struggling for this raise. In this new Bangladesh, we no longer want a place for discrimination. We will not leave the streets until our demands are met."

DMJS General Secretary Md Nurun Nabi said, "We have been forced to take to the streets. The authorities are asking for more time. How much more time should we give? We have been waiting for the past two years. The allowance was supposed to be increased last January."

One-day state

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Govt to crack down on offenders

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action to safeguard the environment, including the installation of warning signboards on hills, increased patrols, and official directives to hill owners to prevent illegal hill cutting.
"Strict legal actions will be taken against those who violate environmental laws," she warned, reiterating the government's zero-tolerance stance on such offences.

The adviser also announced plans to create a list of polythene manufacturers to facilitate legal action.
She stressed the importance of mandatory barcodes on packaging and urged for mobile court operations in markets and supermarkets.
Chattoogram City Corporation Mayor Dr Shahadat Hossain, Environment Secretary Dr Farhina Ahmed, Local Government Division

Secretary Md Nazrul Islam, and officials from the Chattoogram Development Authority also addressed the meeting.
The speakers underscored the need for stricter law enforcement and increased public awareness to combat environmental degradation. Representatives from government and NGOs, environmental groups, and the media virtually participated in the discussion.

Strengthen security

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or the collaborators of Awami Fascist of the previous regime in the "secret killings and attacks" on students.
Students across the country are suffering from insecurity due to recent "secret killings and attacks," they said.
The committee should be formed within 48 hours, and the report should be published within seven working days, they added.
They also demanded that each police station should have at least five patrol vehicles 24/7, which will continue patrolling. Special surveillance should be kept around educational institutions, they said.
The third demand reads that a platoon or team with at least four members of non-lethal weapons should be deployed at important junctions in each ward area, and they will be in charge of guarding that particular area. The team should get an allowance from the government.

Finally, they demanded that a task force be formed under the Home Ministry to eliminate all BCL leaders and activists, and their associates who are active online and in the field.
All the intelligence agencies of the state will have to play an active role to accelerate the activities of this task force.
It is also mentioned in the memorandum that these demands should be accepted within 48 hours and necessary steps need to be taken.
Meanwhile, Inquilab Mancha, a non-political cultural organisation comprising former and current students of Dhaka University, staged a sit-in outside the residence of the chief justice yesterday.
They staged the sit-in to press for their three-point demand, including ensuring the safety of protesters and activists of the July uprising.
A group of leaders and activists from Inquilab Mancha gathered in front

of the National Museum in Dhaka's Shahbagh area and held a brief rally around noon. Afterwards, they brought out a protest procession that marched towards Kakrail Mosque and Matsya Bhaban.
Police intervened as the protesters attempted to proceed to the chief justice's residence.
Despite police obstruction, the protesters staged a sit-in on a one-way road in front of the CJ residence, vowing not to leave until their memorandum is accepted.
Sharif Osman Bin Hadi, spokesperson for Inquilab Mancha, placed their demands, which include prompt cancellation of the registration of Awami League, saving patriotic students and citizens from the "secret killings" carried out by AL, and arrest of all criminals in the AL committees from the central level to the union level and to ensure complete security for those who participated in the July uprising.

Partisanship, merit devaluation

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universities are essential, he said, adding, "We can work to enhance the quality of education by involving Bangladeshis who are part of these institutions."
He also said partisanship among teachers is one side of the coin, while the devaluation of merit is the other.

and violent politics have harmed institutions, particularly higher education ones, he said.
He also said if the goal of higher education is to truly shape students into human beings, then there is no difference between public and private institutions.
Daffodil International University VC M Lutfar Rahman pointed out that many teachers fail to conduct classes properly, which must be addressed.
Prof Abdur Rob, VC of International University of Business Agriculture and Technology, said insufficient funding and lack of interest among teachers hinder research.
For world-class research, teachers need adequate time, training, and financial support, he added.
United International University VC Abul Kashem Mia said strengthening primary and secondary

education is crucial for improving higher education quality.
PhD and postgraduate opportunities should depend on a university's quality rather than its public or private status, he said.
North South University VC Prof Abdul Hannan Chowdhury noted that government control over both public and private institutions has stagnated educational culture.
UGC research funding should be awarded based on merit, regardless of a university's status, he added.
The panel included JUV Prof Mohammad Kamrul Ahsan, UGC member Prof Mohammad Tanzimuddin Khan, Umama Fatema, spokesperson of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, and Ishrak Abedin, secretary general of the Bangladesh Private University Association, among others.

TENDER NOTICE FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF SUPPLIES, WORKS AND SERVICES UNDER FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

ITB Ref. No. icddr,b/SCM/OTM/2024/10-17 Date: December 23, 2024

Sealed bids are invited from reputed firms having at least 3 years work experience in the relevant field with large organizations like UN agencies, diplomatic missions, international organizations, Large Corporate Office, Hospitals etc. for the following categories under Framework Agreement:

Serial No	Name of Category	Pre-Bid Meeting Schedule
I	Supply of Office, Stationery and Hospital Materials	Tuesday, January 7, 2025 11:00am - 12:00pm
II	Supply of Building Materials	
III	Supply of Electrical Materials	
IV	Supply of Printing Materials	
V	Supply of Toner Cartridges, Printers, Scanners, IT Accessories, TAB, Mobile, Photocopier Toners, Offline UPS and UPS Batteries	Wednesday, January 8, 2025 11:00am - 12:00pm
VI	Supply of Tyres, Tubes and Batteries for Vehicles	
VII	Supply, Testing, Commissioning and Installation of different types of Air-Conditioners	
VIII	Hiring of Labour for Civil Works with Supply of Materials and Services	

Interested bidders may download Bid Documents from icddr,b website, link: <https://www.icddr.org/work-with-us/tender-notices>. Bid document will be available from December 23, 2024 to January 16, 2025. Bidders must submit bid document with a Pay Order amounting BDT 2,000 (Taka two thousand only) as price of Bid Document (non-refundable) in favour of "icddr,b". Without pay order bid will be considered as non-responsive.

Bid should be dropped into the "Tender Box" kept in Supply Chain Management Office, Ground Floor of Chiller Building, Mohakhali, Dhaka up to 03:30pm on January 19, 2025. Bid will be opened by the Sourcing Evaluation Committee members (non-publicly) following icddr,b policy and procedures.

Online / in-person Pre-Bid meeting will be held as per above schedule. Microsoft Teams joining info Video call link: [Join the meeting now, Meeting ID: 444 794 435 455, Passcode: 6wf6Kc3J](https://www.icddr.org/work-with-us/tender-notices). You can share any queries relating to the Bid process and other issues to the email tenderquery@icddr.org which will be discussed in the pre-bid session.

The icddr,b Management reserves the right to accept or reject part/whole of any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. This tender notice will also form a part of the contract and will be binding upon the bidder.

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Extension # 4405/4406/4400

Farmers reap benefits

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60 in Galachipa, 45 in Sadar upazila, 40 in Dashmina, 30 each in Kalapara and Dumki, 22 in Rangabali, and 20 in Mirzaganj.
Farmers participating in these demonstration plots were given 1kg of mustard seeds for free. Additionally, 1,500 other farmers received 1kg of seeds and fertiliser at no cost.
He said with this system, it is possible to produce 700kg of mustard per acre, with a market value of approximately Tk 50,000 (Tk 70 per kg).
As mustard is an additional crop, farmers are showing significant interest in adopting the relay system.
He also said the district has set a target of cultivating mustard on 490 hectares of land this year.
Due to the rising price of edible oil in the market, farmers are increasingly interested in mustard cultivation. Mustard was grown on 478 hectares last year and 352 hectares in 2022.
Majnu Pyada from Gachani village in Dashmina cultivated mustard using the relay system on one acre of land last week.

He said, "Every year, I till the land and sow mustard, which requires irrigation later. It costs at least 5,000 taka per acre. But with the relay system, I have no expenses -- it's all profit."
Another farmer from the village, Sadek Matbar, said after harvesting Aman, the land is typically left fallow to dry for a few days.
By cultivating mustard, however, an additional crop is obtained on the same land, which helps farmers financially, he added.
"By growing mustard, I can meet my family's edible oil need for the entire year. I no longer need to buy oil from the market. That's why many farmers are now turning to mustard cultivation," he added.

AL won't be

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Committee organisers, including Alamgir Nayan and Ariful Islam, as well as district, metropolitan, and divisional leaders of the platform.
Akhtar stated that the Awami League has made no effort to free itself from the genocide, crimes against humanity, and grievous actions the party has committed.
"The Chhatra League terrorists continue to threaten our comrades and have been involved in murders across the country. They have not been held accountable yet," he remarked.
He warned that if the Awami League attempts to participate in the upcoming elections, students are prepared to take drastic measures. "If necessary, students will shed blood again to prevent their participation in the elections," he said.
Furthermore, Akhtar suggested that if the police fail to restore order, educated youths who were part of the July uprising might need to be incorporated into the police force to ensure law and order is maintained.

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Director
CEMSU, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229.

Notice for e-GP Re-Tender

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

SL No	Tender ID	Method	Package No.	Description of Item	Tender Document Last Selling Date & Time	Last date & Time for Tender Security Submission	Tender Closing Date & Time	Tender Opening Date & Time
I.	1055082	OSTEM	30.31.0000.121.07.002.24.175-b d-23/10/2024	Flight Calibration and Commissioning of ILS-14 for Cat-II at Hazrat Shah Jalal International Airport, Dhaka.	05/01/2025 11.00	05/01/2025 11.30	05/01/2025 12.00	05/01/2025 12.00

This is an Online Tendering System, only e-tender will be accepted in the National e-GP system 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 through online to any registered Bank's branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP portal and e-GP Help Desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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তারিখ: ২২/১২/২০২৪ খ্রি.

(Signature)
22.12.2024
Md. Rezaul Islam
Executive Director,
CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229.

PRAYER TIMING
DECEMBER 23

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AZAN 5:25 12:45 3:45 5:24 7:30
JAMAAT 6:00 1:15 4:00 5:27 7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Project Director
Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project
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www.asset-dte.gov.bd

Memo No: 57.03.0000.000.07.801.24-3279 Date: 22-12-2024

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Selection of Individual Consultant (National)

Country: Bangladesh

Name of the Project: Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project
Credit No: IDA 6874-BD
Reference No.: S37A

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the World Bank toward the cost of the Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments for consulting services to be procured under the project.

Title	Qualification	Experience	Duration
Selection of Communication Specialist - 1 Nos.	A post Graduate degree from a recognized university is required. Candidates having academic background in Mass Communication / Journalism / Media Studies / Sociology / Public Administration will be given preference.	a. At least ten (10) years' work experience as a communications / public relations / media / journalism professional; b. Should have demonstrated expertise in preparing and implementing communication strategies; c. Prior experience in managing successful communication campaigns in education sector, specifically TVET, will be an added advantage; d. Experience in organizing workshop / training / seminar / fair / competition / media events / programs / discussions etc.; e. Skills in developing communication literature / materials for the media both in English and Bengali, A/V materials, talk shows, social media content and management, advertisements, TV spot etc.; f. Excellent communication skills both oral and written to deal with diverse groups of audience; g. Knowledge of technical education and training systems in Bangladesh will be given preference; h. Experience in projects funded by World Bank, Asian Development Bank or similar development partners will be given preference; i. Candidates having working experience in the public sector will be given preference; j. Strong connection with the mass media community; k. Ability to work both independently and in a team and under strict deadlines; l. Fluency in Bengali and English and proficiency in computer skills on MS Office, Bengali and English typing, Internet (web browsing etc.).	22 months.

- Place of work:** Office of the Project Director, ASSET Project, Directorate of Technical Education, F-4/B, Agargaon A/A, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
- Commencement of the Service:** 01-02-2025 (Tentative)
- Certificates related with education, training and experiences must be submitted with the application.
- Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project now invites eligible applicants express their interest in providing the services. Applicants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (complete CV with other details).
- The consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 [Revised September 2023] ("Procurement Regulations").
- The Procurement Regulations can be viewed at the World Bank's external website: <https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/6c0602876d68949e80820507d90a14ed-0290012023/procurement-regulations-september-2023>
- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 [Revised September, 2023] ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- Interested applicants may obtain the Terms of Reference (TOR) from the office of the ASSET Project during office hours or download from the website: www.asset-dte.gov.bd
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [i.e., 09:00 to 17:00 hour].
- Expressions of Interest (EOI) needs to be submitted (either through e-mail or in person or by mail) to the following address by 15:00 hours (BST) on or before 12 January, 2025. Please clearly mention "Expression of Interest (EOI) for Communication Specialist".

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22.12.2024.
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