

Strengthen security, probe ‘secret killings’

Demand private univ students

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The combined private university chapter of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement yesterday placed a memorandum with four-point demands to the home affairs adviser to build a safe Bangladesh by strengthening state security.

Some 12 student representatives of the platform placed the memo to Adviser Lt Gen (ret'd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury at the secretariat.

The four-point demands include the formation of an independent investigation committee, whose responsibility will be to find out whether there is any link between the banned organisation Chhatra League

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AL won't be allowed to contest polls

Says Akhtar Hossain

BSS, Dhaka

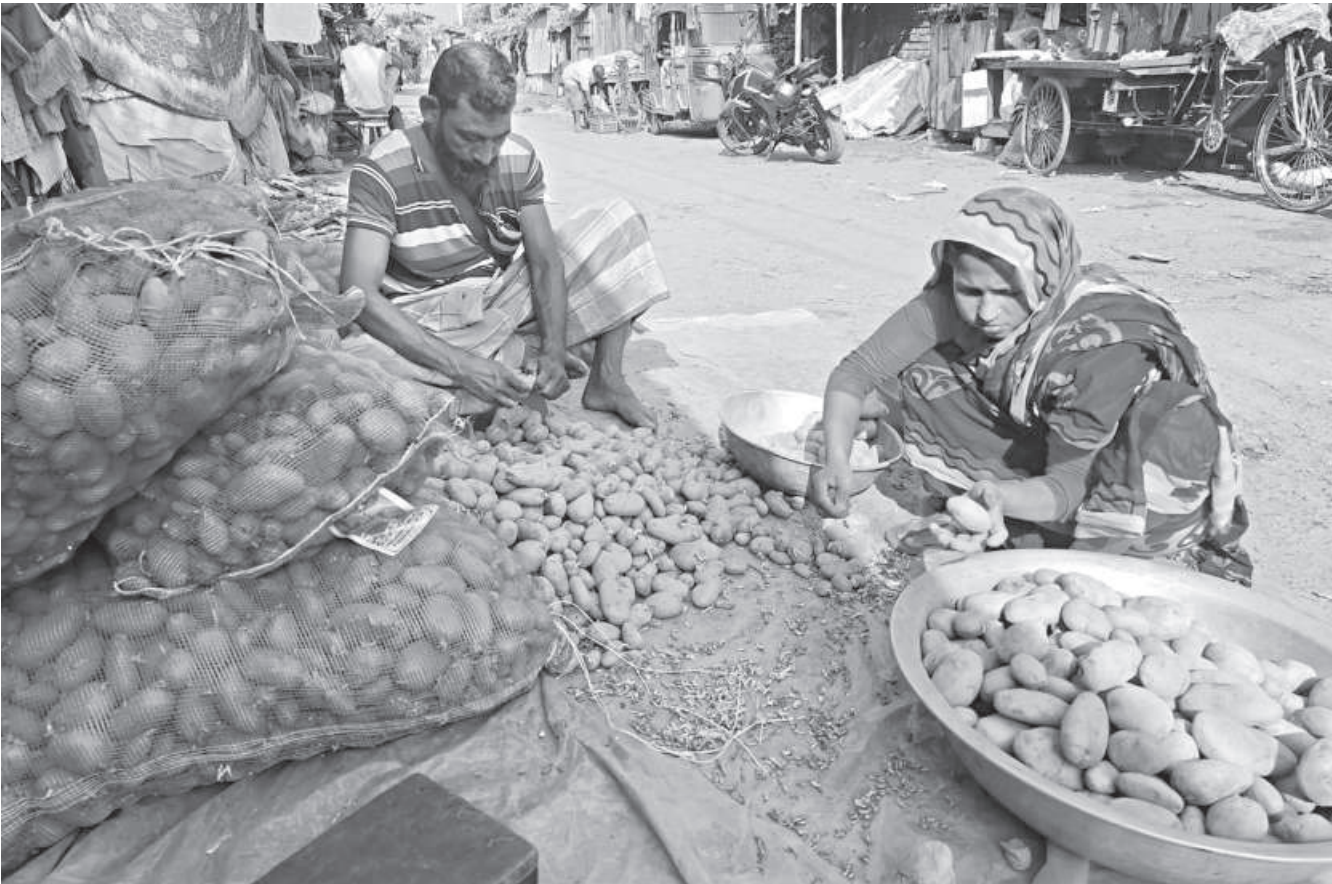
Awami League will not be allowed to participate in the upcoming elections under any circumstances until justice is served for the July-August massacre and persecution, said Akhtar Hossain, member secretary of the Jatiya Nagorik Committee yesterday.

Although there is no legal barrier preventing the Awami League from participating in the next elections, the people and students will not allow their participation, he said.

Akhtar made the remarks while talking to local journalists in Rangpur, where he paid homage to the graves of eight martyrs from Kawnia and Pirgachha upazilas, who were killed during the anti-discrimination student movement. He also met with the families of the martyrs.

He was accompanied by local Jatiya Nagorik Committee organisers, including

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Local traders preparing to sell old potatoes from last year, which they purchased at Tk 40-50 per kg from the wholesale market. They plan to sell these for Tk 50 per kg. The photo was taken in the Kalpatty area of Barishal city yesterday.

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MUSTARD FARMING IN PATUAKHALI

Farmers reap benefits of ‘relay system’

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Farmers in Patuakhali have started mustard cultivation using the “relay system” (without tilling).

This method allows farmers to produce an additional crop alongside Aman and Rabi crops without incurring extra costs.

The Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) has established 347 demonstration plots to encourage farmers to adopt this method. Farmers are showing interest in the system as it helps meet the demand for edible oil.

Farmers said Aman paddy is

Patuakhali's primary agricultural crop. After planting Aman in Bhadra, it is harvested in Kartik-Agrahayan.

The DAE motivated farmers to grow mustard instead of leaving the land fallow for two and a half months.

Md Robi Faisal, deputy assistant agriculture officer in Dashmina upazila, said mustard seeds should be scattered on the soft land before the Aman harvest. One kilogramme of mustard seeds is sufficient to cultivate one bigha of land.

After harvesting the mustard crop within 75 to 80 days, various Rabi crops – including watermelon, chili, and Boro – can be grown on the same land. This

provides farmers with the opportunity to harvest an additional crop.

He said, in the traditional method, farmers cultivated mustard by tilling the land, which cost Tk 3,000-3,500 per acre. Additionally, irrigating the land once or twice added Tk 1,000-1,500 to the expenses. However, since the relay system requires no tilling or irrigation, farmers can cultivate mustard at no cost.

Md Nazrul Islam, deputy director of DAE in Patuakhali, said 347 plots have been set up in the district to promote mustard cultivation using the relay system. These include 100 in Bauphal,

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Dhaka cannot engage

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On Myanmar's political future, Touhid noted that all participants expressed support for its efforts to resolve internal issues and move forward.

“Everyone said they would support Myanmar, and if they choose a federal structure, we will not intervene. But we want a resolution,” Touhid said.

The meeting on Thursday was chaired by Thailand's Foreign Minister Maris Sangiampongsar. The attendees included Myanmar's Deputy Prime Minister U Than Swe, Laos's Foreign Minister Saleumxay Kommasith, India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, and China's Deputy Foreign Minister Ma Zhaoxu.

Speaking as the chief guest at an international seminar in Dhaka yesterday, the foreign adviser said peace in Myanmar is crucial to unlocking the full potential of the Bay of Bengal and its surrounding countries and that peace cannot be achieved without solving the Rohingya crisis.

“Peace and order will not be possible in Myanmar, and consequently in the region, unless the safe and secure return of Rohingyas to their homes,” he said at the seminar titled “Reconnecting the Bay of Bengal Region: Exploring the Convergence of Interest,” at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies.

Noting that a civil war situation is currently prevailing in Myanmar, he said at least 1.2 million Rohingyas, who have fled the Rakhine state facing extreme atrocities, have fled to Bangladesh in the last seven years.

“There has been no progress in their repatriation and the situation is further complicated by a non-state actor, the Arakan Army, taking control of the entire border with Bangladesh,” he said.

“It is on Myanmar and the regional powers to create a congenial atmosphere for their return,” said the foreign adviser.

Supported by the Embassy of Japan, the BISS, in collaboration with the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO), hosted the international seminar.

He said that the Bay of Bengal has emerged as a focal point of geopolitical and economic activity with its vast natural resources, crucial shipping routes, and potential for economic integration.

Touhid said the countries surrounding the Bay and other stakeholders should align their diverse interests, “ensuring that the Bay of Bengal becomes a region of collaboration rather than conflict; a hub of connectivity rather than contention”.

He said Bangladesh is uniquely poised to become a regional transit hub and a key player in the global value chain with its strategic location and growing industrial base.

“In order to unlock these possibilities, Bangladesh must address pressing challenges and seize emerging opportunities,” the adviser said.


He acknowledged that initiatives like the “Bay of Bengal Industrial Value Chain,” championed by Japan, provide a blueprint for achieving this transformation by leveraging investment, technology, and labour.

The adviser also lauded Japan's contribution to Bangladesh's development.

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Iwama Kiminori, BISS Chairman Gousal Azam Sarkar and Director General Major General Iftekhar Anis, among others, spoke at the event.

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.

MAJNU PYADA, a farmer from Gachani village



GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, CHATTOGRAM, CUMILLA AND MYMENSINGH (TRISHAL)
MILITARY FARM MODERNIZATION PROJECT, RV&F DIRECTORATE, QMG'S BR
ARMY HEADQUARTERS, DHAKA CANTONMENT

INVITATION FOR TENDERS FOR GOODS (CATTLE)


Invitation for Tender No: CCT-P/Tender/2024-2025/03 Dated: 19 December 2024

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH			
1.	Ministry/division	Ministry of Defence (MOD)	
2.	Agency	Army Headquarters, QMG's Branch, RV&F Directorate Dhaka Cantonment, Bangladesh	
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Chattogram, Cumilla and Mymensingh (Trishal) Military Farm Modernization Project	
4.	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present	
5.	Procuring Entity district	Dhaka	
6.	Invitation for	Goods (Cattle)	
7.	Invitation ref no and Date	23.01.901.062.05.058.01.19.12.24 Dated 19 December 2024	
8.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) - National	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
9.	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB)	
10.	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
11.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	224356100	
12.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Chattogram, Cumilla and Mymensingh (Trishal) Military Farm Modernization Project	
13.	Tender package No.	SER-05	
14.	Tender package name	Procurement of Bangladeshi Crossbred Holstein Friesian/Jersey Milch Cows with Calf	
15.	Tender publication date	25 December 2024	
16.	Tender selling date	26 December 2024 to 22 January 2025 up to 1400 hours	
17.	Tender closing date and time	23 January 2025 1200 hours	
18.	Tender opening date and time	23 January 2025 1230 hours	
19.	Name & address of the office(s) Selling tender document (principal)	Chattogram, Cumilla and Mymensingh (Trishal) Military Farm Modernization Project, RV&F Directorate, QMG's Branch, Army Headquarters, Dhaka Cantonment	
	Selling tender document (others)	Not applicable	
	No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents		
	Receiving tender document	Chattogram, Cumilla and Mymensingh (Trishal) Military Farm Modernization Project, RV&F Directorate, QMG's Branch, Army Headquarters, Dhaka Cantonment	
	Opening tender document		
20.	Place/date/time of Pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
21.	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	(a) Tenderer/Supplier must have minimum 05 years experience in the supply of Cattle or similar type of goods. (b) Satisfactory completion at least 01 contracts within last 05 years. (c) Eligible as per PPA 2006 & PPR 2008.	
22.	Brief description of goods	Procurement of Bangladeshi Crossbred Holstein Friesian/Jersey Milch Cows with Calf	
23.	Brief description of related services	Not applicable	
24.	Price of tender document (Tk)	5000.00 (Non refundable)	
25.	Lot No Identification of lot Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
26.	SER-05 Procurement of Bangladeshi Crossbred Holstein Friesian/ Jersey Milch Cows with Calf	Military Farm Chattogram, Military Farm Cumilla and Military Farm Trishal	20,00,000.00 03 months from issue of supply order.
27.	Name of official inviting tender	Colonel Md Balayet Hossain	
28.	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director	
29.	Address of official inviting tender	Chattogram, Cumilla and Mymensingh (Trishal) Military Farm Modernization Project, RV&F Directorate, QMG's Branch, Army Headquarters, Dhaka Cantonment	
30.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone : 880-2-8711111 extension 2692, Mobile : 8801769012692/ 8801769012696/ 8801769012636 Email : octprojbd@gmail.com, Web Site : www.army.mil.bd	
31.	Miscellaneous Instruction for Tenderer: a. Tenderer shall submit a copy of letter of valid enlistment with application on company letter-head to Project Director when purchasing tender schedule. b. Mentioning the rate of goods in the pad Tenderer must submit the tender in the Tender box kept at Project Office, Army Headquarters, RV&F Directorate, QMG's Branch, Dhaka Cantonment. c. Detail requirements are mentioned in Tender Data Sheet of tender documents. d. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings. e. Due to unavoidable/special circumstances if tender cannot open as per scheduled date and time then tender will be open on next working day at same time.		


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Auction Notice (7th Call)

Sealed auctions are hereby invited from the interested National/Foreign Buyers/Companies in order to sell inventoried & Valuated Structure, Machinery, Equipment & other Assets by auction "as is where basis" of terminated industry named M/s. Lenny Fashions Ltd., Plot # 66-68, Dhaka EPZ (Old Zone), a Play suits, Tracks suits, Coats, Overcoats, Pants, T-Shirts, Trousers, Jumpers, Rompers, Pajamas, Night wears etc. woven items manufacturing industry or to operate the enterprise. To participate in the auction the terms & conditions are stated below:

Terms & Conditions:

- Interested Persons/Organizations/ Existing enterprises of EPZ(s) (Local/Joint Venture/Foreign) or any other interested persons/organizations from outside EPZ can take part in this auction who are interested to purchase the Structure, Machinery, Equipment & other Assets "as is where basis" of the company by observing the existing rules and regulations in this regard.
- Successful bidder will have to pay VAT, TAX and other payable fees as per custom rules for the duty free imported Assets of existing Assets of industry to be taken out to the Domestic Tariff Area (DTA).
- Auction documents attached with a single pay order/bank draft/FDD or any other means approved by Bangladesh Government from any schedule bank of an amount of 15% as earnest money (non-refundable for successful bidder & refundable for unsuccessful bidder) must be submitted in favour of BEPZA. Auction documents without earnest money will be treated as rejected.
- Inventoried Structure, Machineries, Equipment & other Assets under the inventory list may be seen on 07/01/2025, 08/01/2025 & 09/01/2025 from 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM. Information regarding the visit and the list of Assets may be collected by contacting with the Executive Director, Dhaka EPZ directly.
- If the auction is accepted by the Authority, the successful bidder will have to pay the remaining 85% amount of the quoted price along with applicable TAX & VAT within 15 days to BEPZA through Pay Order/Bank Draft/FDD, or any other means approved by Bangladesh Government. Accordingly, the delivery of Structure, Machineries, Equipment & other Assets will have to be taken as per Customs & BEPZA rules.
- Auction Schedule may be bought by paying Tk. 5,000.00 (non-refundable) within 09/01/2025 during office hours from the Accounts Department of Dhaka EPZ, Chattogram EPZ, Adamjee EPZ, Mongla EPZ, Cumilla EPZ, Karnaphuli EPZ, Ishwardi EPZ, Uttara EPZ & Accounts Department of BEPZA Executive Office, Dhaka.
- Auction schedule may be dropped into the auction box kept at the office of Executive Director, Dhaka EPZ on 14/01/2025 from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm and Submitted Auction documents will be opened in the same date at 12:30 pm at the office of Executive Director, Dhaka EPZ in presence of the bidders (if any). Updated copy of VAT, TIN and Trade License shall have to be attached with the Auction schedule; but this condition may be relaxed by the Authority in case of fully new 100% foreign owned company interested to invest in the EPZ.
- Persons/Organizations/Investors who are interested to operate the closed industry will get priority in auction.
- Successful bidder will have to take permission (if applicable) to operate the industrial unit in the EPZ by following the project sanctioning procedure of BEPZA as per rules.
- The Authority reserves the right to accept any auction or reject any or all of the submitted auctions without showing any reason. The Authority also reserves the right to cancel the Auction and accordingly take next action if the desired rates are not obtained.

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