

Former NCC councillor, his son arrested in Dhaka

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Former Narayanganj City Corporation Councillor Motiur Rahman, 55, and his son Moshir Rahman, 29, were detained in Dhaka early yesterday.

They are accused in several cases in Narayanganj over attacks on protesters and killings during the anti-discrimination student movement.

Sujon Hoque, inspector of Bhatara Police Station, said they were detained from a flat in Bashundhara Residential Area around 2:00am.

"As there are multiple cases against them in Narayanganj, they will be brought here after being shown arrested in those cases," said Abdullah Al Masud, additional superintendent of Narayanganj district police.

Motiur Rahman is also the president of Jubo League's Siddhirganj unit in Narayanganj and was a close associate of former lawmaker Shamim Osman. Earlier, he was imprisoned in a case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) over the acquisition of illegal wealth and money laundering in 2023.

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Cold, fog harming boro seedlings

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Boro seedlings in seedbeds across many areas of the Rangpur region are suffering due to a persistent cold wave and dense fog. Farmers are struggling to save their seedbeds by covering them with polythene and spraying medicines, and they are now worried about recovering their production costs.

During visits to various locations in Lalmonirhat Sadar, Kurigram Sadar, and Rangpur's Gangachara upazila on Friday and Saturday, this correspondent observed many farmers re-sowing boro seeds in their fields as their seedbeds had been damaged by the cold weather and dense fog.

Farmers in five districts - Lalmonirhat, Kurigram,



Aditmari upazila, said he prepared a boro seedbed on 15 decimals of land, but a portion of it was damaged due to the cold weather.

"I sprayed pesticides and fungicides several times over the last 12 days to save my seedbed from the cold, but the seedlings are still dying," he said.

Suresh Chandra Sen, 65, a farmer from Nabdiganj village in Rangpur Sadar, said he had prepared a seedbed for seedlings on 12 decimals of land to cultivate boro paddy on six bighas. He said about fifty percent of the seedlings have turned yellowish and been damaged.

"I sowed 30kg of boro seeds on 15 decimals of land, but 20

percent of the seedlings have been damaged due to the cold and fog," said Saher Ali, 50, from Durgapur village in Kurigram's ulipur upazila. Obaidur Rahman Mandal, additional director of DAE in the Rangpur region, said boro seedlings in some villages are affected by the severe cold weather.

"We believe they will recover as the weather improves," he said. "Farmers are advised to water seedbeds at night, cover them with polythene, and use proper fertiliser," he said, claiming that the production target will not be hindered as such situations arise in the northern districts every winter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Water seedbeds at night
- Cover them with polythene
- Use proper fertiliser

Gaibandha, Rangpur, and Nilphamari - have prepared seedbeds on 26,000 hectares of land. The target is to cultivate boro paddy on 508,978 hectares, with a production goal of 1,781,423 tonnes of rice this season, said the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Rangpur.

Mansur Ali, 55, a farmer from Sakoya village in Lalmonirhat's

Equipment stolen from power plant

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Equipment worth at least Tk 5 lakh has been stolen from the 1,320MW coal-based RNPL thermal power plant in Dhankhali village under Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila.

The plant is ready for power generation.

Aminul Islam, deputy manager (admin) of the power plant, said a case has been filed accusing 34 named and 16 unnamed persons with Kalapara Police Station on January 12 in this connection.

Most of the accused are reportedly local activists of BNP and its affiliate bodies, and residents of Gilatola and Londa villages under the upazila, he said.

According to the case statement, on the night of January 9, the accused entered the power plant premises and stole copper wires, iron and steel goods, and different construction materials worth at least Tk 5 lakh.

They later stored the stolen items near Gilatola Bazar. The next morning, (January 10), while the goods were being smuggled in a truck, the power plant's security personnel, with help of police, recovered five tonnes of goods worth around Tk 2.50 lakh.

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TIPU MURDER It may have been a targeted killing: police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Golam Rabbani Tipu, a Swetchhasebak League leader and former councillor from Khulna, was gunned down near Hotel Seagull in Cox's Bazar - one of the most dangerous areas along Cox's Bazar beach. This has raised questions about why he went to that spot.

Even the street lights and CCTV cameras in the area are currently out of order.

Tipu was shot on the footpath near the pine tree garden opposite the hotel, close to Sughandha Point on January 9. The spot is usually quiet,

Tipu's two phones were recovered from the crime scene, but they remain locked, and the last calls made are yet to be identified. We will send the phones to an expert to access the call logs as part of the investigation

Ilyas Khan, OC, Cox's Bazar Sadar Police Station

especially at night. It is suspected that someone Tipu knew might have called him to the location with the woman who shared the same hotel room with him. The woman is still missing.

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"We will send the phones to an expert to access the call logs as part of the investigation," said Ilyas Khan, officer-in-charge of Cox's Bazar Sadar Police Station.

The motive behind Tipu's murder is still under investigation, the OC added.

The hotel guestbook shows Tipu checked in

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Dismissed trainee SIs protest at Secretariat

UNB, Dhaka

Dismissed trainee sub-inspectors (SIs) of the 40th batch have once again staged a protest in front of the Secretariat, demanding reinstatement.

Starting at 10:00am yesterday, they positioned themselves opposite Gate 1 and 2 of the Secretariat on Abdul Gani Road.

The dismissed SIs shared that they had previously held a peaceful protest in front of the Ministry of Home Affairs on January 5 and 6, with 321 sub-inspectors, raising objections over their "unjust dismissal" from training and demanding their reinstatement.

They were assured by a representative of the home secretary that appropriate measures would be taken. However, seeing no visible progress, they decided to stage another protest yesterday.

They have announced that the protest will continue until a clear decision is made.

A dismissed SI said, "I joined the training on November 4, 2023, and was dismissed on November 4, 2024. I was accused of being inattentive and creating disruptions. However, I ranked among the top 100 out of 804 in the mid-term exams. If I were inattentive, I wouldn't have achieved such a result."

Another protester said, "We sacrificed a lot, training almost without pay for a year. Just as we were about to become permanent officers, we were dismissed. We were let go over trivial allegations."

The Police Academy had issued show-cause notices to 313 SIs in three phases, accusing them of disorderly conduct in class and the field. They were later dismissed from their positions.

HC inquires about courtrooms that use iron cages

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday wanted to know specifically about the courtrooms in the country where the accused are kept in iron cages during case proceedings.

The court gave the order as Deputy Attorney General Md Tanim Khan verbally informed the HC bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Debabis Roy Chowdhury that iron cages have been removed from some courtrooms.

The HC bench directed the law secretary to submit in four weeks the list of names of the courtrooms where iron cages are still in place. The bench passed the order during hearing of a writ petition involving this issue.

Additionally, it set February 10 for further hearing of the petition.

In February last year, another HC bench issued a rule asking the government to explain why they should not be directed to remove the metal cages from the courtrooms and to reestablish wooden docks in courtrooms throughout the country.

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মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়ার দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (OTM)

বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের আওতাধীন বেনাপোল স্থলবন্দর, বেনাপোল, যশোর এর প্রশাসনিক ও অপারেশনাল কাজে ব্যবহারের জন্য একটি মাইক্রোবাস মাসিক ভিত্তিতে ভাড়াবন্দীর জন্য আনুষ্ঠানিক প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র (Open Tendering Method) পদ্ধতিতে সীলমোহরকৃত নামে নিম্নোক্ত শর্তে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে:

১. মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ।		
২. সজ্ঞাহুক সত্তা	বেনাপোল স্থলবন্দর, বেনাপোল, যশোর।		
৩. বাজেট ও অর্ধের উৎস	বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের রাজস্ব বাজেট।		
৪. দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৫-০২-২০২৫ খ্রিঃ পর্যন্ত (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়)		
৫. দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৬-০২-২০২৫ খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.৩০টা		
৬. দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২৬-০২-২০২৫ খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর ২.৩০টা		
৭. দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান ও ঠিকানা	পরিচালক (ট্রাফিক) এর দপ্তর, বেনাপোল স্থলবন্দর, আন্তর্জাতিক প্যাসেঞ্জার টার্মিনাল ভবন (৩য় তলা), বেনাপোল স্থলবন্দর, যশোর।		
৮. দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান ও ঠিকানা	(ক) আন্তর্জাতিক প্যাসেঞ্জার টার্মিনাল ভবন (৩য় তলা), বেনাপোল স্থলবন্দর, প্রশাসন শাখা, বেনাপোল, যশোর। (খ) জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, যশোর।		
৯. দরপত্র জামানত	তফসিলসূত্রে যে কোন ব্যাংক থেকে ইস্যুকৃত পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট চেয়ারম্যান, বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ এর অনুমোদিত জমা দিতে হবে।		
১০. দরদাতার যোগাযোগ	ক) গাড়ির যাবতীয় কাগজপত্র হালনাগাদ থাকতে হবে। (খ) গাড়িচালকের অনূন ০৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ বৈধ ড্রাইভিং লাইসেন্স, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র এবং শিক্ষাপত্র যোগ্যতা হিসেবে কমপক্ষে এসএসসি পাসের সনদ দাখিল করতে হবে। (গ) প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ট্যাক্স সনদ, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রি, সনদ এবং সফটওয়্যার ক্রয়ের অভিজ্ঞতার প্রমাণক দাখিল করতে হবে। (ঘ) গাড়িতে কোন ক্রটি দেখা দিলে তার পরিবর্তে একই মানের বিকল্প একটি গাড়ি যথাসময়ে সরবরাহ নিশ্চিত করতে হবে। (ঙ) গাড়িচালক অসুস্থ হলে/ছুটি নিলে/চাকরি ছেড়ে দিলে তার বিকল্প গাড়িচালক তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে নিশ্চিত করতে হবে। (চ) অন্য কোন ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের মালিকানাধীন মাইক্রোবাস দিয়ে মাইক্রোবাস সেবা সরবরাহ করা যাবে না।		
১১. গাড়ির বিবরণ	(ক) ০৭ (সাত) আসন বিশিষ্ট (খ) ইঞ্জিন কমপক্ষে ১৮০০-২০০০ সিসি (গ) ২০১৭ বা তদুর্ধ্ব সালের উৎপাদিত মাইক্রোবাস হতে হবে (ঘ) বিআরটিএ রেজিস্ট্রেশন ২০২২ এর পূর্বে নয় (৫) মাইক্রোবাসের জ্বালানি, ভ্যাট, ট্যাক্স ও গাড়িচালকের বেতনসহ যাবতীয় খরচ সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান বহন করবে।		
১২. কাজের বিবরণ	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)	দরপত্র (নিরাপত্তা) জামানত (ফেরতযোগ্য)	কাজ সমাপ্তির সময়সীমা
বেনাপোল স্থলবন্দর, বেনাপোল, যশোর এর জন্য মাসিক ভাড়া ভিত্তিতে একটি মাইক্রোবাস (ড্রাইভারসহ) সরবরাহ কাজ	২৫০০/- (দুই হাজার পাঁচশত) টাকা মাত্র	৯৫,০০০.০০ (পঁচানব্বই হাজার) টাকা	২৪ (চব্বিশ) মাস
১৩. শর্তাবলী/বিশেষ নির্দেশনাঃ	(ক) দরদাতা বা তার ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত/মনোনীত প্রতিনিধি দরপত্র খোলার সময় উপস্থিত থাকতে পারবেন; (খ) নির্ধারিত সময়ের পরে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না; (গ) অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী ও তথ্যাদি দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখ আছে; (ঘ) খর্বিচ দরপত্রের ক্ষেত্রে পিপিআর ২০০৮ ও পিপিএ ২০০৬ এর বিধি বিধান প্রযোজ্য হবে। (ঙ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যেকোন দরপত্র বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।		

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Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the World Bank toward the cost of the 'Establishing Green Belt at Bhasan Char and Afforestation in Rohingya Affected Area in Cox's Bazar' under Host and Rohingya Enhancement of Lives Project (HELP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments for this consulting service to be procured under the project. The following consultants (national) will be recruited on the basis of individual capacity:

Title	Qualification	Experience	Duration
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST - 1 position Package No. S-01	(i) At least master's degree in accountancy, finance or management from any reputed university (ii) The Applicant having professional qualification such as Chartered Accountant/Cost and Management Accountant/Chartered Certified Accountant will get additional benefits in the selection process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Applicant should have at least 10 years of general experience in financial management, accountancy, management of which at least 3 years in multilateral development bank/ development partner financed projects in Bangladesh. The Applicant should have experience in software based accounting management system to generate various financial analysis reports and have ability to train up other people working in the financial management/ accountancy area. S/he should have strong interpersonal communicative skill, experience in team leadership and participatory management. The Applicant should have proficiency in English (both writing and speaking) and computer operation in MS office (i.e. MS Word, MS Excel and MS Power Point, Database). 	12 months
ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - 1 position Package No. S-02	Master of Commerce in Accounting/Finance or MBA with major in Accounting/Finance. Candidate having fully or partly professional accountancy degree (CA/ACCA/CMA/ equivalent) will get preference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Applicant should have at least 6 years of overall professional experience with 4-5 years of relevant experience in financial analysis, auditing, taxation, or managerial accounting. Experience in World Bank's disbursing & reporting requirements and Experience in working with World Bank or similar development partners-funded projects will be added advantage. Fully conversant with and have had hands on experience in Microsoft or similar computerized Accounting System practice in the World Bank supported project. 	12 months
MONITORING SPECIALIST - 1 position Package No. S-04	At least Bachelor degree in environmental science, forestry, ecology, biology, environmental economics, BBA or a related field. Candidate having an advanced degrees (Master's or PhD) in a relevant discipline or a professional degree in project management will get preference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 years of overall professional experience with 4-5 years of relevant experience. Experience in working with World Bank or similar development partners-funded projects, particularly in afforestation, environmental conservation and biodiversity protection initiatives will be added advantage. Hands on experience in developing M&E frameworks for development projects. Sound knowledge of environmental and social safeguards requirements, rules and policies of the World Bank and GoB. Strong quantitative and qualitative data analysis skills. Ability to conduct fieldwork in diverse environmental conditions, including remote or challenging terrain, and to oversee field teams engaged in data collection activities. Fully conversant with Microsoft Office tools (Word, Excel, PowerPoint); expertise in GIS software will be an added advantage. 	09 months

Conditions for application:
During the term of the contract the consultant shall not be associated with any other Government agency, consulting firm or private business entities.

The Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD) now invites eligible applicants to indicate 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 and expected remuneration). The consultant will be selected following the Selection of Individual Consultant method as set forth in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Fifth Edition, September 2023.

Interested applicants may obtain the Terms of Reference (TOR) and the prescribed format for Application Submission, Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Indicative Remuneration & Expenses from the office of Establishing Green Belt at Bhasan Char and Afforestation in Rohingya Affected Area in Cox's Bazar Project during office hours or download from the website www.bforest.gov.bd.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) shall be submitted by January 29 2025 up to 11.45 am to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail).

The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all the applications.

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