

Hilly areas

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Rizwana urged government, NGOs, and international partners to work together in promoting local products. US Chargé d'Affaires Tracey Ann Jacobson reaffirmed the United States' commitment to supporting Bangladesh in building resilience in climate-vulnerable regions. The event featured a photo gallery, a video presentation, and a digital ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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JANUARY 21

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AMAZ 5:30	12:45	4:15	5:43	7:15
JAZAN 6:05	1:15	4:30	5:47	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

US renews pledge

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the government's efforts to build political consensus on the July proclamation, and plans for the next general election. Regarding the July proclamation, the chief adviser said he expects political parties to reach a consensus by early February. "So far, I have not heard any dissenting voices," he said. "My job is building a consensus. I am not pushing any ideas," he said. Once political parties agree to the reform proposals, the government will request them to sign it, creating a July Charter. Jacobson expressed concerns about the arrest of some journalists and reports of violence against religious minorities.

In response, Yunus said his government is committed to ensuring justice for all.

Hold polls

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Mosharraf, a BNP Standing Committee member, said his party supports the interim government's reform efforts but urged it to finalise proposals through dialogue with all parties and implement reforms before holding elections. "Reforms are ongoing processes. What remains incomplete can be addressed by the next government. However, elections must not be delayed further," he said.

Invisible power pulls strings in country

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Hasina's government for implementing these policies must also take responsibility for their role. At that time, what did the World Bank, IMF, and Asian Development Bank say? They claimed it was a development miracle, an outstanding achievement by Hasina," he said. He said these institutions represent global capitalism and imperialism, acting as patrons of the country's billionaire class, guiding and legitimising their actions. "So, they must be held accountable. If they are not held accountable, and if the economy continues to follow their prescribed path, as it is now with the interim government relying on the IMF and World Bank, then what will change?" he questioned. The economist said the current state of key sectors -- education, health, energy, railways, water resources, and rivers -- has been shaped by the projects initiated by these institutions. Although freedom of expression was one of the central demands of the mass uprising, the suppression of dissent has not stopped, he said. "It was also a major issue during the previous government. At that time, people couldn't freely express their opinions, and doing so often came with significant risks and dangers. The mass uprising took place to change that situation. However, after the uprising, it has been noticed that a new phase of obstructing freedom of expression, orchestrating violence, exerting pressure, and issuing threats and attacks has started. In many cases, this is being done in the

name of religion," he said. He further elaborated that individuals of different religious communities are often used as scapegoats for various actions, such as land grabs and the consolidation of power. "Whenever there is a change in power or government, they come under attack," he added. "This is not limited to minority religions. Even within the Muslim community, different sects and schools of thought are also being attacked. For instance, Sufi shrines [mazars] have faced attacks, as have Sufi centres [darbars]. Baul songs and Baul culture have also come under attack. Temples, sculptures, and various forms of artwork have been targeted as well," he said.

He said such an environment of intolerance was not the reason people had sacrificed their lives or launched these movements. He also called for the cancellation of harmful or financially burdensome power projects. "There are many international examples of such agreements being terminated, and similar actions can be taken in Bangladesh as well," he said.

In a critique of the government's fiscal policies, he highlighted the imposition of VAT on various goods while noting that there is no duty on equipment imported for coal-based power generation. Speaking at the event, Professor Dr Mohammad Tanzimuddin Khan of DU's International Relations department said, "Universities have been established that do not meet the qualifications

to be called universities. Some of these institutions do not even have a library, yet vice-chancellors are being appointed, and recruitment trading worth millions of takas is taking place. By recklessly establishing universities in every district, higher education is being destroyed." Samina Lutfia of DU's Sociology department highlighted gender inequality, especially following the 2024 mass uprising, where women who led the movement were subjected to cyberbullying and attacks. "Despite women making up 51 percent of the country's population, they remain marginalised," she added. Kallol Mostafa, an

engineer and writer, emphasised that Bangladesh remains the only nation where the minimum wage is below the poverty line despite 41 percent of the wealth being controlled by 10 percent of the population. He argued that direct taxes on the wealthy must be increased to reduce inequality. Researcher Maha Mirza, Dr Moshahida Sultana, an associate professor at Dhaka University, and Dr Harun-Ur-Rashid also spoke. The seminar was presided over by Anu Muhammad, the editor of Sarbojanakotha. Sujit Chowdhury delivered the welcome address, while Bithi Ghosh moderated the event.

Rallies, demos

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officers erected barricades to prevent them from proceeding. The protesters then staged a sit-in, disrupting traffic in the vicinity. Sub-inspector Mahfuzur Rahman of Shabbagh Police Station stated, "Protests near the Secretariat are prohibited. We had to stop them to maintain order." At the Central Shaheed Minar, over 200 students from Dhaka Medical College and Sir Salimullah Medical College gathered around 11:30am, demanding the republication of medical admission test results for the 2024-25 academic year. They also called for the abolition of irrational quotas, including the freedom fighter quota. In Agargaon, the Automobile Workshop Owners Association formed a human chain in front of the National Board of Revenue, protesting a VAT increase from 10 percent to 15 percent. Chanting "We don't want VAT, we want a VAT-free life," their demonstration slowed vehicle movement on one side of the road. Following the protest, the NBR reportedly agreed to withdraw the VAT hike.



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World Food Programme

Expression of Interest (EOI)
Prequalification of Retailers and Food Wholesalers for WFP Cox's Bazar and/or Bhasan Char Island
Ref. WFP/BDCO/EOI/25/001

Empowering Lives, One E-Voucher at a Time
The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is transforming food assistance for Rohingya communities in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char Island, through its innovative Value Vouchers (E-voucher) system. Using WFP Food Assistance Cards, beneficiaries enjoy the freedom to select from a wide range of perishable and non-perishable food, as well as some non-food items, from the E-voucher shops.

Opportunity Alert!
WFP is calling on experienced and dynamic local food retailers and wholesalers to partner in delivering impactful food assistance via the Electronic Voucher Programme. Join us in supporting the displaced communities and driving sustainable change in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char Island.

Submit Your Expression of Interest Today!
Retail partners will be responsible for:

- Procurement of food (and some non-food items). WFP-contracted retailers will be encouraged to procure fresh and perishable items from local producers in the Cox's Bazar district to support the local economy and/or in the Bhasan Char Island & other neighboring areas in Bangladesh.
- Implementation of a full logistics plan to transport, storage, quality check and distribute the commodities to the Cox's Bazar district (Ukhlyas, Teknaf) and/or Bhasan Char (Noakhali District)
- Running the distribution points (Electronic voucher shops) in line with the humanitarian principles/code of conduct. Strict food quality and safety standards must be implemented and maintained at all stages of the supply chain.

Interested and reputable organizations working in the food retail/wholesale business sector or relevant sector, who have the supply chain expertise and capacity to provide the services mentioned above, are kindly requested to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) to the email address: banip@procurement@wfp.org by the mentioned deadline.

Minimum Requirements:

- Legal registration, Trade License, VAT, or can acquire all required legal licenses needed for companies to trade in Bangladesh. (Relevant documents to be submitted)
- Company with a minimum of 3 (three) years' experience as an established business; (Retail/Wholesale business experience is preferred) with a good understanding of the supply chain of the food commodity market in Bangladesh. Appropriate documentation (copy of Contract /Work order) to substantiate the vendor have minimum 02 (two) years of experience in similar type of works.
- Bank Statement of company for last 2 (two) years.
- Payment from WFP is every 15 days, twice in a month.
- Ability to provide staff training on retail operations and in-store services and/or store maintenance.
- Ability to provide store operations manuals (including back office, logistics, etc.) in the required language.
- Ability to comply with Bangladesh and WFP food quality standards.
- Readiness to allocate staff to outlet locations as per the demand operation.
- Ability to establish a well serviced warehouse for storage and quality handling.
- Ability to store 1 (one) month food items at the warehouse.
- Company with a minimum of 10 cores monthly working capital dedicated to the WFP E-Voucher Programme in Cox's Bazar and/or a minimum of 2 cores monthly working capital dedicated to the WFP E-Voucher Programme on Bhasan Char.
- Willingness to improve service quality by learning and applying data analytics for business; the retail business efficiently, maintaining uninterrupted food supply, delivering high-quality service whilst maintaining cleanliness and hygiene levels.
- Ability and willingness to procure locally produced fresh food (vegetables, eggs, chicken, live fish etc.) from the local farmers.
- Ability to adhere to WFP's humanitarian principles and standards, including nondiscrimination against beneficiaries, and data protection requirements.

Deadline for submission: 10 February 2025 at 16:00 hrs Dhaka Time
Email Subject must contain the "Ref. WFP/BDCO/EOI/25/001"; with your interest in any area/both areas:
Prequalification of Retailers and Food Wholesalers for WFP Cox's Bazar and/or Bhasan Char Island Or
Prequalification of Retailers and Food Wholesalers for WFP Cox's Bazar Or
Prequalification of Retailers and Food Wholesalers for WFP Bhasan Char Island

NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1701 OF 2024
IN THE MATTER OF: Khan Mohammad Akhtaruzzaman Petitioner
-VERSUS-
Averroes Limited and others Respondent
Notice is hereby given that an application for winding up for the company namely Averroes was filed under section 241 read with Section 245 of the Companies Act, 1994 and it was moved before the competent Bench of the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and the Hon'ble Company Bench comprising of his Lordship Mr. Justice Ahmed Sobel was pleased to admit the application on 17.12.2024 and by the same Order restrained the respondent Nos.2 to 4 from operating the Company's Bank Account maintained with respondent No. 6-City Bank PLC, bearing Account No. 1422513615001, except for the staff salary and other incidental expenses of the company with the approval of the present petitioner i.e. the Chairman of the company for a period of 02 (two) months from date. The learned Court also directed the petitioner to file affidavit-in-compliance by 25.1.2025. The Register of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (respondent No. 5) was also directed to transmit the record of the respondent No. 1-company, (Averroes Limited) to the Hon'ble Court within 04(four) weeks from the date of receipt of the order. Anyone interested in the matter may appear in the above said matter either personally or through appointed Advocate. Copy of said application may be obtained from the under signed on payment of prescribed fees.
(Md. Bodruddoza) Barrister-at-Law, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Michter Plaza, 33, Tophkhana road Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh. Mobile: 01711540084

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Memo No: 57.03.0651.000.000.07.0000.25-35 Date: 20-01-2025

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

Tender ID	Description of Goods	Type/ Method	Tender opening date & time
1061467	Procurement of office Equipment (Code: 4112310)	NCT, OTM	05/02/2025 Time: 12.00
1061636	Procurement of Computer and Related (Code: 4112202)	NCT, OTM	05/02/2025 Time: 12.30

This is online Tender, where only e-tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.


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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
প্রধান উপদেষ্টার কার্যালয়
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(নিলাম নং-০১/০২২৫) বিজ্ঞপ্তি

প্রধান উপদেষ্টার কার্যালয়ে ভাঙ্গা, নষ্ট ও অস্বচ্ছতা বিস্তৃত ইলেকট্রনিক্স সামগ্রী, আসবাবপত্র ও বিবিধ মালামাল নিলামে বিক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে আগামী ২৮.০১.২০২৫ খ্রি. তারিখ প্ৰস্তুত ১২:০০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাবে। শর্ত সর্বাধিক দরপত্র সিডিউল নির্ধারিত বি. পরিশোধমূল্যে ২৩.০১.২০২৫ খ্রি. তারিখ অফিস ভাঙ্গারাম সময় নিলামকারী মেসার্স কে এম কর্পোরেশন, ৩০৬, স্টাডা রোড, মাদারিঘাটা, চট্টগ্রাম হাটে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। আগ্রহী ক্রেতাপাল মালামালসহ আগামী ২৫.০১.২০২৫ খ্রি. তারিখ সকাল ১১:০০ ঘটিকায় পরিদর্শন করতে পারবে। বিজ্ঞপ্তিত তথ্যের জন্য মেসার্স কে এম কর্পোরেশন এর ম্যানেজার জনাব মোঃ মোরশেদ মোবাইল নং-০১৮২৪৯৩৫২১৪ এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে।

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Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS) announces the following awards in Science and Technology as stated below:

1. BAS Gold Medal Award 2024
Two awards, one for Physical Sciences including Engineering & Technology and another for Biological Sciences including Agriculture & Life Sciences, will be given in each of the following two groups:

- Senior Group for Scientists aged 40 years or above on 31 December 2024
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Application/nomination for the above awards must reach the Secretary of the Academy by **20 February 2025** at the latest.

Prof. Dr. Haseena Khan
Secretary



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ID	Reference	Title of Works
1038375	27.21.0000.650. 07.001.24.2146; Dated:29.12.2024	CC & Cement Concrete tiles work in front of Control room, Roof Tiles Work of Control Room and making a Garage at Meghnaghat 230 kV Grid SS under GMD, Dhaka (East), Power Grid.
1055087	27.21.0000.650. 07.001.24.2129; Dated:22.12.2024	Drainage, grass, shrubs and jungles clearance work in the stone-free area inside Sonargaon 132/33 kV Grid Substation under GMD Dhaka (East) Office.
1057209	27.21.0000.650. 07.001.24.2045; Dated:29.12.2024	Supplying Metal Archway Gate, Hand Metal Detector and Vehicle Search Mirror in different Grid Sub-Station's under GMD, Dhaka (East), Power Grid.

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1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division		
2. Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation		
3. Purchaser Name	Eastern Refinery Limited		
4. Purchaser District	Chattogram		
5. Invitation for	Goods		
6. Reference Number	a) ERL/PUR/IT- 11/2025 b) ERL/PUR/IT- 12/2025 c) ERL/PUR/IT- 13/2025 d) ERL/PUR/IT- 14/2025 e) ERL/PUR/IT- 15/2025 f) ERL/PUR/IT- 16/2025 g) ERL/PUR/IT- 17/2025		
7. Date	19 January, 2025		
KEY INFORMATION:			
8. Procurement Method	International Open Tendering Method		
FUNDING INFORMATION:			
9. Budget and Source of Funds	Eastern Refinery Limited (Own Fund)		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION:			
10. Tender Document Last Selling Date	(a), (b), (c), (d) 02 March, 2025, 16:00 Hrs (e), (f), (g) 03 March, 2025, 16:00 Hrs		
11. Tender Closing Date and Time	(a), (b), (c), (d) 03 March, 2025, 11:15 Hrs (e), (f), (g) 04 March, 2025, 11:15 Hrs		
12. Tender Opening Date and Time	(a), (b), (c), (d) 03 March, 2025, 11:30 Hrs (e), (f), (g) 04 March, 2025, 11:30 Hrs		
13. Offer Validity	120 Days (from the date of tender opening)		
NAME & ADDRESS OF THE OFFICE (S):			
14. Tender Document Selling Address	i) Accounts Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh. Phone: 88-02-333301261-7 ii) ERL Liaison Office, YMCA Bhaban, 2 nd Floor, 1/1 Pioneer Road, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh. Phone: 880-2-8391990, 8391991		
15. Tender Receiving Address	Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh.		
16. Tender Opening Address	Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER:			
17. Eligibility of Tenderer	As per Tender Data Sheet		
18. Brief Description of Goods:			
Name	Price of Tender Document(Non-refundable)	Tender security	Shipment validity
a) Various Seamless & ERW Pipes	Tk. 1000.00/-set Or, USD 12.00/-set	Tk. 220,000.00 Or, USD 1800.00	75 Days
b) Spares for Chinese Cooling Tower	Tk. 1000.00/-set Or, USD 12.00/-set	Tk. 18,000.00 Or, USD 150.00	75 Days
c) Swivel Joint for Roof Drain of Crude Oil Storage Floating Roof Tank	Tk. 1000.00/-set Or, USD 12.00/-set	Tk. 100,000.00 Or, USD 830.00	75 Days
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e) Spares for Puharjur Cooling Tower	Tk. 1000.00/-set Or, USD 12.00/-set	Tk. 20,000.00 Or, USD 165.00	75 Days
f) Various Fire Fighting Equipments	Tk. 1000.00/-set Or, USD 12.00/-set	Tk. 120,000.00 Or, USD 1000.00	75 Days
g) Corrosion Inhibitor NALCO EC 1007A.15	Tk. 1000.00/-set Or, USD 12.00/-set	Tk. 40,000.00 Or, USD 335.00	75 Days
PURCHASER DETAILS:			
19. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Siddiqueur Rahman		
20. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Assist. General Manager (Purchase)		
21. Address of Official Inviting Tender	Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh.		
22. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone: 880-2333301261-67, Ext. 380 Fax: 880-2333301269, Website: www.erl.gov.bd Email: generalpurchase@erl.com.bd , officerpg@erl.com.bd , md-office@erl.com.bd		
23. a) The Purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings. b) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/ opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue.			

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