

14 DISTRICTS
Workers continue strike, fuel supply remains suspended



STAR REPORT

Fuel supply in 14 districts of Khulna and Faridpur regions remained suspended for the third consecutive day yesterday due to tank lorry workers continuing their abstention, protesting the arrest of Khulna Divisional Tank Lorry Workers' Union General Secretary Ali Azim.

Azim was arrested on Sunday in a case filed over vandalising a local BNP office in Khulna's Khalishpur.

As the issue has not been resolved, the sale of oil, including petrol, diesel, octane, etc., will be stopped at around 300 pumps in just the Khulna Division today (Wednesday), according to Sajjadul Karim Kabul, president of the Khulna Division Fuel Distributors Association.

The abstention has been jointly called by the Bangladesh Tank Lorry Owners' Association, Bangladesh Fuel Distributors' Association, Khulna Divisional Tank Lorry Workers' Union, and the Padma, Meghna, and Jamuna Tank Lorry Workers' Welfare Association.

Now, stock of oil at most pumps in the Khulna and Faridpur region has plummeted to zero.

Mir Moksed Ali, president of the Padma, Meghna, and Jamuna Tank Lorry Workers' Welfare Association, said, "We tried to convince the workers to stop the blockade on Sunday night. They refused, after which we were then attacked by joint forces. I was also beaten up. Now, the workers are angry about this incident and won't relent until Ali Azim is released."

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242 iron bridges in Patuakhali turn risky

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

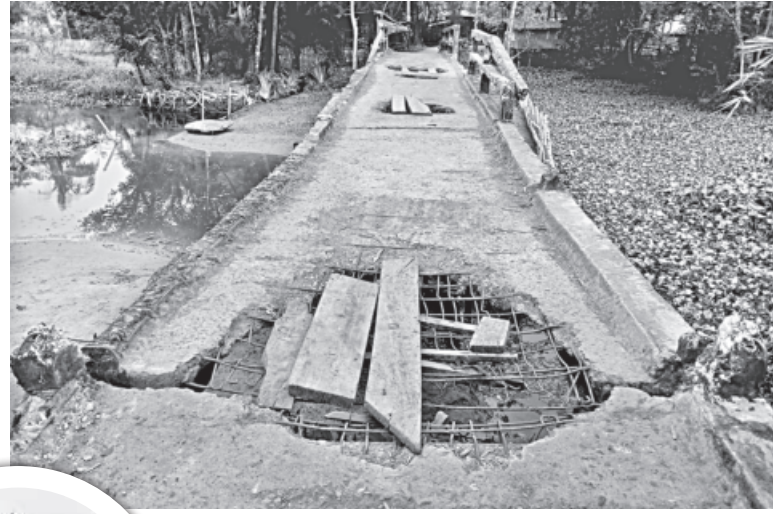
At least 242 iron bridges across eight upazilas in Patuakhali are in a dilapidated state and require urgent repairs or reconstruction to ensure safe and uninterrupted commutes for residents.

Locals are facing severe difficulties travelling to different areas within the district due to the poor condition of these bridges, which serve as critical links for transportation. Students of various educational institutions in the affected upazilas are among those most impacted by the situation.

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) constructed these bridges over canals and waterbodies across Patuakhali in the 1990s and early 2000s to improve rural connectivity.

However, years of neglect and lack of maintenance have led to significant deterioration, while some bridges have been damaged from collisions with water vessels.

LGED has identified 242 bridges in the district as risky, including 63 in Bauphal, 56 in Mirzaganj, 42 in Patuakhali Sadar, 35 in Galachipa, and 10 each in Dashmina, Rangabali, Dumki, and Kalapara upazilas. According to LGED, only four of these bridges can be



repaired, while the rest require complete replacement.

One example is the bridge over the Lebukhali Bharani canal in Dumki upazila near the Government Habibullah High School. In mid-2021, a sand-laden cargo vessel collided with the bridge, causing a section to collapse and severing direct connectivity between the canal's two banks. Thousands of residents who depended on the bridge for daily commutes are now forced to cross the canal by boat, which poses significant risks. Despite protests and human chains by locals, no

action has been taken to rebuild the structure.

In another instance, the iron bridge over the Khaprabhanga canal in Kalapara upazila collapsed on 2 April 2020 due to tidal pressure, cutting off connectivity for residents of at least 15 villages.

LGED's executive engineer in Patuakhali, Hossain Ali Mir, said a list of the 242 damaged bridges has been submitted to the higher authorities. Upon receiving instructions, cost estimates will be prepared, and funds will be sought.

Once the necessary funds are allocated, repair and reconstruction work will commence promptly, he said.



KU STUDENT MURDER
Suspect Rabbani on 2-day remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A Khulna court yesterday placed Golam Rabbani, a student in the case filed over Khulna University student Arnob's murder, on a two-day remand for interrogation.

Judge Md Rakibul Islam of Khulna Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court-1 passed the order after Ashraful Alam, investigation officer of the case and a sub-inspector of Sonadanga Police Station, produced Rabbani before the court with seven-day remand prayer, said S Haridas, general recording officer of the court.

"We got crucial information from Rabbani during primary interrogation, so we sought

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BANK ROBBERY ATTEMPT
Probe body formed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A three-member probe committee has been formed to investigate the attempted robbery at the Barabari branch of Sonali Bank in Lalmonirhat.

The committee, led by Shahin Akhter Bhuiyan, AGM of Kurigram Sonali Bank, was asked to submit its report within three working days.

Bank manager Raju Mia said a written complaint was filed with Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station.

Mamun Ur Rashid Helali, DGM of Sonali Bank's Rangpur Regional Office assured that all assets, including money, are safe.

Security guard Asadul Islam said he and his colleague Khairul Haque found the 6-foot-deep tunnel while working inside the bank Monday night.

Their alarm alerted locals, forcing the robbers to flee. Police seized tools, including an iron drill, shovel, and saw, from the scene. Officer-in-Charge Mohammad Nurnabi confirmed an investigation is underway to identify and arrest the culprits.

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Invitation for Tender (IFT)

Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited
(A Company of Petrobangla)
Birashar, Brahmanbaria-3400
Bangladesh

"Workover of 7 Wells at Titas, Habiganj, Bakhrabad and Meghna Fields" Project

Ref. No. **BGFCL/WP(Works)/005-007** Date: **26-01-2025**

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division								
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited (A Company of Petrobangla)								
3.	Name of procuring entity	Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited (BGFCL)								
4.	Procuring entity code	----								
5.	Procuring entity district	Brahmanbaria								
6.	Invitation for	Procurement of Third Party Engineering Works in the category of Wireline Logging, Wireline Operation and Drill Stem Testing (DST) for workover of 3 Wells (Well No. 6 & 7 at Bakhrabad Gas Field and Well No. 1 at Meghna Gas Field).								
7.	IFT Ref No.	BGFCL/WP(Works)/005-007								
8.	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	0-0-0								
9.	Procurement method	Single Stage Single-Envelope Open Tendering, (International Competitive Tendering)								
10.	Budget & source of funds	Gas Development Fund (GDF) and BGFCL's own fund								
11.	Development partner (if applicable)	Not applicable								
12.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable								
13.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	"Workover of 7 Wells at Titas, Habiganj, Bakhrabad and Meghna Fields" Project								
14.	Proposed Tender Package No.	BGFCL/WP(Works)/005-007								
15.	Proposed tender package name	Procurement of Third Party Engineering Works for workover of 3 Wells at Bakhrabad and Meghna Gas Fields as under: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <th>Category of Works</th> <th>International Tender No.</th> </tr> <tr> <td>i) Wireline Logging</td> <td>BGFCL/WP(Works)/005</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii) Wireline Operation</td> <td>BGFCL/WP(Works)/006</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii) Drill Stem Testing (DST)</td> <td>BGFCL/WP(Works)/007</td> </tr> </table>	Category of Works	International Tender No.	i) Wireline Logging	BGFCL/WP(Works)/005	ii) Wireline Operation	BGFCL/WP(Works)/006	iii) Drill Stem Testing (DST)	BGFCL/WP(Works)/007
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16.	Tender publication date	----								
17.	Tender document last selling date (must be in the date prior to the day of Tender Submission Closing Date)	a) Date & time: From 03-02-2025 to 17-03-2025 between 0900 hrs. & 1500 hrs. BST on all working days (Sunday to Thursday). No extension in closing date for selling of tender documents will be allowed. b) Place: BGFCL Liaison Office at Petrobangla, Petrocentre (14th Floor), 03, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.								
18.	Tender closing date and time	a) Date & time: Tender documents will be received upto 1400 hrs. (BST) on 18-03-2025. b) Place: Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited, Head Office, Birashar, Brahmanbaria-3400.								
19.	Tender opening date and time	a) Date & time: Tender documents will be opened on 18-03-2025 at 1430 hrs. (BST) in presence of the Tenderer's representatives, if any. b) Place: Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited, Head Office, Birashar, Brahmanbaria-3400.								
20.	Name & address of the official(s)	Project Director, "Workover of 7 Wells at Titas, Habiganj, Bakhrabad and Meghna Fields" Project, Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited, Titas Location-A, Ghatara, Brahmanbaria-3400.								
21.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable.								
22.	Eligibility of tenderer	Reputed Services companies/firms from all countries except the countries those who have no diplomatic relation with Bangladesh having international experience in providing similar works/services are eligible to participate in the tendering for providing services under different categories.								

23.	Brief description of works	Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited (BGFCL), a Company of Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla) invites sealed offers (tenders) under International Competitive Tendering (ICT) for procurement of Third Party Engineering Works in different categories required for workover of Well No. 6 & 7 at Bakhrabad Gas Field and Well No. 1 at Meghna Gas Field. Workover of 3 Wells (Well No. 6 & 7 at Bakhrabad Gas Field and Well No. 1 at Meghna Gas Field) will be carried out by BAPEX. Under this tender the Contractor shall be required to provide equipment & tools and personnel and other relevant works for Workover of 3 Wells at Bakhrabad and Meghna Gas Fields. But in case of Wireline Operation, the Contractor shall be required to provide personnel for workover of the 3 wells.												
24.	Brief description of physical work	Not applicable												
25.	Price of tender document	Mode of Selling Tender documents will be sold on payment (non-refundable) or alternately the Tender documents can be obtained through express air mail service on receipt of payment (non-refundable) through bank deposit to BGFC Short Notice Deposit (SND) A/C 1017-127107-041, IFIC Bank Limited, Kawran Bazar Branch, Petrocentre, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Swift: IFICBDDH017 as under: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <th>Category of works</th> <th>Cash purchase from BGFC liaison office</th> <th>Through express air mail service</th> </tr> <tr> <td>i) Wireline Logging</td> <td>BTK. 10,000.00</td> <td>USD. 325.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii) Wireline Operation</td> <td>BTK. 10,000.00</td> <td>USD. 325.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii) Drill Stem Testing (DST)</td> <td>BTK. 10,000.00</td> <td>USD. 325.00</td> </tr> </table>	Category of works	Cash purchase from BGFC liaison office	Through express air mail service	i) Wireline Logging	BTK. 10,000.00	USD. 325.00	ii) Wireline Operation	BTK. 10,000.00	USD. 325.00	iii) Drill Stem Testing (DST)	BTK. 10,000.00	USD. 325.00
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26.	Tender security	Tender documents required to furnish separate tender security for each category of works, they are tendering for, in the form of Bank Guarantee issued by a registered scheduled bank in Bangladesh or a scheduled foreign bank operating in Bangladesh in the amount as under: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <th>Category of works</th> <th>International Tender No.</th> <th>Tender security (BDT or equivalent foreign currency)</th> </tr> <tr> <td>i) Wireline Logging</td> <td>BGFCL/WP(Works)/005</td> <td>BDT 28,00,000.00 or USD 23,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii) Wireline Operation</td> <td>BGFCL/WP(Works)/006</td> <td>BDT 2,00,000.00 or USD 1,800.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii) Drill Stem Testing (DST)</td> <td>BGFCL/WP(Works)/007</td> <td>BDT 18,00,000.00 or USD 14,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	Category of works	International Tender No.	Tender security (BDT or equivalent foreign currency)	i) Wireline Logging	BGFCL/WP(Works)/005	BDT 28,00,000.00 or USD 23,000.00	ii) Wireline Operation	BGFCL/WP(Works)/006	BDT 2,00,000.00 or USD 1,800.00	iii) Drill Stem Testing (DST)	BGFCL/WP(Works)/007	BDT 18,00,000.00 or USD 14,000.00
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27.	Name of the official inviting tender	Mohammad Ismile Molla												
28.	Designation of the official inviting tender	Project Director												
29.	Address of the official inviting tender	Project Director, "Workover of 7 Wells at Titas, Habiganj, Bakhrabad and Meghna Fields" Project, Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited, Titas Location-A, Ghatara, Brahmanbaria-3400.												
30.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone-02334428141/02334427428/02334427128, Ext No. 259 E-mail: pd7wpbgfcl@gmail.com												
31.	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the Applications or annul the Application proceedings.													
Special information	i) Tenderers may submit their tender(s) for any or more or all of the categories of works. Submission of alternative tender will not be allowed. Tenders must remain valid for 150 (one hundred fifty) days from the date of closing of the tender. ii) The tender security must remain valid for 178 (one hundred seventy-eight) days from the date of closing of the tender. iii) In case of any unavoidable circumstances such as strike, civil commotion, Govt. declared holiday, etc. tender will be received and opened on the following working day. iv) Tender(s) submitted after the deadline for receiving of tenders will be rejected and returned unopened to the tenderer. v) Tender submitted by e-mail will be rejected. Likewise photocopy of e-mailed tenders will also be rejected. vi) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders or annul the tendering process at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected tenderers. vii) This tender will be conducted as per the Public Procurement Act 2006 and the Public Procurement Rule 2008. The aforesaid notice is also available at CPTU website @ http://www.cptu.gov.bd , Petrobangla website @ www.petrobangla.org.bd and BGFC website @ www.bgfc.org.bd .													

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