

Housing dept hit by staff shortage

Officials struggle to provide facilities to residents of 4,000 govt flats in Ctg

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The Directorate of Government Accommodation in Chattogram is facing a severe manpower shortage, leaving officials and employees struggling to ensure proper facilities for the residents of more than 4,000 government flats, houses, and apartments in the port city.

Speaking to employees, it was learned that several new housing projects have been taken in Chattogram for government officers and staff. Modern flats have recently been constructed in Panchlaish, Katalganj, and Agrabad.

Compared to the past, the department's workload has increased significantly, said staff members.

The department's regional office is located in Government Office Building 02 in Agrabad.

According to sources, the organisational structure includes 31 positions, but only 10 employees are currently working, including four officials temporarily attached from the head office.

At present, around 21 positions remain vacant.

House allocation, monitoring, and even vacating a house require clearance from the department.

Although the Dhaka office has several inspectors, there are none in Chattogram. As a result, existing staff must handle house inspections, complaint investigations, report filing, and

legal matters.

The department manages houses, flats, and colonies across different parts of the city. Government employees are allotted houses based on their job grades.

However, due to the manpower

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As part of the security, dog squads have been deployed at the Ekushey Boi Mela. Given the attack on a book stall on February 10 and ahead of the Valentine's Day today, the presence of K-9 units at the Suhrawardy Udyan was more visible yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Close Rampal power plant to protect the Sundarbans

Urge speakers OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The Sundarbans is not only a natural treasure but also a lifeline for millions in the coastal region. However, this Unesco World Heritage Site is now under severe threat due to unregulated industrialisation, the Rampal coal-fired power plant, toxic fishing practices, and unchecked pollution.

Demanding immediate action to safeguard the Sundarbans, including shutdown of Rampal Power Plant, Citizens' Committee for Agriculture, Industry, Jute, and Environmental Protection organised a rally in Khulna yesterday.

According to the committee, locals report that fish populations in nearby rivers have declined significantly due to pollution from the plant's waste. Furthermore, commercial land use has reduced grazing areas, making cattle farming increasingly difficult. As a result, many villagers have lost their traditional

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PRAYER TIMING					
FEBRUARY 14					
Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
AZAN 5:25	12:30	4:30	5:57	7:15	
JAMAA 6:00	1:15	4:45	6:01	7:45	
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION					

SUNDARBANS DAY

Deer poaching surges in the Sundarbans



FILE PHOTO

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Illegal deer hunting has surged in the Sundarbans, threatening the delicate ecosystem of the world's largest mangrove forest.

Venison is now widely available in black markets in areas bordering the forest, including Koyra, Dacope, and Paikgachha in Khulna; Shyamnagar in Satkhira; and Mongla and Sarankhola in Bagerhat.

Despite laws prohibiting its sale and consumption, venison is being sold at Tk 450-600 per kg, significantly cheaper than beef or mutton.

The authorities' inaction, coupled with alleged collusion by corrupt forest officials, is exacerbating the crisis.

According to locals and law enforcers, many residents enter the forest legally to fish, but some set traps to hunt deer. Poachers, often disguised as fishermen, bribe officials to gain access.

Once inside, they set nylon traps along deer paths, slaughter the animals, and smuggle the meat to local and urban markets. In some cases, venison is mixed with beef or mutton to disguise its origin.

Law enforcement efforts have yielded limited results.

While deer meat, skins, and heads are occasionally recovered, the primary culprits -- poachers and smugglers --

often evade capture. Small vessels from India's Hemnagar and Kolkata ports, carrying raw materials for Bangladesh's cement industry, have also been implicated in smuggling venison.

On March 6 last year, locals apprehended four ship workers with deer meat at Koyra's Antihara market and handed them over to police, said Koyra Police Station Officer-in-Charge GM Emdadul Haq.

Forest officials estimate that over 55 poaching gangs operate in the region, including 30 in Koyra and 15 in Dacope. Some receive pre-orders for venison, while others sell it directly in markets.

Over the past three months, joint operations by police, Coast Guard, and the Forest Department have led to the seizure of 480kg of deer meat, one slaughtered deer, five deer hides, and several heads.

Five individuals were arrested, and multiple boats were confiscated. Eight cases were filed with Koyra Police Station.

In November, forest officials detained 20 poachers from Dhakkhindhi in the East Sundarbans. However, Assistant Conservator of Forests in Satkhira Range Md Moshir Rahman acknowledged the difficulty of eradicating poaching entirely.

The Sundarbans' spotted deer population has risen to 140,357 in

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GAZIPUR ATTACK

Ban AL in 24 hours Demand student leaders

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Student leaders yesterday demanded imposing a ban on the Awami League within 24 hours.

They made the call after attending the namaz-e-janaza of Kashem Khan in Gazipur.

Kashem, who was injured in an attack near former Liberation War Affairs minister AKM Mozammel Haque's house, passed away on Wednesday while undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

His janaza was held around 11:35am

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This is to notify all concern that the following tender have published through e-GP portal.

Sl. No.	Tender ID, Package No. & Date of Publishing	Name of Work	Date & Time.
01.	Tender ID 1070202 Tender Package No.: e-GP/Rev/30/NRD/2024-2025 & APP ID. 205920 ; Scheduled Tender/Proposal Publication Date and Time: 13-Feb-2025 12:45	Supply of Asphalt Materials (Bitumen grade 60/70) for Existing Pavement Repair at Different KM of Bijoypur-Birishiri Land Port Road (Z-3705) & Madupara Link Road (Z-3708) under Netrakona Road Division during the year 2024-2025.	Tender/Proposal Document last selling/downloading Date and Time: 02-Mar-2025 16:00 Last Date and Time for Tender/ Proposal Security: 03-Mar-2025 12:00 Tender/Proposal Closing & Opening Date and Time: 03-Mar-2025 12:30

The interested persons/firms may visit the web site www.eprocure.gov.bd to get the details of the tender.

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Ref No. UHC/Kaitak/Chha/Sunam/MSR/2024-2025/172 Date: 13-02-2025

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e-Tender are invited in e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Dr. NUSRAT AREFIN, UH&FPO, 20 Bed Hospital Kaitak, Chhatak, Sunamganj, for the Procurement of;

Tender Id	Name of Goods	Tender/Proposal Last Selling Date & Time	Tender/Proposal Closing/Opening Date & Time
1073732	Procurement of Non-EDCL Medicine in the FY 2024-2025 for 20 Bed Hospital Kaitak, Chhatak, Sunamganj.	02-Mar-2025 11:00	02-Mar-2025 13:00
1073731	Procurement of Surgical Instrument in the FY 2024-2025 for 20 Bed Hospital Kaitak, Chhatak, Sunamganj.	02-Mar-2025 11:00	02-Mar-2025 13:00
1073730	Procurement of Gauge Bandage & Cotton in the FY 2024-2025 for 20 Bed Hospital Kaitak, Chhatak, Sunamganj.	02-Mar-2025 11:00	02-Mar-2025 13:00
1073729	Procurement of Linen in the FY 2024-2025 for 20 Bed Hospital Kaitak, Chhatak, Sunamganj.	02-Mar-2025 11:00	02-Mar-2025 13:00
1073728	Procurement of Chemical Re-agent in the FY 2024-2025 for 20 Bed Hospital Kaitak, Chhatak, Sunamganj.	02-Mar-2025 11:00	02-Mar-2025 13:00
1073727	Procurement of Furniture in the FY 2024-2025 for 20 Bed Hospital Kaitak, Chhatak, Sunamganj.	02-Mar-2025 11:00	02-Mar-2025 13:00

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SL No.	Tender ID, Ref No.	Name of works	Last Selling date and Time	Tender Closing Date and Time
01.	1074238 egp/dscc/z10/24-25/p-06	Repairing works of damaged section of various roads at ward No58,59,60,61 under zone-10, Dhaka South City Corporation	02/03/2025 12:00	02/03/2025 15.00

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