

Potato farmers struggling for cold storage space

KONGKON KARMAKAR, Dinaipur

Potato farmers in the country's northern districts are struggling to manage space in cold storages for storing their produce.

The sluggish operations of the cold storages due to manpower shortage, and escalating transport costs further exacerbated the situation, leading to frustrations among farmers and traders.

Transport costs have allegedly been hiked by double the usual rate.

"Due to the unusual delay in cold storage operations, transporters have hiked the cost from Tk 35 to Tk 65 per sack of potatoes," said Abdur Razzak, a farmer of Chirirbandar upazila.

As both farmers and traders flock to cold storage facilities following a government-imposed fee cap of Tk 6.75 per kilogramme, many farmers alleged that cold storage operators are prioritising traders over them, despite government regulations intended to ensure fair access.

According to the Department of Agricultural Extension in Rangpur, there are 101 cold storage facilities in the division, with a total storage capacity of 1.1 million tonnes, which is insufficient against the high demand.

Farmers reported waiting for days outside storage facilities, only to witness traders' trucks being granted entry at night.

"I have been trying to get a storage permit for two days, but I am still waiting. Meanwhile, traders are storing thousands of sacks of potatoes every night," said Jahangir Hossain, a farmer from Kalai upazila of Joypurhat.

Anwar Hossain, a farmer from Khetlal upazila, echoed similar frustration.

Storage facility operators attributed the delay to overwhelming demand for storage space.

Abdul Quddus, manager of Botalti

Himadri Limited in Joypurhat, denied allegations of favoritism towards traders.

"Both farmers and traders use our facilities. Due to higher profits from stored potatoes in recent years, farmers are now storing both seed and consumable potatoes, increasing pressure on storage units. Despite the government's 60:40 ratio favouring farmers, nearly 80 percent of our storage capacity is currently allocated to them," he claimed.

The storage crisis has led to massive congestion outside the facilities, most located on Dinaipur-Rangpur, Panchagarh-Rangpur and Dinaipur-

Kamarpukur Bazar to Chikli Bazar has been blocked because of the tailback of potato-laden trucks.

Local authorities have deployed police and Ansar-VDP personnel to manage the situation.

"Encouraged by high prices last year, many farmers cultivated potatoes this year. However, the storage shortage has led to massive congestion, alongside a hike in transportation costs, while the market price of potatoes has fallen below Tk 20 per kg," said Dhiman Bhushan, upazila agriculture officer in Saidpur.

"Farmers are facing significant financial losses for such a volatile



Gobindaganj highways, particularly in Dinaipur and Syedpur. Hundreds of potato-laden trucks remain stuck for days, causing traffic disruptions and driving up transportation costs.

In Dinaipur, over 700 vehicles have been seen queued outside cold storage facilities recently, struggling to secure storage slots.

The situation at three major cold storages in Saidpur is even more dire. All the facilities are struggling to store potatoes brought by farmers from neighboring Taraganj, Badarganj, Khansama, and Chirirbandar areas.

Abdul Mannan, a resident near Ismail Seed Cold Storage, said a three-kilometre stretch from

market condition," he added.

Meanwhile, potato growers in Kurigram yesterday brought out a rally protesting a hike in the rent of cold storages in the district, our correspondent from Lalmonirhat reports. The rally was held in front of the Kurigram Deputy Commissioner's Office at noon, and later submitted a memorandum to the Ministry of Commerce and the Department of Agricultural Marketing through the DC.

The farmers demanded the Department of Agricultural Marketing to reduce cold storage rent from Tk 6.75 per kg and fixing it at Tk 5 per kg.

Marriage tax: a short-lived revenue initiative by DSCC

DIPAN NANDY

The marriage tax imposed by the Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) was officially repealed on January 21, 2025, after being in effect for just over a year.

The tax, introduced on January 1, 2024, was implemented as part of DSCC's revenue collection strategy.

A YEAR OF TAXATION: HOW MUCH WAS COLLECTED?

Under this tax, DSCC charged Tk 100 for every marriage registered within its jurisdiction. By January 15, 2025, the collected revenue had reached Tk 3,23,500.

However, on January 21, this year, the Ministry of Law ordered the suspension of the tax collection process.

Law Adviser Asif Nazrul then said, "Tax was imposed on marriage registration. The ministry has cancelled this illogical tax."

The tax was implemented under the Municipal Corporation (Taxation) Act of 1986, which granted DSCC the authority to impose levies on various civic matters.

The City Corporation Ideal Tax Schedule 2016 outlined a structured taxation system for marriages – Tk 100 for the first marriage or remarriage after the spouse's death; Tk 5,000 for a second marriage while the first wife is still alive; Tk 20,000 for a third marriage with the first two wives still living; and Tk 50,000 for a fourth marriage under the same conditions.

Additionally, DSCC would charge Tk 200 for a remarriage if the existing wife was mentally unstable or unable to bear children.

Recently, the Local Government Division, under

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JULY UPRISING ICT extends probe deadline over deaths in Uttara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) has extended the deadline by two months for submitting the investigation report on crimes against humanity involving former DNCC mayor Atiqul Islam and others in the July uprising, which led to the deaths of 200 students and civilians in Uttara.

ICT Chief Prosecutor Mohammad Tajul Islam filed a petition for the extension, stating that the

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Eight military establishments renamed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eight military institutions, agencies, and establishments previously named after ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina, her family members, or individuals associated with her government, have been renamed.

These include three naval establishments, three air force facilities, one military institution, and one under the Ministry of Defense.

Additionally, the Ministry of Defense has submitted a summary to the Chief Adviser of the interim government proposing to rename 16

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
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Office of the Upazila Engineer
Adiltmari Lalmonirhat
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Memo No.: 46.02.5202.000.18.002.24 Date: 09.02.2025

Corrigendum Notice for Invitation e-Tender Notice No: 04/2024-2025

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works:

Sl. No	Tender ID	Package No.	Name of Work	Last Selling Date and Time		Closing & Opening Date and Time		Tendering Methode
				Old Value	New Value	Old Value	New Value	
1	1081605	Tender/PEDP4/LMN/ADI/2024-25/W20.654	Repair and Renovation work of Adiltmari URC.	18/03/2025 Up to 15.30 PM	24/03/2025 Up to 15.30 PM	19/03/2025 Up to 15.00 PM	25/03/2025 Up to 15.00 PM	NOTM

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

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Invitation for International Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the Manufacturers/Suppliers in their official pad for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Radio Link (DMR Trunking Tier-3) System for Rangamati & Bandarban Hill Area on Turnkey Basis in FY 2024-2025.

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs
2. Agency	Bangladesh Police
3. Procuring Entity Name	SP (Logistics), Police Telecom Organization
4. Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Radio Link (DMR Trunking Tier-3) System for Rangamati & Bandarban Hill Area on Turnkey Basis in FY 2024-2025.
5. Invitation Ref. No.	44.01.0000.057.11.046.24/737/Betar
6. Date	09-03-2025

Key Information

7. Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method (OSTETM) - (International)
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Funding Information

8. Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (GOB)
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Particular Information

9. Tender Publication date	10 March 2025
10. Tender last selling date	23 April 2025.
11. Tender closing date and time	24 April 2025 at 12:00 hrs.
12. Tender opening date and time (Technical offer only)	24 April 2025 at 12:30 hrs.

Name & address of the office

13. Name & address of the office	Police Telecommunication Organization, Rajarbag, Dhaka.
Selling tender document	ASP (Procurement), Police Telecommunication Organization, Rajarbag, Dhaka.
Receiving tender document	Police Telecommunication Organization, Rajarbag, Dhaka.
Opening tender document	Police Telecommunication Organization, Rajarbag, Dhaka.

14. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	19 March 2025, at 12:00 hrs. at Police Telecom Conference Room (1 st Floor), Police Telecommunication Organization, Rajarbag, Dhaka.
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INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

15. Eligibility of Tenderer	1) Up to date Export license 2) Written confirmation authorizing the signatory of the tender in accordance with the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of the Principal 3) confirming the legal capacity and financial capability 4) Original full Brochure of products of the Principal 5) Other requirements described in the tender document.
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16. Brief description of goods: Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Radio Link (DMR Trunking Tier-3) System for Rangamati & Bandarban Hill Area on Turnkey Basis in FY 2024-2025.	
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Sl. No.	Description of Good	Price of tender document (Non-refundable)	Tender security	Completion time
1.	Radio Link (DMR Trunking Tier-3) System for Rangamati & Bandarban Hill Area on Turnkey Basis.	10,000/- (Ten Thousand) Taka.	TK-22,50,000/- or US\$-18,450.00	150 days from the Date of Opening L/C.

Procuring Entity Details

17. Name of official inviting tender	Shahriar Bin Saleh
18. Designation of the official inviting tender	SP (Logistics), Bangladesh Police, Rajarbag, Dhaka-1217.
19. Address of official inviting tender	Police Telecom Organization, Rajarbag, Dhaka-1217.
20. Contact details of official inviting the tender	Phone: +880 2-8301253 FAX: +880 2-8301404, Mobile: + 88 01320-020041 e-mail: splog_telecom@police.gov.bd

21. The tenderers shall submit their Technical and Financial offer in separate sealed envelope. Furthermore both envelopes shall be covered by an outer envelope which is sealed.

Special instructions

22. a) No tender will be received after the deadline of submission time & date.
b) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender process without assigning any reason.
c) The procuring entity also reserves the right to omit, increase and/or decrease the quantity of any item(s) of the tender.
d) If not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstance, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time & same venue.
e) Evaluation will be done by Lot by Lot basis.
f) Date of financial offer opening will be duly informed to the Technically Responsive Tenderers and their local agents.
g) The Tenderer must comply with all requirements as per the tender data sheet provided with the tender schedule.
h) The Tender Security shall be in the form of an irrevocable bank guarantee issued by an internationally reputable bank and shall require to be endorsed by its any correspondent bank located in Bangladesh.
i) The Procurement will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Regulation 2008.

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০১. প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	: বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক
০২. দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর পদবী	: পরিচালক
০৩. নিলামযোগ্য গাড়ীর বিবরণ (যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে)	: গাড়ীর রেজিস্ট্রেশন নম্বর ঢাকা মেট্রো-গ-১৭-৮৭২৬ ঢাকা মেট্রো-গ-১৭-৮৭২৮ ঢাকা মেট্রো-গ-১৭-৮৭২৯ ঢাকা মেট্রো-গ-১৭-৮৭৩০ ঢাকা মেট্রো-গ-১৭-৮৭৩১ ঢাকা মেট্রো-গ-২৩-১০২৩ ঢাকা মেট্রো-গ-২৩-১৫৭৮ ঢাকা মেট্রো-৫-৫১-৪৫৪৬
০৪. নিলামের স্মারক নম্বর	: ০১/২০২৫
০৫. তারিখ	: ০৯/০৩/২০২৫
০৬. দরপত্র সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	: উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র
০৭. নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ	: ০৯/০৩/২০২৫
০৮. দরপত্র জমা দানের পদ্ধতি	: নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে সিলবালা অবস্থায় জমা দিতে হবে।
০৯. নিলাম দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	: ২৪/০৩/২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। কমন সার্ভিসেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট-১ এর পরিচালক মহোদয়ের কক্ষ (৩০ তলা ভবনের ৭ম তলা)।
১০. দরপত্র ঘোষণার তারিখ ও সময়	: ২৪/০৩/২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ২.৩০ ঘটিকা।
১১. দরদাতা ব্যক্তি/ প্রতিষ্ঠানের যোগ্যতা	: আশ্রয়ী যে কোন ব্যক্তি সাদা কাপজে এবং প্রতিষ্ঠানের ক্ষেত্রে নিজস্ব প্যাডে পূর্ণ ঠিকানা ও টেলিফোন/ মোবাইল নম্বরসহ দাবিলকৃত প্রতিটি কাপজ পত্র পূর্ণ স্বাক্ষরসহ দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে (বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক কর্মরত কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারী ব্যতীত)।
১২. জামানত	: প্রতিটি গাড়ীর জন্য ৬২৫,০০০.০০ (টাকা পঁচিশ হাজার মাত্র) করে পে-অর্ডার, ব্যাংক ড্রাফট (ফেরৎযোগ্য) পরিচালক, কমন সার্ভিসেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট-১, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা বরাবরে দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৩. নিলাম সংশ্লিষ্ট তথ্য/ শর্তাবলী	: ক. পে-অর্ডার/ ব্যাংক ড্রাফট ব্যতিরিক্ত ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠান দাখিল করে গণ্য হবে। খ. অসম্পূর্ণ, ঘষামাজা ও ত্রুটিপূর্ণ দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। গ. সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতাকে উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের উপর সরকারী বিধি অনুযায়ী নির্ধারিত হারে ডাউট ও আয়করসহ মূল্য পরিশোধ করে গাড়ী জেলিভারী গ্রহণের পত্র প্রাপ্তির তারিখ হতে ০৭ (সাত) কর্ম দিবসের মধ্যে গাড়ী হুখে নিতে হবে। অন্যথায় জামানত বাজেয়াপ্ত করা হবে।
১৪. দরপত্রের মেয়াদ	: ৯০ (নব্বই দিন)
১৫. কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/ বাতিল/ প্রত্যাহারের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	

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