

Several local polls observers likely to be excluded: EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Many of the local election observer organisations are likely to be excluded from the upcoming 13th national polls.

However, no final decision has been made yet, said Election Commissioner Anwarul Islam Sarkar at a press briefing in the capital yesterday. “We have prepared a draft. It will be presented in the commission meeting. A decision will be made after discussions and reviews. Some organisations will indeed be cancelled,” he said.

Currently, there are 96 registered local election observer organisations in Bangladesh.

When asked about the decisions taken in the draft, the EC said they cannot be disclosed at this moment, adding that it is difficult to say anything before it was finalised.

Asked if the organisations would be excluded under the existing observer policy, he said, “We are moving forward through detailed discussions on existing regulations and the commission’s reform proposals. If the commission decides to cancel all of them, then they will be cancelled.”

Five killed, five hurt in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Five people were killed and five others injured in road accidents in two districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Pabna, four people, including three family members, were killed and two others injured when an auto-rickshaw collided head on with a bus at Bohorpur in Ishwardi.

The deceased are Rabbi, 35, his wife Mukta, 25, and their 18-month-old son, Mostakim; and Ratul, 30, said Inspector Monirul Islam of Ishwardi Police Station.

In Tangail, an unidentified trucker died and three others were injured as two trucks collided on the Jamuna Bridge east link road in Kalihati, said police. The injured were taken to Tangail General Hospital.

Exploited, deceived, and finally criminalised

Nine children framed in cattle smuggling case in Cox’s Bazar

MOKAMMEL SHUVO, Cox’s Bazar

The future of nine impoverished children from Ramu in Cox’s Bazar hangs in the balance after they were wrongfully accused in a smuggling case by police in Bandarban.

While the real smugglers remain untouched, these minors, aged 12-16, some of whom have no parents to defend them -- are being dragged through the legal system.

Their families, already struggling to survive, are now burdened with mounting legal expenses. Each household has already spent Tk 10,000-12,000 to secure bail, and with another hearing set for March 16, they have no idea how to continue funding their legal battle.

HOW THEY WERE TRAPPED

According to the children and their families, the events leading to their arrest began on February 26.

A local named Kalu Mia, allegedly lured them to his farm in Gorjonia with promises of payment.

He instructed them to take the cattle to the local market, giving them no indication that the cattle were smuggled. Since the area was not near the border, they had no reason to suspect anything illegal.

However, while they were on their way to the market, Naikkhayangchhari police intercepted them at Bam Hatirchara Bridge and seized the cattle.

The police, too, allegedly deceived these vulnerable children.

Officers told them to drive the cattle to the police station, promising

Tk 3,000 and food in return.

But as soon as they arrived, the police locked them up and filed charges under the Special Powers Act, accusing them of smuggling livestock from Myanmar.

This act of betrayal has left the children traumatised. Six of them are orphans -- five lost their fathers, and one lost both parents. With no

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one to shield them, they often work small jobs to support their families. Instead of receiving protection, they are now criminalised.

Kalu Mia could not be reached for comments.

REAL SMUGGLERS WALK FREE

Despite the police’s swift action against the children, sources

confirm that the real culprit behind this smuggling operation is Jamshed Alam, a known cattle trafficker. Yet, instead of pursuing him and dismantling the smuggling network, authorities have chosen the easy route -- framing defenceless children.

Human rights activists have condemned this injustice.

Abu Ahmed Fajul Kabir, head of operations at Human Rights Defender, said, “Even if the children were used by smugglers, they should never have been implicated in the case. This will leave a permanent stain on their future. Instead, the real culprits who exploit minors should be prosecuted.”

A SYSTEM THAT PUNISHES THE VULNERABLE

The stigma attached to the accusations will follow these children for years, Kabir said.

They have already endured humiliating court appearances, and are living in constant fear of what comes next.

Their families have had to borrow money to cover legal fees. With the next hearing looming, they fear financial ruin.

Bandarban Superintendent of Police Shahidullah Kowsar said the case is being handled “with utmost sincerity” and that if the investigation finds the children were used by smugglers, they will be exempted. However, activists argue that these children should never have been arrested in the first place.

729 PRIMARY SCHOOLS Govt halts intake to grades 6-8

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The interim government has decided that no new students will be enrolled in grades six to eight at government primary schools where these grades were introduced on a trial basis. As part of the 2010 National Education Policy, classes six to eight were initially launched on an experimental basis in 729 government primary schools.

However, the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education last week issued the directive to the Directorate of Primary Education to halt new admissions to these grades, said Masud Akter Khan, additional secretary (School) of the school division at the ministry.

He said schools have been instructed to make

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Robber killed in getaway crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

A suspected robber was killed and two others injured when their truck overturned while fleeing police after a robbery in Naogaon early yesterday.

The identity of the deceased was not known immediately. The injured Rubel Hossain and Masud Rana were undergoing treatment under police custody at Naogaon 250-Bed General Hospital.

Police said the robbery took place at a house at Enayetpur village. When the house residents raised an alarm, locals rushed to the scene, prompting the robbers to flee in a truck.

Police set up six barricades at key locations. The robbers broke through all barricades while attempting to escape but ultimately lost control of their truck. Police recovered one cow and two goats from the overturned truck, said Sadar Model Police Station OC Nure Alam Siddique.



বাংলাদেশ নির্বাচন কমিশন

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জীপ গাড়ি ভাড়াকরণ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সিনিয়র জেলা নির্বাচন কর্মকর্তা, সিলেট কর্তৃক ব্যবহারের জন্য ০১(এক)টি জীপ গাড়ি (ন্যূনতম ২০০০ সিসি) ভাড়া করার নিমিত্ত প্রকৃত গাড়ি ভাড়া দেয়া প্রতিষ্ঠান/ ব্যক্তির নিকট হতে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্রের সিডিউল ৫০০/- টাকার (অফেরতযোগ্য) বিনিময়ে ০৯ এপ্রিল, ২০২৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত বিক্রয় করা হবে। আগ্রহী ক্রেতাগণ ০৯ এপ্রিল, ২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০টা পর্যন্ত অত্র কার্যালয়ে (সিনিয়র জেলা নির্বাচন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, সিলেট) রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাস্তবে দরপত্র দাখিল করতে পারবেন এবং ঐ দিন ১২.৩০টায় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণ কমিটি কর্তৃক আঞ্চলিক নির্বাচন কর্মকর্তার সম্মেলন কক্ষে দরপত্র খোলা হবে (বিস্তারিত বিবরণ/শর্তাদি সিডিউলে সংযুক্ত)।

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Common Services Department-2 (Mechanical Engineering Wing)

Head Office, Dhaka-1000.

Invitation for Tender (Goods & related works) through Web.	
01. Procuring Entity	Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
02. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM). Single stage Two envelope system (Technical offer & Financial offer in separate envelope) (NCT)
03. Invitation ref. No. & Date	CSD-2(MES)- 08/01(car scanner)/2025-115 Date: 20/03/2025
04. Source of Funds	Bangladesh Bank's own fund.
05. Tender Package Number	Single Lot
06. Tender Package name	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 01(one) unit vehicle/car X-ray scanner at Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
07. Tender Last selling Date	The Tender documents may be obtained from the office of the Director(Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank(7 th floor of 30 th storied Building), Head Office, Dhaka on payment of Tk.10,000/-(Taka Ten Thousand) only (Non-refundable) per set during office hours on or before 19/04/2025 upto 4.00 pm.
08. Tender closing Date & Time	20/04/2025 up to 3:00 P.M
09. Tender opening Date & Time	20/04/2025 at 3:30 P.M
10. Name & Address of the office (Receiving/ Opening Tender document(s))	Director(Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank(7 th floor of 30 th storied Building), Head Office, Dhaka
11. Eligibility of the Tenderer	(a) Tenderer shall have at least 10(Ten) years of overall business experience in the supply and installation of Mechanical machineries. (b) Tenderer shall have valid authorization/agency/distributorship/dealership certificate issued from the internationally reputed proposed Brand vehicle/car X-ray scanner Manufacturer (Original Equipment manufacturer). (c) Tenderer shall have specific experience for supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of USA/UK/EU made proposed brand vehicle/car X-ray scanner in KPI establishments in Bangladesh worth not less than Tk.30 Crore in total in single contract in the last 07(Seven) years. (d) Tenderer shall have operation, servicing & maintenance contract of proposed brand vehicle/car X ray scanner with at least 02 years completed duration. (e) Tenderer shall have NOC/valid import license from the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Regulatory Authority (BAERA) to import Car X-Ray Scanner Machine. (f) The minimum amount of liquid asset i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderer shall be Tk 25.00(Twenty Five) crore only. In case of credit facilities, Bank shall ensure that the above mentioned credit limit will be given if the said work is awarded to the contractor. (g) Tenderer shall have to furnish certificates to support those eligibility from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent and shall meet all other criteria, terms & conditions as specified in the tender documents without which the tender will not be considered.
12. Tender Security	Tender Security amount is BDT 70,00,000.00 (Taka Seventy Lac) only will be required in the form of Pay Order/ Bank Draft/ Bank Guarantee in favour of Director (Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
13. Work completion Time	12(Twelve) months from the date of Award of Contract.
14. Name and Address of Official Inviting Tender	Sudhangshu Kumar Sarker, Director (Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2 (7 th floor, 30 th storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head office, Dhaka-1000.
15. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone: 88-02-9530490, Fax: +88-029530321
16. Special Instructions	(i) Original PO/BD/BG as Tender Security has to be submitted to Director(Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2 within stipulated date and time of TDS. (ii) Tenderer shall submit the documentary evidence etc. (attested or original whichever necessary) at the time of Tender opening or when required, failing which the Tender may be considered as non-responsive. (iii) Tenderer shall duly fill in the Form PG5A-1a (Technical offer) & Form PG5A-1b (Financial offer) (Tender Submission Letter) and Form PG5A-2a (Tenderer Information) as per format given in Tender Document. (iv) Form PG5A-1a & PG5A-1b form will be completed and signed by the Authorized Signatory on the Letter-Head Pad in original during submitting tender to Director (Engineering-E/M), CSD-2 at scheduled time as per TDS. (v) Furnishing of any false, misleading documents shall result in rejection of the tender and may lead to action under Rules 127 of PPR 2008. (vi) All sorts of Security and Safety measures shall be carried out by the Contractor during execution of the work. (vii) Bangladesh Bank reserves all right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. No claim will be entertained in this regard.


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১২.	সহকারী অধ্যাপক হারবার এন্ড রিভার ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং-০১ (এক)				
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১৫.	প্রভাষক পোর্ট এন্ড শিপিং ম্যানেজমেন্ট-০১ (এক)				
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