



Senora, OGSB unite to promote menstrual hygiene

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To raise awareness about women's physical safety and menstrual hygiene management, the Obstetric and Gynecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB), in collaboration with Senora, a brand under Square Toiletries Limited, organised an event titled "Ensuring Safe Menstrual Hygiene" at a hotel in Dhaka on April 21.

The programme was attended by prominent figures, including Prof Farhana Dewan, president of OGSB; renowned gynecologists; OGSB members; media representatives; and key officials from Square Group, according to a press release.

The event outlined the initiative's objectives and future plans.

Malik Mohammad Sayeed, managing director of Square Toiletries Limited, emphasised the joint goal of Senora and OGSB: to bring 60 percent of Bangladeshi women under safe menstrual hygiene protection by 2030.

He stressed that collective efforts are vital to building a healthier and more equitable society.

Kuet students

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shift him to Khulna Medical College Hospital or another facility."

SM Arif Iftekhhar, deputy chief medical officer at the Kuet Medical Center, said, "One of the students had a pre-existing liver disease. While he was on hunger strike, we visited him and advised him not to take such a risk due to his liver issues."

"We provided him initial treatment. He was taken to an outside hospital," he added.

Two other students were provided primary treatment at the centre, he informed.

Meanwhile, Education Adviser Prof CR Abrar urged the students to withdraw their hunger strike.

Speaking to the protesters on phone yesterday, he said the strike could seriously affect their well-being, as per an education ministry press release.

Prof Abrar said the government is aware of their demands, and a high-level delegation will soon visit Kuet to meet all stakeholders and take steps to resolve the crisis.

In another development, several Dhaka University students yesterday expressed solidarity with the Kuet students. They brought out a procession on the campus, which was also joined by former Kuet students. A rally was held at the Raju Memorial Sculpture.

In a separate programme, Bangladesh Democratic Student Council held a symbolic hunger strike at the same venue.

Students from the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology also expressed their support for the Kuet students.

Meanwhile, the National Citizen Party (NCP), in a press conference last night, expressed solidarity with the hunger strike. The party urged the government to take measures to resolve the crisis.

Some progress, but challenges 10 hurt

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Health Nutrition, said exclusive breastfeeding declined to 53 percent in 2022 from 65 percent in 2017.

"Many mothers are not adequately aware of the importance of exclusive breastfeeding, and many working mothers, including garments workers, are forced to turn to supplementary feeding," he said.

Dr Fahmida Sharmin Joti, associate professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Bangladesh Medical College, said only 41 percent of pregnant women receive antenatal care.

"If more women received antenatal care, they could be advised properly on child and maternal nutrition. This would help reduce the incidence of low birth weight babies," she said.

Saiful Islam, additional secretary at the health ministry, said, "Child nutrition must be ensured from the stage of pregnancy."

He stressed the importance of safe water and proper sanitation.

Prof Salahuddin Mahmud of the paediatric gastroenterology department at Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute said a family's education and financial condition also play a major role in ensuring nutrition.

Prof Anjuman Ara Sultana, line director of National Nutrition Services at the Directorate General of Health Services, said, "Budgetary allocation and manpower must be increased, and we must ensure proper fund utilisation to improve the nutrition situation."

Deepika Mehrish Sharma, chief of nutrition at Unicef Bangladesh, said in the Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar, the number of children suffering from severe wasting increased by 27 percent in the past year since February.

She cited reasons such as last year's flooding, diarrhoea outbreaks, and ration cuts caused by reduced funding.

"Malnutrition requires a life-cycle approach, and the response cannot come solely from the health sector," she said.

"The private sector and especially policymakers must contribute to solving the problem."

Rudaba Khondker, country director of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), said innovative approaches must be explored, and more young people should be engaged in tackling nutritional issues.

Abu Jamil Faisal, president-elect of the Public Health Association of Bangladesh, highlighted several threats to nutrition that are often overlooked: plastic use, pesticides, chemical fertilisers, and lead poisoning.

"These are the unseen enemies that interfere with nutrient intake," he said.

Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, said, "On one hand, we are failing to provide enough nutrition to our children. On the other, we are poisoning them with plastic, pesticides, and chemicals."

"What sort of society are we? I am sad that this is how we treat our children," he said.

He said The Daily Star would commit more strongly to this issue.

"We will follow up with investigative reports and editorials," he said.

Other speakers included Chowdhury Ali Kawser, former professor at Bangladesh Medical University; Farzana Rahman, deputy director of the Bangladesh National Nutrition Council; Thaddeaus David May, senior director of the nutrition research division at icddr;b; and Muhammad Habibur Rahman, line director of Community Based Health Care at DGHS.

The session was moderated by Tanjim Ferdous, in charge of NGO and foreign missions at the business development team of The Daily Star.

Witnesses said a group of Dhaka College students attempted to approach the City College building, defying police barriers. In response, City College students came out of their campus, leading to renewed clashes in the Science Laboratory area.

Mohsin Uddin, officer-in-charge of New Market Police Station, said additional police forces had been deployed to bring the situation under control.

City College's acting principal FM Mobarak Hossain, alleged around 50 to 100 police officers stood by during the attack on the college premises without taking any action.

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Mr. REZAKUL HAIDER

on 23rd April 2021.
We remember him on this day.

We all pray to Almighty Allah for granting him Jannat.

Directors and All Employees of



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I have lost my BSc in Chemical Engineering original certificate of SUST, Reg No: 2014332008, Passing year: 2022. A GD has been filed under Mohammadpur Thana, GD No: 663. Ahmed Nahiyon Chowdhury.

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গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিষয় : রাজনৈতিক দল নিবন্ধনের জন্য আবেদন জমা দেয়ার সময় ২২ জুন ২০২৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত বৃদ্ধি প্রসঙ্গে।

সর্ব সাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, গণপ্রতিনিধিত্ব আদেশ, ১৯৭২-এর অনুচ্ছেদ ৯০ক এর অধীন রাজনৈতিক দল হিসেবে নিবন্ধন করতে ইচ্ছুক এবং রাজনৈতিক দল নিবন্ধন বিধিমালা, ২০০৮-এ উল্লিখিত শর্তাবলী পূরণে সক্ষম রাজনৈতিক দলসমূহকে নির্বাচন কমিশন প্রদত্ত নির্দেশিকা মোতাবেক বিধিমালায় সংযোজিত ফরম-১ পূরণপূর্বক ২০ এপ্রিল ২০২৫ তারিখের মধ্যে নিবন্ধনের জন্য আবেদন করার আহবান জানিয়ে নির্বাচন কমিশন সচিবালয়ের ১৭.০০.০০০০.০২৫.৫০.০৯২.২৪-৪৯ স্মারকমূলে ১০ মার্চ ২০২৫ তারিখ গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি জারী করা হয়। উক্ত গণবিজ্ঞপ্তিটি নির্বাচন কমিশনের ওয়েব সাইটসহ ১১ মার্চ ২০২৫ তারিখে দৈনিক পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত হয়। তৎপরবর্তীতে, কতিপয় অনিবন্ধিত রাজনৈতিক দলের বিভিন্ন মেয়াদে সময় বৃদ্ধির আবেদনের প্রেক্ষিতে মাননীয় নির্বাচন কমিশন ২২ জুন ২০২৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত নিবন্ধনের আবেদন পত্র জমা দেয়ার সময়সীমা বৃদ্ধি করেন। উল্লেখ্য যে, ১০ মার্চ ২০২৫ তারিখে প্রকাশিত গণবিজ্ঞপ্তিতে প্রদত্ত শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকবে।

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Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)
(Selection of Consulting Firm: National)

A. Basic Information (Procuring Entity, Assignment, Procurement Method, Source of Fund, etc.) for the Consulting Firm:

1	Name of the Organization	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)
2	Procuring Entity Name & Designation	Dr. Md. Jashim Uddin, Additional Managing Director
3	Expression of Interest for Selection of	A Consulting Firm to Conduct 'End-Project Impact Studies' under RMTP of PKSF
4	EOI Ref No.	53.23.0000.001.03.037.25-2353
5	Package No.	PKSF/RMTP/2024-25/SD-17
6	REOI Publishing Date	23 April 2025
7	Procurement Method	Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)
8	Source of Fund	PKSF & IFAD
9	Development Partner	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
10	Project Name	Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP)
11	EOI submission closing date, time, and place	Date: 8th May 2025; Time: 2:00 PM PKSF Bhaban, E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

B. Key Information for the Consulting Firm:

12	Brief description of the assignment	The REOI document including Terms of Reference (TOR) are obtainable from the office of the undersigned during office hours: 9:30AM to 2:30 PM at free of cost. It will be also available at PKSF website https://pksf.org.bd/tender/ . Interested eligible consultants are requested to submit their applications along with all necessary documents in sealed envelope to the office of the undersigned directly or by courier/mail by 2:00 PM on or before 8th May 2025.
13	Experience, resource, and delivery capacity required of the Consulting Firm	
14	Other Details	

C. Procurement Entity Details:

15	Name of the Official Inviting EOI	Dr. Md. Jashim Uddin
16	Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Additional Managing Director
17	Address of the Official Inviting EOI	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) PKSF Bhaban, E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
18	Contact Details of Official Inviting EOI	Telephone: 880-0222218331-33, 02222218335-39; Fax: 880-0222218341, 02222218343 e-mail: jashim@pksf.org.bd

The Procurement Entity reserves all the rights to accept or reject all applications.

(Dr. Md. Jashim Uddin)
Additional Managing Director & PE

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Ref: DZH/Piroj/MSR/2024-25/325 Date: 22/04/2025

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Tender Id	Name of Goods	Tender/Propo sal Publication Date & Time	Tender/Propo sal Last Selling Date & Time	Tender/Proposal Closing/ Opening Date & Time
1039520	Procurement of Medicine (Non EDCL) for the F.Y 2024-2025 at Pirojpur District Hospital, Pirojpur.	23-Apr-2025 12:00	13-May-2025 16:00	14-May-2025 12:00
1039521	Procurement of Surgical Instrument for the F.Y 2024-2025 at Pirojpur District Hospital, Pirojpur.	23-Apr-2025 12:00	13-May-2025 16:00	14-May-2025 12:00
1039522	Procurement of Linen for the F.Y 2024-2025 at Pirojpur District Hospital, Pirojpur.	23-Apr-2025 12:00	13-May-2025 16:00	14-May-2025 12:00
1039523	Procurement of Gauze, Bandage & Cotton for the F.Y 2024-2025 at Pirojpur District Hospital, Pirojpur.	23-Apr-2025 12:00	13-May-2025 16:00	14-May-2025 12:00
1039524	Procurement of Chemical Reagent for the F.Y 2024-2025 at Pirojpur District Hospital, Pirojpur.	23-Apr-2025 12:00	13-May-2025 16:00	14-May-2025 12:00
1039525	Procurement of Furniture for the F.Y 2024-2025 at Pirojpur District Hospital, Pirojpur.	23-Apr-2025 12:00	13-May-2025 16:00	14-May-2025 12:00

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