

# Govt may take a tough decision 2 journalists sacked

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The government does not want to implement, he said, citing the liberalisation of the exchange rate as the bone of contention.  
"We fought with them, we argued with them. We gave them examples and told them we won't tread that path. There is macroeconomic stability in Bangladesh now and the situation is much better than in December, and they also agreed with this."  
He said the price of dollar hit Rs 280 in Pakistan and LKR 400 in Sri Lanka after they launched the market-based floating system.  
"We told the IMF if we open the market now, the dollar exchange rate would hit that level. So, we deferred."  
The foreign exchange market and foreign reserves level are both stable without the IMF tranches, he said.

The exchange rate is hovering around the Tk 120-122 mark under a crawling peg mechanism introduced on the IMF's prescription.  
Under the mechanism, the exchange rate fluctuates within a certain range.  
"They told us to remove the band under the crawling peg," Salehuddin said.  
If the band is removed, he fears the dollar would appreciate unsustainably.  
"So we asked for a \$1 billion stabilisation fund if we removed the band, and they agreed for a \$500 million fund. Still, we are considering."  
If the taka is allowed to float freely, there would be "peaks and troughs" of the exchange rate and the volatility would send a wrong signal to investors, the adviser said.  
He believes non-disbursement of the two IMF

instalments would affect the chances of getting budget support from the WB and other multilateral lenders, but it would not affect getting loans from them for projects.  
"We don't want to take loans with hard conditions. Pakistan took \$7 billion and Argentina took \$20 billion. We don't want to increase our debt burden. If we take \$3 billion and for that, we have to make the exchange rate flexible, we would need around \$5 billion to repay that amount," Salehuddin added.  
At another event, National Board of Revenue Chairman Abdur Rahman Khan said the IMF board would take a decision on whether to approve the two tranches for Bangladesh on May 5.  
"We are optimistic that a positive outcome will be reached."

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A press release issued by the information ministry quoted him as saying.  
The channel's parent company, Kazi Media Ltd, also served a termination letter to senior journalist Md Mizanur Rahman, stating he was dismissed with immediate effect.  
A senior newsroom member at Deepto TV, requesting anonymity, told this newspaper the journalist was sacked due to the incident at the previous day's press conference.  
Md Fazle Rabby, a special correspondent of ATN Bangla Ltd, was also terminated yesterday on grounds of "unprofessional conduct during reporting".  
A termination letter, signed by the channel's Chairperson Mahfuzur Rahman, read, "You are being terminated for failing to do your professional duty during reporting."  
Speaking to The Daily Star, Fazle Rabby said he was neither asked for an explanation nor served with a show cause notice prior to his dismissal.  
"I wasn't questioned, and the office didn't discuss it with me. After clips from the press conference went viral on social media, there was considerable backlash, with groups threatening to march to the television station. As a result, I was mentally prepared for this outcome."  
He claimed he was dismissed for "doing journalism".  
Channel i's senior reporter Rafiqul Bashar was also suspended. The channel's online platform posted a notice on social media saying, "Channel i has suspended and commenced an internal investigation against the journalist accused of not exhibiting professionalism during the question-and-answer session of the cultural adviser's press conference."  
Bashar told this correspondent he had not been given a reason for his suspension. "I was told by the office that my job is gone, but no reason was provided. I don't think I said anything at the press conference that went against the spirit of the July movement."  
Meanwhile, Bangladesh Journalists in International

Media in a statement last night said, "We call on the authorities to ensure the journalists' safety and protect them from potential offline harm, and urge the respective media outlets to stand by their journalists, ensure their protection, and refrain from punishing them for fulfilling their professional duties."  
FAROOKI'S STATEMENT  
Around 11:30pm last night, Cultural Adviser Mostafa Sarwar Farooki on his verified Facebook page claimed that the three journalists, who have now been terminated or suspended, at the press meet appeared to reflect a "subtle attempt at mass murder denial".  
"The words spoken yesterday could hurt anyone who witnessed July... For a mother who lost her child just eight months ago, for someone wounded by a killer's bullet, for a brother or sister who narrowly escaped death - those comments struck like shrapnel."  
He noted that justice for the killings has yet to be served. "Even in the West, Holocaust denial continues to hurt people despite judicial closure. Here, we are only eight months since the tragedy, and when someone questions whether a killer can be called a killer, it's seen as an attempt to erase the memory of July."  
The adviser added, "This evening [last evening], I learned that the journalists have been dismissed by their respective channels. Every media house has its own editorial policy, and decisions are made based on that."  
Responding to claims circulating online that the journalists lost their jobs because they questioned him directly, Farooki called such assertions "ridiculous".  
"This is not about me - it's about July, and the policies of the institutions involved. Those trying to connect me to their dismissal are missing the point entirely," he said, adding, "For the record, I want to make it clear that we had no direct or indirect involvement in their employment status. Anyone who has doubts can contact those channels to know the truth. It's better not to reach conclusions based on speculation."

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Memo No: 59.11.0000.303.07.069.2025-1522 Date: 29/04/2025

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Tender ID No. & Package No.	Tender Package name	Date & Time of Tender Publication	Last Downloading/Selling Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time
ID No: 1081965 MFSTC/GR-26	Procurement of Washing and Cleaning for MFSTC, Dhaka.	29 April, 2025 Time: 13:00 PM	18 May, 2025 Time: 17:00 PM	19 May, 2025 Time: 12:00 PM

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WASA  
Chattoagram Water Supply & Sewerage Authority  
Wasa Office Building, Dampara, Chattoagram.  
প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়  
ভাঙ্গালক্ষ্মী পানি সরবরাহ প্রকল্প

Ref. No: 46.06.2000.000.000.14.0018.25/357 Date: 27.04.2025

**e-Tender Notice**

Sl.No.	Invitation Reference No	Package Description	Tendering Method	Tender ID No.	Tender Opening Date & Time
1.	46.06.2000.000.000.14.0018.25	Supply of Anionic & water soluble Poly Acrylamide to Bhandal Jhuri Water Treatment Plant in accordance with the Technical Specifications of Tender/Contract Document etc. complete as per instruction of the E/C.	OTM	1103416	12-May-2025 3:15 Pm

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Transport pool Building (8<sup>th</sup> Floor), Secretariat Link Road, Dhaka-1000.

Memo No. 46.04.0000.000.101.36.001.17.697 Date: 29/04/2025

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1104876	46.04.0000.000.102.07.0066.24.10	Procurement of Furniture (4 Executive Table, 1 Revolving Chair, 1 Solid Wooden Chair)	30 April 2025 2.00 PM	14 May 2025 2.13 PM
1066392	46.04.0000.000.102.07.0072.24.11	Procurement of Computer Related Goods	30 April 2025 2.06 PM	14 May 2025 3.00 PM
1104946	46.04.0000.000.102.07.0071.24.12	Procurement of Computer Stationary Printing and Photocopier Paper (offset A4 300 Ream, Legal 50 Ream, Officers usage pen 100 pcs for office use.	30 April 2025 2.00 PM	15 May 2025 2.51 PM
1104963	46.04.0000.000.102.07.0074.24.13	Procurement of Electronics Equipment (Air Conditioner-02 pcs, Wall Fan-05 pcs)	30 April 2025 2.00 PM	15 May 2025 4.00 PM
1105149	46.04.0000.000.102.07.0070.24.14	Procurement of 04 Desktops, 02 Laptops, 04 Printers, 03 Scanners, 10 UPS	30 April 2025 2.30 PM	15 May 2025 4.33 PM

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## Asiatic 3sixty

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has been spreading rumours and fabricated information involving Asiatic 3sixty and its affiliated companies through media and social platforms.  
On the allegation of supplying fake gold medals to various global figures in recognition of their support for Bangladesh's Liberation War, Asiatic 3sixty said that they were supplied by a different company, and clarified that Asiatic's involvement in that initiative was "to act as an event management company".  
The statement also denied past or present connections between CRI (Centre for Research and Information), and Asiatic 3sixty's Managing Director Iresh Zaker or any of its affiliated companies.  
Regarding the 50th anniversary of independence and Mujib Borsho celebrations, the statement said, "Asiatic was responsible for event management, logistics supply, and event-related technical support only, which was also done by maintaining strict standards, processes, and transparency. All aspects of this engagement followed due process and were transparent at every step."  
The group also denied allegations of monopolising the advertising market, saying it has a competitive bidding process for all private and corporate clients, and that it has always participated in competitive pitches and tenders, meeting the necessary criteria.  
"Asiatic responds to requests for proposals, competes based on merit, and, upon selection, executes contracts with professionalism, efficiency, and clarity. In this regard, the highest integrity and transparency are always maintained," said the statement.  
Asiatic 3sixty operates within a healthy and competitive market, where the company earned its position alongside many other reputed agencies, the

statement added.  
In the statement, the group also denied involvement in any Joy Bangla concerts held in previous years, saying two other leading agencies organised them. It added, "While Asiatic was involved in organising some events for various ministries during the tenure of the past government, the company was never associated with managing or promoting any political party's campaign or event."  
The statement also clarified Asiatic 3sixty's position on the freezing of bank accounts belonging to 17 companies under Asiatic 3sixty, along with those of 6 board members and 2 employees.  
"No prior notice or official warning was issued to Asiatic in this matter," the statement read, adding that due to the lack of specific allegation in media reporting or communication from the banks, the legal team of Asiatic has reached out to the relevant authorities to better understand the issue.  
Asiatic 3sixty highlighted that it employs over 700 permanent staff and nearly 4,000 contractual employees nationwide, and over 500 vendors are associated with the group's operations.  
"The sudden freezing of the bank accounts of Asiatic 3sixty has placed the livelihoods of its employees, their families, and these extended partners at serious risk and raised concerns with deep empathy," the statement read.  
The statement also highlighted the group's position in the marketing communications sector of the country, saying, "Asiatic remains the only agency group in Bangladesh that works exclusively in marketing communications and related services. We are not involved in any other business. Over the last five years alone, Asiatic has contributed more than Tk 750 crore to the national exchequer in the form of VAT, taxes, and various government fees."

**Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)**  
BSC Bhaban, Saltgola road, Chattogram-4100

**INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TENDER**

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/ Energy and Mineral Resources Division
2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not Applicable
5	Procuring Entity District	Chattogram
6	Invitation for	Tender for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Services and Marine Services for the BPC Installation "Single Point Mooring (SPM) with Double Pipeline System, Bangladesh".
7	Invitation Ref No	BPC SPM O&M 01/2025
8	Date	30-04-2025

**KEY INFORMATION**

9	Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method (OSTETM)
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

10	Budget and Source of Funds	BPC own fund
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	Not applicable

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12	Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	Not Applicable
13	Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	Not Applicable
14	Tender Package No.	BPC SPM O&M 01/2025
15	Tender Package Name	Tender for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Services and Marine Services for the BPC Installation "Single Point Mooring (SPM) with Double Pipeline System, Bangladesh".
16	Tender Publication Date	30-04-2025
17	Tender Last Selling Date (must be the date prior to the day of Tender Closing Date)	18-06-2025
		<b>Date</b> <b>Time</b>
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	19-06-2025 12:00 PM
19	Tender Opening Date and Time (within one hour of Tender Closing at primary place)	19-06-2025 12:15 PM
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road Chattogram-4100, Bangladesh (Cash Section)
	- Downloading Tender Document (This is optional. If permitted by the Procuring Entity, mention the web address where the electronic version of TD will be available. Specify the detail procedures for payment of the cost of TD by the Tenderers.)	The Tender Document (PW7A, Annexure 1, Annexure 2) will be sold as both hard copy & electronic copy subject to signing by the prospective bidder a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with BPC. Annexure 3 (Drawings & Specifications) shall be available only in an Electronic Data Room. The link and the password to the Electronic Data Room will be provided to the prospective bidder once the Tender Document is purchased.
	- Receiving Tender Document	Office of General Manager (Planning & Development) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road Chattogram-4100, Bangladesh
	- Opening Tender Document	Board Room Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road Chattogram-4100, Bangladesh
21	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Board Room, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road Chattogram-4100, Bangladesh
		<b>Place</b> <b>Date</b> <b>Time</b>
		Board Room, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road Chattogram-4100, Bangladesh
		25-05-2025 11:00 AM

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

22	Eligibility of Tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minimum number of years of general experience in Operation and Maintenance shall be: <b>7 (Seven) years</b>. (years counting backward from the date of publication of Invitation for Tender in the newspaper).</li> <li>The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor or Subcontractor or Management Contractor of at least 1 (One) contract of O&amp;M Services and Marine Services (as described in Annex 2) successfully completed within the last <b>7 (Seven) years</b> (years counting backward from the date of publication of Invitation for Tender in the newspaper) each with a value of at least <b>USD 35 (Thirty-Five) million</b>.</li> <li>The required average annual turnover shall be minimum <b>USD 25 (Twenty-Five) million over the last 3 (Three) years</b>.</li> <li>The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderers shall be <b>USD 5 (Five) million</b> from an international bank of repute or scheduled bank in Bangladesh.</li> <li>Maximum number of partners in the Joint Venture shall be <b>2 (Two)</b>.</li> <li>Other required eligibility criteria and conditions are stated in the Tender Data Sheet (TDS) of the Tender Document.</li> </ul>			
23	Brief Description of Works	Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Services and Marine Services for the BPC Installation - "Single Point Mooring (SPM) with Double Pipeline System complete with all its Auxiliaries and Ancillaries in both On-shore and Off-shore parts as defined and detailed in Annex 2".			
24	Brief Description of Physical Services				
25	Price of Tender Document	BDT 35,000 (BDT Thirty-Five thousand only) Will be given by Pay Order/Cash in favor of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation. The original money receipt of purchasing tender document must be submitted with the technical offer.			
	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount	Completion Time in Weeks / Months
26	1	BPC SPM O&M 01/2025	Kutubdia-Maheshkhali (Coxs Bazar District) & Anowara-North Patenga (Chattogram district), Bangladesh	USD 2 (two) Million	40 (Forty) months

**EMPLOYER DETAILS**

27	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Amir Masud General Manager (Planning & Development)
29	Address of Official Inviting Tender	BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road Chattogram-4100, Bangladesh
30	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel: +8801755-587626 Fax: +8802-320645 email: <a href="mailto:bpcplanning@gmail.com">bpcplanning@gmail.com</a> , <a href="mailto:gm_planning@gmail.com">gm_planning@gmail.com</a>
31	(a) This tender notice will also be available at 1) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC), Website: <a href="http://www.bpc.gov.bd">www.bpc.gov.bd</a> and 2) BPPA Website: <a href="http://www.cptu.gov.bd">www.cptu.gov.bd</a> . (b) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue. (c) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason what so ever.	

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