

Lightning kills siblings in Bogura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Two brothers were killed in a lightning strike in Bogura's Sariakandi upazila yesterday afternoon.

The deceased were identified as Monmat Halder, 45, and Sabuj Halder, 32, of Baraitali village under Kazipara upazila of Sirajganj. They used to catch fish in the Jamuna river and sell those at Debdanga Mathurapara fish market in Sariakandi upazila.

The incident occurred around 3:30pm at the fish market during a storm with drizzle, thunder and lightning, said Jamilur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Sariakandi Police Station, quoting witnesses.

"The brothers went to secure their boat at the riverbank when a lightning struck a bamboo log that they were holding. They immediately fell into water from their boat. Locals rushed to rescue them but found them dead," said the OC. The bodies will be handed over to family members, he added.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
MAY 5

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-15	12-45	5-00	6-34	8-00
JAMAA 4-50	1-15	5-15	6-38	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Tk 38cr hospital unit lies idle

Health officials blame red tape for delayed opening

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

The newly-constructed building at Chaugachha Upazila Model Hospital in Jashore has remained unused for 18 months, despite being completed at a cost of Tk 38 crore.

The six-storey building, built to upgrade the hospital from 50 to 100 beds, was completed on September 19, 2023. Although construction began on April 29, 2021 under the supervision of the Health Engineering Department, hospital activities have yet to begin due to the lack of administrative approval.

In the absence of use, the building's doors, windows, and furniture are deteriorating. Patients continue to suffer due to overcrowding in the existing facility, with many forced to receive treatment on the floor and verandah of the ward.

Of the total expenditure, Tk 21.46 crore was spent on the main hospital building and Tk 2.32 crore on installing an oxygen plant and supply lines.

Locals expressed frustration, saying the hospital regularly accommodates more patients than its current 50-bed capacity. They believe that opening the new building would greatly alleviate patients' suffering.

Patients such as Kajal Rekha and Lima Khatun said the hospital's environment is unhygienic and congested, and they face difficulties



due to severe shortage of space.

Dr Anwarul Abedin, a medical officer at the hospital, said the crisis is compounded by a shortage of doctors.

He stressed the urgency of opening the new building and filling vacant medical posts.

Nazmul Haque, executive of engineer of Health Engineering Department in Jashore, said the project work has been completed and the building has been handed over to the health department. "Now all the responsibility lies with them," he said.

Dr Ahsanul Mizan Rumi, health and family planning officer in

Chaugachha upazila, said the hospital cannot be officially upgraded without administrative approval, and essential resources like furniture, beds, and manpower are still lacking.

Jashore Civil Surgeon Dr Masud Rana said letters have been sent to the health department multiple times seeking approval.

"Regular communication is ongoing. I think the approval may be given this month," he added.

According to Dr Mustafiqur Rahman, joint secretary to the health ministry, steps are being taken regarding the necessary approval for the hospital.

No cattle market in Aftabnagar

HC stays DSCC decision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court stayed for three months a decision made by the Dhaka South City Corporation to set up a cattle market at Aftabnagar in Dhaka ahead of the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha.

The HC bench of Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque and Justice Aynun Nahar Siddiqua issued the order following a petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Md Eunus Ali Akond.

Following the HC order, no cattle market can be set up at Aftabnagar, the lawyer said.

Now teachers go on strike at Kuet

Boycott classes, demand punishment for those behind Feb 18 unrest

UNB, Khulna

No classes were held at Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet) yesterday despite its reopening after two and a half months of closure as teachers started class boycott for various demands.

Md Abdullah Elias Akhtar, director of students' welfare at Kuet, said, "Classes could not be held as the teachers' association is boycotting academic activities. The teachers remain firm in their decision. The vice-chancellor is holding a meeting with the teachers."

Md Faruk Hossain, general secretary of the Kuet Teachers' Association, said, "We will not return to classes until justice is served against those responsible for the February 18 unrest and the assault on the vice-chancellor and other faculty members. We have already informed the newly-appointed acting VC of our stance."

The crisis began on February 18 following an attack on students on the campus. In the wake of the attack, students demanded the resignation of the VC, pro-VC, and the director of students' welfare.

**দি ইনস্টিটিউট অব ব্যাব্কার্স, বাংলাদেশ (আইবিবি)**  
ডিআর টাওয়ার (১৩ তলা)  
৬৫/২/২, বীর প্রতীক পল্লী গোলাম দস্তগীর সড়ক  
(বঙ্গ কালভার্ট রোড), পুরানা পল্টন, ঢাকা-১০০০  
ফোন: ৫৫১১২৮৫৭-৬০

**পাজেরো গাড়ি বিক্রয় বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

সম্পূর্ণ চালু অবস্থায় নিম্নে উল্লিখিত পাজেরো গাড়ি বিক্রয় করা হবে। অর্থাৎ কোনোক্রমে নিষ্কৃত হতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাবে। দরপত্রের সাথে প্রযোজ্য হিসাবের ৫% (পাঁচ শতাংশ) জামানত হিসেবে ইনস্টিটিউটের নামে পেমেন্ট আকারে জমা দিতে হবে। গাড়ির সকল কাগজপত্র হালস্বাস্থ্য রয়েছে। গাড়িটি আনামী ০৬ মে ২০২৫ থেকে ১৮ মে ২০২৫ পর্যন্ত (ট্রান্সিট দিন ব্যতিত) সকাল ১১:৩০টা থেকে বিকাল ৫:৩০টা পর্যন্ত পরিদর্শন করা যাবে।

গাড়ির বিবরণ	গাড়ির মডেল ও রেঞ্জিং
মিতসুবিশি পাজেরো গাড়ি, হা-ক্যাশে, সি-২৩৫০ পেট্রোল ও সিএনজি চালিত (বর্তমান গাড়িটি ১৭১৮৮৩ কিঃ মিঃ অতিক্রম করেছে)	ঢাকা মেট্রো-৯ ১৩-২৬৮৭, মডেলের (MITSUBISHI PAJERO JEEP YEAR 2009), রেঞ্জিং ২০০৯

দরপত্র আনামী ১৮-০৫-২০২৫ তারিখ রাত্রি ১২টা পর্যন্ত মধ্য রাত ২:৩০টা পর্যন্ত অর্থাৎ ইনস্টিটিউটের টেকার বাসে দাখিল করতে হবে এবং ঐ দিন (১৮-০৫-২০২৫) দুপুর ২:৩০টা পর্যন্ত মধ্যরাত পর্যন্ত উল্লিখিত সময় অর্থ পরবর্তী ০৪ কার্যদিবসের মধ্যে পরিশোধপূর্বক গাড়ি গ্রহণের কাজ সম্পন্ন করতে হবে। উল্লিখিত তারিখের মধ্যে সময় অর্থ পরিশোধে বাতিল হবে দরপত্রের সাথে জামানতকৃত সন্দের অর্থ বায়োডার বসে থাকা হবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণে বাতিলের ব্যতিক্রমে কোন অর্থ বা সন্দের ব্যতিক্রম করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।  
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**INVITATION TO BID**

The U.S. Embassy Dhaka is seeking offers for its Gardening, Plant & Lawn Maintenance and Cleaning Services Contract.

The Contractor shall provide Gardening, Plant & Lawn Maintenance and Cleaning services to the U.S. Embassy Dhaka located at Baridhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

In order to obtain the solicitation package, please download the solicitation package from the Embassy website:  
<https://bd.usembassy.gov/grants-and-procurement-opportunities/#embassy> or <https://sam.gov/> and search for **19BG3025R0001** in all award data field.

You can also forward a request for the solicitation package to the following e-mail:  
**DhakaProc@state.gov**

The completed offers to be submitted to **DhakaProc@state.gov** by addressing Contracting Officer, U. S. Embassy Annex (GSO Compound), U.S. Embassy, Plot- 1, J- Block, Progoti Sharoni, Baridhara, Dhaka-1212 on or before **June 19, 2025**.

Only Electronically submitted offers would be considered for further consideration.

**'Pay our arrears'**  
Tea workers issue 3-day ultimatum

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Nearly 2,500 tea garden workers and their family members in Sylhet yesterday blocked Sylhet-Companiganj-Bholaganj regional highway for three hours to press home their 11-point demands, including payment of their 20 weeks' arrears.

The protest began around 12:30pm in Lakkatura area and brought traffic to a standstill.

They later withdrew the blockade at around 3:30pm following assurances from the local administration, and issued a three-day ultimatum, warning of tougher movement if their demands are not met within the deadline.

The workers demanded the government to cancel the lease of Burjan Tea Company, take over operations of the garden, and ensure immediate disbursement of unpaid wages and rations.

Suhag Chatri, a tea workers' leader, said workers have become frustrated over repeated promises of payment that have yet to be fulfilled.

Sanjay Kanta Das, adviser to the Bangladesh Tea Workers' Federation, said the workers have also not received their ration and bonuses for several months.

The blockade led to severe traffic congestion and sufferings to commuters.

Army personnel managed to create passage for emergency vehicles, including an ambulance caught in the gridlock.

Contacted, Md Kamruzzaman, manager of Burjan Tea Garden, said, "We are facing this problem because the Krishi Bank has not allocated us loans due our previous default loans. Last year we could not make any profit due to high production costs."

Khushnour Rubaiyath, upazila nirbahi officer of Sylhet Sadar, said she spoke with both the workers' representative and the tea garden's manager. "Cooperation of the higher authorities is needed to take a decision that benefits the tea workers," the UNO added.

**CONSULTANCY OPPORTUNITIES**

International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka is inviting applications from interested consultants to conduct an analysis of the implications of the early termination of the PROSHAR project that shared a common result framework with similar other projects.

The Terms of Reference (ToR) for detail information can be downloaded from the **United Nations Global Market Place (UNGM)** at <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/265832>

The deadline for submission of proposal is **Sunday, May 18, 2025**, by 04:30 PM (BST time).

**BNP discusses polls**

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issues, added the BNP leader.

He also said they discussed several issues related to mutual interests between the two countries.

Russia is keen to enhance ties with Bangladesh that date back to the country's Liberation War in 1971, he added.

"They (Russia) have interests in several areas to advance this relationship, such as investment in Bangladesh and increasing trade," said Khasru.

The BNP leader said the issue of "humanitarian corridor" to Myanmar's Rakhine also came up during the meeting.

"We discussed it, as everyone has concerns over the matter. All want to see stability in the region. No one wants to see geopolitical instability, because if this region is unstable, it will not benefit anyone. Not only will Bangladesh suffer from insecurity, but the entire region will also be insecure, and no one will benefit from it," Khasru said.

He said they also talked about the potential for energy cooperation between the two countries.

The BNP leader said they mentioned some obstacles to improving business between Bangladesh and Russia, such as facilitating market access, simplifying trade facilities, and resolving problems with bank transactions.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FAMILY PLANNING  
LOGISTICS & SUPPLY UNIT (5TH FLOOR)  
6 KARWANBAZAR, DHAKA 1215, BANGLADESH.

**e-Tender Notice (OTM, ICT, Goods)**

Ref. No: 59.11.0000.302.07.073.2025-1538 Date: 04/05/2025

e-Tender is invited in the national e-GP portal for the procurement of following goods:

Tender ID No. & Package No.	Tender Package name	Last Selling/ Downloading Date & Time	Closing Date & Time
1	2	3	4
ID No: 1103690 Package No: CCSDP/GR-23	Procurement of Implant (01 Stick)	17 June 2025, 17.00	18 June 2025, 12.30 PM

2. This is an online tender where only e-tender (online tender) will be accepted through the national e-GP portal and no off-line/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-tender please register on e-GP portal.

3. The fees for downloading the e-tender documents from the national e-GP portal have to be deposited online through any schedule bank of Bangladesh registered by the CPTU.

4. Further information & guidelines are available in the national e-GP portal & e-GP help desk (Help desk: helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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**Felling of Economically Life Cycle Lost Rubber Tree, Reforestation and Modernization of Rubber Processing Project**  
Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation (BFIDC)  
73, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.

Memo: 22.03.0000.022.122.07.003.25-07 Date: 04-05-2025

**Invitation for Tenders**

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1 Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
2 Agency	Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation (BFIDC)
3 Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Felling of Economically Life Cycle Lost Rubber Tree, Reforestation and Modernization of Rubber Processing Project
4 Procuring Entity Code	MOP Code : 224406600
5 Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6 Invitation for	Procurement of the following services through outsourcing:

S.L.	Name of Service	Number of service providers	Service provision work place	Service Category/Monthly Total Service Price (Per Firm)	Age limit, qualification and experience
i	Sub-Assistant Engineer (Civil)	01 (one)	Project Office and Site.	Special Service-1 (Tk. 27,013/-)	As per tender documents.
ii	Sub-Assistant Engineer (Mechanical)	01 (one)			
iii	Office Assistant cum Computer Operator	01 (one)			
iv	Pickup Driver	01 (one)			
v	Office Assistant	01 (one)			
7	Invitation Ref No	22.03.0000.022.122.07.003.25-07			
8	Date	04-05-2025			

**KEY INFORMATION**

9 Procurement Method: Open Tendering Method (OTM)

**FUNDING INFORMATION**

10 Budget and Source of Funds: Own fund of BFIDC

11 Development Partners (if applicable): N/A

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12 Project / Program Code (if applicable): N/A

13 Project Name (if applicable): Felling of Economically Life Cycle Lost Rubber Tree, Reforestation and Modernization of Rubber Processing Project

14 Tender Package No: PS-02

15 Tender Package Name: BFIDC/Project/2024-25/Pickup

16 Tender Publication Date: 04-05-2025

17 Tender Last Selling Date: 18-05-2025

18 Tender Closing Date and Time: Date: 20-05-2025, Time: 12:00 PM

19 Tender Opening Date and Time: Date: 20-05-2025, Time: 01:00 PM

20 Name & Address of the office(s): 73, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

- Selling Tender Document (Principal): Accounts Section, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 73, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

- Selling Tender Document (Others): BFIDC, Eastern Wood Works, 185/A, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka

**NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS**

- Receiving Tender Document: 1. Accounts Section, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 73, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, 2. BFIDC, Eastern Wood Works, 185/A, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka

- Opening Tender Document: Accounts Section, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 73, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

21 Eligibility of Tenderer: (1) Must be a registered, regulated, licensed manpower supply organization with the authority designated by the government.  
(2) Updated Trade License, VAT Certificate and Income Tax Certificate (TIN) along with Income Tax Case Settlement Certificate/Updated Income Tax Return Submission Receipt for the fiscal year 2024-2025;  
(3) Must have at least 05 (five) years of general experience;  
(4) Must have 03 (three) years of experience in manpower supply to government/semi-government/autonomous/statutory organizations/state-owned organizations/private and public limited companies. Must have experience in supplying at least 05 (five) manpower continuously under a single contract/order within the said 03 (three) years and must submit a certified copy of Income Tax and VAT deduction certificate from the service receiving organization/institution;  
(5) Other qualifications as per tender schedule/documents.

22 Brief Description of Services: Procurement of a firm for providing different Physical Services (Outsourcing)

23 Price of Tender Document (Tk.): 1,000.00 (One Thousand Only)

24 Package Identification of Services: Location: Tender Security Amount (Tk): Completion Time in Weeks / Months

No	Package	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Weeks / Months
PS-02		Dhaka	1,20,000.00	42 Months or up to June-2028

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

25 Name of Official Inviting Tender: Md. Masudul Rahman Bhuiyan

26 Designation of Official Inviting Tender: Project Director (Joint Secretary)

27 Address of Inviting Tender: Banshilpa Bhaban (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor), 73, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.

28 Contact details of Official Inviting Tender: Contact: 02-223382979, 01914-261962, E-mail: bidproject@gmail.com

29 The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the tender proceedings.

(Md. Masudul Rahman Bhuiyan)  
Project Director (Joint Secretary)

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**AHSANULLAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
141-142, Love Road, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208  
Phone: 02 8870422 (Ext.-201) Web: [www.aust.edu](http://www.aust.edu)  
Ref. No. AUST/MPE/OTM/Tender-11/2024-25

**TENDER INVITATION**

Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) is inviting sealed bids from bona fide/ reputed organizations/ distributors/ business partners/agents for:

1. Supply of Lab Equipment (Concentric Tube Heat Exchangers) for the Department of MPE (Re-Tender)

The bidders must submit earnest money @ 2.5% of the quoted price in the form of Pay Order issued from any scheduled bank drawn in favor of "Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology" along with their offer. Interested bidders may collect schedule of tender from Procurement Officer of AUST on all working days till May 13, 2025. The sealed offer must be submitted on **May 15, 2025** by 1.30pm at the Treasurer's office and the tenders will be opened at 02:00pm on the same day (May 15, 2025). Representatives of the participating bidders may remain present at the time of opening the tenders.

The AUST authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason what-so-ever and is not bound to award the work order to the lowest bidder.

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