

## Recruit more

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of Saudi Arabia, on the sidelines of the 7th Global Occupational Safety and Health Conference (GOSH7) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on Saturday.

The adviser has also asked the authorities concerned to verify the employer's capacity and work opportunities in Saudi Arabia before issuing a work visa.

He stressed the need for signing an employment contract online before arriving in Saudi Arabia, developing special training courses for male and female workers on Saudi labour laws, labour culture and other urgent issues.

The adviser also reiterated his country's interest in inviting the authorities of Saudi Arabia to visit the Technical Training Centers (TTCs) in Bangladesh and, if necessary, reserving one or more training centres exclusively for training Saudi bound workers.

As per the decision of the latest Foreign Office Consultations, a high-powered taskforce has already been formed to solve the problem of illegal workers in Saudi Arabia and eliminate irregularities related to employee recruitment, he said.

He hoped that the said task force and working team will play an important role in solving the problems of Bangladeshi workers in Saudi Arabia.

## 54 held

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attack on NCP leader Hasnat Abdullah.

In the continuation of the drive, 54 people have been arrested so far in various places in Gazipur.

The identities of two of the detainees were revealed. They are Md Nizam Uddin and Masum Ahmed Dipu. Unidentified attackers on three to four motorcycles tried to stop Hasnat's car near Ulka Cinema Hall on Sunday when he was returning to Dhaka after visiting Gazipur. Agricultural University.

The attackers threw bricks and stones at the vehicle. The car then rushed to Boardbazar area near the Islamic University of Technology campus. Police later escorted Hasnat towards Dhaka.



PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN  
Md Tafique has long been a familiar figure on the busy Rajshahi-Naogaon highway near Soipara, helping school students cross the road safely from morning till afternoon every day. For his traffic duty, he receives a monthly allowance of Tk 5,000–6,000 from the local police station. The photo was taken yesterday.

# Policy overhaul needed to protect farmers

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trees later this month.

At the event, Khushi Kabir, coordinator of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon, called for stronger land policies and better agricultural planning.

Agriculture contributes 12 percent to GDP and employs 45 percent of the population, yet 70 percent of all court cases are land-related, she said.

She said most farmers grow crops for the market, not for themselves. "To achieve food sovereignty, we must rethink what and how we produce. Harmful crops like tobacco are degrading soil and harming farmers' health," she added.

"Agriculture, food, and public health are all connected. We must stop exploiting soil, water, and people. The future of agriculture depends on policies focused on sustainability," said Khushi Kabir.

Eminent economist Professor Anu Muhammad said the agricultural system is becoming more disconnected from farmers.

"Farmers aren't getting fair prices, and their lives

are becoming more fragile. Meanwhile, our food is turning toxic – fish, meat, fruit – everything is contaminated," he said. "In reality, we're consuming poison."

He said agriculture is vital for Bangladesh's survival, but the media gives little coverage to crop pricing, river erosion, and extreme weather.

"At least 13 farmers have taken their lives in recent months due to price shocks and other agriculture-related problems. A cancer hospital study found that 70 percent of its patients are farmers. Toxic food is boosting GDP by making people sick and turning treatment into business," said Anu Muhammad.

"Our biggest asset is fertile land. But if we destroy soil fertility and micro-organisms, where will we farm? In the sky?" he asked. "We must recognise our limits – limited land and a dense population. Planning must reflect this reality to protect our land and water," he said.

He urged policymakers to assess the real cost of

increased production and called for a national accounting of the damage to land, water, and people, alongside a roadmap for sustainable development.

Abdur Rab, vice-chancellor of International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT), said, "If educated youth take up farming seriously, they can earn more without chasing jobs. But they need institutional support and proper training."

He said traditional farming is declining, with fewer rural youth entering the sector and a sharp drop in sharecropping and farm labour. "We must shift to larger-scale farming and shorten supply chains to make farming profitable," he said.

Multimode Group Chairman Abdul Awal Mintoo warned that shrinking farmland and a growing population threaten food security. "Despite talks of self-sufficiency, we still import rice, wheat, and maize. We need multi-cropping and policies that reflect

changing consumption trends."

Prof Tofazzal Islam of Gazipur Agricultural University said an overemphasis on yield is damaging soil health. "We must invest in restoring soil health and building climate-resilient agriculture," he said.

## Govt to build

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the original contractor, Builders Limited, had its contract terminated in 2022 over alleged breaches.

A new contractor was appointed in September 2023, and after missing five deadlines, the current deadline is set for June 2025. Around 98 percent of the work is now complete, according to DSCC officials.

The long delayed project includes the construction of boundary grills, entry gates on the north and south sides, walkways (including links from the Secretariat to Nagar Bhaban), a library, food court, drainage systems, large jetties at the lakes, an indoor games zone, and parking facilities.

Osmani Udyan, one of Dhaka's key green spaces, features numerous rare trees and plants, two small lakes, sand islands, sculptures, and an auditorium.

## Journalism

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journalists killed during the July uprising, along with journalists who faced repression under the AL regime, also shared their stories at the seminar.

Shafik Rehman, founding editor of Jai Jai Din, urged the interim government to scrap politically motivated cases filed under the AL government, saying many victims of such cases still suffer mentally and financially due to ongoing legal proceedings.

Amar Desh Editor Mahmudur Rahman said, "The first case under the ICT Act (later DSA) was filed against me during the fascist regime of Hasina."

Fascism and a free media cannot coexist, he added.

Kamal Ahmed, chief of Media Reform Commission, stressed the need for financial autonomy in journalism.

"Media is not a business like others. It doesn't have to be as profitable as a bank. But media outlets must earn enough to sustain themselves. They should be self-sustaining and not reliant on government favours," he said.

## EC to stay

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of the Ministry of Local Government, not the Election Commission.

"We have no role in this matter," he said.

The meeting also discussed the ongoing voter list update and other preparations ahead of the next general election.

# Transparency, citizen-first

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Embassy of Switzerland, the workshop brought together senior officials from several ministries, development partners, and policy experts to assess capacity gaps in the civil service and shape a long-term reform strategy, a UNDP statement said.

Addressing the event as chief guest, M Siraz Uddin Miah, principal secretary to the chief adviser, said, "Now is a unique window for reform. With multiple reform commissions in place, including one on public administration, we can build a professional, citizen-first civil service. That requires capacity building that is meaningful, demand-driven, and grounded in democratic values."

Sonali Dayaratne, deputy resident representative of UNDP Bangladesh, emphasised that future-proofing the civil service goes beyond improving efficiency.

"Today's capacity won't guarantee tomorrow's

capability," she said. "We must foster strategic foresight, digital fluency, and evidence-based policy innovation. To navigate an increasingly complex world, it is essential to strengthen collaboration, promote a culture of continuous learning, and align talent with long-term national priorities."

Saifullah Panna, secretary of the Chief Adviser's Office, echoed the importance of collaborative reform efforts, adding that the workshop's insights would inform strategies for institutional strengthening and better public service delivery.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr Rizwan Khair, member of the Public Administration Reform Commission, called for a fundamental shift in civil servant training.

"Strategic thinking, results orientation, and integrity are just as essential as technical skills. We must invest in specialised training, embrace digital

transformation, and equip civil servants to thrive in a volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous world," he said.

The workshop opened with welcome remarks from Dr Mohammad Abdul Latif, director general of the GLU, and concluded with closing reflections from Anowarul Haq, assistant resident representative of UNDP Bangladesh.

With participation from nearly 50 senior officials and experts, the workshop featured technical sessions to identify critical skills gaps and outline a sustainable, needs-based capacity development roadmap.

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০১.	এজেন্সী	সমাজসেবা অধিদফতর, ঢাকা
০২.	সংগ্রাহকসত্তার নাম	মহাপরিচালক, সমাজসেবা অধিদফতর, ঢাকা এর পক্ষে জেলা প্রশাসক, চাঁদপুর
০৩.	সংগ্রাহকসত্তার জেলা	চাঁদপুর জেলা
০৪.	যে কাজের দরপত্র	২০২৫-২০২৬ অর্থ বছরে সমাজসেবা অধিদফতর পরিচালিত সরকারী শিশু পরিবার ও সরকারী বাক প্রবণ প্রতিবন্ধী বিদ্যালয়, বাবুরহাট, চাঁদপুর এর নিবাসীভবন জন্য খাদ্য, খাদ্যানুযায়িক ও শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী এবং বিবিধ মালামাল সরবরাহ।
০৫.	দরপত্র নম্বর তারিখ	নম্বর ০৫.৪২.১৩০০.০২৮.০৭.০০২.২৫.২৭৩, তারিখঃ ০৫/০৫/২০২৫ খ্রি.
০৬.	দরপত্র প্রচারের তারিখ	০৬/০৫/২০২৫ খ্রি.
০৭.	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ও.টি.এম)
০৮.	বাজেট এবং তহবিল উৎস	রাজস্ব বাজেট, জিওবি
০৯.	দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ সংখ্যা	৩ টি (প্রত্যেক প্রতিষ্ঠানের জন্য)
১০.	দরপত্রের প্যাকেজের নাম	২০২৫-২৬ অর্থ বছরে সমাজসেবা অধিদফতর কর্তৃক পরিচালিত ২টি আবাসিক প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিবাসীদের জন্য- ১। "ক" গুল খাদ্য ও খাদ্যানুযায়িক, (অপচন্দনীয় ও চন্দনশীল), ২। "খ" গুল শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য প্রসাধনী ও অন্যান্য এবং ৩। "গ" গুল বিবিধ মালামাল সরবরাহ
১১.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শুরুর তারিখ	০৬/০৫/২০২৫ খ্রি.
১২.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	২৭/০৫/২০২৫ খ্রি. অবিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত
১৩.	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	২৮/০৫/২০২৫ খ্রি. (সকাল ৯.০০- দুপুর ১২.০০ পর্যন্ত)
১৪.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	২৮/০৫/২০২৫ খ্রি. তারিখ দুপুর ১২:৩০ টায় দরদাতা বা জীর মনোনীত প্রতিনিধির উপস্থিতিতে খোলা হবে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। স্থান: জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, চাঁদপুর।
১৫.	মূল দরপত্র দিলি বিক্রয়ের স্থান (কার্যালয়ের নাম ও ঠিকানা)	সংশ্লিষ্ট দুইটি প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, টেডিয়াম রোড, চাঁদপুর।
১৬.	দরপত্র দিলি গ্রহণের স্থান	উপপরিচালক, জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, পুলিশ সুপার কার্যালয় এবং জেলা প্রশাসক, চাঁদপুর এর কার্যালয়।
১৭.	দরপত্র দিলি গ্রহণের স্থান	জেলা প্রশাসক এর কার্যালয়, চাঁদপুর।
১৮.	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	(১) বৈধ সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান। (২) সিডিউল ক্রয়ের টেন্ডারী চালাদের মূল কপি, পূর্বে অনুরূপ কাজ করার অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র, হাল নাশাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ন্যায়ক সম্বলতার সনদ, আয়কর সনদ এবং ভ্যাট প্রদান (২০২৪-২০২৫) সনদ এর অধিকারী হতে হবে।
১৯.	দরপত্র সিডিউল মূল্য	প্রত্যেক গুলের জন্য দরদাতাকে মোট উদ্ধৃত দরের ৩% টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি মানি পে-অর্ডার বা ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে (মূল কপি) দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে। 'ক', 'খ' এবং 'গ' প্রতিটি গ্রুপের দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা হারে অনলাইন টেন্ডারী চালাদ এর মাধ্যমে ১৪২২০২৮, কোড এ (অক্সেসংযোগ্য) জমা দিতে হবে।
২০.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	মোহাম্মদ মোহসীন উদ্দিন
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২২.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, চাঁদপুর।
২৩.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার সাথে যোগাযোগের নম্বর	০২৩৩৪৪-৮৫৬১১
২৪.	শর্তাবলী	(ক) পি.পি.এ-২০০৬ এবং পি.পি.আর-২০০৮ (সংশোধিতসহ) এ প্রদত্ত ক্রয় সংক্রান্ত পদ্ধতি মধ্যস্থভাবে অনুসরণ করা হবে। (খ) গৃহীত দরদাতার নিকট হতে উদ্ধৃত দরের ১০% পারফরমেন্স সিকিউরিটির অর্থ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যসেধ প্রদান করা হবে। (গ) "গ" গ্রুপের ক্ষেত্রে কার্যসেধ সেবা / মালামাল সরবরাহ সাপেক্ষে বিল পরিশোধ করা হবে। (ঘ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। (ঙ) দরপত্র সমুহ নির্ধারিত তারিখ, সময়ে ও স্থানে দাখিল করা যাবে। নির্ধারিত সময়ের পর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবেনা। (চ) বিশেষ নির্দেশনাঃ বিতারিত তথ্য দরপত্র সিডিউলের শর্তাবলীতে বর্ণিত আছে।

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TITAS GAS TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION PLC.

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INVITATION FOR LOCAL TENDER FOR AMS (ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SERVICE) AND ENHANCEMENT OF TGTGPLC'S WEB BASED INTEGRATED SYSTEM HOSTED IN BCC CLOUD

Date of Issuance of IFB: 05 May, 2025

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy& Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division
2.	Agency	Petrobangla
3.	Name of Procuring Entity	Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution PLC.
4.	TENDER Name	AMS (Annual Maintenance Service) And Enhancement Of TGTGPLC's Web Based Integrated System hosted in BCC cloud
5.	Invitation Ref. No. and date	ITInfrastructure/AMS/2025/01, dated: 28 April, 2025
6.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method.
7.	Source of Fund	Company's own fund.
8.	Amount of TENDER Security	Tk. 5,50,000/- (Taka Five Lakh Fifty Thousand only).
9.	Price of TENDER Document	Tk. 5,000/- (Five thousand only) (non-refundable).
10.	Time for Completion of Service	01 (One) year from the date of signing of Contract.
11.	Date & Time of TENDER Selling	Document will be sold from 05 May, 2025 to 25 May, 2025 (10:00 AM to 03:30 PM) on every working day.
12.	TENDER Closing Date and Time	26-05-2025 at 12:00 AM
13.	TENDER Opening Date and Time	26-05-2025 at 2:00 PM
14.	Name and Address of the Office(s) for:	a) Selling of TENDER Document TENDER Documents will be available from 05-05-2025 on payment of price (non-refundable) from following offices: * Cash & Bank Department, Titas Gas T & D PLC., 105 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215 * Accounts Department, Petrobangla, Petro Center, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215 * Accounts Department, BAPEX, BAPEX Bhaban, 4, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. b) Receiving of Bid * Tender Box (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor), Titas Gas T & D PLC, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka- 1215. * Purchase Department, Petrobangla, Petro Center, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. * Office of the Company Secretary, BAPEX, BAPEX Bhaban, 4, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.  Interested Tenderer(s) may view the documents at the above office addresses during normal working hours. Interested Tenderer(s) may obtain further information from the offices of DGM , IT Infrastructure Department (5 <sup>th</sup> floor), Titas Gas T & D PLC, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue and may also visit the Installation sites before submission of Tender.
15.	Name and Address of the Office for Opening Tenders	GM Room, ICT Division, (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor), "Titas Gas Bhaban" Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution PLC. 105 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.
16.	Place/Date/Time of Pre-TENDER Meeting	06-05-2025 at 11.00 AM, GM Room, ICT Division, Titas Gas T & D PLC., 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.
17.	Eligibility of Tenderer(s)	1) The Firm must be based in Bangladesh and have at least 10 years' experience in design, development, implementation, and maintenance of software, preferably in government/semi-government companies. Work experience with completion certificates must be attached as documentary proof. 2) The firm must have a valid Trade License of at least 10 (Ten) years. Consecutive 10 years' trade license must be submitted. 3) Must be registered with RJSC (Applicable for Joint Stock Company & Firm). Certificate of Incorporation. 4) The firms should have at least 03 (Three) software development experiences with a minimum contract value of 2 (Two) Crore each in ERP/Utility Billing/digitalizing government services within the last 5 (five) years. Completion certificates, including contact details of provided services, must be submitted for documentary evidence. 5) The firm must have at least one (01) contract for the support and maintenance of software in a government or semi-government organization, with a minimum value of 1.5 Crore within the last five years. Work Order/Contract Agreement/Completion certificates must be submitted for documentary evidence. 6) The firm should have experience in handling large-scale database management (Oracle), data management, integration management, API management, payment & telco integration management from any government and semi-government organization. 7) Should have a minimum of 50 (Fifty) full-time ICT personnel in the company payroll related to system analysis, design, development, integration, testing, QC, training, and implementation of web and mobile-based applications/software solutions. 8) The firm must have financial soundness & audited reports. The last 03 (three) years' average turnover shall be at least Tk. 35 (Thirty Five) Crore or above. An audit report by a registered audit firm must be submitted. 9) The bank solvency i.e., minimum amount of liquid asset/credit line of the firm shall be Tk. 2 (Two) Crore (Certificate or proof on available liquid asset or fund availability must be issued 03 (Three) months from the date of tender submission by the concerned authority). 10) Must have BASIS Membership (Updated). 11) Must have ISO 9001:2015 & ISO 27001:2022. 12) Must have active CMMI L-3 or above. 13) Must have VAT Registration, Income Tax Clearance Certificate, BCS membership, and other legal and compliance certificates. 14) Documents demonstrating the management and operational capacity of the firm (Brochures, Company Profile, and other documents describing company expertise, strength, and experience, core functions, products and services, similar assignments or project experience, availability of relevant Professional staff, and experience among the applicant's staff/resources to carry out this assignment). 15) Joint ventures are not allowed for this tender.
18.	Brief Description of Maintenance/ Services	Details information are found in the Section-7 of Tender document.
19.	a) Should the Submission date of Tenders happen to fall on holiday, Tenders shall be received and opened at the same time and place on the first Subsequent working day. b) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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