

Locals step in to repair road in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Local residents of Rupospur village under Kamalganj upazila in Moulvibazar have stepped in to repair a vital rural road that has long been in a deplorable state, causing suffering to thousands of people.

The locals took up the task themselves, as no steps had been taken by the authorities concerned to repair the dilapidated road and alleviate their prolonged suffering.

During a recent visit to the area, this correspondent saw villagers working to lay bricks to improve the road. Patches of mud and potholes were still visible throughout the one-kilometre stretch.

Following recent rains, the dirt road became impassable, locals said. Even a slight drizzle would turn the road into a mess of knee-deep mud, making it difficult for people and light vehicles to pass through, they added.

As such, on June 10, villagers voluntarily initiated urgent repair work on the road.

"This road is important for us to commute within the locality, including to Rupospur Bandar Bazar. Many students of Rupospur Government Primary School from the village also have to use the road to reach their school and attend classes," said Md Durud Mia, a resident of Madhya Rupospur. Saddam Hossain, another villager, echoed his sentiment.

Shadekul Islam of the same area said several thousand residents use the road daily, despite the inconvenience. "We have repeatedly requested public representatives over the last 10 years to repair and upgrade the road. However, our pleas have been ignored," he added.

Engineer Nahid Ahmed Tarafdar, chairman of Munshibazar Union Parishad, said the road had previously undergone temporary repairs using soil and brick chips, but those did not last. Efforts are underway to pave the road, he added.

Md Rakib Hasan, deputy assistant engineer of the Local Government Engineering Department in Kamalganj upazila, said they are aware of the road's current condition. "A proposal has been submitted to higher authorities to pave the road. Work will begin once we receive approval," he said.



The 21st graduation ceremony of Sunnydale was held at the Sheraton Dhaka on June 14. Prof Ainun Nishat, professor emeritus at BRAC University, attended the event as the chief guest and conferred certificates on 139 graduates. Sunnydale Chairman Dr Tanvir Ahmed Khan and Head of School Tazeen Ahmed were also present at the ceremony.

PHOTO: COURTESY

Bamboo mat weavers struggle to thrive

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

In the remote Tilagaon area under Moulvibazar's Kamalganj upazila, mat weaving using bamboo fibres is a traditional handicraft that has been passed down through generations, helping countless rural families make a sustained living over the years.

However, with changing times, the mat weavers, most of them women, are now struggling to thrive amid myriad of challenges, including being at the mercy of moneylenders who control the product's raw materials as well as



distribution.

While working on a half-finished mat, Mariam Bibi reminisced the years of her involvement in the craft.

"After my husband passed away 17 years ago, I started weaving mats to support my children. Selling these

mats became my only means of survival," she said.

Mariam shared that despite weaving up to 25 mats every week, her earnings are barely enough to sustain her family.

"I have to borrow money from a local moneylender to purchase bamboo, paying Tk 400 for six pieces. Fibres produced from each bamboo can be woven into one or one-and-a-half mats. After completing them, I sell each mat back to the moneylender for Tk 75 taka. As such, from six bamboos, I make only around Tk 200 in profit.

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ABRAR MURDER CASE Ten convicts challenge High Court verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 10 convicts in Buet student Abrar Fahad murder case have so far filed 10 separate appeals with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court challenging the High Court verdict on them.

On March 16 this year, the High Court upheld a trial court verdict sentencing 20 Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) students to death and five others to life imprisonment for killing Abrar Fahad in 2019.

Among the 10 convicted appellants, nine were sentenced to death and one was sentenced to life imprisonment in this case.

They submitted the appeals to the office concerned of the Appellate Division through their lawyers on different days in May and June seeking acquittal from the charges.

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Two murdered in 2 districts

STAR REPORT

At least two persons were hacked to death in Pabna and Jashore yesterday and the day before, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Pabna, a youth was hacked to death allegedly by his relatives over prior feud in Jafarabad village under Sadar upazila early yesterday, said police.

The victim, Md Russel, 31, had an enmity with one of his cousins.

After a mobile phone went missing from Mokbul's house, they put the blame on Russel and allegedly hacked him indiscriminately at around 12:30am, leaving him dead on the spot.

On information, police went to the spot and recovered the body. The body has been sent to Pabna General Hospital morgue for autopsy, said Sadar OC Md Abdus Salam.

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BACI

Bangladesh Association of Construction Industry (BACI)
Nahar Green Summit (3rd Floor), House No. 43, Road No. 16 (Old 27), Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209

SICIP-BACI Program, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, GoB

Ref. No.: SICIP-BACI/NS-1/2025-100

Date: 16 June 2025

Invitation for Tender for Hiring Vehicle for SICIP-BACI PIU Office
Sealed tenders are hereby invited from all eligible Suppliers/Tenderers in accordance with PPR-2008 for the undermentioned work.

1 Agency	SICIP-BACI Program			
2 Procuring entity name	Chief Coordinator, SICIP-BACI Program			
3 Invitation for	Hiring Vehicle for SICIP-BACI PIU Office			
4 Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National)			
5 Tender publication date	16.06.2025			
6 Last date and time for selling tender document	01.07.2025 by 4:00pm			
7 Last date and time for submitting the Tender	02.07.2025 by 2:00pm			
8 Tender opening date and time	02.07.2025 at 2:30pm			
9 Selling, receiving & opening of tender document	SICIP-BACI PIU Office, Nahar Green Summit (3rd Floor), House No. 43, Road No. 16 (Old 27), Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209			
10 Eligibility of tenderer	As per the Tender document			
11 Price of tender document (Taka)	1,000.00 (Taka one thousand only) (Cash Only)			
12 Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	
12	1	Hiring Vehicle for the SICIP-BACI PIU Office	Dhaka City	BDT 75,000.00 (Taka seventy-five thousand only) in favor of the Chief Coordinator, SICIP-BACI Program
13	24 months (Contract period may be extended if performance is satisfactory)			

The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings

Engr. Md. Mushfiqur Rahman
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INVITATION FOR TENDER

1. Invitation Reference, Tender ID No, and Date	Pro. (Log.) 171/2025, Tender ID: 32/2025 Date: 29/05/2025.
2. Procuring Entity Name	Secretary General, NHQ, BDRCS
3. Name of Requisition Department	Myanmar Refugee Relief Operation (MRRRO), BDRCS, Motel Road, Cox's Bazar District. Telephone Numbers: Tel. +88-031-63257. Mobile Numbers: Tel. +88-01714-019064.
4. Implemented by	DR Department, NHQ, BDRCS.
5. Invitation for	Construction of Central Warehouse at Cox's Bazar.
6. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM), One stage two envelopes.
7. Budget and Source of Funds	UNHCR
8. Work Details	LOT-A: Sand Filling/Land Filling, LOT-B: Civil Work at Retaining Wall, Brick Road, Warehouse Boundary Fence & Office Construction works. LOT-C: Rub Hall set-up.
9. Purchase of Tender document	Tender documents and schedules with detailed information are available at the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) website: www.bdrcs.org . Tender Schedule Download Link: https://bdrcs.org/tender/
10. Tender Schedule available from website/link	16-06-2025
11. Tender Closing Date and Time	03-07-2025 at 3:00 PM
12. Tender Opening Date and Time	03-07-2025 at 3:15 PM
13. Address of Tender Submission & Opening	Logistics Department, National Headquarters, BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka-1217.
14. Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	22-06-2025 at 11:00 am in the Logistics Meeting Room, National Headquarters BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka-1217.
15. Eligibility of Tenderer	As per Tender Documents.
16. Submission Criteria	Tender will be evaluated LOT-BY-LOT. A bidder may submit all LOTs or any individual LOT.
17. Tender Security Amount	2.5 % of the Total quoted value of LOT wise.
18. Completion Time in months	As per Tender Documents.

The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender or split the order without assigning any reason and will not be bound to accept the lowest bid.

Size: 3 col x 6"

Dr. Kabir M. Ashraf Alam ndc
Secretary General



EDCL

ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED
395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area
Dhaka-1208

Local Press Tender Notice

Tender Ref.: EDCL (Gopalgonj)/PUR/PT/2025/216

Dated: 15/06/2025

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from Genuine Importers/ Suppliers/ Authorised dealers for Supply of different types of HPLC Columns for QC Deptt. at EDCL, 3rd Plant Gopalgonj on urgent basis:

Name of Item	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last Date of Closing & Opening
Supply of different types of Columns for QC Deptt. at EDCL, 3rd Plant Gopalgonj (Details as per Tender Schedule)	TK. 2.5% of quoted amount	TK. 1000.00 set (Non-Refundable)	Closing: 01/07/2025 at 12.00 PM Opening: 01/07/2025 at 12.30 PM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The Tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money mentioned above in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Company Ltd." without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Size : 5 Inch x 4 Culmn

PRAYER TIMING
JUNE 16

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrub	Esha	
04-05	12-45	5-00	6-50	8-15	
JAMAAT	4-40	1-15	5-15	6-55	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION