

GOPALGANJ VIOLENCE

Case filed over attack on DC's residence

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Another case has been filed over the July 16 attack on the Gopalganj deputy commissioner's residence, bringing the total number of cases to 14 and the number of accused to 15,735.

Gopalganj Sadar Police Station Assistant Sub-Inspector Faruk Hossain filed the latest case under the Anti-Terrorism Act on Tuesday night, confirmed Officer-in-Charge Mir Mohammad Sajedur Rahman to reporters yesterday.

The case names 41 leaders and activists of the Awami League and its affiliated organisations, along with 50 to 60 unidentified individuals, the OC said.

On July 16, protesters allegedly attacked the DC's residence during demonstrations aimed at disrupting the NCP's rally, vandalising government property, and inciting public disorder.

Previously, police filed 13 other cases with the Sadar, Khashiani, Kotalipara, and Tungipara police stations. So far, law enforcers have arrested 336 people across the district in connection with the unrest.

Youth sued over rape of 4-year-old girl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A case has been filed against a youth over the rape of a four-year-old girl in Sreenagar upazila of Munshiganj.

The victim's mother filed the case against Al Amin Khan, 18, with Sreenagar Police Station yesterday, said Md Nazmul Huda Khan, officer-in-charge of the police station.

Quoting the family, OC Nazmul said the victim's mother worked as a house help in the upazila.

According to the case statement, she had brought her daughter along to her workplace on Sunday.

Around 11:00am, Al Amin, who lived nearby, allegedly took the girl to an isolated place and raped her. He then fled the scene, it added.

Following the complaint, police launched an operation on Tuesday night to arrest the accused, but he has been in hiding since the incident, said the OC.

Closure of Tetra Tech ES, Inc. Local Branch, Bangladesh

Tetra Tech is USA based company and locally registered under the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) and its office is situated in Gulshan-2, Dhaka, at House No. 10/C (3rd & 4th Floors), Road No. 90. Tetra Tech has been operating in Bangladesh since 2021, focusing on the Bangladesh Advancing Development and Growth Through Energy Project, which is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Tetra Tech hereby announces the official closure of the Tetra Tech ES, Inc. Local Branch office in Bangladesh, effective August 1, 2025. Concurrently, Tetra Tech has addressed all financial obligations to its local staff, partners, and Vendors. Please contact Mr. Uzzal Hossain Mina (Mobile: 01711192084 Email: Uzzal.mina@tetratech.com) for any immediate concerns or questions.

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EUROPEAN UNION
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh is looking for a suitable candidate for the function of "Secretary".

The full job description, job requirements and application guidelines (how to apply) can be found on our website: <https://bit.ly/JobsatEU>.

The deadline for receiving applications is **Sunday, 17 August 2025 at 16:00 hours**.

Please note that only electronic applications received within the deadline will be accepted. Paper and late applications will be disregarded.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

Any form of persuasion, telephone call, or other form of contact during the selection process will automatically disqualify the applicant.

RAMPAL UPAZILA IN BAGERHAT

Shrinking farmland threatens livelihoods, food security

DIPANKAR ROY

Once a proud landowner and hardworking farmer in Daldaha village of Bagethat's Rampal upazila, Sunil Kumar Mondal now lives on the edge of survival, clinging to the memory of a life that once revolved around his fields and harvests.

Sunil, now in his sixties, lost all eight and a half bighas of his ancestral land over three separate acquisitions for the construction of Khan Jahan Ali Airport.

Although compensated by the government according to the policies at the time, the payments were insufficient to purchase new land. Some money was saved, but much was spent over the years on unavoidable expenses.

"In 1996 my land was first acquired," he told The Daily Star. "I was paid Tk 90,000 per bigha for the first phase -- around two and a half bighas. Later, another three bighas were acquired in 1996 and the rest in 2016."

Each bigha of his land once yielded nearly 20 maunds of paddy during the Aman season, making for an annual harvest of over 150 maunds. That rice not only fed his family but also formed the basis of his income. "After losing my land, I could never afford to buy new fields again," he said.

Sunil was left with only 15 decimals of homestead land -- until that too was partially acquired for the Khulna-Mongla Railway Line construction in 2017. "Now I only have ten decimals. After losing my land, I became like a beggar. I have to buy rice from others to eat. I have nothing left that I can call my own."

Today, Sunil and his family of five survive on the income from a small shop run by his son, Shashank Mondal.

Sunil's story is not isolated. In his village of around 250 families, most lost their land to the airport project. With their farmlands gone, villagers now work as sharecroppers or have migrated elsewhere in search of jobs.

Across the broader area, including villages like Jhalbari, Par Gobindapur, Santoshpur, Kadamdi, Boro Nawabpur, Hogladanga, and Ranjitpur, at least 4,000 families have lost their land solely for the airport.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

I just did what any teacher should

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The men, chanting slogans associated with the AL, were seen pushing her repeatedly. Later, police and bystanders escorted her behind a gate for safety. Even then, the men continued shouting insults in front of cameras.

Asked what gave her the courage that day, she simply said, "I just did what any teacher should. If we don't stand by our students, who will?"

For nearly three weeks after the incident, Aklima said she lived under what felt like "house arrest". The local AL office, only metres from her home, became a source of threats and fear.

"They threatened my husband and even the building's doormen," she said. "They'd say, 'Let the right time come and we will deal with you.'"

Branded a traitor and "Razakar" by local thugs, she stopped leaving the house.

"Some of them have known me since childhood," she said quietly. "But when it comes to political gains, people forget who you are."

Still, she continued supporting her students remotely, as many were reaching out to her for guidance and reassurance.

"I told them whatever I could. If I could protect even one student, I felt I was doing my duty," she said.

Though not politically active, Aklima said her conscience had been stirred earlier, on July 16, when Abu Sayed, a student of Begum Rokeya University in Rangpur, was killed.

"Abu Sayed was not my student. But he was a student. The fact that no teacher came forward, no one stood by his body, haunted me," she said.

It was then that she made a promise to herself: "If something like this happens again, I will not stay silent."

Aklima has lived her whole life in the same Badda neighbourhood.

She completed her HSC at Holy Cross College and later studied philosophy at Dhaka University.

She recalled her university days in the early 2000s, which were marked by unrest.

"There were processions, gunshots... We'd run to Kalabhahan to hide," she said. "Our honours took eight years to complete. But I was never involved in politics. I was always focused on books and classes."

Aklima's dream is a revolution through curriculum, not slogans. "We need an education system that produces human beings, not just degree holders."

Real reform, she believes, starts in classrooms -- with updated curricula, trained teachers, moral education, and above all, compassion.

"In universities, we say, 'Enter to learn, leave to serve.' But right now, we are doing neither. That must change."

She knows change is not possible overnight, but believes it can happen over generations. "I may not see it in my lifetime, but if we start now, maybe our grandchildren will see it."

গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক
প্রধান কার্যালয়
মিরপুর-২, ঢাকা-১২১৬।

পুনঃ টেন্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০৩/২০২৫ তারিখ: ৩১-০৭-২০২৫

গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক, পটুয়াখালী যোনালা অফিস ভবন নির্মাণের জন্য সরকারি/আধা-সরকারি/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকাভুক্ত প্রকৃত ইমারত নির্মাণকারী প্রথম শ্রেণির ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে নির্ধারিত ফরমে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক, যোনালা অফিস, পটুয়াখালী (আফাজ মল্ল, সবুজবাগ, পটুয়াখালী-৮৬০০)।

লট নং-০১ঃ গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক, পটুয়াখালী যোনালা অফিস ভবন নির্মাণ কাজ, সিএডবি রোড (ফায়ার সার্ভিস রোড), ওয়ার্ড নং-০৮, মৌজা: পটুয়াখালী সদর, জেলা: পটুয়াখালী।

১) উক্ত কাজের টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি মোট উদ্ধৃত দরের ২.৫% পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক গ্যারান্টির মাধ্যমে যে কোন সিভিলিয়ান ব্যাংক হতে "গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়" এর অনুকূলে জমা দিতে হবে।

২) প্রতিটি টেন্ডার দলিলের মূল্য ৪,০০০/- (চার হাজার) টাকা (অফেরথযোগ্য)।

৩) কার্য সম্পন্ন করার সময়ঃ ৩০ (ত্রিশ) মাস।

৪) বাজেট ও অফারের উল্লেখ: নিজস্ব অর্থায়ন।

৫) উল্লেখিত কাজের টেন্ডার দলিল গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, নির্মাণ শাখা, মিরপুর-২, ঢাকা-১২১৬ এবং পটুয়াখালী যোনালা অফিস হতে ৩১-০৭-২০২৫ তারিখ থেকে ২৭-০৮-২০২৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সজাহ করা যাবে।

৬) আগামী ০৩-০৮-২০২৫ তারিখ থেকে ২৭-০৮-২০২৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে এবং ২৮-০৮-২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ১১:০০ টা পর্যন্ত উপরোক্ত স্থানসমূহে বস্ফিত টেন্ডার ব্যাগে টেন্ডারসমূহ গৃহীত হবে এবং এদিন অর্থাৎ ২৮-০৮-২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ১১:৩০ টায় ঠিকাদার বা ভান্ডের প্রতিনিধিদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) টেন্ডার বাস্তব খোলা হবে। টেন্ডার বাস্তব খোলার দিন কোন টেন্ডার দলিল বিক্রি করা হবে না।

৭) টেন্ডার দাখিলের নিয়মাবলী টেন্ডার দলিলের সাথে সংযুক্ত থাকবে।

৮) ক) দরদাতাকে প্রধান ঠিকাদার/উপ-ঠিকাদার হিসেবে কমপক্ষে ১০ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন হতে হবে।
খ) গত ৫ বছরের মধ্যে একক কার্যাদেশে সফলভাবে সম্পন্নকৃত ন্যূনতম ৫ (পাঁচ) কোটি টাকার ভবন নির্মাণ কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।
গ) গত ৫ বছরে গড় বার্ষিক আর্থিক লেনদেনের পরিমাণ ১০ (দশ) কোটি টাকার বেশি হতে হবে।
ঘ) টেন্ডারদাতার ন্যূনতম Liquid Asset/Working Capital অথবা Credit Line (স্বণ সীমা) ১.৪ (এক দশমিক চার) কোটি টাকা হতে হবে। তবে টেন্ডার জমাদানের পূর্ববর্তী ৭ (সাত) দিনের আগে ইস্যু করা তরল সম্পদের সনদ মূল্যায়নের জন্য গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।

৯) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই উক্ত টেন্ডার গ্রহণ/বাতিল, সংশোধন, পরিবর্তন করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।


উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক
সেবা ও সম্পত্তি ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগ

Solidaridad

Invitation for Tender

Sealed tenders are invited from eligible bidders for the supply, installation, and commissioning of materials for a biogas plant and shed structure, including related procurement and services, as outlined in the tender documents. Submissions must comply with the specified terms and conditions.

Project Name	Green Dairy Partnership Project in Bangladesh.			
Invitation reference No	SNA/KHL/PR/07.25.104			
Prerequisite of Tenderer	<p>The tenderer is required to submit the following updated documents: Trade License, Business Identification Number (BIN), Tax Identification Number (TIN), and VAT Registration Certificate.</p> <p>Tenderers are required to provide a current bank solvency certificate, duly issued in favor of the specified organization/vendor.</p> <p>The tenderer should be submitted the related previous work experience documents.</p>			
Invitation to Tender for the Provision of ITEM - 1 & 2	Sl. No	Item Name	Qty	Location
	1	Complete installation of 3.2 cubic meter biogas plant with double burner.	35	Satkhira, Jashore and Khulna districts (Installation would be different upazilas)
	2	Build the bio-slurry structure-Chamber 10.5x10.5x7.5 cubic feet	35	
	"The tender schedule will be available for collection from 31th July 2025 to 10 th August 2025, between 10:00 AM and 4:30 PM, at the following address: Dhaka Office: Solidaridad Network Asia, Apartment # A1, Merrydale, 1st Floor, House # 32, Road # 10A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209, Contact Person: Mr. Probr Kumar Biswas, Mobile: 01771-599638 Khulna Office: K.D.A Residential Area, Road #9, House #189, Sonadanga, Khulna."			
Tender Closing Date and Time	The deadline for submission of tenders is on 10 th August 2025 at 4:30 PM.			
Tender Opening Date & Time & Place	Tender opening will take place on 11th August 2025 at 2:30 PM at the Solidaridad Network Asia, Apartment # A1, Merrydale, 1st Floor, House # 32, Road # 10A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209			
Others Terms and Conditions	Tenderers are encouraged to submit quotations for both items jointly.			
	Solidaridad reserves the right to modify or cancel the tender schedule at any time, without prior notice.			
<div><div>Muhammad Shakil Anwar</div><div>Country Operation Officer- Solidaridad Network Asia</div></div>				



NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY
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TENDER NOTICE

Tender No. NSU/25-26-T01

North South University is inviting sealed offers from bona fide/ reputed organizations/ producers/ suppliers for making and supplying convocation items, in various lots as mentioned below and described in the tender schedule.

Detail of the items:

Lot: 1- Convocation attires (Gown, hood, cap, tassel)
Lot: 2- Gown bag
Lot: 3- Certificate folder

Interested bidders may collect a schedule of tender within banking hour from Southeast Bank PLC., Bashundhara Branch, on all working days till **August 18, 2025** by paying non-refundable amount of Taka 1,000.00 (One Thousand) in cash for each schedule.

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 North South University along with their offer. The sealed offer must be submitted on **August 19, 2025** by 2:15 p.m. at the office of the undersigned. The offers will be opened at 2:30 p.m. on the same day. Representatives of the participating bidders may remain present at the time of opening the bids. NSU authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason.

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