



Hundreds of students and indigenous community members hold a mass rally in Khagrachhari yesterday, protesting the rape and ongoing violence against women in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. PHOTO: STAR

# Contractor digs up roads after losing tender

Hundreds in Lalmonirhat’s Kaliganj left stranded for weeks



S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Failure to secure a government contract led contractor to illegally dig up two roads in Lalmonirhat’s Kaliganj upazila, leaving thousands of residents stranded for weeks. Between August 7 and 15, the contractor used an excavator to cut nearly 1.5 kilometres of each road in Chalbala and Chandrapur unions, despite having no work order. Shafiqul Islam, a resident of Chalbala, said, “Since August 7 we have been suffering. Water has filled the dug-up roads, and people can barely walk across.” According to residents, contractor Aminul Islam had been competing for Local Government Engineering Department road-

paving projects in the area. When the contracts were awarded to other companies, Aminul allegedly began box cutting the roads before the official contractors received their work orders. Although local authorities eventually halted the digging, the damage had already been done. LGED sources said the projects involve paving a 3,093-metre road in Chandrapur Union at a cost of Tk 3.91 crore and a 5,250-metre road in Chalbala Union costing over Tk 5 crore. Tenders were floated on June 26, and after evaluation, Mohammad Yunus & Brothers Pvt Ltd won the Chandrapur contract while Barendra Construction Ltd secured the Chalbala work. LGED’s Kaliganj Upazila Engineer

Habibur Rahman said, “Out of jealousy and frustration over losing the tender, a local contractor illegally began digging up the roads. We immediately stopped the work after receiving complaints.” Representatives of the two winning firms, Elahi Baks and Shah Azam, had submitted two written complaints to LGED authorities. Contacted for comment, Aminul Islam said, “The matter has been settled. I have nothing more to say.” Lalmonirhat LGED Executive Engineer Kawsar Alam said, “This is the first time in my career I have seen a contractor dig up a road after failing to get a job. With assistance from the local administration, we stopped the illegal work. The road construction will begin soon.”

## Missing girl’s body found in neighbour’s septic tank

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Shariatpur

The body of a six-year-old girl, missing for two days, was recovered from a neighbour’s septic tank in Vedarganj upazila of Shariatpur yesterday. The victim, identified as Tayeba, daughter of Titu Sardar of Chhoyalkandi area, was a nursery student at Darun Najat Madrasa. She had gone missing on Wednesday afternoon after leaving home to play. Her family filed a general diary with the Sakhipur Police Station the same evening and searched extensively. Yesterday, relatives and locals received a tip that there is a dead body in the septic tank at the house of neighbour Mesbahuddin Mollah. Receiving information, police recovered the body around noon. The body was later sent to Shariatpur Sadar Hospital for autopsy. Necessary legal steps will be taken following the investigation, said Additional Superintendent of Vedarganj Circle Police Soumya Shekhar.

## Woman dies, eight injured as speedboat sinks in Padma

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A woman died and eight others were injured after a speedboat sank in the Padma river in Dhaka’s Dohar upazila due to strong current yesterday. Confirming the incident, Charbhadrassan Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Rajiullah Khan said he has visited the Charbhadrassan Upazila Health Complex where the injured are undergoing treatment. The accident occurred around 5:15pm near Char Moinot ghat of Dohar. The speedboat was heading to Char Moinot from Gopalpur ghat in Charbhadrassan upazila of Faridpur. The deceased was identified as Durga Rani Roy, 57, from Joydeb Sarkar Dangi village in Gazirtek union under Charbhadrassan. Among the injured were Durga’s three-year-old grandson, Lakshan Roy; son Liton Roy, and daughter-in-law Gita Roy. Another speedboat reached the spot following the incident and rescued the victims. The eight injured were taken to Charbhadrassan Upazila Health Complex by a team of Fire Service and Civil Defence. Of them, Mariam, 25, from Baliadangi village in Charbhadrassan, was moved to Faridpur Medical College Hospital after she developed breathing complications. Another injured, Masud Alam, from Char Rannagar village in Faridpur Sadar upazila, told reporters that the boat had 18 passengers, although its capacity was only 12. “Before reaching Moindot Ghat, the boat capsized after its bottom broke due to strong currents and waves.”

## Siblings drown in B’baria pond

UNB, Brahmanbaria

Two young siblings drowned in a pond in Bogdohor village under Nabinagar union in Brahmanbaria yesterday. The deceased were identified as Tisha, 9, and Arian, 6, children of one Jamal Mia of the village. Both were students of Bogdohor Primary School. Eyewitnesses said the children fell into the pond near their home while playing around noon. The tragedy came to notice when a neighbor found one of the children’s bodies floating in the pond. Soon, a search party was gathered. The search found the body of the other child in the pond. Local residents took the bodies to Nabinagar Upazila Health Complex, where doctors declared both children dead. Helal Uddin, chairman of Nabinagar East Union Parishad, confirmed the incident.

## Arrest, punish

FROM PAGE 3 women in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. Around 11:00am, a procession started from Khagrachhari Government College ground and paraded through Chengi Square, Mahajonpara, Narikelbagan, Shapla Chattar, Adalat Road and other streets before ending at Chengi Square. A rally was later held there. At the rally, Ukkyenu Marma announced a road blockade in Khagrachhari today, demanding the arrest of the remaining two accused.

He said all programmes would be suspended during Durga Puja, but warned that if the accused are not arrested within the next few days, an indefinite hartal would be called after Puja.

PRAYER TIMING

SEPTEMBER 27

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-35	12-45	4-15	6-00	7-30
JAMAAT 5-10	1-15	4-30	6-05	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Social media rife

FROM PAGE 3 recorded. Many incidents are dropped due to insufficient information and evidence, with victims’ lack of awareness also contributing, the officials said. Taposhi Rabaya, assistant director (mediation) of Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust, said around 25 percent of cybercrime victims do not want to take legal steps out of fear and ignorance. AbulHasnat Mohammad Shafi Ullah, senior general manager (cyber security planning) at Robi Axiata PLC, said, “We have to take awareness to the same level

that the use of social media has reached.” CCAF President Kazi Mustafiz said election-related propaganda is deliberately spread on social media, with users sharing posts, pictures and videos without considering the consequences. “We need to learn how to use and fact-check before sharing information on social platforms,” he said. Mustafiz said the CCAF will launch a cyber awareness programme across the country throughout October, with the theme “Be Cyber Aware, Stay Safe”.

“গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ। এর অপচয় রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন।”

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(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানি)  
**Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd.**  
(A Company of Petrobangla)

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)  
for Short-Listing of Consulting Firm

Dated: 25-09-2025

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh														
1.	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Energy & Mineral Resources Division												
2.	Agency	: Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited (BGFCL), a Company of Petrobangla												
3.	Expression of Interest for Selection of	: Consulting firm (International) for consultancy services for drilling of 4 appraisal-cum-development wells at Titas & Kamta fields project.												
4.	EOI Ref. No. & Date	: BGFCL/4WDP(Sv)/001/RE: Date: 25-09-2025												
KEY INFORMATION														
5.	Procurement Sub-Method	: Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)												
FUNDING INFORMATION														
6.	Budget and Source of Funds	: BGFCL's own Fund.												
PARTICULAR INFORMATION														
07.	Project Name	: Drilling of 4 Appraisal-cum-Development wells at Titas & Kamta Fields.												
08.	EOI Closing Date and Time	: 15-10-2025 and 15: 00 hrs. (BST).												
09.	Publication Date of Request of EOI	: 25-09-2025												
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT														
10.	Brief Description of Assignment	: 13.1 Consultancy services by 03 categories of consultants in drilling works of 04 gas wells (Titas well No.: 28, 29 & 30 and Kamta well No: 02) for the period December 2025 to May 2027 (tentative). Titas well No.: 28, 29 & 30 are planned to be drilled directionally up to 3500 m TVD depth (with 3900 m MD) at Titas gas field. Kamta well No: 02 is planned to be drilled directionally up to tentatively 2300 m TVD (with 3550 m MD) at Kamta gas field.  13.2 Categories of consultants with estimated man-month are as below: <table><tr><th>Category of Consultants</th><th>No.</th><th>Man-month</th></tr><tr><td>1. Drilling Supervisor</td><td>1</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>2. Petroleum Geologist</td><td>1</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>3. Petroleum Engineer (Completion)</td><td>1</td><td>6</td></tr></table> 13.3 The Terms of Reference of the Consultants are as follows but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Drilling Supervisor mainly shall: prepare/finalize drilling programs; supervise entire drilling operation (including remedial works, if required); &amp; supervise associated third party engineering works.</li><li>Petroleum Geologist mainly shall: prepare/finalize mud logging, wireline logging &amp; coring programs; analyze &amp; interpret mud logs &amp; wireline logs; provide well prognosis, sand correlation &amp; well correlation; select DST &amp; completion intervals; provide required geological information to the Drilling Supervisor during drilling operation etc.</li><li>Petroleum Engineer (Completion) mainly shall: prepare/finalize well completion programs; analyze &amp; interpret wireline logs; select DST &amp; completion intervals in consultation with Petroleum Geologist; supervise well completion jobs; carry out well test analysis etc.</li></ul> The consultants shall also require to assist the Client in any other technical matters related to their fields of expertise.	Category of Consultants	No.	Man-month	1. Drilling Supervisor	1	15	2. Petroleum Geologist	1	10	3. Petroleum Engineer (Completion)	1	6
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11.	Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	: The Consulting Firm must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>At least 10 years of experience (in case of JV, each member should have at least 10 years of experience) in providing consultancy services in oil &amp; gas sector.</li><li>Experience in providing consultancy services for at least 3 Nos. oil/gas drilling projects in at least 2 countries outside its own country within the last 10 years.</li><li>Must have in their payroll or have agreement/arrangement with minimum 3 (three) qualified &amp; experienced personnel for each category of consultant for providing consultancy services under the project for the period December 2025 to May 2027 (tentative).</li><li>Valid registration documents.</li></ul>												
12.	Other Details	: Consulting Firms that are deemed well suited to perform the assignment will be short-listed upon evaluation of EOIs. Thereafter, Request for Proposal (RFP) document will be issued to the short-listed firms. Interested Consulting Firms are requested to submit the following documents/information along with their EOIs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Brochure of the Consulting Firm, which indicates the facilities, manpower and areas of expertise of the consulting firm;</li><li>Details of similar work performed;</li><li>Experience in similar work environments and situations;</li><li>Financial capability related documents such as audited financial report &amp; annual report.</li><li>Tax payment related documents.</li><li>ISO certificates.</li><li>In case of joint venture, joint venture agreement/letter of intent shall be executed on a non-judicial stamp (BDT 300 in value).</li></ul>												
13.	EOI Submission Details	: - Consulting firms from all over the world except those who are not having diplomatic relation with Bangladesh are eligible to submit EOI.  - The advertisement of EOI along with Sample Format for EOI Submission is available on the websites of Petrobangla (www.petrobangla.org.bd) & BGfcl (www.bgfcl.org.bd). The advertisement of EOI is also available on the website of Bangladesh Public Procurement Authority (www.cptu.gov.bd)  - Interested consulting firms are requested to submit EOI in accordance with aforesaid Sample Format along with required supporting documents. Consulting firms may also submit EOI in their own format and may attach any other supporting documents related to the consultancy services.  - Interested Consulting Firms are requested to submit printed & duly signed EOI (1-original & 2-copies) in sealed envelope within the deadline at the following address: Project office, Drilling of 4 Appraisal-cum-Development wells at Titas & Kamta Fields, Level-2, Head Office Complex, BGfcl, Birashar, Brahmanbaria-3400, Bangladesh directly or via postal/courier services.  or Interested Consulting Firms can submit duly signed EOI from their organizational webmail/E-mail at the following E-mail addresses within the deadline: 4wdproject@bgfcl.org.bd; pdd4wells@gmail.com  - In case of any unavoidable circumstances such as strike, civil commotion, Govt. declared holiday etc. EOI submission closing date will be the following working day.  - The Procurement method will be conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement Act, 2006 and Public Procurement Rules, 2008 of GoB.												
14.	PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	: Engr. A. K. M. Jashim Uddin Project Director, Drilling of 4 Appraisal-cum-Development wells at Titas & Kamta Fields, Project Office, Level-2, Head office complex, BGfcl, Birashar, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.												

Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all EOIs.

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