

# Customs houses to run on limited scale during Puja holidays

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Bangladesh's customs houses and stations will continue operating on a limited scale to facilitate imports and exports during the upcoming Durga Puja holidays, which begin today.

The move aims to ensure uninterrupted trade flows despite the two-day public holiday on October 1-2, marking the biggest religious festival of the Hindu community.

In a notice issued yesterday, the National Board of Revenue instructed officials to take necessary measures to ensure cross-border shipments proceed smoothly during the festival period.

# Stocks extend gains

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The main index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) closed higher yesterday, extending gains for a second straight session as engineering and banking shares advanced, while turnover also picked up.

The DSEX, the benchmark index of the bourse, gained 26 points, or 0.48 percent, to close at 5,415.78, according to DSE data.

Other indices had mixed performances as the Shariah-based DSES increased, while the blue-chip DS30 declined.

Turnover, a key indicator of investor activity, stood at Tk 696.8 crore, up from Tk 599.33 crore in the previous session, reflecting higher investor participation in line with the market rally.

The market closed in the green as most large cap sectors posted positive performances, said BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage Ltd in its daily market update.

Block trades, high-volume transactions involving large numbers of securities, contributed 8.8 percent of the overall market turnover.

Market breadth was mostly positive, with 207 issues advancing against 130 declining, while 60 remained unchanged.

Among the major sectors, engineering shares booked the day's highest gain of 1.18 percent, followed by banks at 1.02 percent and non-bank financial institutions at 0.79 percent.

Telecommunication advanced 0.54 percent, while fuel and power edged up 0.20 percent, and pharmaceuticals added 0.18 percent. In contrast, food and allied shed 0.63 percent.

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and the mandatory e-GP system “a decisive shift away from outdated practices that had allowed space for manipulation and political influence”.

He advocated for independent monitoring, performance audits and stronger capacity-building in ministries to ensure consistent enforcement.

M Masrur Reaz, chairman of Policy Exchange Bangladesh, said the new rules indicate “a shift away from favouritism, political influence, and inefficiency in procurement”.

He described the inclusion of beneficial ownership disclosure and sustainability principles as a significant step, but said ministries will need greater technical and administrative capacity to put the reforms into practice.

Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), said that reforms must be applied equally across the board.

“Equality is more

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The exposé comes just weeks after the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and the BSEC issued warnings against such fraudsters. The group has been using the DSE name, logo, and even its official address to appear credible before approaching people on WhatsApp and other platforms, they warned.

The regulator reminded investors that publishing market advice without registration is illegal under the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Research Analyst) Rules, 2013.

Similar scams have previously been reported in India, where social media, messaging platforms, and fake websites were used to lure ordinary users with promises of high returns from the stock market, ultimately defrauding them of millions of rupees.

# Islamic bank deposits

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However, the number of rural branches of full-fledged Islamic banks has not kept pace with demand. “They may focus more on expanding their outreach into rural areas,” said the report.

The report said Islamic banks may invest more in industries that bring about social benefits, particularly in agriculture and small businesses.

The BB said some

important because within the process itself, there are segments that enable formalistic control and obstruct the spirit of open competition,” he said.

He said loopholes could still be exploited if internal controls are poorly designed or selectively applied.

The withdrawal of certain provisions may help close avenues for manipulation, creating space for healthier competition. “That is what we should aspire to,” added the TIB executive director.

# Foreign workers

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ensure service quality and operational efficiency,” he said.

The decision to go fully digital followed a high-level inter-agency meeting held at Bida headquarters on September 2 this year, chaired by the Bida executive chairman and attended by Ghani.

Representatives from the Department of Immigration and Passports, law enforcement agencies, and investment promotion bodies were also present.

These reforms are expected to be completed by December 2025, aiming to make Bangladesh's investment climate more efficient, transparent, and globally competitive.

# Independence of BB

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financial stability, enforce discipline in the banking sector, and credibly apply an orthodox monetary policy, said Rahman.

In effect, central bank independence is no longer a desirable policy choice—it is a fundamental necessity for Bangladesh's economic future. Without it, stabilisation will remain fragile, vulnerable to capture, and at constant risk of reversal, he added.

Addressing the event as chief guest, former BB governor Mohammed Farashuddin said the government should not persecute everybody in order to create congeniality so that the private sector can do business and create jobs.

The government should identify some 10 to 12 “delinquent” companies, and it should go all the way to punish them by collecting evidence and

let all other companies go about their business, he said.

“We must create a condition of congeniality to let the economy grow. It is not good to persecute everybody,” he said.

Money laundering takes place in almost all countries. According to a Washington based think tank, \$7 billion has been laundered on average from Bangladesh every year since 2004, said Farashuddin.

“But good friends of mine heading a taskforce have found it to be \$17 billion... We should not dramatise... we should go slow, steady, and do our jobs,” he said.

He lauded the government for the financial reforms it has been bringing about, saying, “This is the best financial reform in many years in Bangladesh.”

The former BB governor also praised the

# UN to support

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Shipments to Canada and Japan will also face higher tariffs, while pharmaceutical manufacturers will need to comply with international patent law, which could push up medicine prices.

Prof Yunus welcomed the readiness assessment, stressing the importance of evidence before making the transition.

“It has become an emotional issue,” he said, underlining the need for data-driven decisions.

Fatima pointed out that the UN's most recent economic figures on Bangladesh are more than two years old.


“A lot has changed since then,” she said, stressing the urgency of reassessing the country's current economic landscape.

Prof Yunus also voiced concern for the future of

the pharmaceutical sector, which has long benefited from trade preferences linked to LDC status.

He said graduation could jeopardise the industry unless adequate transition measures are introduced, according to the statement.

Bangladesh was placed in the LDC category in 1975. It first met graduation criteria in 2018, and again in reviews in 2021 and 2024.



## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

### বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ

### প্রিন্সিপালের কার্যালয়

### বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ একাডেমী, সারদা, রাজশাহী

স্মারক নং-বিপিএ/প্রশাসন/৫৮৭৪

তারিখঃ ৩০-৯-২৫

### উন্মুক্ত পুনঃদরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

২০২৫-২০২৬ অর্থ সালে বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ একাডেমী, সারদা, রাজশাহীর ২য় কোয়ার্টারের রেশন সামগ্রী (সয়াবিন তেল) ও অর্থদান্য (ছোলা উন্নতমানের) ক্রয়/সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে শর্ত সাপেক্ষে পুনঃদরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে:-

১.	মঞ্চাল/বিভাগ	স্বরষ্ট্র মঞ্চাল (জননিরাপত্তা বিভাগ)।
২.	সহ	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
৩.	সংগ্রহ স্বত্বার নাম	প্রিন্সিপাল, বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ একাডেমী, সারদা, রাজশাহী।
৪.	সংগ্রহ স্বত্বার ঠিকানা	প্রিন্সিপালের কার্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ একাডেমী, সারদা, রাজশাহী।
৫.	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	শিডিউল (STD) বর্ণিত যাবতীয় শর্তাবলী পালন ও কাগজ/দলিলপত্রাদি দরপত্রের সঙ্গে দাখিল করার সক্ষমতা থাকতে হবে।
৬.	সংগ্রহের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
৭.	দরপত্র বিক্রয়কারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	১। প্রিন্সিপালের কার্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ একাডেমী, সারদা, রাজশাহী। ২। রেঞ্জ ডিআইজির কার্যালয়, রাজশাহী। ৩। পুলিশ সুপার এর কার্যালয়, রাজশাহী।
৮.	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	১। প্রিন্সিপালের কার্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ একাডেমী, সারদা, রাজশাহী। ২। রেঞ্জ ডিআইজির কার্যালয়, রাজশাহী।
৯.	দরপত্র বেলাদার অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	প্রিন্সিপালের কার্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ একাডেমী, সারদা, রাজশাহী।
১০.	দরপত্র সরবরাহের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৪-১০-২০২৫ খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত
১১.	দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৫-১০-২০২৫ খ্রিঃ ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত
১২.	দরপত্র বেলাদার তারিখ ও সময়	১৫-১০-২০২৫ খ্রিঃ ২.৩০ ঘটিকা দরদাতা বা তার প্রতিনিধি উপস্থিত থাকতে পারবেন।
১৩.	দরপত্র মুদ্রায়নের তারিখ ও সময়	১৬-১০-২০২৫ খ্রিঃ ১২.০০ ঘটিকা
১৪.	টেডার সিকিউরিটি	প্রত্যেক ক্রেতার ক্ষেত্রে পৃথক পৃথকভাবে কাজের নামের বিপরীতে উল্লিখিত জমানতের টাকা ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/ পে-অর্ডার প্রিন্সিপাল, বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ একাডেমী, সারদা, রাজশাহীর অনুকূলে দরপত্রের সঙ্গে দাখিল করতে হবে।

মালামালের বিবরণ	প্যাকেজ নম্বর	দরপত্র শিডিউলের মূল্য	টেডার সিকিউরিটি যান
সয়াবিন তেল উন্নতমানের (০.৫০০ লিটার এবং ০২ লিটার ক্যান “সটিক পুটি সুস্থ গ্রীক” উল্লিখিত ভিটামিন “এ” সমৃদ্ধ সয়াবিন তেল) বিএসটিআই কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত।	১	১,০০০/-	১,৩৮,০০০/-
ছোলা (উন্নতমানের) (ভাস্কোনা ও পরিবহন চার্জ সহ)	২	১,০০০/-	২৩,০০০/-

#### বিশেষ শর্তাবলী :

- অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ নির্ধারিত দিনে বা সময়ে দরপত্র দাখিল/গ্রহণ বা বেলাদা সম্ভব না হলে দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক দরপত্র দাখিলের ও বেলাদা/গ্রহণের পুনঃনির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময় বিজ্ঞপ্তির মাধ্যমে সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলকে অবহিত করা হবে। দরপত্র বেলাদার তারিখে যদি কোন কারণে অফিস বন্ধ থাকে তা হলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিনে যথাসময়ে দরপত্র বেলাদা হবে।
- দরপত্র উল্লিখিত যে কোন আইটেমের পরিমান বৃদ্ধি অথবা কমানোর বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষ পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
- দরপত্র শিডিউল ক্রয়ের সময় প্রিন্সিপাল, বিপিএ সারদা, রাজশাহী বরাবরে নিজস্ব প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্যাডে আবেদনের মাধ্যমে দরপত্র শিডিউল ক্রয় করতে হবে।
- দরপত্র পিপিএ/২০০৬ ও পিপিআর/২০০৮ এবং (STD) মোতাবেক সকল শর্তাবলী কার্যকর হবে।
- কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

#### Ministry of Food

#### Directorate General of Food

#### Procurement Division

#### 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.

#### www.dgfood.gov.bd

No. 13.01.0000.093.46.003.25-716

Date: 30/09/2025.

### INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE FOR IMPORT OF NON-BASMATI PARBOILED RICE, (Package-02, FY- 2025-2026)

International tender in sealed cover are invited from bonafide traders for supply of 50,000 (Fifty thousand) (5%±) Metric Tons of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice. The particulars of international tender are furnished below:

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH					
1	Ministry/Division : Ministry of Food				
2	Agency : Not applicable				
3	Procuring Entity Name : Director Procurement				
4	Procuring Entity Code : Not applicable				
5	Procuring Entity District : Dhaka				
6	Invitation for : Procurement of 50,000 MT (5%±) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice				
7	Invitation Ref. No. & Date : 13.01.0000.093.46.003.25-716, Dated: 30/09/2025				
KEY INFORMATION:					
8	Procuring Method : International Open Tender Method				
FUNDING INFORMATION:					
9	Budget and Source of Fund : GoB Fund				
10	Development Partners (If applicable) : Not applicable				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION:					
11	Project/ Programme / Code : Not applicable				
12	Project/ Programme Name (If applicable) : Not applicable				
13	Package No. : Package-02				
14	Package Name : Procurement of 50,000 MT (5%±) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice				
15	Notice publication date : 01 October, 2025				
16	Selling of Tender schedule : 05 October, 2025 to 14 October, 2025 up to 4.30 PM (BST)				
17	Date and Time of closing : 15 October, 2025, Upto Time 1.00 PM (BST)				
18	Date and Time of opening : 15 October, 2025, Time 2.00 PM (BST)				
19	Name and Address of the Office(s): Selling Tender Documents : Office Chamber of Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. Receiving place of Tender : 1) Office Chamber of Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. 2) Office Chamber of Joint Secretary, Room No. 114, (1 <sup>st</sup> floor), Building No. 04, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. Opening Place of Tender : Office Chamber of Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.				
20	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional) : Not applicable				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
21	Eligibility of Tender : Necessary papers to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the tender documents.				
22	Brief Description of Goods or Works : 50,000 (5%±) (Fifty thousand) MT. of Non-basmati Parboiled rice at Chattogram (80%) and Mongla (40%) port on CIF Liner Out term. Cost of the Cargo, Insurance and Freight including Stevedoring, Overseide Handling and Lightering are on seller's account. Single price per MT is to be quoted in US\$.				
23	Brief Description of Related Services : Not applicable				
24	Price of Tender Document (Tk.) : Tk 5,000 (five thousand) or USD 100 (One hundred) non-refundable by Pay Order/Bank Draft drawn in favour of Director General, Directorate General of Food. Mode of Payment : Through Letter of Credit (L/C) Crop Year : 2025 or latest Validity of the offer : 30 October, 2025 Upto 5.00 PM. (BST)				
25 Quality & Specification:					
Quality parameters		Specification	Margin of tolerance with claim for deviation beyond specification	Rejection	
Moisture (maximum)		13.5%	14.0%	above 14.0%	
Broken grain (Maximum)		5.0% (Rice of size 3/4th and below will be considered as broken and less than 1/4th broken should not be more than 2%)	6.0% (Rice of size 3/4th and below will be considered as broken and less than 1/4th broken should not be more than 3%)	above 6.0%	
Foreign matter (Maximum)		0.3%	0.5%	above 0.5%	
Dead, damaged & discoloured grains (Maximum)		3% in total	4.0%	above 4.0%	
Radio-Activity (maximum)		50 Bq/Kg of 137Cs/134Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC and South-East Asian country)	50 Bq/Kg of 137Cs/134Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC and South-East Asian country)	above 50 Bq/Kg of 137Cs/134Cs	
All the parameters must be limited to percentage mentioned against each item individually and separately.					
Pack no.	Identification of Shipment	Country of origin	Location	Tender Security Amount (US\$.)	Shipment period
Pack-02	50,000 MT (5%±) Non-Basmati Parboiled rice on CIF Liner out term	Any country of the world except Israel	Chattogram port-60% and Mongla port-40%	US\$ 300,000 (Three hundred thousand) in favour of Director General of Food for 50,000 MT Parboiled rice (5%±) in the form of a Bank draft/pay-order (No Bank Guarantee is allowed)	40 (forty) days from the date of opening of the L/C. Note that at least 50% of the total quantity must be shipped within 25 days of opening of the L/C.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS:					
26	Name of official inviting tender		G.M. Faruk Hossain Patwary		
27	Designation of official inviting tender		Additional Director (Procurement)		
28	Address of official inviting tender		Office Chamber of Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.		
29	Contact details of official inviting tender		Phone: +88-02-41050178 E-mail: dproc@dgfood.gov.bd		
30	(i) Incomplete, conditional tender and alternate offer shall not be considered. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason. (ii) Tenderer who has been awarded two NOAs (Notification of Award) waiting for signing the contract or has signed two contracts but shipment under any of the contracts has not yet set sailed for destination, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender; (iii) Tenderer who had been awarded NOAs (Notification of Award) earlier but could not execute contract by submitting PG (Performance Guarantee) on time, shall not be eligible to participate in the next two tenders. (iv) Tenderer whose bid-bonds had been forfeited twice for not submitting PG or signing contract on time, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from the bid-bonds so forfeited is deposited to the Government treasury or not; (v) Tenderer whose whole PG (Performance Guarantee) had been forfeited for non-supply of the contracted quantity, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from PG so forfeited is deposited to the Government treasury or not.				

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(মোহাম্মদ সাইফুল ইসলাম, বিপিএম, পিপিএম (বার))

বিপি নং-৭৭০৬১১৭৫৪১

পুলিশ সুপার (ফিন্যান্স এন্ড ডেভেলপমেন্ট)

পাক-প্রিন্সিপাল

বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ একাডেমী

সারদা, রাজশাহী।

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