

## Stronger laws

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plants, brick kilns, solid waste, road dust, and transport. Household combustion accounts for the highest share at 28 percent, transport the lowest at 4 percent, while brick kilns contribute 13 percent.

A report by Center for Research on Energy and Clean Air (2025) found air pollution causes 102,456 deaths annually, 9,485 premature births and 696,389 underweight babies.

Dr Sampriti Islam, assistant professor at Bangladesh Medical University, said polluted air carries ultrafine particles that enter the bloodstream and cause multiple health complications.

DoE Director Ziaul Haque said, "Due to a lack of coordination among ministries, it is not possible to prevent air pollution."

Firoz Haider Khan, president of the Bangladesh Brick Manufacturers Association, said, "Shutting kilns alone won't ensure clean air, as garbage dumps and stinking areas remain."

AHM Shafiquzzaman, president of Consumer Association of Bangladesh President, said outdated vehicles pose a "silent threat" to public health.

Naznin Hossain, director (enforcement) of BRTA, said it had dumped 1,100 vehicles, filed 18,000 cases, and imposed Tk 10 crore in fines from January to July.

Taslima Islam, chief executive at Bela, said poor enforcement, manpower shortages, and overlapping jurisdictions worsen the crisis. "We need a holistic approach to tackle pollution."

**PRAYER TIMING**  
OCTOBER 1  
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4-45 12-45 4-15 5-53 7-30  
JAMAAT 5-20 1-15 4-30 5-56 8-00  
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Nosimons, vans, battery-run autorickshaws and other locally made vehicles ply the highways and main roads around Rajshahi city. They often try to squeeze through small gaps between buses and trucks, but frequently end up in accidents. Despite repeated warnings from the authorities, the owners of these vehicles refuse to comply. The photo was taken from the Mohonpur area recently.

PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

## COX'S BAZAR SADAR HOSPITAL

# ICU limps on amid fund, staff crisis

MOKAMMEL SHUVO, COX'S BAZAR

year at the hospital's request.

After the funding stopped, most doctors and nurses gradually left, leaving the ICU functional with limited resources.

At present, the ICU is operating with only six beds, seven doctors and 16 nurses.



Four doctors from the project are serving without pay, while three others have been assigned from the hospital's revenue stream to keep the facility running for the past three months, said Dr Kafil Uddin Abbas, in-charge

of the ICU.

With no active project funding now, medicine and manpower provided by the government are keeping the unit running, but none of the staff receive salaries.

Many nurses and staff have left due to unpaid wages.

Some equipment, including portable X-ray and ultrasound machines, remains non-functional due to lack of maintenance.

Hospital superintendent Dr Moung Ting Neo said, "Through different sources of medicine and manpower, we have kept the ICU services running. Soon, with support from the World Bank and IOM, a fully functional 10-bed ICU will become operational. Recruitment and other preparations are ongoing."

"Cox's Bazar has around 3 million residents and 1.5 million Rohingya refugees. Thousands of tourists also visit each year. Given these numbers, a hospital capable of providing advanced medical care is crucial. Without a modern facility, patients would have to travel at least six hours to Chattogram, which is extremely risky for critically ill patients," he added.

## Punish rapists

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The citizens expressed concern that the home adviser had neither visited the violence site nor taken action, instead advising the indigenous community to remain calm, which they described as "shirking responsibility".

They said decades of discrimination against indigenous communities in the CHT remain unaddressed, and basic security continues to be denied despite the stated goals of the interim government.

The statement placed five demands: arrest and punishment of rape suspects and perpetrators of violence; a transparent judicial probe into the rape, killings, and arson, alongside a commission to probe excessive force by law enforcement; protection and compensation for victims and families; medical and rehabilitation support; and a review of CHT policy through a political process involving the army, ministries, indigenous representatives, experts, and civil society to develop short, medium, and long-term strategies for sustainable peace.

Signatories include economist Prof Anu Muhammad, rights activists Sultana Kamal and Nur Khan, TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman, former adviser Rasheda K Choudhury, lawyer ZI Khan Panna, ALRD Executive Director Shamsul Huda, and writer Rehema Ahmed.

Meanwhile, the Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord Implementation Movement held a rally at Shahbagh in Dhaka, demanding swift trial of the perpetrators, protection for the survivor, compensation for victims, and full implementation of the CHT Peace Accord.

Speakers included BSL leader Bazlur Rashid Firoz, Dhaka University Prof Khairul Islam Chowdhury, and student leader Numongru Marma.

Samina Luthfa, Moshahida Sultana, Rushad Faridi, and Tasneem Mahboob, and lawyers Barrister Sara Hossain and Manzur Al Matin.

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In another statement, 41 eminent citizens also expressed shock over the incidents and violent clashes, saying at least 30 indigenous people were injured, with allegations of excessive force by law enforcement.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Project Director

Integrated Services and Livelihood Improvement Project (ISLIP)

Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE)

DPHE Bhaban, 14, Shaheed Captain Monsur Ali Sarani,  
Kakrail, Dhaka-1000

Memo: 46.03.2600.546.14.93.2025-30

Date: 28/09/2025

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DESIGN, MONITORING, AND SUPERVISION (Firms selection)

[Quality and Cost-Based Selection] [National] [Time based]

Project Title: "Integrated Services and Livelihood for Displaced Rohingya People and Host Communities' Improvement Project"

Assignment: Consultancy Services for Design, monitoring, and Supervision

Package No: S-01/ DPHE

- The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a grant [Grant No-0000] and loan [Loan No.-0000] from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to partly finance the approved "Integrated Services and Livelihood for Displaced Rohingya People and Host Communities' Improvement Project". Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) under Local Government Division of ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Co-operatives (LGRD&C) will implement the project. There will be improvement/ construction of infrastructure including a water treatment plant, water transmission line, and distribution network, mini-piped water supply system etc. Part of the project financing (grant) will be used to engage a Design, Monitoring, And Supervision Consulting Services firm for DPHE.
- The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of "Integrated Services and Livelihood for Displaced Rohingya People and Host Communities' Improvement Project", DPHE now invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed eligible national consulting firms ("the interested Consultant") for short-listing in order to provide consulting services in the area of "Consultancy Services for Design, monitoring, and Supervision". The PIU of "Integrated Services and Livelihood for Displaced Rohingya People and Host Communities' Improvement Project" is going to initiate the procurement process of the above-mentioned package. This is to be noted that, the "Integrated Services and Livelihood for Displaced Rohingya People and Host Communities' Improvement Project" will be a continuation of the "Emergency Assistance Project (EAP), DPHE Part".
- The scope of the consulting services ("the Services") is to assist the PIU in Procurement, Contract Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Supervision; with Safeguards, Environmental Management Plan, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, and Stakeholder Engagement Plan; in Financial Management; to Undertake Due Diligence for Proposed Subprojects as outlined in the Development Project Proposal (DPP) of GOB and Project Administrative Manual (PAM) of ADB including feasibility study for further scope of investment by additional financing.
- The main objectives of the service are (i) to support O&M of built service under EAP (including additional finance); review and update the design, estimate, specification and bidding document (as necessary); support to procurement; finalize the safeguard document, due diligence report; supervision of the project components; and (ii) to conduct feasibility study, design; prepare estimate, specification and bidding document; support to procurement; prepare the safeguard document, due diligence report; and supervision of the project components. Details tasks and responsibilities of Consultant are available in Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Services.
- The Evaluation Committee of PIU will conduct the short-listing along with ranking of the interested consulting firms for the Services. The firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The key qualifications and experiences of the Consulting firms required are as follows:

The following lists of competencies are required to be shortlisted of Firms on reviewing EoI documents:

- Shall be registered as company/consulting firm having legally established office in its country of business; these shall be supported by proven document(s) i.e., certification of incorporation/ registration from the competent authority (ies). In case of Firm registered in Bangladesh shall provide proven documents of valid Trade License, Tax Identification Number (TIN/ Business Identification Number (BIN) with latest tax payment certificate and online VAT registration certificate.
- Shall have minimum of 5-years of experience in Drinking Water Supply related project service and related supervision;
- Shall have at least one contract of similar nature of services of value of minimum equivalent to BDT 13,00,00,000 (Thirteen Crore) successfully carried out within the last three years-counted backward from the date of publication of Request for EoI, in any Government/Semi-Government/Autonomous Organization. Similar nature of work will mean that the Firm holds working experience on Drinking Water Supply related project as Design, Monitoring and Supervision Consultant. (Only relevant experiences documents shall have to be submitted with the EoI)

- Shall provide availability of appropriate skills among staff with demonstrated corporate capability in performing such assignment, provided with a list of key professionals with their nature of association with the Firm;
- Shall provide corporate financial capacity of the Firm (Annual turnover and financial information supported by audited reports and financial statement for at least three years over the past five years- counted backward from the date of publication of Request for EoI);
- Must provide/propose a Consultants as stipulated in the TOR. A short description on key expert's qualifications and experiences is desirable. **The detailed CV of the expert is not encouraged to submit with EoI- as such CV will be required with the proposal submission stage.**

- (a) Technical Competence: General experience, specific experience in similar assignments. Similarity of assignment will be based on the following two parameters:
  - design review/ detailed design and project management consulting services with comparable scale and technical specifications. Firms with previous experience in working with Displaced People from Myanmar will be given preference;
  - prepare feasibility study report for large projects and other related documents for project preparation and execution like- specification and bidding documents, safeguard document, different types of due diligence report etc.

- (b) Geographic Experience: Experience in similar geographic area (Rohingya Camp Area in Bangladesh);  
(c) Summary of relevant permanent professional employees and resource persons;  
(d) Experience in working with Multilateral Development Banks (i.e. ADB, World Bank etc.).

13. Expected date for commencement of the Services is April 01, 2026 and it is to be implemented over 30 (Thirty) calendar months from the commencement date.
14. The Consulting Firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method following the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).
15. According to the latest ADB procurement regulations, the REOI for this Consultant Service will be available electronically in the ADB Consultant Management System (CMS) which can be accessed through the following link:

[https://selfservice.adb.org/OA\\_HTML/adbxxcrsispADBCsmFwd.jsp?sel=215924](https://selfservice.adb.org/OA_HTML/adbxxcrsispADBCsmFwd.jsp?sel=215924)

The interested consulting firms are hereby advised to access the REOI through the above link. If any contradiction is found between ADB CMS website notice and newspapers & other website notice, the information on CMS notice shall prevail. The Consultants shall have to submit their EoIs electronically through the ADB CMS by 11:59 PM (Manila local time) on 30 October 2025. For technical inquiries/assistance, the interested consulting firms may seek advice by emailing to the following email address: [cmshelp@adb.org](mailto:cmshelp@adb.org).

16. Offline submission of EoIs Address is: One Original and Two photocopy of the EoI shall have to submit to Level-6, DPHE Bhaban, 14, Shahid Capt. Mansur Ali Sarani, Kakrail, Dhaka.

17. A Consulting Firm may associate with other firms to enhance its qualifications, clearly indicating whether the association is in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) or a sub-consultancy. In case of a JV, all the partners in the JV shall be individually and jointly liable for the entire contract. The EoI should mention the qualifications and experiences of each member of the association as well as contribution of each member in delivering the Services. If a Joint Venture submits an EoI, they must submit a Memo of Intent to form a Joint Venture that explicitly identifies the lead entity entitled to conduct all business on behalf of the joint venture and commits to submitting a joint venture agreement on required terms and conditions if shortlisted.

18. The Consulting services contract award and signing will be subject to ADB's approval. The EoI submitted by a consulting firm will be rejected if it or its associated firm has been debarred by GoB or the ADB.

19. Further information can be obtained at the address of the undersigned given below during office hours preferably by email.

20. The Client will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the Firm(s) in connection with the preparation or submission of the EoI.

21. The Client reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reason.

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