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Waterlogging plagues newly built road in Jamalpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Jamalpur*

The newly constructed Tarakandi-Bhuapur road in Jamalpur's Sarishabari upazila has become waterlogged at several points due to poor drainage.

The worst-affected area is Titas Intersection in Pogoldigha union, where stagnant, foul-smelling water has not only submerged the road but also entered nearby homes, causing great inconvenience to residents.

According to locals, the Roads and Highways Department recently built a new bypass road adjacent to the Jamuna Fertilizer Factory near Titas Intersection, connecting it with the Sarishabari-Tarakandi regional highway.

However, no proper system has been installed to drain factory wastewater and rainwater from the surrounding areas. As a result, large volumes of wastewater have accumulated between two sections of the road, flooding nearby houses and business establishments.

Consequently, many residents have tried to protect their homes by building makeshift barriers along the road, which has further stagnated the water and caused its level to rise.

The problem has persisted for several months, said Shipon, a local resident. "Our homes regularly become flooded with toxic, stinking discharge from the factory and rainwater after downpours."

Local traders said they are finding it difficult to continue their businesses.

"Our shops and homes remain submerged under knee-deep dirty water. We've tried blocking the water with soil, but to no avail. No step has yet been taken to solve this problem," said a shopkeeper.

"We have developed skin infections and sores from having to wade through this dirty water daily. It has become extremely difficult for children and elderly people to move around. We urge the authorities to take immediate action to drain the water," said Liton Mia, another resident.

Contacted, Md Delowar Hossain, general manager (administration) of Jamuna Fertilizer Factory, acknowledged the issue.

"We have a plan to install pumps to discharge the accumulated water through our drainage line. However, local residents have blocked the natural drainage routes by building barriers on the road, which prevents the water from flowing into nearby lowlands. Even so, we will take the necessary measures to resolve the problem," he said.

Dhaka-M'singh bus service resumes

Services were halted over workers' clash with NCP activists

STAR REPORT

Bus services on the Dhaka-Mymensingh route resumed yesterday after being suspended following a clash between transport workers and National Citizen Party (NCP) activists in Mymensingh city on Friday.

Following a meeting between NCP members of the district and representatives of Mymensingh Transport Workers Association, services resumed around 8:45pm, said Mymensingh Superintendent of Police Kazi Akhtar ul Alam.

Dhaka-bound buses from all districts under the Mymensingh division — Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Sherpur, and Netrokona — had been suspended following the scuffle.

ACC files case against Hasina over toll scam

STAF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission has filed a case against 17 individuals, including ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina and seven former ministers, over allegations of causing a financial loss of Tk 309.42 crore to the government in connection with the Meghna-Gomti Bridge toll collection contract.

The case was filed on Sunday at the ACC's Integrated District Office in Dhaka, said ACC public relations officer Tanjir Hasan.

The accused include Hasina, Amir Hossain Amu, Tofail Ahmed, Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Obaidul Quader, Anisul Huq, MA Mannan, MAN Siddique, Md Faruq Jalil, Mohammad Shafiqul Karim, Md Firoz Iqbal, Ibne Alam Hasan, Md Aftab Hossain Khan, Md Abdus Salam, Munir Uz Zaman Chowdhury, Selina Chowdhury, and Ikram Iqbal.

The allegations stem from a 2016 decision to award the toll collection contract to Computer Network Systems Ltd (CNS) through a single-source tender, bypassing competitive bidding.

The previous tender was cancelled, and CNS was awarded a five-year contract with a service charge of 17.75 percent of total toll revenue. As a result, CNS received Tk 489.43 crore in bills -- significantly higher than comparable contracts.

Govt to merge 2 divisions

upazilas, and for the approval of manpower. It provides recommendations on these matters to NICAR, which is headed by the chief adviser.

The Cabinet Division in September issued a gazette merging the two divisions -- the Public Security Division and the Security Services Division -- of the home ministry.

In March 2017, the government split the Health and Family Welfare Ministry into two separate divisions -- the Health Services Division and the Medical Education and Family Welfare Division -- to improve health services management.

Various departments were reorganised and placed under the two divisions, each headed by a secretary.

"The split did not bring any benefit; instead, it increased the coordination gap and created scope for duplication of work. We have therefore been demanding the merger for a long time," said Prof Syed Abdul Hamid of the Institute of Health Economics at Dhaka University.

He said primary healthcare services were divided between the two divisions. For example, Family Planning was placed under the Medical Education and Family Welfare Division, while Community Clinics and Union Health Centres were brought under the Health Services Division.

Similarly, medical colleges were put under the Medical Education and Family Welfare Division, while the hospital sections of those colleges were placed under the Health Services Division.

"All these caused lack of coordination and duplication," he said.

He said the Health Sector Reform Commission has recommended sweeping changes in the health sector, including the formation of a permanent health commission and the establishment of separate health services.

"We are not seeing much progress in implementing the reform report. However, until its implementation begins, it would be wise to integrate the two divisions to ensure better coordination and services," he said.

"As the process has started, no new secretary was posted to the Medical Education and Family Welfare Division after Sarwar Bari, the former secretary, retired on August 28," a joint secretary of the division told this correspondent recently.

The commission, in its report, said the split in the ministry created many problems instead of improving management.

Prof Sayedur also said, "We want unified health services. The merger's main aim is to ensure better coordination and avoid overlapping," he said.

7 burnt in blast at factory

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Narsingdi*

At least seven workers sustained burn injuries in an explosion at a battery recycling factory in Narsingdi yesterday. Three of them, who are in critical condition, were sent to the burn institute in Dhaka, police said.

The incident occurred around 10:00am at an unauthorised lead-extraction factory in Panchdona area, said OC Emdadul Haque of Narsingdi Sadar Police Station.

The critically injured workers are Mozammel Hossain, 19, Hossain Ali, 24, and Taijul Islam, 25. Four other workers sustained minor burns.

The OC said police and fire officials visited the site.

TYPHOID VACCINATION CAMPAIGN
Over 10 lakh vaccinated on first day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Over 10 lakh children received the Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine yesterday, marking the first day of a month-long campaign targeting 4.9 crore children aged between nine months and 15 years.

By 6:00pm, 8.30 lakh children had been recorded as vaccinated online, said Shahariar Sajjad, deputy director of the Expanded Programme on Immunisation.

"Besides, many children received the vaccine after being registered manually, and their count will be added within 24 hours. So, we estimate that over 10 lakh children were vaccinated on the first day," he told The Daily Star around 8:30pm.

EPI Assistant Director Hasanul Mahmud said no reports of adverse effects had been received.

Health Adviser Nurjahan Begum formally inaugurated the campaign.

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Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Selection of A Joint Venture of Consulting Firm for PCI DSS Consultation, Compliance and Certification Body for PCIDSS Certification for National Payment Switch of Bangladesh (NPSB) [Fourth Time]

BANGLADESH BANK, HEAD OFFICE, DHAKA

No.	Item	Detail
1.	Ministry/Division	Not Applicable
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Bank
3.	Name of Procuring Entity	Information and Communication Technology Department, Bangladesh Bank
4.	Title of Service	Selection of consulting firm for PCI DSS Consultation, Compliance and Certification Body for PCI DSS Certification for National Payment Switch of Bangladesh (NPSB) [Fourth Time]
5.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6.	Expression of Interest for Selection of	A joint venture of Consulting Firm and Certification Body, Lump Sum
7.	EOI Ref. No.	ICTD-2(3)/190R3/2025
8.	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	09 October 2025
KEY INFORMATION		
9.	Procurement Sub-Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10.	Budget and Source of funds	Own Source
11.	Development Partner (if applicable)	Not Applicable
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12.	Project/ Programme Code (if applicable)	
13.	Project/ Programme Name (if applicable)	
14.	Pre-Proposal Meeting	Within 15 days from publication date
15.	EOI Closing Date and time	03 November 2025, 03:00PM Bangladesh Standard Time Receiving Document: Two (02) sets of Hard Copy document is mandatory
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
16.	Brief Description of the Assignment	Tasks and responsibilities of the Joint venture of Consulting Firm and Certification Body will include followings: 1. Identify Card Holder Data Environment (CDE) for PCI DSS compliance and Protecting Cardholder Data, etc. 2. Submit a work plan on the basis of above TORs within 10 working days of joining and provide monthly written progress report, in addition to final report. 3. Review of existing network diagram, data flow diagram and perform network segmentation testing as required by PCI DSS. 4. Submission of all testing tools generated logs and test results in raw and processed format in electronic media. 5. Conduct adequate training and awareness on PCI DSS for internal stakeholders. 6. Conduct relevant and audit pre-audit to identify PCI DSS readiness and produce the report. 7. All software or tools required to deliver the service shall be deployed at devices owned by Bangladesh Bank. After completion of the service, the Firm may uninstall all installed software or tools. 8. Conduct gap analysis on existing ICT infrastructure and platform for National Payment Switch Bangladesh (NPSB) against PCI DSS latest version. 9. Provide end to end support for meeting all functional requirements under all Domains (goals) for achieving PCI DSS compliance accreditation for NPSB of Bangladesh Bank. 10. Evaluate compensating controls on an annual basis, any compensating controls must be documented, reviewed, and validated by the assessor and included with the Report on Compliance. 11. Develop remediation plan for PCI DSS compliance and Implementing Strong Control Measures. Also provide support and guidance during the compliance process. 12. Prepare document on "Protect Card holder Data" such as encrypt transmission of card holder data and sensitive information across open public networks through NPSB. 13. Monitor the progress of remediation and provide update to management. 14. Use non-disruptive systems and data scanning solution for scanning systems/infrastructure related to NPSB regularly. Scanning solution should be the scanning tool(s), the associated scanning report, and the process for exchanging information between the vendor and the bank. 15. Be onsite for the validation of the assessment or duration as required. 16. Monitoring and Testing Networks on a regular basis for maintaining a Secure Network. 17. Prepare the document on "Maintain a vulnerability management program" for NPSB. 18. Define and analysis strong access controls needs to be measured for NPSB i.e. assist enforcing restrictions to access Card Holder Data (CHD) by business need to know (logical), use of unique IDs and also assist to restrict physically access to CHD. 19. Prepare regular network monitoring activities report for NPSB network i.e. assist testing and monitoring all access to Network Resources & CHD, regularly test security, system and processes. 20. Findings and Observations (detailed findings on each requirement and sub-requirement, including explanations of all N/A responses and validation of all compensating controls). 21. Prepare and provide various reports (as required by BB) on maintaining information security policy and Best Practices for NPSB system (including people, process and infrastructure etc. 22. Prepare and provide various report on different stages of PCI DSS implementation (i.e Executive Summary report, Quarterly scanning (VA) report, PT report, Scope definition report, Reviewed Environment report, Gap Analysis and fixing report, etc.) 23. Provide security needs of internal and external systems for achieving compliance. 24. Provide security and safety measure guideline to enhance domestic transactions for both magnetic stripe and EMV card data routed through NPSB. 25. Conduct PCI DSS compliance audit/final audit and produce the final report (Report on Compliance). 26. Provide attestation of compliance when fully complied. 27. Performing all other relevant activities for achieving PCI DSS Certification as necessary.
17.	Experience, Resources & Delivery Capacity Required	A. The member of Joint Venture should have minimum five (05) years overall business experience and all legal notarized documents related to Joint Venture or local partnership should be submitted. B. **The following minimum Experience, Resources & Delivery Capacity are required for the Consulting Firm:** 1. Should have satisfactory experience of providing consultation in achieving PCI DSS certification at least for two (02) organizations (Banks/Financial Institutions) in last five (05) years. 2. Should have minimum one (01) Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), minimum one (01) Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) and minimum one (01) Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) enrolled from last one (01) years and each professional should have minimum five (5) years of relevant experience. 3. Should have minimum specific experience of conducting PCI DSS assessment, Security Consultancy Gap Analysis, VAPT and documentation for last five (05) years. 4. The Project Manager should be PCI QSA or CISSP/CISM and/or CISA/ISO 27001:2013 Lead Auditor certified professional with minimum five (5) years of experience. 5. Average Annual Turn Over of the firm(s) should be minimum **USD 150,000 (USD One Hundred Fifty Thousand)** during the last five (05) years (Summary sheet of Turnover statement and year wise Audited financial reports of the firm(s) should be enclosed). 6. Certificate of Incorporation, valid Trade license, VAT/BIN certificate, latest Income Tax clearance certificates (if applicable). C. **The following minimum Experience, Resources & Delivery Capacity are required for the PCI-DSS Certification Body:** 1. Should have valid insurance coverage as required by PCI SSC. 2. Certificate of Incorporation, valid Trade license, VAT/BIN certificate, latest Income Tax clearance certificates (if applicable). 3. Should have satisfactory experience of providing PCI DSS certification services to at least two (02) organizations (Banks/Financial Institutions) in last five (05) years. 4. The Project Manager should be PCI QSA or CISSP/CISM and/or CISA/ISO 27001:2013 Lead Auditor certified professional with minimum five (5) years of experience. 5. PCI DSS accredited qualified security assessor (QSA) should have the following minimum qualification: (a) Bachelor's degree in Information Technology or related subject with at least ten (10) years work experience in similar or related field. (b) Experience of providing consultation in achieving PCI DSS certification at least for two (02) organizations. 6. Should have minimum two (02) PCI DSS accredited qualified security assessor (QSA) enrolled as employee from last two (02) years. 7. Experience of providing PCI DSS Certification to any international payment switching system will be preferred. 8. Should have satisfactory certificate of completion for PCIDSS certification services of a single contract having minimum contract value of BDT 50,00,000.00 (Bangladeshi Taka Fifty Lac) or US Dollar Forty Thousand (USD 40,000) or equivalent.
18.	Other Details (if applicable)	No data and information will be allowed to be taken outside Bangladesh Bank premises in any form (e.g., paper Or electronic).
19.	Association with foreign Firms is	Encouraged/Not-encouraged

		Ref. No.	Phasing of Services	Location	Indicative Start Date (Month/Year)	Indicative Completion Date (Month/Year)
20.	Onsite Service: Scoping, documentation, training and Gap assessment by QSA with the Assistance from Bangladesh Bank		Phase-1	Dhaka	Duration: 02 weeks	
21.	Onsite Service: Remediation by Bangladesh Bank with the guidance of CISSP and/or CISA and/or CISM of the Firm after Phase-1 completion.		Phase-2	Dhaka	Duration: 26 weeks	
22.	Onsite Service: After Phase-2, PCI DSS Compliance Audit by QSA who is not The same QSA who has performed Gap assessment in Phase-1		Phase-3	Dhaka	Duration: 01 week	
23.	Onsite Service: After Phase-3, PCI DSS Certification by QSA who is not The same QSA who has performed Gap assessment in Phase-1		Phase-4	Dhaka	Duration: 01 week	
24.	Onsite Service: After Phase-4, Quarterly ASVs can by PCI SSC approved Application Scanning Vendor who is partnered with the Firm and Remediation by CISSP and/or CISA and/or CISM of the firm with the assistance from Bangladesh Bank (for First Quarter)		Phase-5	Dhaka	Duration: 01 week	
25.	Onsite Service: After Phase-5, Quarterly ASV scan by PCI SSC approved Application Scanning Vendor who is partnered with the Firm and VAPT, Gap Assessment and Remediation by CISSP and/or CISA and/or CISM of the firm with the assistance from Bangladesh Bank (for Second Quarter)		Phase-6	Dhaka	Duration: 01 week	
26.	Onsite Service: After Phase-6, Quarterly ASV scan by PCI SSC approved Application Scanning Vendor who is partnered with the Firm and Remediation by CISSP and /or CISA and /or CISM of the firm with the assistance from Bangladesh Bank(for Third Quarter)		Phase-7	Dhaka	Duration: 01 week	
27.	Onsite Service: After Phase-7, Quarterly ASV scan by PCI SSC approved Application Scanning Vendor who is partnered with the Firm and VAPT, Gap Assessment and Remediation by CISSP and/or CISM of the firm with the assistance from Bangladesh Bank (for Fourth Quarter)		Phase-8	Dhaka	Duration: 01 week	
28.	Onsite Service: After Phase-8, PCI DSS Compliance Audit by QSA who is not The same QSA who has performed PCI DSS Certification in Phase-4		Phase-9	Dhaka	Duration: 01 week	
29.	Onsite Service: After Phase-9, PCI DSS Recertification (one year after achieving initial PCIDSS Certificate) by QSA who is not the same QSA who performed PCI DSS Certification in Phase-4		Phase-10	Dhaka	Duration: 01 week	
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS						
30.	Name of the Official Inviting EOI	Md. Motior Rahman				
31.	Designation of the Official Inviting EOI	Director (ICT)				
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