People participate in an exercise to create awareness about disaster at Barishal city's Bell's Park. The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief organised the event, marking International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction. PHOTO: TITU DAS

INCLUDING TANGAIL IN M'SINGH DIVISION

Locals block road protesting proposal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Tangail*

Students and locals blocked the road at the east end of the Bangabandhu Bridge in Tangail yesterday, protesting a reported proposal to include Tangail in the Mymensingh division.

The blockade began around 11:30am at the East Gol Chokkor area, causing a traffic jam stretching about six kilometers on both sides of the bridge.

The protesters said they would not accept Tangail's inclusion in Mymensingh division and demanded that if the district is excluded from Dhaka division, it should instead be declared an independent division. They threatened a tougher movement if their demand is ignored.

Traffic resumed around 12:30pm after discussions with the administration, led by Bhuanpur UNO Mahbub Alam and Kalihati UNO Khairul Islam.

Khairul said the government has not issued any official notice about such a proposal and asked protesters to submit their demands in writing for forwarding to higher authorities.

In 2014, a similar proposal sparked strong protests in Tangail, with residents organising human chains

and signature campaigns. As the issue re-emerges, people from different walks of life in the district are again voicing anger and urging that Tangail's current administrative status remain unchanged.

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must demand that the government implement these reforms, he added.

He also said not all recommendations need to be converted into law, he said, adding, "Even government directives following these recommendations could achieve significant results."

Kamal Ahmed also expressed concern over current media trends.

"This unhealthy competition for viral content is undermining professionalism and newsroom credibility. Public awareness of editorial standards and ethical journalism is crucial to prevent media chaos and achieve equality," he said.

He stressed that media professionals need to be more sensitive to issues like gender equality, integrity, and responsible content publication.

Kamal Ahmed also noted that a commitment charter on gender equality, respectful workplace behaviour, ethical journalism, and responsible content publication had been released earlier, with 21 media organisations endorsing it.

"Despite that, we are still seeing unhealthy competition among outlets to go viral, often at the cost of quality journalism," he said.

"We are witnessing a decline in newsroom standards. To prevent this, we must emphasise professionalism, ethical principles, and adherence to editorial guidelines in newsrooms. Without this awareness, there is no escape from social media chaos, and things may get even worse," he added.

Dr Halida Hanum Akhtar, member of the Women's Affairs Reform Commission, said the media is a powerful tool for social change.

She called for gender-sensitive journalism training and emphasised that women should be more visible in both news coverage and decision-making roles within media organisations.

Rasheda K Chowdhury, adviser to a former caretaker government, said women's participation in media is increasing, but decision-making opportunities remain limited.

She noted that women hold only 5–6 percent of seats in parliament and are similarly under-represented in media leadership roles.

Kabita Bose, country director of Plan International Bangladesh, and Iftekharul Karim, senior programme manager of Jaago Foundation, also spoke, among others.

Issue Dhaka Central University

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from the seven colleges are lobbying to stop the central university ordinance from being issued.

"If it becomes a university, PhD-holding teachers will be appointed here. Many current teachers will be transferred to other places, so they are trying to bar the process," said Ratul Hasan Shishir, a first-year geography student at Dhaka College.

On September 17, teachers from these seven colleges demonstrated protesting the establishment plan of Dhaka Central University in front of the University Grants Commission in Agargaon.

Ratul claimed teachers are now instigating higher secondary students against the ordinance.

On Saturday, higher secondary students of Dhaka College protested against the formation of the university on college campus and briefly at the Science Lab intersection.

They claimed it would destroy Dhaka College's long tradition and uniqueness.

Dhaka College also saw an altercation on campus yesterday between a couple of honours students and teachers regarding the protest, according to many students of the college.

Meanwhile, many students from Titumir College, who had previously protested against the central university proposal and demanded a separate university for themselves, were also at yesterday's demonstration.

Alfazur Rahman, a first-year physics student at Titumir College, said a faction of students still supports the idea of a separate university. However, he said the majority now want to be part of the proposed central university.

Around 4:30pm, a 23-member student delegation from seven colleges met with Education Adviser CR Abrar at the secretariat.

A ministry source said during the meeting, the adviser informed the students that the ordinance-related work involved collaboration among several ministries, thus causing a delay.

On March 26, the government announced plans to form a new university by separating the seven government colleges affiliated with Dhaka University.

The seven colleges are -- Dhaka College, Eden Mohila College, Begum Badrunnessa Government Girls' College, Government Shaheed Suhrawardy College, Kabi Nazrul Government College, Government Bangla College, and Government Titumir College.

PRAYER TIMING
OCTOBER 14

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-45	12-45	4-15	5-45	7-15
JAMAAT	5-20	1-15	4-30	5-50	7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Ratify the ILO Convention 190 to end gender-based

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preventing sexual harassment and violence against women across all sectors.

They welcomed the progress made by the Labour Reform Commission towards ratification, and said despite the High Court rule to amend Bangladesh Labour Rules 2015 mandating the formation of anti-sexual harassment committees at workplaces, the provision has not been effectively implemented.

"In educational institutions and industries, even though committees are formed, they are not functional in practice," the statement read, citing a BILS study. It also pointed out that the committees often lack an "external observer", as required by law.

Additionally, the platform demanded the finalisation of the "Workplace and Educational Institutions Sexual Harassment Prevention and Protection Act, 2024", which was first proposed in 2018 following a High Court order issued in 2009.

They demanded implementation of the recommendations of Women's Affairs Reform Commission and Labour Reform Commission to ensure a women-friendly, discrimination-free, and decent work environment.

The rights bodies include Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS), Bangladesh Labour Foundation, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Bangladesh Jatiya Mohila Ainjibi Samity, Karmajibi Nari etc.

BILS Director Nazma Yesmin read out the demands, while Labour Reform Commission Chief Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmed, among others, attended the event.

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EOI Ref. No. ICTD-2(3)/190R3/2025 **Date: 09 October 2025**

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	
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 within10 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 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 certification. 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. Each 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 CISA 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 has 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)
32.	Address of the Official Inviting EOI	Information and Communication Technology Department, Bangladesh Bank, 28th Floor, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka
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