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A railway official inspects damaged sleepers while being pushed on a trolley along the Ishwardi-Chatmohar route in Pabna. Sleepers under the tracks have been breaking down, with nuts and bolts coming loose, making train movement through the Chalan Beel area risky. The photo was taken yesterday at Dilpashar Railway Station in Bhangura upazila.

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## 35 trafficking victims rescued in Teknaf

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Border Guard Bangladesh rescued 35 trafficking victims and arrested three suspected traffickers with local weapons in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar on Tuesday.

The BGB-2 Teknaf Battalion conducted two operations in Teknaf on the day.

Lt Col Ashiqur Rahman, commanding officer of the Teknaf Battalion, yesterday said they rescued six hostages from the hills early on Tuesday, and later that night, another raid on Marine Drive beach led to the rescue of 29 victims.

The detainees were identified as Md Salim, 35, and Md Nurul Absar, 19, both from Teknaf's Maheshkhaliya Para; and Monsur Alam, 22, a resident of Kutupalong Rohingya camp.

BGB said at least seven other suspected traffickers are on the run.

During the operation, BGB seized a locally made knife, a motorcycle, and an engine-run wooden boat.

Lt Col Ashiqur said all the rescued victims would be handed over to the concerned authorities. Legal action is underway against the three arrested traffickers.

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### Invitation for Re-Tender Through Web

Re-Tender No. CSD-2(EES):25/HO/Premises//Electrical/Maintenance/2025-99

Date: 22/10/2025

Re-Tenders through electronic media (e-Tenders) are invited from the bona fide contractors/firms for "Daily operation, maintenance, repairing and servicing of electrical system viz. 4 Nos. Electrical Substations, 11KV AVR, Diesel Generator, Internal and External electrification related works including DB, BBT, Cabling, Electrical Points etc. installed at Bangladesh Bank, Head Office Premises buildings and outer periphery Motijheel, Dhaka. Necessary information are given below:

- 01 Procuring entity : Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka
- 02 Source of funds : Bangladesh Bank's own fund.
- 03 Invitation for Re-Tender No. : CSD-2(EES):25/HO/Premises/Electrical/Maintenance/2025-99
- 04 Method of procurement : Open Tendering Method (OTM); National.
- 05 Qualification of Re-Tenderer : a) The minimum number of years of general experience of the Tenderer in Electrical Installation/Maintenance Works shall be 10 (Ten) years. The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor in Daily Operation and Maintenance work of Electrical Installation including 2500KVA or above capacity Electrical Substation (Transformer, HT&LT Switchgear, PFI plant, 11KV AVR etc.), Diesel Generator (minimum 400KVA) Internal Electrification (for at least 20-storied building) including Busbar Trunking System (BBT) and other External Electrification works completed during last 05 (Five) years under a single contract worth not less than Tk. 1.85 crore (Taka One Crore Eighty-five) only in any government/semi-government/autonomous organization of Bangladesh. Liquid asset/Credit facility shall be Tk 43.00 Lac (Taka Forty-three Lac) only. In case of credit facilities Bank shall ensure that abovementioned credit limits will be given if the said works is awarded to the contractor. b) The Tenderer shall have 1 (one) No. 2500 KVA or above capacity Substation Operation, Servicing & Maintenance work ongoing in any govt/semi-govt/autonomous organization of Bangladesh. c) Tenderer shall have to fulfill the qualification criteria stipulated in the Tender Documents; failing which the Tender shall be rejected and considered as non-responsive. d) All Tenders shall be opened at Common Services Department-2 (7th Floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka on 03/11/2025 at 1:15pm (Intending Tenderer or their authorized representative are allowed to attend the Tender Opening). e) Daily operation, maintenance, repairing and servicing of Electrical System viz. 4 Nos. 11/0.15KV Electrical Substation, 3 Set 11KV AVR(Set-3 Nos.), DG Set, 4 Nos. BBT, internal and external electrification related works including DB, Cabling, Electrical Points etc. installed at Bangladesh Bank, Head Office Prem