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## COX'S BAZAR RAIL STATION Tourists frustrated as locker facility still missing

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Even after 21 months since the inauguration of Cox's Bazar railway station, locker service is yet to be made available for passengers, leaving many tourists disappointed.

Jobaer Uddin, a private job holder from Chattogram, visited Cox's Bazar on a day trip with friends by train. Their trip, he said, was marred by the absence of a secure place to store their belongings at the station.

"We had heard that the station offers locker facilities, but we didn't find anything like that. It was quite inconvenient having no place to keep our luggage secured," he said.

Many tourists face similar inconveniences at the six-storey station built on 29 acres in Chandar Para of Jhilongia union, around six kilometres from Cox's Bazar Sea Beach. Spanning 187,000 square feet, the station was constructed at a cost of Tk 236 crore and inaugurated on November 11, 2023.

Returning from a recent visit, Raihanul Islam, a college lecturer from Halishahar, said, "Nothing seems to have improved in the past one year."

The station is meant to offer a wide range of services, including lockers, a mosque, children's play zone, passenger lounge, day-care centre, restaurants, shopping mall, a 39-room hotel, conference hall and railway offices. However, more than a dozen planned services have yet to be launched.

Golam Rabbani, the station's manager, said he could not say when these facilities would open.

Md Sabuktagin, general manager of Bangladesh Railway (east zone) and project director of the Dohazari-Cox's Bazar rail line, said the services are intended to be operated by private companies.

"We have already sent a proposal to the higher authorities for approval. As it hasn't been cleared yet, the launch of these services is being delayed. We are actively working to make them available to passengers," he said.



## FATEMA BEGUM BLOOD BANK

# A lifeline for safe, voluntary blood transfusions

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In Chattogram city, medical emergencies often force families into desperate searches for blood for life-saving transfusions.

Shahedul Azam, whose wife recently underwent a C-section at a private hospital, shared this harrowing reality.

"Doctors urgently requested two units of blood for immediate transfusion. We only managed to secure one unit," he said.

A friend then informed him about the Fatema Begum Red Crescent Blood Bank in



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year-round donation drives.

This strong foundation of volunteerism ensures that the blood is distributed to patients free of charge, he said.

However, to guarantee absolute patient safety, a nominal fee is collected from recipients, covering essential screening processes for diseases like Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, malaria, syphilis, and HIV.

"We orchestrate year-round voluntary blood donation programmes, collecting between 40-50 units of blood from each drive and around 13,000 units of blood annually," said Shyamoli Baidya, a medical technologist at the blood bank.

Sadia Hasan, the organisation's finance officer, said, "We offer a special concession in screening charges for our thalassemia patients. For extremely poor patients, we provide blood completely free of charge."

However, the Red Crescent

faces a significant, yet avoidable, challenge: over 10 percent of their collected blood is wasted annually due to a lack of awareness among patients' families.

"According to standard guidelines, whole blood can be safely transfused within 30 days after collection, and fresh frozen plasma can be stored and used for up to one year. Yet, many patients' families insist on receiving only 'fresh' blood – ideally collected on the very same day, or at best, two to three days earlier," Shyamoli said.

"That's why over 10 percent of the blood we collect every year is wasted due to expiry of shelf life," she added.

There is an urgent need for raising public awareness against misconceptions about blood storage and transfusion standards to ensure every precious unit serves its intended purpose in saving lives, said Dr Mezbah.



Anderkill. "I approached the officials, describing my situation, and they confirmed having blood of the same group in stock. It was a moment of profound relief," Shahedul added.

Shahedul's predicament is not unique. In Chattogram city, only a few blood banks facilitate voluntary blood donation, with Fatema Begum Red Crescent Blood Bank, managed by the Red Crescent Society, playing a vital role among them.

Dr Mezbah Uddin, in charge of the blood bank, said the blood supply primarily comes from their dedicated members and students through regular,

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they were kept in dark, windowless, suffocating cells without proper food, clothing, sanitation or lighting.

Many were detained for months or years, he said. Their eyes and hands remained tied during interrogations in which they were subjected to severe physical and psychological torture.

"These crimes were structural, widespread, systematic and target-based," Tajul said, adding that they constitute crimes against humanity under the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973.

After the prosecution's submissions, the three-member tribunal led by Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder fixed tomorrow to hear discharge petitions filed by three state-appointed defence counsel for 10 absconding accused and by the lawyer representing three officers in custody.

Three accused – Maj Gen Sheikh Md Sarwar Hossen, Brig Gen Md Mahbub Rahman Siddique, and Brig Gen Ahmed Tanvir Majahar Siddique – appeared in the dock. The remaining ten are on the run.

Earlier in the morning, the three officers were brought to the tribunal in a green air conditioned

prison bus amid tight security. Personnel of the Bangladesh Army, Border Guard Bangladesh, Rapid Action Battalion and Armed Police Battalion were deployed around the premises.

In the cases, Hasina, Tarique, five former DGFI chiefs, five former directors of its Counter Terrorism and Intelligence Bureau, and another former DGFI official stand accused over enforced disappearances and torture at the DGFI's Joint Interrogation Cell.

The prosecution alleges that the crimes centred on the DGFI-run joint interrogation cell, where 26 victims were held from October 22, 2015 to August 6, 2024.


Hasina, as executive head of government, allegedly used the DGFI to consolidate power and suppress political opposition, acting through Tarique and senior DGFI officials. Field-level operatives reportedly abducted victims based on recommendations from local Awami League leaders.

DGFI and CTIB directors who served during this period allegedly maintained custody of detainees, making them liable under superior command responsibility and joint criminal enterprise.

Tajul singled out Lt Col (retd) Mokhsurul Haque, saying he directly identified and abducted victims under Tarique's supervision, continued these activities even after retirement, and operated as a "freelancer".

Advocate Azizur Rahman Dulu, representing three accused officials in custody, told the tribunal he submitted two petitions stating that under the Army Act 1952, a Court of Inquiry had cleared his clients over detention of a victim. The application was kept on record.

The tribunal also allowed the Investigation Agency three more months to submit probe reports in several cases.



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**CORRIGENDUM NOTICE OF INVITATION QUOTATION**

This is to inform all concerned that the following corrections has been made in the notice for "Invitation Quotation" which was published in "The Daily Star" at Page - 04 dated December 06, 2025.

Item Description	As mentioned in the published notice	To be replaced as corrected
Item 1, Item2 & Item 3	Start date	November 07, 2025
	End date	November 17, 2025
	Submission Date	November 15, 2025

All other terms and conditions of the "Notice of Inviting Quotation" will remain unchanged.

**Vice President & Head of Common Services Division**

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সদর দপ্তর প্রতিরক্ষা গোয়েন্দা মহাপরিদপ্তরের জন্য অন্যান্য মনিহারি (টেনশনারী) দ্রব্য সামগ্রী ক্রয় করার নিমিত্তে নিম্নেলিখিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে স্থানীয় মুদ্রায় সরবরাহ করার জন্য সীল মোহরকৃত বামে প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারীর নিকট হতে The Public Procurement বিধিমালা ২০০৮ মোতাবেক দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে:

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	প্রতিরক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়।
২।	সংস্থা	প্রতিরক্ষা গোয়েন্দা মহাপরিদপ্তর।
৩।	দরপত্র ক্রয় কর্তৃপক্ষ	প্রতিরক্ষা গোয়েন্দা মহাপরিদপ্তর।
৪।	দরপত্র আইটেমের নাম	অন্যান্য মনিহারি (টেনশনারী) দ্রব্যসামগ্রী (প্রয়োজন মোতাবেক সিডিউল অনুযায়ী)।
৫।	দরপত্র আহবানের নম্বর	০৩/২০২৫-২৬
৬।	দরপত্র আহবানের তারিখ	০৯ ডিসেম্বর ২০২৫
৭।	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি হিসাবে ১,১২,৫০০.০০ (এক লক্ষ বার হাজার পাঁচশত মাত্র) টাকা বাংলাদেশ সরকার কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত যে কোন ব্যাংক হতে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট এর মাধ্যমে প্রতিরক্ষা গোয়েন্দা মহাপরিদপ্তর, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করে দাখিল করতে হবে।
৮।	দরপত্র দাখিলের মূল্য	দরপত্র দাখিলের মূল্য ৭৫০/- (সেভেন হাজার টাকা)।
৯।	দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র (জাতীয়)।
১০।	দরপত্রের অর্ধের উৎস	জিওবি (রাজস্ব) (অর্থ বরাদ্দ সাপেক্ষে)।
১১।	দরপত্র দাখিল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময়	০৯, ১০ এবং ১১ ডিসেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখ নিজস্ব প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্যাডে আবেদনের মাধ্যমে দরপত্র দাখিল সশ্রদ্ধ করা যাবে।
১২।	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	১৫ ডিসেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখ ০৯০০-১২০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১৩।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১৫ ডিসেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখ ১২১০ ঘটিকা।
১৪।	দরপত্র সংগ্রহ এবং জমা দেওয়ার ঠিকানা	প্রতিরক্ষা গোয়েন্দা মহাপরিদপ্তর, ঢাকা সেনানিবাস।
১৫।	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	প্রতিরক্ষা গোয়েন্দা মহাপরিদপ্তর, ঢাকা সেনানিবাস এর কার্যালয়। দরপত্র দাখিলের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হবে।
১৬।	দরপত্র আহবান কর্তৃপক্ষের নাম	প্রতিরক্ষা গোয়েন্দা মহাপরিদপ্তর।
১৭।	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর পদবী	মেজর (সভাপতি ক্রয় কমিটি)।
১৮।	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর ঠিকানা	প্রতিরক্ষা গোয়েন্দা মহাপরিদপ্তর।
১৯।	দরপত্র দাতার যোগ্যতা	সিডিউল গ্রহণ এবং আবেদনের সময় নিম্নলিখিত কাগজপত্রের মূলকপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে এবং দরপত্রের সহিত সকল কাগজপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি জমা প্রদান করতে হবে: ক। নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স। খ। হালসন পর্যন্ত আয়কর পরিশোধের সার্টিফিকেট। গ। ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট। ঘ। ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট/ব্যাংক স্টেটমেন্ট ও অভিজ্ঞতা সনদ ইত্যাদি। ঙ। দরপত্র দাতা কর্তৃক উদ্ধৃত একক মূল্যের হিসেবে সংশ্লিষ্ট আইটেমের মোট সম্ভাব্য মূল্যের ১০% Liquid Asset (Working Capital) সংরক্ষিত ব্যাংকের সনদপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।

কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/প্রত্যাখ্যান করার ক্ষমতা অত্র সংস্থা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION Vendor Enlistment Process**



**Bangladesh Cricket Board**

Ref: BCB/Admin/T&P/Vendor Enlistment/2025/886


Date: 08<sup>th</sup> December 2025

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) hereby notifies all concerned that the Vendor Enlistment Process initiated pursuant to newspaper advertisements dated 13 September 2024 and 08 October 2024 is hereby cancelled in its entirety. Consequently, all actions undertaken under the said process including, without limitation, evaluations, assessments and any **Notifications of Award (NoA)** issued, stand withdrawn with immediate effect.

This cancellation is made at the discretion of the BCB, without assigning any further cause and without prejudice to any rights, remedies, or future actions that the Board may undertake. Vendors who deposited the **Earnest Money of BDT 15,000** (Fifteen Thousand Taka) by Pay Order may obtain a refund upon submitting a written application to the **Finance & Accounts Department**, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the BCB Management Office, SBNCS, Mirpur-2, Dhaka, supported by a photocopy of the Pay Order and a valid proof of deposit. Refunds will be processed as per BCB's financial rules & procedures.

The BCB will undertake a new vendor enlistment initiative in due course, based on updated operational requirements and revised qualification criteria. A fresh public invitation will be issued through national newspapers at the appropriate time. The Bangladesh Cricket Board expresses its appreciation to all vendors for their cooperation and continued interest in working with the organization.

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**TENDER NOTICE**

**Invitation for Tender: Supply, Installation, Commissioning and integration of Network HSM for Bangladesh Bank's BACH & BEFTN, Network devices (Router, Firewall, Switch) for DC & DR, Managed VPN Connectivity for Central Monitoring System and NAC Compatible Managed Switch for Bank Asia PLC.**

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed Company/Supplier/Firm to procure following products towards enrichment of Enterprise environment of Bank Asia PLC.

- Network HSM for Bangladesh Bank's BACH & BEFTN Project at Bank Asia's Disaster Recovery (DR) Site.
- DC & DR (BACH and RTGS) Network devices (Router, Firewall, Switch).
- Manage VPN Connectivity for Central Monitoring System.
- NAC Compatible Manage Switch for Branch, Sub-Branch and Department

Tender schedule in detail will be available at the Logistics & Support Services Division (LSSD), Corporate Office, Bank Asia Tower (4<sup>th</sup> Floor), 32 & 34, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka from **08/12/2025 to 11/12/2025** during office hour upon payment of Tk. 5,000 (Five Thousand) only (non-refundable) for each items in the form of Payment Order of any schedule Bank favoring Bank Asia PLC. Tender should be submitted in a tender box kept at the LSSD of the Bank on or before **22/12/2025** within 2:30 PM and the same will be opened at 3:00 PM on the same day in presence of the representatives (if any) of the bidders. Only well-reputed firms who have long business track record will be qualified for this bidding. **Bidders may submit for all 4 mentioned above items or for any particular item.**

**Vendor eligibility:**

- Tender bidder should be an Authorized Partner of above product/solution.
- Tender Should have valid Registration/Ownership documents, updated VAT & TIN certificate, up-to-date Trade License, and up-to-date Bank Solvency Certificate.
- The bank shall not be bound to or under any obligation to accept the lowest quotation.
- Bank Asia reserves the right to accept, modify or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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