



As temperatures begin to drop, people gather at the roadside makeshift stalls to buy warm clothes in Maijdi area of Noakhali town. The Bangladesh Meteorological Department recorded the lowest temperature there yesterday at 16.4°C.

Demo held in Ctg protesting port terminal lease

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Workers and employees under the banner of Sramik-Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) staged a red-flag procession in Chattogram yesterday, protesting the government's move to lease out terminals at Chattogram Port to foreign companies.

The programme, held in the morning at Dewanhat intersection, was a continuation of protests by labour organisations over the past few months against the leasing of New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT) to a foreign operator, as well as the lease agreements for Laldia Char and Pangaon terminals.



Kazi Sheikh Nurullah Bahar, general secretary of the Jatiyatobadi Sramik Dal's Chattogram divisional unit, and SK Khoda Toton, central president of Bangladesh Sramik Federation, were among those present.

Addressing the SKOP event, labour leaders reiterated that the port is public property and must not be handed over to foreign entities.

They demanded that the shipping adviser withdraw his recent comments regarding allegations of extortion at port terminals and that the lease agreements for Laldia and Pangaon terminals be scrapped. They warned of tougher actions otherwise.

"Gathering inside port areas is prohibited. Protesters were instructed to end the programme at Agrabad. They complied and dispersed peacefully," said Babul Azad, officer-in-charge of Double Mooring Police Station.

Two Jubo Dal men shot in Cox's Bazar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Unidentified assailants shot two activists of Jubo Dal, the youth wing of BNP, in the Uttaran Residential Area of Cox's Bazar on Tuesday night.

Saiful Islam, 35, and Mohammad Faruq, 34, are from Larpura area.

The attackers arrived on a motorcycle, wearing helmets, opened fire, and fled the scene around 10:30pm, leaving Saiful and Faruq critically injured.

Locals rushed them to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital, from where they were referred to Chattogram, police said.

Azizul Haque Sohel, president of the Cox's Bazar municipal Jubo Dal unit, demanded that the police promptly identify and arrest the perpetrators.

Sami Uddin, officer-in-charge of Cox's Bazar Sadar Model Police Station, said an investigation has been launched to identify the attackers, and legal steps will follow.

22 smugglers held with 1,500 sacks of cement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Bangladesh Navy has detained 22 alleged smugglers and seized two engine-run boats carrying 1,500 sacks of cement near Saint Martin's Island, said a BN press release yesterday.

The operation took place on Tuesday night during a patrol in the Bay of Bengal.

A naval ship, Pratyasha, spotted the two wooden boats about 36.5 miles west of the island. The boats attempted to flee but were intercepted.

Invitation for ENLISTMENT

Ref No: BCB/Admin/T&PC/2025/914

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) hereby invites sealed applications from eligible and bonafide Suppliers, Manufacturers, Sole Agents, Distributors, Wholesalers, Contractors, Event Management Companies, and Service Providers operating within Bangladesh for enlistment in the following Groups for a period of 03 (Three) years:

SI No.	Group	Category of Products / Services
1	A	Grounds Equipment & Accessories Suppliers
2	B	Suppliers of Coir Mat and Boundary Rope
3	C	Pitch Clay
4	D	Soil
5	E	Civil, Sanitary & Electrical Works
6	F	Furniture & Interior Decoration
7	G	A/C Repair & Maintenance Service
8	H	Decorator Services
9	I	IT Equipment & Accessories Supplier and Repair & Maintenance Service
10	J	Security Equipments
11	K	Event Management
12	L	Branding & Advertising
13	M	Catering Service
14	N	General Hospitality (Hotel & Accommodation)
15	O	Travel Agent (Domestic & International)
16	P	Transport Service
17	Q	Automobile Maintenance
18	R	Automobile Accessories
19	S	Automobile Parts & Accessories Suppliers.
20	T	Printing & Artwork
21	U	Courier Service (Domestic & International)
22	V	Advertising Firm (Print, Electronic & Web)
23	W	Home & Office Appliances (Electrical)
24	X	Cleaning Service
25	Y	Security Service
26	Z	Insurance Service
27	AA	Pharmaceuticals, Medical Equipment & Accessories Suppliers
28	AB	General Suppliers
29	AC	C&F Agents / Freight Forwarder
30	AD	Sports Goods & Attires
31	AE	Trophies, Mementos, Souvenirs and Other Gift Items
32	AF	Tailors (Formal Attire)

Non-Eligibility :

- i) Companies related to Tobacco, Alcohol (Surrogated & Non-Surrogated), Betting, Online Betting shall not be eligible to participate in the invitation process.
- ii) Any person(s) or entities / companies having any Conflict of interest and/or with an existing unresolved dispute (i.e. Financial, Disciplinary and any other issues) with the BCB on a point of law or fact shall also be ineligible to participate in the invitation process.

The following documents must be submitted along with the application :

- a) Updated Trade License, Business Identification Number (BIN), TIN Certificate, Proof of Submission of Income Tax Return (PSR) and Income Tax return acknowledgement copy.
- b) Company Profile and Individual Directors' / Owners' Profile.
- c) Experience/Performance Certificate along with a list and contact details of existing clients.
- d) Sole Agency / Dealership / Distribution Certificate and price list (if applicable) of products.
- e) Name of the Proprietor / Partner / Managing Director / CEO and the Key Person with Business Address, Telephone / Mobile / E-mail.
- f) Bank Solvency Certificate along with Bank Statement (Minimum 06 (Six) months).
- g) Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association along with Certificate of Incorporation, Schedule-X and Schedule-XI.
- h) Notarized Consortium Agreement (In case of consortium).
- i) Recent Audited Financial Statements (In case of consortium each members audited financial statements needs to be submitted individually).
- j) Applicants are requested to meet the qualification criteria for each group as specified in the enlistment schedule.

Other Information :

Enlistment Schedule documents may be purchased from the BCB Finance & Accounts Department upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BDT 5,000/- (Taka Five Thousand only). The documents will be available at the BCB Management Office (2nd Floor), Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka, from Saturday to Thursday between 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM, up to and including 23 December 2025. Entities intending to apply for enlistment are required to deposit refundable Earnest Money of BDT 20,000/- (Taka Twenty Thousand only) for each Group along with their application, through a Pay Order made in favour of the Bangladesh Cricket Board.

Duly completed application forms, together with supporting documents and the Earnest Money (i.e., BDT 20,000/- each Group), must be submitted in the designated drop box located at the BCB Reception (1st Floor, Management Office, SBNCS, Mirpur, Dhaka) no later than 4:00 PM on 31 December 2025. Pay Orders submitted by applicants who are not qualified for enlistment will be returned upon completion of the enlistment process.

Note: Each entity is permitted to be enlisted in a maximum of 02 (Two) Groups.

The BCB reserves the right to cancel or make any changes in the terms to the entire process at any stage and to accept or reject any application for enlistment at its sole discretion, without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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CHATTOGRAM PORT

4.2 tonnes of banned sweetener seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Bullet-hit body recovered in Lohagara

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Police recovered the bullet hit body of a man in Lohagara upazila of Chattogram yesterday morning.

The deceased is Nurul Islam, 55, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver from Boro Hatia union under the upazila and father of Shafiqur Rahman, president of ward unit of Islami Chhatra Shibir, said Lohagara Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdul Jalil.

Locals found Nurul's body lying beside his auto-rickshaw in Kumiraghona area of Boro Hatia union and informed police, he added.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Chattogram Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chattogram Customs House has seized 4.2 tonnes of Sodium Cyclamate, a banned artificial sweetener, at Chattogram Port.

The chemical was imported concealed within a consignment declared as Polyaluminium Chloride (PAC) by Keraniganj-based Ezaz Trading.

In a press release yesterday, the customs authorities said that acting on a tip off, the Audit, Investigation and Research (AIR) team of Chattogram Customs House, with assistance from the Central Intelligence Cell in Dhaka, conducted a drive and seized the banned item.

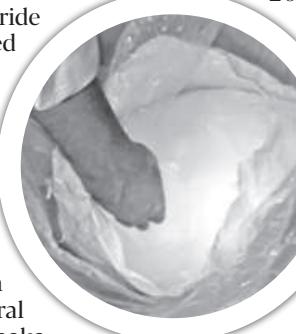
Sodium Cyclamate is 30-50 times sweeter than regular sugar and is often used illegally by unscrupulous traders in sweets, bakery products, ice creams, juices, chocolates, condensed milk and

even baby food as a cheap substitute for sugar, said the release.

Health experts warn that the substance can cause cancer as well as severe kidney and liver complications. For these reasons, its import is completely prohibited under the Import Policy Order 2021-2024.

According to data from Chattogram Customs House and the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate, over 220 tonnes of Sodium Cyclamate have been seized from at least six consignments at Chattogram Port in the last four years.

Md Tarek Mahmud, deputy director of Chattogram Customs House, said, "For a long time, unethical importers have been trying to bring banned Sodium Cyclamate into the country through false declarations. Customs has intensified its surveillance in this regard."



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Date: 11 December 2025

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)

Country: The People's Republic of Bangladesh

Name of the project: Sustainable Microenterprise and Resilient Transformation (SMART)

Credit No.: IDA-7300

Assignment Title: Selection of Firm for IOT-based Environmental Parameter Traceability

Reference No. PKSF/SMART/S-05(R)

1. The Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Sustainable Microenterprise and Resilient Transformation (SMART) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
2. The consulting services ("the Services") include (but not limited to) Design, deployment and maintenance of IoT sensors in the selected clusters to monitor environmental parameters, Design and develop a centralized dashboard (web-based and mobile) for real-time visualization with interactive charts, mapping, and threshold alerts for optimized decision-making, Implement automated control systems, such as sprinklers, exhaust fans, automatic lights, fogger control, and aerator control, based on sensor data to minimize manual intervention, save resources, and enhance efficiency across various subsectors etc.

The assignment will require an estimated of 42 professional staff-months of the key experts as per the assignment requirement mentioned in the Terms of Reference (TOR). The assignment is expected to be continued for 30 (thirty) months. The assignment is expected to be started from May 2026.

3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained from the PKSF website (www.pksf.org.bd/tender).
4. The Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: General experience (years in business), Having Ready-to-use IoT traceability platform online, Experience in relevant IOT-based assignments, Experience in implementing different digital solutions packages, and Experience in implementing IoT-based Environmental Parameters monitoring assignment.

Consultants are requested to submit the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria:

- a. Up-to-date relevant registration papers of the firm(s);
- b. JV agreement/ letter of intent along with the proposed JV agreement (if applicable);
- c. Firm's brochure including staffing;
- d. Record of all the relevant experiences (including name of the assignment, scope, contract amount, name of the client, total input in terms of man-month, period of contract (date of contract signing to date of completion), location of the services, name of the development partner etc.)
- e. All the necessary documents (as required in section-9 of the TOR) to substantiate satisfaction of the shortlisting criteria listed above;

Notably, Key personnel will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage;

5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" September 2023 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
6. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint-venture or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. In case of an association, all members of such "association" must have real and well-defined inputs to the assignment and in such "association" it is preferable to limit the total number of firms including the associates to a maximum of 03 (three). Notably, the qualifications of sub-consultants will not be considered in the EOI evaluation and shortlisting process.
7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Consultants Qualifications-based Selection (CQS)** method (National market approach) set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations.
8. Further information can be obtained at the address below either by e-mail or in person during office hours: 10:00 to 16:00 hours.
9. Expression of Interest (EOI) must be delivered in a written form (Hard copy along with a soft copy through flash-drive) to the address of the undersigned (in person, or by courier mail) by **30 December 2025 on or before 13:00 hours** Bangladesh Standard Time (BST).
10. The Procuring Entity (PE) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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