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## Tk 250cr graft in 5 solar plants

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According to the Bangladesh Power Development Board, the average cost of setting up a solar power plant is typically Tk 8 crore per megawatt. Based on this estimate, the average cost of the six solar power plants covered by the study should have been Tk 4,043 crore, but the actual total cost stood at Tk 6,970 crore.

The six projects incurred an average cost of Tk 13.8 crore per megawatt, more than one and a half times the projected cost. In some cases, even where government projects were set up on government-owned land without land acquisition or leasing issues, the per-megawatt cost was shown as Tk 14.08 crore, higher than other solar projects in the country.

"The average electricity tariff of the selected renewable energy projects in this study is \$0.124 per kWh. In comparison, the average tariff in neighbouring

countries is significantly lower - \$0.03 in India, \$0.032 in Pakistan and \$0.045 in China. Thus, the tariff in Bangladesh is nearly four times higher than in these countries," the study said.

Conducted by TIB's Md Newazul Moula and Ashna Islam, the study said collusion in the energy sector appears to be a systemic and multi-stage phenomenon embedded throughout the project lifecycle and involving networks of interlinked stakeholders.

"Collusion is rooted in policymaking and strategy formulation processes. By gaining influence over selected policymakers through various forms of benefits, vested interests shape strategy formulation and target-setting in ways that align with their priorities. This influence extends to the structuring of laws, policies and strategic documents

through selective addition, removal or amendment of favourable clauses, thereby institutionalising bias at the policy level," it said.

At the land acquisition and environmental clearance stage, collusion manifests through coordinated manipulation of land acquisition, compensation, leasing and environmental approval processes, it added.

Speaking at the press conference titled "Generating Power from Renewable Energy in Bangladesh: Governance Challenges and Way Forward", TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said the power sector is one of the most corrupt sectors in the country.

"Corruption, irregularities and wastage are very common here. The study now shows that the renewable energy sector is not an isolated one," he said.

## ICT-2 presses charges

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They were dragged onto the footpath and beaten indiscriminately with canes, rifles and shotgun butts.

At one point, a policeman allegedly asked Tayim to run. As he did, another fired two shots from a pistol, one of which struck Tayim in the lower back, causing him to collapse. When Rahat tried to help him, Inspector Md Zakir Hossain allegedly fired several shotgun rounds at close range. Rahat, shot in the leg, fled in fear, leaving Tayim bleeding on the ground.

A video showing these details was played before the tribunal yesterday. Tayim's mother Parvin Akhter, seated in the courtroom, broke down in tears.

The accused are: former Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner Habibur Rahman; former DMP joint police commissioner Sudip Kumar Chakraborty; former Wari Division deputy commissioner Iqbal Hossain; former additional deputy commissioner (Demra Zone) Md Masudur Rahman Monir; former ADC (Wari Zone) SM Shamim; former assistant police commissioner Nahid Ferdous; former Jatrabari OC Abul Hossain;

Inspector (investigation) Md Zakir Hossain; Inspector (operation) Md Wahidul Haque Mamun; sub-inspectors Sajjad Uz Zaman and Md Shahadat Ali of the same police station.

According to the prosecution, Habibur and Sudip ordered the use of "any force, including shooting" to suppress the movement. These instructions were relayed to officers on the ground by Shamim, Nahid, Abul, Zakir, Mamun and Sajjad.

The charge further states that Liton and Shahriar had attempted to rescue Tayim but were blocked by armed police.

Police later took Tayim to a police station, where he was allegedly tortured again, and then to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where he was declared dead. The prosecution alleged that SI Shahadat Ali had prepared a false inquest report on Tayim.

The prosecution also alleged that police had looted money and other items from Liton's shop, and filed a false case blaming innocent people for his killing. Although the formal charge mentioned that another SI named Shukdev had filed a false case, no charge was brought against him.

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## 5<sup>th</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY!



It's been 5 years we lost our honorable former Director, Veteran Industrialist

**Engr. REAZAT ALI BACHCHU**

on 25<sup>th</sup> of December 2020.  
We remember him on this day.

**We all pray to Almighty Allah for granting him Jannat.**

Directors and All Employees of



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**Invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Position of Vice Chancellor  
Time Extended to December 31, 2025**

The Board of Trustees (BOT) of the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) cordially invites **Expression of Interest (EOI)** from qualified academicians for the position of **Vice Chancellor of UAP**. Interested candidates are required to meet the criteria set by Private University Act 2010, Clause 31, Sub-Clause 3 which states that the candidate must have 1st Class or equivalent Graduate and Post Graduate Degree or PhD, and minimum of 10 years of teaching experience in a recognized University, along with research or administrative experience for a total of 20 years. Such candidates are requested to send their EoI via email to [vcsearch.botoffice@uap-bd.edu](mailto:vcsearch.botoffice@uap-bd.edu) by **December 31, 2025**. Upon receipt of the EoI, the BOT office will provide the candidate with instructions for submitting credentials in a standardized format

*Those who have already submitted the EoI earlier are not required to submit it again.*

### বাংলাদেশ পানি উন্নয়ন বোর্ড

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Date: 23/12/2025

### e-Tender Notice-03 (OTM)

An e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works:

Sl No.	Tender	Package No. & description	Procure ment method	Location of the works	Tender/ proposal document last selling date & time	Tender/ proposal closing & opening date & time
1	1190739	Rehabilitation work of Canal, Dyke, Crossing Slabs, Oulets, Pump & Motor of Nalkura Low Lift Irrigation Project located in Upazila: Sadar, District: Panchagarh under Panchagarh WD Division, BWDB, Panchagarh during the FY 2025-26. (Package No.: PAN/NDR/2025-26/W-02)	OTM	Upazilla: Sadar, District: Panchagarh	08-01-2026 Time: 12.00 hr	08-01-2026 Time: 16.00 hr

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches up to banking hours. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)) (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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Ashutosh Barman  
Executive Engineer  
Panchagarh WD Division  
BWDB, Panchagarh

### Request for Proposal (RFP)

International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka is inviting proposals from interested and Bonafide firms to develop a Digital Case Management System for the Government of Bangladesh. The Terms of Reference (ToR) and RFP documents can be downloaded from the [United Nations Global Market Place \(UNGMP\)](http://www.unmng.org/Public/Notice/287939) at <https://www.unmng.org/Public/Notice/287939>. The deadline for submission of proposal is Sunday, January 25, 2026, at 04:30 PM (BST time).

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