



Craftsman Rakhal Mondol carries strips of murta reeds to make traditional mats, shitol pati. Such reeds are extensively sold and used in the summer. The photo was taken from Kathalia village in Bakerganj upazila, Barishal yesterday.

It's the start of govt-backed mob culture

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to fascist rule, widespread corruption, extortion and syndicate practices. If such activities continue at the highest levels of the state, including Bangladesh Bank, "the remaining foundations of the economy will also be destroyed," he warned.

Protests against these "disorders" come from all sections of society, regardless of party affiliation, he said, claiming that mobs have been regularly targeting competent and deserving officials at various state institutions.

Addressing the government, Shafiqur said that if it truly wants to build a democratic and discrimination-free Bangladesh, it must immediately stop such activities. He also called

for ensuring appointments to important government positions based on merit rather than party loyalty.

His post came after the government revoked the appointment of Ahsan H Mansur as governor of Bangladesh Bank and replaced him with Md Mostakur Rahman, a businessman and accountant. Some officials of the central bank had been protesting against Mansur for several days.

Meanwhile, Jamaat Secretary General Mia Golam Porwar also questioned the appointment of the new governor, alleging potential conflicts of interest and raising concerns about the central bank's independence.

In a statement posted on the party's official Facebook page at 9:05am, he said the role of a central

bank governor is not ceremonial but one of the most critical positions in any country, responsible for safeguarding monetary stability, regulating banks, maintaining financial discipline and, most importantly, building public and international confidence in the economy.

Referring to the post-July political context, Porwar said that when people demanded systemic change, restoring trust through merit-based leadership should have been the government's highest priority.

"The quota movement was never only about quotas; it was fundamentally about meritocracy and competent governance," he said.

He alleged that, for the first time in the country's history, an industrialist has been appointed governor

of the central bank. According to him, shortly before the appointment, the individual's company had Tk 89 crore in loans rescheduled under special policy provisions.

Porwar also claimed that the new governor had been a member of the ruling party's election steering committee.

Senior banking professionals have already expressed concerns about conflicts of interest and institutional independence, he said, adding that placing someone who benefited from loan restructuring in charge of regulating the entire banking sector inevitably raises questions.

Bangladesh cannot move forward without strong, independent institutions led by qualified and experienced professionals, he added.

Six victims in critical PM set to reside

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10:00pm on Wednesday at the LPG station at the entrance to Kolatoli. Locals said the station was inaugurated on Tuesday.

Syed Muhammad Morshed Hossain, deputy assistant director of Fire Service and Civil Defence in Cox's Bazar, said preliminary findings point to errors in gas load and unload operations, though the exact cause will be known after a full investigation. The extent of the damage is still being assessed.

He also said the station lacked a fire safety plan and did not have a fire certificate.

District administration investigation committee chief Shahidul said the team has begun work, spoken to the pump owner, and asked him to produce all relevant documents.

Whether four filling stations within a three-kilometre stretch from Kolatoli to Link Road comply with government policy will also be examined during the investigation, he added.

The owner of the LPG station, N Alam, a businessman from Ramu upazila, told journalists that he has permission for the filling station.

A visit to the site yesterday morning revealed widespread devastation. The station was charred black, surrounding grass and vegetation burnt to ash. A house behind the pump had its furniture destroyed, while another house built by cutting into a small hill was completely gutted. Residents of both homes were seen lamenting outside.

Islam Begum, wife of Md Siraj, who lives in the first house, said a fire broke out at the station earlier in the evening. Firefighters brought it under control but

failed to stop a gas leak. The gas spread, and between 9:30pm and 10:00pm, a massive explosion ripped through the area.

She said the family fled with their son, grandchildren and daughter-in-law. "When I think about how we survived, my heart still trembles," she said, adding that all their money and belongings were reduced to ashes, leaving them homeless.

About 100 yards away, in an open space known as Rahim's Parking, several vehicle repair shops stood with 20 to 25 tourist jeeps parked there and all of them were destroyed in the explosion.

Mohammad Arif, a driver, said gas that had been spreading since evening reached the parking area. Around 10:00pm, when the blast occurred, the caretaker Rahim and another man were severely burnt. Although the area had earlier been evacuated, they had returned to the garage to collect vehicle keys when the explosion struck.

"At the time of the explosion, it felt like the whole area had turned into hell," Arif said.

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The prime minister is currently residing at his private home in Gulshan and commuting to the Secretariat on Abdul Gani Road and the Prime Minister's Office in Teigaon from there.

Sources said the PM intends to host iftar gatherings during Ramadan and exchange Eid-ul-Fitr greetings at Jamuna. Renovation work is therefore being expedited.

Jamuna, located at 30 Hare Road, spans about 3.25 acres. Adjacent bungalows 24 and 25, currently used by senior security officials assigned to the former chief adviser, will be allocated for officials responsible for the prime minister's security after Jamuna is vacated.

During the rule of the ousted Awami League, the prime minister's official residence was Gono Bhaban.

On August 5, 2024, the government of Sheikh Hasina fell following a mass uprising, and protesters vandalised Gono Bhaban. The interim government later decided to convert it into the "July Mass Uprising Memorial Museum," and construction is ongoing.

In July last year, the housing ministry formed a six-member committee to recommend residences for the PM and ministers. The committee proposed Jamuna and bungalows 24 and 25 under an integrated plan for the prime minister's residence.

The Hare Road, Minto Road, and Bailey Road areas, known as the "Minister's Zone," housed advisers of the interim government.

Officials at the Ministry of Housing and Public Works said ministers and state ministers will require some time before moving into their allocated residences, as minor renovation work is needed. They are expected to move in after Eid-ul-Fitr.

PWD is preparing around 40 residences for ministers and state ministers. "Minor renovation may take two to ten days, or up to a month in some cases," said the chief engineer.

Renovation work is also ongoing at the NAM flats for lawmakers and may take another two to three weeks.

A PWD official said six buildings at NAM Bhaban each have 36 flats, and four buildings are currently vacant and undergoing cleaning and renovation.



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Sylhet Gas Fields Limited

(A Company of Petrobangla)

INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

Tender No.: SGFL/CRU/25-26/FP-06 Date: 24-02-2026

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division
2.	Agency	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (A company of Petrobangla)
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (SGFL)
4.	Procuring Entity District	Sylhet
5.	Invitation for	Procurement of Catalytic Converter with Catalyst Including Supply, Installation, Hook-up, Testing, Commissioning and Carbon molecular sieve with Spare Parts for Nitrogen Generation Package.
6.	Invitation Ref No	SGFL/CRU/25-26/FP-06 dated: 24-02-2026

KEY INFORMATION

7. Procurement method: One Stage & Two envelope Tendering Method. Tenderer are to submit simultaneously two (2) sealed envelopes, one containing the Technical Tender and the other one containing the Price Tender. The Technical Tender will be opened on the date and time mentioned at Sl. no.13 of this tender notice and the Price Tender of the technically responsive Tenderer(s) will be opened later on.

FUNDING INFORMATION

8. Budget and Source of Funds: SGFL's Own Fund.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9. Project Name	N/A
10. Tender Publication Date	24-02-2026.
11. Tender Last Selling Dat	15-04-2026.
12. Tender Closing Date & Time	16-04-2026, and 12:00 hrs (BST)
13. Tender Opening Date & Time	16-04-2026, and 12:15 hrs (BST)
14. Name and Address of Office for selling Tender	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, Petrocentre, 13 th Floor, 3 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.
15. Name and Address of Office for Receiving & Opening of Tender	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Head Office, P.O. Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152 Bangladesh.
16. Date & Time of Selling of Tender Document.	The tender document will be available for sale from 02-03-2026 to 15-04-2026 during office hours on all working days.

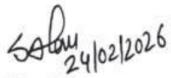
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

17. Eligibility of Tenderer	Bonafide manufacturers/suppliers or their authorized agents of all countries except the country/countries having no diplomatic relation with Bangladesh.
18. Brief Description of Goods	Catalytic Converter with Catalyst and Spare Parts for Nitrogen Generator Package.
19. Brief Description of Related Services	N/A
20. Price of Tender document	Taka 12,000.00 or USD 98.00 (non-refundable)
21. Name of the Official Inviting Tender	Eng. Md. Shah Alam
22. Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager (Foreign Procurement Section) Phone no.01716551003 E-mail: dgmp@sgfl.gov.bd
23. Address of the official inviting tender	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited P.O. Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152, Bangladesh.
24. Tender Security Amount	BDT 4,60,000.00 or USD 3750.00

Special Instruction

- Tender must remain valid for one hundred and fifty (150) days from the date of opening of the tender.
- Tenderer shall furnish with the Tender (Technical Tender) an acceptable Tender Security in the form of Bank Guarantee as per format provided in the tender document or Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.
- The Tender security must remain valid for one hundred and seventy-eight (178) days from the date of opening of the tender.
- The scope of supply, terms of supply and information require to be furnished by the Tenderer, etc. are given in the tender document.
- Tender(s) submitted after the deadline for receiving of tenders will be rejected and returned unopened to the Tenderer.
- The Tender must not be submitted by Fax or email.
- If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstance (Strike, Public Holiday, etc.) the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and Venue
- This tender notice will also be available at SGFL Website: www.sgfl.gov.bd, Petrobangla Website: www.petrobangla.org.bd and BPPA Website: www.bppa.gov.bd

26. Sylhet Gas Fields Limited reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings at any stage prior to award of contract without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected Tenderer(s).


Deputy General Manager
Foreign Procurement Section

I still don't know

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Dhaka. But their hostility did not end," he said.

He suspects the murder may have been an act of revenge related to the land dispute.

The family said they informed investigators about the previous conflict several times. "But investigators say they have found no evidence yet. They have not arrested anyone," Shilpi said.

The family had moved to Dhaka from Narsingdi just eight months before Roza's

death, hoping for a better life.

Inside their small home, reminders of Roza remain – her toys, the empty space among her siblings, and the memories her mother struggles to recount.

"She was lively and playful, full of little wishes," Shilpi said. "Even with four daughters and two sons, the emptiness she left feels unbearable."

Nine months after the tragedy, the family continues to wait for answers and justice.

After disputes

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compressing what is typically a major cultural festival.

Held at the Bangla Academy premises and Suhrawardy Udyan, the fair has long evolved beyond a marketplace for books into a symbolic space for cultural expression and intellectual exchange.

Visitors flocked to the grounds on opening day, bringing back the familiar energy.

"I come here every year, and honestly, I was worried it might not happen this time," said Rahat Hasan, a

university student. "It feels different because of the timing, but the spirit is still there."

Schoolteacher Nasrin Akter echoed the sentiment. "Even if it's shorter, I didn't want to miss it. I wait for this fair all year to buy books and spend time here with my family."

Others noted challenges posed by the revised schedule. "Since it's during Ramadan, the crowd might be lower in the daytime," said office-goer Mahmudul Karim. "But I think evenings will still be lively."

Local seeds for local

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who has which types of seeds and which ones produce better yields," she says.

Jaya Roy, a homemaker from Batiaghata Sadar, visited the fair for the first time. "I learned how seeds can be preserved at home and how seedlings are grown from them," she says.

Deb Prosad Sarker, chief executive of LoCOS, noted that while hybrid and foreign seeds are becoming widely available, they cannot be preserved and require excessive chemicals.

"Local seeds do not degrade soil quality, produce tastier crops, and require fewer chemicals," he said.

At the closing ceremony, Batiaghata UNO Thander Kamruzzaman said, "In this age of climate crisis, indigenous seed varieties are our greatest shield."

Prizes were awarded based on the number, diversity, and quality of seeds displayed, with Karuna Mondal winning first place. Namita Sarkar and Shiuli Mondal followed in second and third places, respectively.

All participating women farmers were also recognised.

Karuna smiled as she accepted her award. "This honour is not just mine – it belongs to all women who protect these seeds. As long as I live, I will continue to preserve them," she said.

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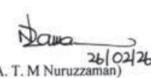
Date: 26/02/2026

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is in the e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procuring of following goods.

Tender ID	Name of Goods	Tender/Proposal Publication Date and Time	Tender/Proposal last selling Date and Time	Tender/Proposal Closing / Opening Date and Time
1230528	Supplying outsourcing service workers for the Shaheed M Monsur Ali Medical College Hospital, Sirajganj for 2025-2026 financial years.	26-Feb-2026 12:00	15-Mar-2026 15:30	16-Mar-2026 13:00

- This is online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
- To submit e-tender, Registration in the National e-GP system portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.
- Details about the Tender have shown in e-Tender notice and e-Tender document further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP help Desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).


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২৩০ কেভি বিদ্যুৎ সঞ্চালন লাইন চালুর সতর্কীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগিতের জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, পাওয়ার গ্রিড বাংলাদেশ পিএলসি কর্তৃক বাস্তবায়নধীন "পাওয়ার গ্রিড নেটওয়ার্ক স্ট্রেন্থেনিং প্রজেক্ট আন্ডার পিজিসিবি" শীর্ষক প্রকল্পের আওতায় বরিশাল (উত্তর) ২৩০/৩৩০ কেভি গ্রিড উপকেন্দ্র হতে পটুয়াখালী ১৩২/৩৩০ কেভি গ্রিড উপকেন্দ্র পর্যন্ত নবনির্মিত বরিশাল (উত্তর)-পটুয়াখালী ২৩০ কেভি ৫৫ কিঃমিঃ সঞ্চালন লাইন নির্মাণ কাজ সম্পন্ন হয়েছে।

উক্ত সঞ্চালন লাইনটি বরিশাল জেলার সদর উপজেলাধীন রায়পাশা, কড়াপুর, জাগুয়া ইউনিয়ন সমুহের শোলনা, উত্তর কড়াপুর, দক্ষিণ কড়াপুর, কলাডেমা চহাটা, হোগলা, বীরপাশা, কঠুরাকাটী, শিবপাশা, ধর্মাদী, কুলাকানা, মজলহাটা, আন্তাকাটী, বামনিকাটী, খয়েরদিয়া মৌজা সমূহ এবং বাবুগঞ্জ উপজেলাধীন মাধবপাশা ইউনিয়নের ফুলতলা, লাফাদী মৌজা ছাড়াও বরিশাল বাকেরগঞ্জ উপজেলাধীন রক্তাশ্রী, প্রাদ্রিশিবপুর, নিয়ামতি ইউনিয়নের বিহারিপুর, শ্যামপুর, বিবংগল, দাউদকাটি, বড়িয়া, আড়াইবেকী, ভবানীপুর, বড়পুইয়াউটা, পূর্ব মহেশপুর, পশ্চিম দুর্গাপুর, শাখবুনিয়া, রঘুনাথপুর মৌজাসমূহ ও তৎসংলগ্ন এলাকার উপর দিয়ে এবং

বালকাঠি জেলার নলছিটি উপজেলাধীন নলছিটি পৌরসভা, মগর, দপদপিয়া, সিদ্ধকাটি, কুসংগল ইউনিয়নসমূহের গৌরীপাশা, অনুরাগ, কাণ্ডপাশা, শংকরপাশা, আমিরাবাদ, দুবিল, পূর্বসুজাবাদ, পশ্চিম সুজাবাদ, গোহালকাঠি, ভরতকাঠি, উত্তর জুরকাঠি, দুধরিয়া, চৌদ্দবুড়িয়া, রাজনগর, পাটোয়ার, জোয়ার আওরাবুনিয়া, ভাটিয়া, দেওপাশা, রাজপাশা, জয়কলস, গোচারা, সেওতা-ভাউমহল মৌজাসমূহ ও তৎসংলগ্ন এলাকার উপর দিয়ে অতিক্রম করেছে।

পটুয়াখালী জেলার পৌরসভা, সদর উপজেলাধীন ইটবাড়ীয়া ও বদরপুর ইউনিয়নের টাউন কালিকাপুর, দক্ষিণ চান্দখালী, পূর্ব চান্দখালী, ডাকুরবুনিয়া, যোপখালী, কিসমত পুকুরজানা, আরজি-রাজগঞ্জ, কচাবুনিয়া, শারিকখালী, গলাচিপা, মিঠাপুর, টেংরাখালী, দুর্গাপুর মৌজাসমূহ এবং মির্জাগঞ্জ উপজেলাধীন মির্জাগঞ্জ পৌরসভা, মাধবখালী ইউনিয়নের ভিকখালী, আদুয়া কালিকাপুর, সমাদারকাটী, রামপুর, সন্তোষপুর, কাঠালতলী, মাধবখালী, কিসমত রামপুর, ভিকখালী, উত্তর চেতা ও তার পার্শ্ববর্তী এলাকার উপর দিয়ে অতিক্রম করেছে।

উক্ত সঞ্চালন লাইনটি আগামী ২৮ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০২৬ তারিখ, শনিবার, আনুমানিক দুপুর ১২:০০টায় ২,৩০,০০০ ভোল্টেজ দ্বারা পরীক্ষামূলকভাবে চালু করা হবে এবং উক্ত সময় হতে বর্ণিত নবনির্মিত লাইনটি সার্বক্ষণিক চালু থাকবে।

অতএব, উক্ত নবনির্মিত বরিশাল (উত্তর)-পটুয়াখালী ২৩০ কেভি ৫৫ কিঃমিঃ সঞ্চালন লাইনের টাওয়ারসমূহে আরোহণ, গবাদিপশু বাঁধা, টাওয়ারে রশি বেঁধে কাপড় শূকানো, লাইনের নীচে ও পাশে বাঁধা বাঁধা ও দুই বর্ধনশীল গাছ-পালা রোপন করা বা কেটে লাইনের উপর ফেলা, ঘুড়ি বা ড্রোন ওড়ানো প্রভৃতি ঝুঁকিপূর্ণ কাজ হতে বিরত থাকার জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

উচ্চ ভোল্টেজ বিদ্যুতায়িত নবনির্মিত সঞ্চালন লাইন বা টাওয়ারের সংস্পর্শে এসে কেউ দুর্ঘটনার শিকার হলে পাওয়ার গ্রিড কর্তৃপক্ষ দায়ী থাকবে না।

মোঃ আলমগীর হোসেন
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