

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়
নগর উন্নয়ন অধিদপ্তর
৮-২, সেগুনবাগিচা ঢাকা।

নগর উন্নয়ন অধিদপ্তরের রিসার্চ ফেলোশিপ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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২। কর্মস্থল: কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত বাংলাদেশের যে কোন স্থান

৩। ফেলোশিপ সংক্রান্ত সকল বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত হিসেবে গণ্য হবে



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Ride-share bikers allowed 5 litres daily

ENERGY - BANGLADESH

TBS REPORT

Ride-sharing motorbikes will be allowed to purchase up to 5 litres of fuel per day from petrol pumps across the country...

The information was disclosed yesterday in a notification, signed by BPC Secretary Shahina Sultana. However, the corporation has set three conditions for fuel supply...

According to BPC, arrangements have already been made to ensure a normal supply of fuel in the country through scheduled imports from abroad...

Power Division seeks Tk1,744cr to avoid

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Division official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the subsidy funds had not yet been released because the per-unit tariff for electricity from the plant had not been approved...

"If the power company fails to arrange the instalment from its own funds, the government will arrange the money from other sources beyond the subsidy," the official said.

The official added that the proposal from the Power Division had just been received and a decision would be taken after reviewing the matter through discussions.

The 1,320-megawatt coal-fired plant, located near Payra Port in Patuakhali, was developed as a joint venture between Bangladesh's Rural Power Company Limited (RPCL) and China's NORINCO International Cooperation Ltd. It is operated by RPCL-NORINCO International Power Limited (RNPL)...

ADB targets \$1.1lb disbursement

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to weak government coordination, poor project management, and low project readiness. The target for 2025 is to reduce the risk level to 5%.

Procurement performance will also be closely monitored. End-to-end procurement time, a key performance indicator for project implementation, is targeted to be reduced by 10% in 2025 compared to the 2023 level.

The average procurement time for high-value contracts awarded last year was 495 days, highlighting opportunities for efficiency improvements.

Sector-wise data show that the energy and transport sectors recorded the longest procurement times, taking as high as 794 days in some cases. For low-value contracts, average times gradually declined from 218 days in 2020 to 172 days in 2025, reflecting continued improvement in overall procurement efficiency.

Long procurement timelines in Bangladesh's ADB portfolio are mainly caused by inadequate project preparation, weak project design, poor-quality bid documents, and lengthy government approval processes, the report reveals, suggesting measures such as preparing realistic procurement timelines...

engaging experienced consultants, and using advanced procurement.

Sectoral priorities

According to the ADB report, disbursement projections for 2026 indicate that the transport, energy, water, and urban sectors will drive the majority. Together, transport, energy, water, and urban development account for about 73% of the annual disbursement target.

The transport sector projects include the SASEC Dhaka-Northeast Corridor Road Project, the Flood Energy Project, and the Dhaka-Sylhet Corridor Road Investment Project.

In the energy sector, key projects include the Rupsha 800MW Combined Cycle Power Plant Project, the Bangladesh Power System Enhancement and Efficiency Improvement Project, and the Dhaka Power System Expansion and Strengthening Project, which together account for about 64% of the sector's projected disbursements.

In the water and urban sector, major projects include the Improving Urban Governance and Infrastructure Programme, the Khulna sewerage project, and the Dhaka water supply project.

Fuel shortage threatens lighterage operations

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imported goods from the mother vessels at the outer anchorage of Chattogram port.

Any disruption in this system could affect the flow of essential commodities, potentially causing shortages in markets during the upcoming Eid season and pushing up prices.

Vessel operators struggling Mohammad Jahangir Alam, owner of ANJ Trading, operates a fleet of 60 vessels, including both owned and chartered ships. His operations require around 2,00,000 litres of diesel each month. Under a distributor licence from Padma Oil Company, he normally lifts about 70,000 litres of diesel weekly to supply his vessels.

However, he said the company has not supplied any diesel since 3 March.

"For the past few days we have been managing local trips by giving only 400 to 500 litres of diesel to each vessel," Jahangir told TBS.

"If we send a vessel on a long route, it needs around 5,000 litres at once. Unlike road transport, there are no refuelling stations along waterways. That's why we are avoiding

long-distance trips. More than half of our vessels are sitting idle."

'Supply cut by 25%

Padma Oil Company Managing Director Mofizur Rahman said distributors are still receiving diesel supplies, though at a reduced level.

"According to government instructions, we are supplying 25% less than usual," he told TBS.

He added that several fuel shipments have recently arrived.

"One vessel arrived yesterday, another today, and another is expected tomorrow. Fuel supply should return to normal within a few days," he said.

Port cargo handling at risk

Farver Ahmed, convenor of the Bangladesh Water Transport Coordination Cell, said around 73 mother vessels carrying various bulk commodities are currently waiting at the outer anchorage of Chattogram port.

The coordination cell allocates a monthly allowance of Tk2,500 to transport cargo from these ships to destinations across the country.

"These lighterage vessels require around 4,00,000 to 5,00,000 litres of fuel every day for their operations," he said.

Due to the shortage, many vessels loaded with cargo are now floating in the Kamaphuli River, unable to sail without adequate fuel.

"If the vessels cannot depart, cargo cannot be unloaded from the mother vessels. This could disrupt the supply of food and other essential goods and create instability in the market," Parvez said.

He added that the coordination cell has written to the government requesting uninterrupted fuel supply for lighterage vessels in order to maintain commodity prices, protect the reputation of Chattogram port and keep the national economy functioning smoothly.

Call for urgent action

Sarwar Alam Sagar, president of the Bangladesh Ship Handling and Berth Operator Association, warned that prolonged disruption in waterway cargo transport could collapse the country's supply chain.

"If cargo movement through waterways is disrupted due to the fuel shortage, the supply system could break down and create a humanitarian crisis," he said.

"The government should ensure adequate fuel supply for lighterage vessels to keep the supply chain running,"

PM launches Family Card for women-led households

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recipients automatically received money in their accounts.

The prime minister, along with his wife Zubaida Rahman, arrived at the venue earlier at 10:30am and spoke with several women who had come to get Family Cards.

Tarique in his speech assured that his government will gradually implement all its election pledges "at any cost" to change people's fortunes and promote the development of the country.

At the same time, he said, taking into account the realities and the current global situation - including circumstances in the Middle East - it might take longer in some cases to implement certain pledges.

However, the PM said the government would not deviate in the slightest from the promises it had made.

Tarique expressed his firm belief that his government will gradually be able to deliver the Family Card to women heads of all four crore families in Bangladesh within the next five years.

In its pilot stage, the programme is being rolled out in 15 wards across 13 city corporations and unions spanning 13 districts across the country, according

to the social welfare ministry. Following verification and assessment, 37,567 women-headed households were ultimately selected to receive assistance.

Under the pilot programme, each selected household will receive a monthly allowance of Tk2,500 through the Government-to-Person (G2P) digital payment system directly to mobile wallets or bank accounts.

Family Card source of empowerment for women: Fakhru

Several ministers yesterday distributed family cards in different districts.

At a distribution event in Thakurgaon, Local Government Minister Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said the family card is a source of strength and empowerment for women in the country, reports BSS.

"With this card you (women) will be able to stand anywhere with confidence. Through this card, a form of empowerment will be created for you. Men will start giving you importance," he said.

In Chattogram, Finance Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury distributed family cards. "Family

Card funds will go directly to bank accounts, leaving no scope for irregularities," he said at the event.

"There are plans to develop the Family Card into a multi-purpose digital platform. Through this single card, various government assistance programmes and social services will be delivered," Khasru added.

Under the programme, Family Cards were initially distributed among 5,575 families listed in Ward No 41 of the city. The area falls within the minister's constituency, Chattogram-11 parliamentary constituency. In Khulna, Parliament Whip Rakibul Islam Bakul at a distributed event said the government plans to bring everyone under the family card programme in its full form after the upcoming national budget in June.

A total of 5,275 beneficiaries in the ward will receive the cards in the first phase. On the inauguration day, 4,158 people were handed the cards, while the remaining beneficiaries will receive their soon.

As part of a pilot programme, family cards were initially distributed to 86 female heads of households in Bancharamur municipality.

Govt seeks seamless fuel import from China, ramps up diesel imports from India

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is supposed to receive at least three diesel cargoes with 30,000 tonnes each between 13 and 29 March.

Following the restrictions, BPC said there is uncertainty about those cargoes, as well as concerns raised by other suppliers about the smooth supply of fuel, citing the Middle East war.

Energy ministry officials said after Bangladesh requested an uninterrupted supply, the ambassador advised the minister to share the fuel import plan earlier determined between the BPC and Chinese suppliers.

When asked about the meeting with the Chinese envoy, ministry officials declined to comment on record.

Energy Division sources said the ambassador assured that the fuel supply issue would be discussed with the Chinese government once Bangladesh submits details on the fuel supply window and quantity expected from Chinese suppliers.

Speaking to journalists at the ministry later, the Chinese ambassador said there are proposals from both sides to expand energy cooperation.

"We discussed better ways forward and modalities on how to expand cooperation in the power and energy sector," he said.

Wen added that China had raised the issue of expanding investment in Bangladesh's power and energy sector, particularly in solar energy cooperation.

When asked whether Bangladesh raised the issue of the ongoing energy crisis, the ambassador replied, "Yes. We discussed this issue, but I am not in a position to comment on it now."

Energy Division sources told TBS under an earlier agreement between BPC and Numaligarh Refinery Limited, an Indian state-owned refinery, for the January-June supply window this year.

Earlier, Bangladesh requested India to ramp up diesel exports under the existing agreement.

growing concern in the fuel market, Bangladesh imported 5,000 tonnes of diesel from India yesterday, just a day after BPC imported more than 27,000 tonnes of diesel.

BPC Chairman Muhammad Rezaul Karim confirmed the import of diesel from India.

Energy Division officials said BPC will receive another 5,000 tonnes of diesel from India today through the 131-kilometre India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline, which runs from the Sili-guri Marketing Terminal in India to the Parbatipur depot in Dinajpur, enabling direct diesel transportation between the two countries.

The diesel import is taking place under an earlier agreement between BPC and Numaligarh Refinery Limited, an Indian state-owned refinery, for the January-June supply window this year.

Earlier, Bangladesh requested India to ramp up diesel exports under the existing agreement.

Under the deal between BPC and Numaligarh Refinery Limited, the refinery is scheduled to supply 1.8 lakh tonnes of diesel annually through the cross-border pipeline.

Of this volume, around 1.2 lakh tonnes have already been confirmed, while Bangladesh retains the option to import an additional 60,000 tonnes depending on demand.

The pipeline was inaugurated in March 2023 during the tenure of the Sheikh Hasina-led government and has the capacity to transport around 2 lakh tonnes of diesel annually.

"According to the agreement, at least 90,000 tonnes of diesel should be imported to Bangladesh from India within six months."

"The consignment arriving today (Tuesday) is 5,000 tonnes, and we hope that within the next two months we will bring in the total diesel amount for the entire six months," the BPC chairman said.

Outstanding power bills

Meanwhile, leaders of the Bangladesh Independent Power Producers' Association (BIPPA) met State Minister for Power and Energy Aninda Islam Amir, raising the issue of outstanding power bills amounting to Tk4,000 crore as well as liquidated damages (LD) imposed by BPDB for failing to provide electricity as demanded.

During the meeting, a six-member BIPPA delegation, led by its President David Hasanat, urged the government to release funds to clear the outstanding power bills so that Letters of Credit (LCs) can be opened to import fuel and keep HFO-based power plants running during the upcoming summer.

Power Division sources said the state minister acknowledged the seriousness of clearing the bills and assured that the matter would be settled soon.

No plan to hike fuel prices

The state minister also reiterated the

government's position on a possible fuel price hike amid rising global prices and panic buying.

"There is no reason to increase the prices of fuel or electricity," he said.

Earlier, on 5 March, all state-owned oil marketing companies proposed raising fuel prices to discourage panic buying as Bangladesh faces growing uncertainty over energy supplies amid escalating tensions in the Middle East.

Managing directors of Padma Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Oil Company Limited, and Meghna Petroleum Limited jointly recommended a price hike, arguing that higher prices could discourage consumers and businesses from stockpiling fuel.

The state minister also said Bangladesh has the capacity to maintain normal energy and power supply until May.

"The concerns and anxiety people are feeling over fuel and electricity will fade soon. At present, there is no shortage in the country," the state minister said.

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Govt forms high-level committee Inflation in Bangladesh rose to around 12% during that period and still remains above 9%... and assess their potential impact on Bangladesh.

