

A Shaheed Minar falling apart

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Just a couple of days ahead of Language Martyrs' Day on February 21, the central Shaheed Minar of Kulaura upazila under Moulvibazar lies in an awful condition.

Visiting the Shaheed Minar a few days ago, this correspondent saw large cracks in the structure while its surroundings remained dirty.

"This Shaheed Minar built in Kulaura municipality in 2002 is now on the verge of collapse due to lack of maintenance amid utter negligence of the authorities concerned. Often cattle roam around on its premises," said Mahfuz Shakil, a local journalist.

People from different areas of the upazila come to the Shaheed Minar to pay respect to the martyrs of 1952 Language Movement on February 21 every year but the authorities seem too forgetful about its maintenance, said locals.

Roksana Rahman, mother of a student at Kulaura Girls' School in the upazila town, said she is afraid to send her daughter to the Shaheed Minar for any programme due

to its risky condition.

It is regrettable that garbage is dumped just beside the Shaheed Minar, said Nasir Uddin, a fruit trader in the area.

"People coming to see the Shaheed Minar get upset due to its dilapidated condition and stink from the garbage," said Munem Ahmed, who came to visit the Shaheed Minar from Nomoja village in Kulaura upazila.

Mohammad Ali, a resident of Magura area under Kulaura municipality, said the entrance of the memorial gets flooded even in a moderate shower due to poor drainage facilities around.

"We raised the issue with the local authorities on several occasions but to no avail," he added.

Syed Mahfuz Hamid, founder of Facebook group 'Kulaura problems and prospects', said, "This Shaheed Minar has become so rickety that no repair work will be enough. It needs major renovation or reconstruction."

Contacted, Kulaura Upazila Nirbahi Officer ATM Farhad Chowdhury said they have taken an initiative to repair the Shaheed Minar before February 21.



With large cracks, the central Shaheed Minar of Kulaura upazila under Moulvibazar remains awfully risky, much to the worry of locals ahead of the Ekushey February. Inset, garbage dumping just beside the language martyrs' memorial bears testimony to the callousness of the authorities concerned regarding maintenance of the premises.

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Lalmonirhat village roads damaged by kiln owners

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A two-and-half kilometre road at Dhairkhata village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila has almost been badly damaged due to random movement of overloaded tractors carrying earth for a brick kiln.

The road's condition becomes worse when it rains, said locals.

Like Dhairkhat, village roads around 47 brick kilns in five upazilas of the district are in bad condition due to plying of overloaded earth-laden tractors.

There are paved roads at some places, but condition of the roads also worsens, said Delwar Hossain, a farmer of Pashchim Nawdabansh village in Hatibandha upazila.

Carpeting of many parts of the village roads wore off and a number of potholes developed on the roads, said local people.

The roads have become almost unfit for vehicular movement during the rainy season, they said.

The villagers said tractors carrying earth being used for making bricks continued plying the roads, but no one dares to protest against it as the brick kiln owners are very powerful and influential.

Shahidul Islam, owner of a brick kiln at Bamonerbasa village in Aditmari upazila, said as



PHOTO: STAR

Village roads are being damaged due to random movement of tractors carrying earth for brick kilns in Lalmonirhat. The photo was taken from Dhairkhata village in Sadar upazila recently.

they pay tax to the government, there is no bar to use the village road.

The road has been damaged lightly due to movement of tractors, said Shahidul.

Ashraf Ali Khan, executive engineer of Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in Lalmonirhat, said the village roads in the upazilas are being damaged due to plying of earth-laden tractors.

The brick kiln owners will be given letter to stop random movement of the tractors, said the LGED engineer.

RAPES IN THREE DISTRICTS

Two including 85-yr-old sent to jail

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Two people including an 85-year-old man were sent to jail over rape of children in separate incidents in Tangail and Sunamganj yesterday, while a man was arrested on Sunday night on charge of raping a woman in Jashore.

A Tangail court sent Hasan Ali, 85, from Madhupur upazila, to jail after he was produced before it. Police arrested the man on Sunday, reports our Tangail correspondent.

Tarik Kamal, OC of Madhupur Police Station, said the accused lured the child, a pre-primary student at a local school, into his house around 11:30am on Sunday with a pack of chips.

He then raped her after gagging her with a piece of cloth. At one stage, the gag slipped off her mouth and she started screaming for help. Locals then came to her rescue and caught the accused. Informed, police arrived at the scene and arrested Hasan.

The child's mother filed a case with the police station that night, the OC said, adding that they sent the victim to Tangail General Hospital yesterday for medical tests.

In Sunamganj, a court sent a youth to jail after he was produced before it over rape of a fourth-grader in Bishwambharpur upazila.

Abu Sufian, 21, forcibly took the 10-year-old girl near a paddy field and raped her around 7:00pm on Saturday while she was on way to her relative's house, our Moulvibazar correspondent reports quoting her relatives.

The severely injured girl was first given treatment at the upazila health complex and later transferred to Sunamganj Sadar Hospital as her condition deteriorated.

Rafiqul Islam, a doctor at the hospital, said her condition was improving.

Contacted, Bishwambharpur Police Station OC Mahbubur Rahman said the child's father filed a case with the police station on Sunday morning and they arrested the accused in the afternoon.

In Jashore, Sumon Hossain, 35, from Abhaynagar Sadar upazila, was arrested around midnight on Sunday for raping a 20-year-old woman earlier that night, reports our Benapole correspondent.

Quoting the statement of the case, filed by the victim, OC Tajul Islam of Abhaynagar Police Station said Sumon and his cohorts entered the woman's house by force and raped her in her bedroom while her husband and other family members were out of the house.

Police sent her to Jashore General Hospital for medical tests yesterday.

21 hurt in clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Fairdipur

At least 21 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups over establishing supremacy at Choto Nowdubi village in Nagarkanda upazila of the district yesterday morning.

Six houses were also damaged and looted during the incident, said police.

The injured were admitted to Faridpur Medical College Hospital and Nagarkanda Upazila Health Complex.

Locals said there had been a longstanding conflict between one Shahin Matabbar and Joynal Matabbar of the village over establishing supremacy in the area.

As a sequel to the conflict, the supporters of Sahin and Joynal attacked each other with lethal weapons around 8:00am yesterday. At the time, 21 people from both sides were injured.

Six houses were also damaged and looted during the clash.

Of the injured, four injured were admitted to the hospital and the rest to the health complex.

Sohel Rana, officer-in-charge of Nagarkanda Police Station, said on information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

TRAWLER CAPSIZE IN BAY

3 more bodies found, death toll now 21

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Three more bodies were recovered from the Bay of Bengal between Sunday and yesterday morning, taking the death toll in the February 11 trawler capsized to 21 now.

Coast Guard members recovered two bodies from the sea near St Martin's Island yesterday morning and the other was recovered on Sunday, said Lt Nayeem-ul-Haque, Coast Guard commander of St Martin's Island base.

"It has been confirmed that the three people were on board the trawler that capsized in the Bay," said Prodipt Kumar Das, OC of Teknaf Police Station.

The Coast Guard on Friday and Saturday recovered three other bodies, said Lt Nayeem.

On February 11, a trawler carrying Rohingya refugees, who were trying to go to Malaysia illegally, capsized in the Bay around 5:45am near Zinjira point, some 8km northwest of St Martin's Island and drowning of at least 15 people were confirmed after the incident, said Lt Hayat Ibna Siddique, media officer of Bangladesh Coast Guard.

Afterwards, 72 people, including four boatmen, were rescued, while 50 others are feared missing.

Another trawler, which also capsized in the same area that day, is yet to be traced.

At least 300 people started for Malaysia on the two trawlers from Monakhali area around 8:00pm on February 10.

So far, nine people including the four boatmen were arrested in a case filed in this connection with Teknaf Police Station.



Hundreds of inhabitants in Barabogi and Sonakata unions in Barguna's Taltali upazila have been suffering immensely after this bridge collapsed on January 20. Built on a canal running between the two unions in 1992, the bridge is the only means of communications for residents as well as for people visiting several tourist attractions in the area -- Tengragiri Eco Park, Guamtala and Rakhine villages in Saudagar Para and Kobiraj Para Bazar.

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Director, Stores & Supplies

Department of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Dhaka.

Tender for Goods (Multiple Lots)

Ref. No:CMSD/G-1907/ICT/19-20/D-2/71

Dated: 17/02/2020

KEY INFORMATION					
1	Procurement Method / Document	ICT Open			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
2	Source of Funds	Development Budget (Government)			
3	Development Partner				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
4	Project / Programme Code				
5	Project / Programme Name	4th HPNSP			
6	Tender Package No.	G-1907			
7	Tender Package Name	Procurement of "Lab Equipment (NCL)"			
8	Tender Publication Date	19/02/2020			
9	Tender Last Selling Date	05/04/2020			
10	Tender Closing Date and time	06/04/2020 11:00 AM			
11	Tender Opening Date and time	06/04/2020 11:30 AM			
12	Name and Address of the Office(s)				
	-Selling Tender Document(Principal)	Central Medical Stores Depot, 30, Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Swarani, Tejgaon, Dhaka.			
	-Selling Tender Document(Others)	CMSD			
	-Receiving Tender Document	Do			
	-Opening Tender Document	Do			
13	Place/Date/Time for Pre-Tender Meeting	CMSD, Conference Room (# 115), Date: 04/03/2020 Time: 11:30 AM			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
14	Eligibility of Tenderer	As mentioned in the Tender Document.			
15	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Procurement of "Lab Equipment (NCL)"			
16	Brief Description of Related Services	Procurement of "Lab Equipment (NCL)"			
17	Tender Document Price				
	BDT 4,000.00 (Taka four thousand) or US\$ 50.00 (US Dollar fifty) only payment will be in Pay Order from any scheduled Bank in Bangladesh.				
17	Lot No	Identification	Location	Tender Security Amount in Taka	Completion Time in weeks/months
	Lot-1	Procurement of Lab Equipment (Analytical Balance, Disintegration Machine, Dissolution Tester, Data Logger, Millikpore Filter Unit, Pycnometer & Pyrometer).	CMSD	BDT 95,000.00 or US\$ 1,000.00	To be delivered on or before 16 weeks following the date of contract signature, or the date of opening of L/C, or date of confirmation of the L/C.
	Lot-2	Procurement of Lab Equipment (HPLC (Thermodinex ion chromatogram system for polysaccharide, Column & Accessories).	CMSD	BDT 1,75,000.00 or US\$ 2,000.00	Do
	Lot-3	Procurement of Lab Equipment (Raman & UV-Vis Spectrophotometer, Spectrometer-FTIR & Lamps for AAS).	CMSD	BDT 3,00,000.00 or US\$ 3,500.00	Do
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
18	Name of Official Inviting Tender				
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20	Address of Official Inviting Tender				
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