



Uncontrolled garbage dumping is clogging up the canals in Sylhet Sadar upazila. As the city continues to expand, waste management becomes a bigger challenge. This photo was taken yesterday at Majortila area beside Sylhet-Tamabil highway in the upazila.

PHOTO: DWOHA CHOWDHURY

## Sylhet struggling with waste management

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, Sylhet

When Sylhet municipality was upgraded to city corporation in 2002, no one was concerned about the rapid urbanisation that might hit the city, especially in the suburban areas.

Over time, uncontrolled urbanisation has taken a toll on Sylhet Sadar upazila, which surrounds around two-thirds of the country's smallest city.

Massive amount of waste is generated by the growing population, posing a serious threat to the environment, while upazila authorities are struggling to bring the situation under control.

According to Sylhet City Corporation (SCC), there were 50,000 holdings in the city back in 2006-07, and 55,000 holdings are currently paying taxes.

"A fresh assessment was started last year which will conclude soon, and we estimate there should be over 75,000 holdings in the city now," Chandan Das, tax assessor of SCC said.

Ashfaq Ahmed, chairman of Sylhet Sadar upazila said, "There is no assessment of holdings in the upazila, but the population and holdings are rising rapidly. We are conducting a holding assessment which will end next week."

Sylhet city takes up only 26.50 square kilometres, and there is a proposal of extending it by 160.62 sq km, which will eventually dissolve most of Sylhet Sadar

upazila.

But until the extension is approved by the local government ministry, some areas of the sub-district, especially Khadimpura, Tultikor, and Tuberbazar unions of Sadar upazila are bearing the brunt of unplanned waste-dumping.

Tilagarh, Baluchar, Majortila, Shahporan, Tuberbazar, Akhalia, Nayabazar and some other areas under these unions have taken the worst hit.

Mohammed Laheen Uddin, a college teacher and resident of Tilagarh area under Khadimpura union, said, "A natural canal named Kanachara here has turned into a prime destination for garbage. Walking by the canal over the bridge at Sylhet-Tamabil highway is becoming impossible due to the foul stench."

Abdur Rahim, a shopkeeper at Baluchar area under Tultikor union, said, "The canal beside the road to Nayabazar from Baluchar point has become a waste dumping point with locals dumping garbage directly in the canal. The union parishad never took any steps to solve this problem."

While visiting the unions, this correspondent found garbage stockpiles here and there on all narrow roads, as well as on at least ten spots by the Sylhet-Tamabil highway.

SM Ali Hossain, chairman of Tultikor union, said, "Most areas have garbage

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## No plastic posters in Ctg city polls: EC

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

The Election Commission (EC) has decided that mayoral and councillor candidates will not be able to use plastic-laminated posters for campaigning in Chattogram City Corporation (CCC) polls.

The decision came at a meeting of election officials with the returning officer (RO) of CCC polls at his office on Sunday evening, said RO Md Hasanuzzaman.

"We took the decision considering that laminated posters and polythene are harmful for the environment," the RO said. "Besides, there is an order from the High Court to stop the production and display of such posters."

"Many candidates used laminated posters for their campaigns during the recently-held Dhaka city corporation polls but EC will not allow this practice in CCC polls," said Hasanuzzaman, also Chattogram regional election officer.

In response to a query, Hasanuzzaman said if any candidate violates the order, they will take necessary action as per the electoral code of conduct.

On February 16, the EC announced that CCC elections will take place on March 29.

Submission of aspirants' nomination papers will be accepted till Thursday, while the papers will be scrutinised by EC officials on March 1, according to the announcement.

Appeals against EC's scrutiny will have to be made between March 2 and 4, while decisions regarding the appeals will be made between March 5 and 7, it also read.

The last date for candidacy withdrawal is March 8, while candidates will be allotted election symbols on March 9.

Besides, the RO instructed mayoral aspirants and their supporters to remove all posters and banners pasted or hanged in the city in support of many probable candidates within midnight yesterday.

"Actions will be taken [against aspirants] as per the electoral code of conduct against those who would not comply with the instructions," he said.

**CANDIDATES, ACTIVISTS ON BOARD**  
Praising the decision, Prof Sekandar Khan, president of Chattogram chapter of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan, told The Daily Star that laminated posters must be discouraged for the sake of protecting the environment.

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## Don't give in to greed

President urges BGB recruits

BSS, Ctg

President Abdul Hamid yesterday asked Border Guard Bangladesh to intensify vigilance against cross-border smuggling, staying away from greed and allurements.

"You have to develop strict principles in your character... perform duties bestowed upon you properly, staying away from any kind of greed," he said addressing the passing-out parade of the 94th recruit batch of the paramilitary forces as they wrapped up their 24-week training in Chattogram.

The president simultaneously asked BGB recruits to shape their career with human qualities and work as per the need of the country and nation to contribute to the welfare activities in days to come.

The head of the state recalled that Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman himself attended the border guards' third passing-out parade on December 5, 1974, when he "directed you to work against cross-border trafficking and smuggling."

"We must remember that smugglers have no caste, no religion... They siphon off the country's wealth abroad for a little money," Hamid quoted Bangabandhu as saying.

The president advised BGB freshers to work relentlessly with honesty, integrity and showing utmost professionalism to enhance their reputation as watchdogs of the frontier.

A total of 544 -- including 49 female recruits -- imparted the training in the 94th batch, that began on September 15. Hamid later distributed awards among best probationary BGB personnel, cut a cake and joined a photo session.

## RHD demolishes 100 illegal structures

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Roads and Highways Department (RHD) demolished 100-odd illegal structures on Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday. On the first day of a two-day drive, an RHD team knocked down structures from National Memorial area to Dhulivita in Dhamrai stretching around 4km, said Executive Magistrate Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman.

The structures were mostly restaurants and shops, said Faruki, also estate and law officer of RHD in Dhaka.

Many of those whose structures were demolished alleged that they were not informed before the drive. But when asked why they were illegally running businesses by the highway, they kept mum.

Faruki said they let building owners know about the drive through loudspeakers two days ago. "The drive is being conducted based on the map made by surveyors," he said.

The executive magistrate said both sides of Dhaka-Aricha highway would be cleared soon.

## Toddler killed in Rangpur road accident

Five others die in other districts

STAR REPORT

Six people were killed and at least four were injured in separate road accidents across the country over the last two days, report our correspondents.

In Naogaon, at least three people were killed and three injured after a truck crushed a CNG-run auto-rickshaw at Ferryghat Bridge area of Manda upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased are Rafiqul Islam (38), Jaynal Abedin (35), and Ashrafal Islam (29). All three were representatives of Acme Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

Police said the incident occurred around 9am. Rafiqul and Jaynal died on the spot while Ashrafal died on the way to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

The injured were being treated at the hospital.

A case was filed with the police station in this regard.

In Rangpur, a toddler was killed after a battery-run three-wheeler hit him in Kaunia upazila on Sunday evening.

The victim was two-and-a-half-year-old Ismail of New Kazipara village under the upazila.

According to locals, the boy was walking behind his mother as she went out grocery shopping. Suddenly, the speeding vehicle hit him, leaving him critically injured.

He was rushed to RMCH, where he succumbed to his injuries around 9pm.

However, police couldn't detain the driver, who drove off with his vehicle following the accident.

Meanwhile in Gopalganj, a person was killed and one was injured at Bagjata area under Kashiani upazila on Sunday evening, reports our Faridpur correspondent.

Victim Shahjahan Mia (48) hailed from Sohorsail village under Boalmari upazila of Faridpur district.

Aminur Rahman, sub-inspector of Kashiani Police Station, said, "The accident took place after a motorbike hit a rickshaw-van. This killed rickshaw-van driver Shahjahan on the spot and left the biker injured."

The motorbiker was taken to Faridpur Medical College Hospital, he added.

In Cumilla, an entrepreneur died in another accident at Companygonj bus terminal in Muradnagar upazila yesterday evening.

The accident occurred as a bus of Janata Paribohon hit a rickshaw from the back, pushing passenger Jashim Uddin (35) off the rickshaw and under the wheels of the bus.

Critically injured, he was taken to a local hospital in Debidwar, where doctors declared him dead, Abdur Rab, in-charge of Mirpur Highway Police Outpost said.

Police have seized the vehicle but the driver managed to flee the scene, he added.

**বাংলাদেশ পল্লী উন্নয়ন একাডেমি মডেল স্কুল**  
কোটবাড়ী, কুমিল্লা

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## Two held for murder in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police yesterday detained two people for killing a hijra in Savar's Redio Colony area.

The detainees are Ali Hyder (24) and Maisha (25), a hijra.

Police recovered the body from the victim's house around 1am, Inspector of Savar Police Station Zakaria Hossain said. "We are suspecting the victim was strangled to death," he said.

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