



The land beside Tangail-Mymensingh Road in Rabna Bypass area of Tangail town is being used as a waste dumping space for long, thanks to the callousness of the municipality authorities.

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# Open waste dumping a nuisance in Tangail town

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Massive waste dumping beside busy roads continues for long, exposing the abysmal condition of waste management system in the century-old Tangail municipality. The residents as well as commuters are vulnerable to serious health hazards as the unscrupulous act causes serious pollution of the environment, especially air and water, and spreads horrible stink across large areas. Established in 1887 during the British era, Tangail municipality currently comprising 29.43 square-kilometre area has a population of around two lakh people. But the ancient municipality is yet to

develop a modern waste management system. The municipality comprises 18 wards but there is arrangement of waste removal from 10 wards fully and from three wards partly, officials said, adding that the rest five wards remain out of the waste removal system. Some 65 to 70 tonnes of different waste, including that from households, is collected in the municipal area daily on an average while the authorities can arrange removal of 50 to 55 tonnes of it, they said. According to Local Government (Municipality) Act of 2009, waste management as well as protecting citizens' health and local environment is important

responsibility of the municipal authorities. But huge waste is being dumped beside Tangail-Mymensingh Road in Rabna Bypass area, entrance to the town from the north, and beside Tangail-Aricha Road at a spot between Kagmari and Baby Stand areas, entrance to the town from the south. The bad smell spreading across the large area causes immense sufferings for locals, pedestrians as well as passengers and transport workers on the busy road. "The situation turns more serious when the waste, including remains of dead birds and animals, spread on the road during rain and storm," said Noya Miah, a resident of Rabna Bypass area. "The municipality has continued

indiscriminate waste dumping, violating the environment protection laws, whereas one of their main responsibilities is to keep the town clean through proper waste management system," Goutam Chandra Chanda, a senior research officer of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA). Jamilur Rahman Miron, mayor of Tangail municipality, said they have been planning to make a waste dumping place for the municipality since 2004 but could not arrange necessary land for it. "Recently, we have chosen a land in Rabna Bypass area for making a modern waste dumping site for the municipality. Process is on to buy the land under a World Bank project," he said.

## Man held over rape of 4-yr-old

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Police yesterday arrested a man in Manikganj over rape of a 4-year-old girl. The arrestee was identified as Abul Hossain, 50, son of Sarafat Ali from Bormi area in Gazipur's Sreepur upazila. Manikganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Rokibuzzaman said acting on a written complaint filed by the child's mother, they arrested Abul Hossain around 10:00am at his rented house in Manikganj town. Abul Hossain had been a resident of the same area for a long time. Although he claims to be a bus driver, he did not have any driving licence. According to the complainant, a resident of the same neighbourhood, the man allegedly raped her daughter one week ago, on last Wednesday. The young girl was given treatment at a medical facility and she was out of danger, the OC said, adding that process was underway to produce the accused before a court soon.

## Couple found dead in Joypurhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A teenage boy and a girl, in a romantic relationship, were found dead within a 12-hour span on Tuesday and yesterday at separate locations in Joypurhat town. According to police, the girl, Taznuba Nabila Neer, 16, daughter of Abus Salam from Arafat Nagar area in Joypurhat town, was a student of 10th grade at Joypurhat Government Girls' High School. Police identified the boy as Imran Hossain, 17, son of Farid Hossain from Madarganj area of the town. He was an intermediate first-year student at Joypurhat Mahabidyalay. After hearing the news of Taznuba's death -- by hanging at her home on Tuesday afternoon -- Imran, a drug addict, made several attempts to take his own life at his home on Tuesday night, police said. Imran's parents foiled all his suicide attempts and they rushed him to a drug rehabilitation centre in Joypurhat town later that night. However, the boy also succeeded in hanging himself there early yesterday morning. Police recovered Taznuba's body on Tuesday night, while Imran's body yesterday morning. They sent both bodies to Joypurhat Modern Hospital for conducting autopsy, said Shahriar Khan, officer-in-charge of Joypurhat Sadar Police Station. An investigation into the deaths was launched, he added.

## Correction

Dr Amal Kumar Das, principal scientific officer of Breeder Seed Production Centre in Panchagarh, sent a clarification of a report published in this paper on February 21, titled 'Late blight resistant potato seed in the offing'. In his clarification, the scientist said the two varieties of potato the paper referred to are in fact "late blight resistant, but those are not modified genetically".

## Mob forcibly cut youth's hair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chattogram

A group of locals forcibly cut the hair of a youth in Guliakhali beach, a popular destination for tourists in Sitakunda upazila of Chattogram, yesterday. The incident, which took place during a mobile court drive in the area, drew criticism on social media. A photo of the incident that went viral on Facebook shows that a crowd stopped the youth and someone started forcibly cutting his hair in the afternoon. Assistant Commissioner (AC) Sayed Mahbul Haque, who was present nearby, seemed helpless before the angry crowd. The youth was apparently terrified while his hair was being cut. AC Sayed Mahbul Haque told The Daily Star that he led a mobile court in the area after receiving complaint from locals

that illegal activities were taking place there. "A crowd gathered at the spot and tried to harass the youth. At one stage they cut his hair. I prevented them from causing further nuisance," he said. The victim had gone to the area with a group of youths who camped there. The youth could not be reached for his comment as he kept his mobile off after the public shaming. Locals said there are allegations that a section of youths often get involved in illicit acts in the beach area. Milton Ray, upazila nirbahi officer of Sitakunda, told this correspondent that the district administration of Chattogram formed a one-member committee led by an additional district magistrate to investigate the matter. The committee has been asked to submit report within three working days.

## PUST teacher recruitment test postponed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The authorities of Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST) yesterday postponed a test for recruiting teachers in History and Bangladesh Studies Department of the university. The decision came after the High Court on March 2 this year issued a stay order on the recruitment test. Hearing a writ petition filed by three examinees of a previous recruitment test, the high court bench of Justice Sheikh Hasan Arif and Justice Md Mahamud Hasan Talukder passed the order. The court also asked the PUST authorities as to why the petitioners did not get the scope of applying for the fresh test or they were not issued admit cards based on the previous test. The high court bench asked the authorities concerned to respond within 28 days. In October last year, the previous recruitment test was cancelled over controversy of bribe. On March 29, 2017, the PUST issued a circular for recruiting lecturers in the department and the recruitment test was held on October 24 last year. Six applicants were selected for viva after they passed the test. The PUST authorities later cancelled the test and announced a fresh test on March 12.



A stack of tree trunks lies in front of Puthichhara beat office of forest department in Juri Upazila of Moulvibazar. About 3,000 trees, which were planted in 2017 under social forestation programme, were felled to lay an 11KV power line along Juri-Batului Port Road in the upazila.

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Forest department in Tangail releases three wild cats to Madhupur National Park yesterday. Foresters have recently rescued the wild cats from villagers.

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1	436804	Improvement work of Ekota Bazar to BNS Sheikh Hasina Base Road (Z-1125) (Chainage: 0+000 to 12+300) by Widening road embankment, Widening, Strengthening and Raising of existing road with Surfacing, construction of Rigid Pavement, construction of RCC Box culvert and other ancillary works under Cox's Bazar Road Division during the year 2019-2020.

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423416	Improvement of Sonahata GC (Dhunut)- Tangramagur RHD via Amrul UP-Naimile (Shajahanpur Portion at Ch. 00m to 8870m under Shajahanpur Upazila District Bogura (Road ID: 110962006) (Total cost of Salvage Materials Tk. 10,00,220.00) Package No: CW-50(a)/RCIP/BGR	12/04/2020 up to 17:00pm	13/04/2020 13:00pm
426363	Improvement of Honikhalai GC-Hatsherpur GC Via Charpara Road at Ch. 00m to 10010m under Sonatola Upazila District Bogura (Road ID: 110952006) & 02. Improvement of Matidali NHW-Pirgacha GCM Road at Ch. 00m to 9200m under Sadar Upazila District Bogura (Road ID: 110202001) (Total Cost of Salvage Materials Tk. 1,02,25,432.00) Package No: CW-50(b)/RCIP/BGR		
420589	Improvement of Nasratpur-Murail-Raykali-Beragram (Tilokpur) at Ch. 00m to 6610m under Adamdighi Upazila Road ID: 110062006 (Total Cost of Salvage Materials Tk. 1252707.00) District Bogura. Package No. CW-50(c)/RCIP/BGR		
423417	1. Improvement of Dupchanchia-Namoja via Tindighi GC Road at Ch. 00m to 11750m under Kahaloo Upazila District Bogura Road ID: 110542005 & 02. Improvement of Ranirhat-Durgapur Road at Ch. 00m to 10675m under Kahaloo Upazila District Bogura Road ID: 110542001 (Total Cost of Salvage Materials Tk. 7058431.00) Package No: CW-50(d)/RCIP/BGR		

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