

Paturia-Daulatdia Ferry Services Frequent breakdowns, repair cost of older vessels part of problem

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Frequent breakdowns of decades-old larger ferries, known as ro-ro ferries, are one of the prime reasons for frequent disruptions in ferry services on Paturia-Daulatdia route, which is used by lakhs of residents in the country's 21 south-western districts.

People frequenting the route said while they suffer immensely all year round due to the disruptions, the government is also paying an excessive amount of money on repair cost of the derelict vessels.

Sufferings of commuters could be reduced, while at the same time, the government could save on recurring repair costs if the government stopped repairing the old ro-ro ferries and purchased new ones instead, they also said.

Roll-on/roll off or ro-ro ferries are cargo vessels on which vehicles can be driven on and off on their own wheels.

When contacted, Abdus Sattar, assistant general manager (AGM, marine) at Aricha regional office of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC), said "Eleven ro-ro ferries, one K-type (medium-sized) ferry and four utility (small-sized) ferries ply the Paturia-Daulatdia route.

Currently, ro-ro ferries Bir Shreshtha Matiur Rahman, Bir Shreshtha Ruhul Amin and utility ferry Rajanigandha are being repaired at Narayanganj dockyard. After undergoing repair for 10 days at the same dockyard, Bir Shreshtha Hamidur Rahman rejoined the fleet three days ago. And another ro-ro ferry, Shah Enayetpuri,



The medium-sized ferry Dhaka is docked for repair at floating dockyard Madhumati near Paturia river terminal.

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is being repaired at floating dockyard Madhumati near Paturia river terminal.

High officials at the BIWTC headquarters have been informed of the situation, the AGM also said.

According to data made available by BIWTC, ro-ro ferries Shah Jalal and Amanat Shah were built in 1980; Shah Ali and Shah Makhdum in 1985; and Shah Paran and Khan Jahan Ali were made in 1987.

Keramat Ali and Shah Enayetpuri

were made in 1989, while Bir Shreshtha Jahangir and Bahasa Shahid Barkat were made in 1993.

Bir Shreshtha Hamidur Rahman and Bir Shreshtha Matiur Rahman were built in 2002; Bir Shreshtha Ruhul Amin in 2012; and Bhasa Sainik Golam Mawla was built in 2015.

Of the 14 ro-ro ferries, 11 ply the Paturia-Daulatdia route and three -- Shah Makhdum, Shah Paran and Shah Enayetpuri ply the Shimulia-Kanthalbari route.



Buyers load immature malta on a trawler to transport the fruit to a wholesale market in Khulna. The photo was taken from Durgapur village in Pirojpur Sadar upazila recently.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

20 crude bombs seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized 20 crude bombs from a house near Benapole port area yesterday afternoon.

Lt Colonel Selim Reza, commanding officer of 49 BGB Battalion, said, acting on a tip-off, they raided the house of one Rashid near the port yesterday afternoon and seized 20 crude bombs hidden in the toilet.

The BGB troops, however, failed to arrest anyone in this connection.

Intelligence agencies are investing the matter, he said.

Success in chemical-free brinjal farming

Bagging method saves the vegetable from pests

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Two siblings have been successful in planting indigenous variety of poison-free brinjal in Chaculi beel area of Fakirhat upazila.

In May, Kamalesh Paul, 26, a farmer from Dhanpota village, and his elder brother Sarojit Paul, 38, have cultivated the brinjal on four bighas of land beside their fish enclosure using bagging technology. They spent Tk two lakh for the cultivation.

Following the advice of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Fakirhat, they are getting quality produce using this technology, said Kamalesh, adding that they cover the egg plants with polybags, which protects the vegetable from pests.

The siblings said they have been selling brinjals for Tk 10,000 per week for the last 20 days and if they could start collecting brinjals from all the plants, their income will be double in every week.

They hope that they will be able to sell brinjals worth about Tk 5 lakh from here.

Kamalesh said, "I never thought that there would be so much profit by cultivating brinjal. Most importantly, these brinjals are chemical-free. We do not use any pesticides in our brinjal plants rather. We only use polybags to protect the vegetable from insects like Brinjal Fruit and Shoot Borer."

"This method is helping us unbelievably and we are earning high profit in brinjal growing," he added.

Sarojit Paul said, "Our brinjals have a great demand in the market as it is chemical-free. Hopefully this year we will be able to sell the brinjals more than Tk 5 lakh."

According to the Fakirhat DAE, brinjal is usually produced in all seasons. But this native variety of brinjal has been cultivated on 10 acres of land in the upazila. This variety of brinjal is to be cultivated at the end of May. Harvest of the vegetable usually starts after two and a half months. Brinjal is being sold at Tk 50 per kg in the market.

Upazila Agriculture Officer Md Nasrul Millat said the bagging technology has increased production of brinjals. They are giving advice to the farmers to use the method.



Farmer Kamalesh Paul (clad in black T-shirt) works at his brinjal field in Chaculi beel area of Bagerhat's Fakirhat upazila.

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Woman found murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police recovered the body of an unidentified woman from beside a highway in Parbatipur upazila of the district yesterday.

The identity of the victim, aged between 25 and 30, could not be known as of filing of this report around 8:30pm.

Police said locals of Madhyapara village in the upazila spotted the woman's body beside Phulbari-Mithapukur highway yesterday morning and informed them.

Later, a police team from Madhyapara Investigation Centre (IC) went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital for autopsy yesterday noon.

Officer in Charge (OC) of Parbatipur Police Station Mokhesur Rahman said victim's right hand and left leg were tied with a rope from her neck.

Criminals might have brutally tortured the victim before killing her as the body bore several injury marks, he said.

"Primarily we suspect that the victim was from elsewhere," he said.

Criminals might have killed her somewhere else and later dumped the body from a running vehicle, police said.

Besides, another unidentified woman was found murdered near Sura Mosque area beside Ghoraghat-Hakimpur road in the same upazila on Sunday.

Officer in Charge of Ghoraghat Police Station Azim Uddin said with the help of Criminal Investigation Department they later identified the victim, using database of National Identification (NID).

Trader killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Unidentified criminals shot a fish trader to death in Rajastoli upazila of the district on Monday.

The deceased, Muhammad Jalal Uddin, 28, was son of Ainul Haque of Bazarpara area in the upazila.

Quoting locals, police said villagers heard sound of gunshots from Jalal's house around 1:45pm on Monday and informed the matter to local police station.

Being informed, a police team went to the spot and found Jalal lying unconscious at his room, OC of Rajastoli Police Station Mofazzal Ahmed Khan said.

They rescued bullet-hit Jalal and took him to a local hospital, where the doctors declared him dead, the OC said.

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5	Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A		
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7	Tender Package Name	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Implementation of server room infrastructure, networks and Computer hardware Under "Examination Management Software (EMS) with Web Portal"		
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