

Rajshahi now a dirty city

From Abdul Wadood

RAJSHAHI, July 16: Markets and dustbins in the city have become permanent sources of environmental pollution and public nuisance.

This is because of not cleaning the wastes timely. Both unconsciousness of the city-dwellers and negligence of the workers of the city corporation in doing their duties properly are the reasons behind such a situation.

Sources in the concerned department of Rajshahi City Corporation said, most of the city-dwellers do not use dustbins properly. "Usually we follow a timetable for collecting waste products from the dustbins. People are advised to follow it. But they do not do it," said on RCC official. The city-dwellers put their waste-products throughout the day in dustbins making these permanent sources of pollution. "More painful is that they do not put their waste products inside the dustbins, rather they throw these wastes from a distance place scattering these inside and outside the dustbins," the RCC official said. Stray dogs, cats, crows and *tokais* are also responsible for spreading waste products around the dustbins.

On the other hand, many city-dwellers allege that RCC workers usually do not follow their time-table properly and sometimes, especially in the residential areas, they do not collect waste products regularly. They let the dustbins become full of wastes which are rotten and emitting bad smell. They suggested to clean the dustbins in the residential areas at least twice daily at the morning and afternoon.

When contacted, shop-owners and clients demanded that markets, especially vegetable



Rajshahi city mayor Mijanur Rahman Minu supervising the cleaning activities recently at Saheb Bazaar Moni Square in Rajshahi. — Star photo

markets, fish markets, poultry markets and meat markets should at least be cleaned four times a day at dawn, in late morning, in early afternoon and in the evening to maintain minimum cleanliness and healthy environment in the markets.

RCC authorities said in this regard, they try to clean some markets repeatedly according to demands. "But our manpower and other necessary resources are not sufficient to do so everyday and everywhere," said an RCC official.

Some city-dwellers also suggested to build more dustbins. According to RCC sources, there are 615 dustbins now in 35 wards of the city corporation area. "The number of dustbins

in sufficient enough if these are used properly," said the official. Meanwhile, Rajshahi City Corporation is considering to introduce "Community-based waste cleaning system." It has already been started on trial basis in the Ward No 6, 12 and 14 and proved effective, RCC sources said. A committee is being formed with the youths of the ward headed by a community leader to do the job. The respective Ward Commissioner is supervising the programme. The committee is motivating the people to put their waste products at the fixed places within a scheduled period of time.

Workers of the committee are collecting the waste products from the fixed places at a

fixed time and depositing these at the nearby dustbins. RCC cleaners are carrying the wastes from the dustbins as per schedule.

Community leader Hasan Sarder of Ward No 14 said that the programme was proved to be useful. Most people were co-operating with us. A little number of people showed reluctance to follow our rules, but the number was, however, lesser, he said.

Rajshahi City Corporation has no safe devices of wastes disposal. It has recently built an incinerator in Rajshahi Medical College Hospital premises for disposal of hospital wastes. This incinerator will also be used for disposal of special types of wastes, RCC sources said.

City Mayor Mijanur Rahman Minu said that they were going to build a waste treatment plant within a very short period of time with the assistance of UNICEF for producing organic fertilisers from the waste products. "This will help us in safe disposal of waste products and at the same time help earn some money through sale of the fertilisers," he said.

More than 200 metric tonnes of waste products are deposited every day in the city corporation area. RCC has 13 trucks and trolleys and 85 vans to collect and carry the waste products to the disposal sites. Besides, there are two rickshaw-vans in each ward. One hundred twenty-two cleaners work along the VIP rounds and nine workers including five drain cleaners and two road sweepers work in each ward.

The existing manpower and vehicles are not sufficient to meet the increasing demands, RCC source said.

Drug addicts up in Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, July 16: The number of drug addicts in the district is rising alarmingly causing concern among the peace loving people.

Drug Control Department of Sirajganj Circle filed several cases and arrested 30 persons during the last 12 month in this connection. Chowdhali police arrested 14 youth on Monday arrested Asia Khatun, 20, from Railway colony with seven litres of rectified spirit.

Most of the addicts are unemployed youths, unruly young boys, and a class of students, rickshawpullers, sweepers and most transport workers.

Drug addicts mainly use the banned Indian phensidyl syrup, rectified spirits and *chuli wine* which are available in Mahamudpur, Savagabinda, Railway colony, Hossainpur, Malshapara, and Masampur Mahallah and other ordinary places, the people alleged.

In order to meet the cost of drugs the addicts are engaged in various anti-social activities including stealing, hijacking, mugging, snatching and smuggling, people added. According to social workers and leaders, lack of proper awareness, frustration, family trouble and failure in love are the main causes for increasing the number of drug addicts.

Local people alleged that frustrated boys and addicts being failed to procure money from other places or sources take shelter under some cadres of the areas who easily recruit them and train them as criminals. The whole process is continuing under the patronage of certain big boss of some political parties.

When criminals were arrested the political leaders rushed to the police station to ensure their release. Six month back police arrested 21 drug

addicts. After political pressure all of them were released.

After sunset the addicts gather at Mahamudpur, Savagabinda, Sirajganj Bazar station, Malshapara, Hossainpur areas for taking various drugs.

The drugs are available in the town and at Ullapara, Chowdhali, Belkuchi and Kankerhand because illegal phensidyl syrup are being smuggled regularly through these places to Sirajganj town and other districts.

Though police were driving separate operation in some parts of the district in this regard, drug addicts could not be stopped.

Meanwhile, Mahamudpur Mahalla of Sirajganj Municipality is a place where drug addiction is a regular feature but the Drug Control Department hardly goes there to check the trend.

Later on the elite of Mahamudpur formed a committee to rescue them from the drug addicts. They alleged that the inspector of Drug Control Department, Sirajganj Circle did not cooperate them to control the addiction.

While contacted, the inspector of the office informed that he did not go to Mahamudpur, Savagabinda, but he has taken a plan to go there soon.

On the other hand about 100 persons died by drinking liquor, phensidyl and heroin on Sirajganj district during the last 10 years. Hospital sources said that maximum nights of the month the staff of the emergency ward has to remain busy to wash the stomach of drug addicts.

Local people and elite have urged the higher authorities to take the necessary action against the people who are involved in such illegal activities.

News snaps

Foreign yarn seized: 4 held

BAGERHAT, July 16: Police seized 400 kg foreign yarn worth Taka 4 lakh and arrested four persons in this connection from Pachdighi Bar area on Friday, reports BSS.

Police said acting on a tip off, they raided a private car and arrested Khagendra Debnath, 31, Abdul Hamid, 30, Abu Zafar, 30, and Idris Ali, 28, after finding the contraband yarn. Following their confessional statement, police raided another private car in Badakarapara village and recovered some silk yarn. None was arrested in this connection.



Green all the way: Rotary Club of Bogra, Rotaract Club of Bogra, Interact Club of Bogra jointly organised an afforestation programme at Noongola Degree College in this industrial town of the northern region.

Tree plantation campaign

NOAKHALI, July 16: State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader said on Saturday trees play a key role in eradicating rural poverty, preservation of environment and ecology, reports BSS.

The state minister inaugurated a week-long tree fair jointly organised by Noakhali Forest Department and district administration on the Shaheed Minar premises here on Saturday as part of the national tree plantation campaign. About 30 stalls showcased various trees and saplings in the fair that includes both timber and fruit-bearing species. He said in coastal belt trees also save people from the wrath of natural disasters. Deputy Commissioner Mohammed Abu Hafiz, municipal Chairman Abdur Rahman Monju and forest officers were present on the occasion.

Cheques distributed among FFs

FARIDPUR, July 16: As part of rehabilitating 10,000 unemployed freedom fighters through creating nursery, some 107 freedom fighters of Faridpur and Rajbari districts were given Tk 4,000 each for the purpose on Saturday, reports UNB.

Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury distributed the cheques of the amount at a function here. Addressing the function at Poet Jashimuddin Hall, the minister said upon the freedom fighters (FFs) to play a pioneering role in saving the country from environmental degradation. She said the freedom fighters once freed the country from enemy occupation and now they would protect the country from environmental ruin.

Miscreants rape woman

JOYPURHAT, July 16: A gang of miscreants intercepted a couple and raped the wife in front of her husband at a village in Khelaila upazila on Friday night, reports UNB.

Police arrested Lutfar Rahman from Bhopanpur village after a case was filed on the same night. His three accomplices were absconding.

Regulator on river

FENI, July 16: A mini structure (regulator) will be built on the Choto Feni river at Sonagazi area at a cost of Taka 30 crore, reports BSS.

The structure, according to official source, will have 20 doors to regulate water of the river. Bangladesh Water Development Board has taken up the project, as the existing regulator on the river at Kazirhat has become inoperative. After completion of the project about 40 thousand hectares in Sonagazi and Dagonbhuiya upazilas will come under irrigation command.

Orientation-training course

JAMALPUR, July 16: An orientation-training course on disaster management was held on Tuesday at Deputy Commissioner's conference room, reports BSS.

The participants were the members of Jamalpur District Disaster Management, concerned government officials, journalists, Red Crescent volunteers and some other NGO workers. Rezaul Karim Hira, Member of Parliament inaugurated the training course sponsored by Bangladesh Government Disaster Management Bureau and UNICEF. M Ibrahim, Director of Disaster Management Bureau (DMB), Shafiqur Rahman, member directing staff and former instructor of PATC, Begum, Mohsina Ferdousi and M Baker, deputy directors of DMB acted as training resource persons.

State Minister visits college

RAMPAL (Bagerhat), July 16: State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Talukder Abdul Khaleq on Saturday exchanged views with Rampal College administration and local officials on site selection for its auditorium, reports BSS.

Speaking at a gathering on this occasion, the minister said the present democratic government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina initiated a trend of development, peace and progress after 21 years-long autocratic regime that started in 1975 by killing Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He pointed out different welfare-oriented programmes of the government, particularly for socio-economic emancipation.

Vacancy

JESSORE, July 16: About 100 posts of teachers, including principal and vice-principal, have long been lying vacant in four government colleges hampering the academic activities adversely, reports UNB.

Some 60 posts of teachers have been lying vacant in Government MM University College while 15 in Jessore City College, 20 in Jessore Women's College and four in Government Commerce College. Apart from this, at least 14 posts of employees, including typist, storekeeper, librarian and accountant, have been lying vacant in the four government colleges hampering administrative activities. Meanwhile, different student organisations of the colleges and guardians urged the authority concerned to fill up the vacant posts without further delay.

Poverty alleviation programme

PIROJPUR, July 16: Local Rural Poverty Alleviation Foundation disbursed Tk 6.87 crore as loan among its 20,000 members in the last fiscal year, reports UNB.

Of the total loan, Tk 92 lakh was disbursed in Mathbaria, Tk 55 lakh in Bhandaria, Tk 1.05 crore in Sadar, Tk 97 lakh in Nazirpur, Tk 2.24 crore in Nesarabad, Tk 64 lakh in Kauhkhali and Tk 50 lakh Indurkani. The loan will be utilised for cattle rearing, pottery, fish culture, nursery, bamboo and cane industry, vegetables cultivation and cow fattening.

Farming training

JHALAKATI, July 16: Agriculture Extension Department established 2,198 demonstration plots to acquaint the farmers with the modern methods of cultivation in the last four years, reports UNB.

Official sources said that 4,375 farmers received formal training while 1,300 others academic training to make them skilled in farming during the period. The training was imparted to help produce bumper crops applying modern technology and proportionate use of chemical and natural fertilisers.

Record earning of Rly

CHITTAGONG, July 16: Bangladesh Railway Eastern Zone earned Tk 90.16 crore in 1999-2000 fiscal setting a record in 28 years, reports UNB.

Railway sources said it earned over Tk 35.89 crore in passenger sector, over Tk five crore in parcel and luggage sector and over Tk 43.72 crore from transportation of goods. It also earned over Tk 1.83 crore from landed property over Tk 1.90 crore by realizing power bills and over Tk 1.80 crore from other sectors.

Law and order worsens in Faridpur district

From Abdul Matin Fakir

FARIDPUR, July 16: The law and order situation has alarmingly deteriorated here during the last one month.

Reports of killing, injury, rape, dacoity, mugging, snatching, extortion, pillage, bloody clash and bomb explosion are pouring in from different parts of the district. A strong sense of insecurity has been prevailing among the people.

Two dacoities were committed in two offices within a span of 13 days.

A dacoity was committed in PWD office adjacent to the local stadium on the night of June 22. The dacoits numbering 10-15 armed with fire arms fastened the night guards, broke open the doors of all the rooms and ransacked all the 31 steel armchairs in the rooms and decamped with Taka 11,000.

On the night of July 5, another dacoity was committed in the municipality office on Mujib Sarak near Faridpur jail gate. A gang of dacoits numbering 15-20 armed with lethal weapons tied the four night guards, broke open the doors of 13 office rooms, unlocked 25 armchairs, ransacked those and decamped with Taka 20,000.

Previously a gang of dacoits murdered Hazer Molla, 35, a night guard of medicine godown, Faridpur General Hospital and looted away valuable medicines worth Taka two lakh.

Besides, two dacoities were committed in the office of Roads and Highways Department and in the godown of Tobacco Company in 1998 and 1999.

The law enforcing authority

has reportedly failed to unearth the mysteries of these dacoities. They could not arrest anybody. As a result, the bank officials and owners of business concerns are feeling very much insecure.

Dacoities are frequently taking place in the school areas along the Padma river, but recently the villagers of North Chyannal and Char Madhabdia in Sadar thana caught eight dacoits while committing dacoity and beat them to death. But their dead bodies still remain untraced.

Besides, three unidentified bodies were recovered by Kotwali police a week ago.

A powerful time bomb exploded with a bang at an Islami Jhalda at thana crossing at 7:30 pm on July 13 killing one madrasa student and injuring 20 others.

All these undesirable incidents have given birth to despair in the minds of peace-loving people.

Strong measures should be taken to restore confidence and sense of security in the minds of people.

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3. Tokyo International Gift Show, Tokyo, Japan (September 06-08, 2000).
4. GDS Fair, Dusseldorf, Germany (September 7-9, 2000).
5. Tehran International Trade Fair, Tehran, Iran (October 01-08, 2000).
6. SAITEX-2000, The South African International Trade Exhibition, Johannesburg, South Africa (October 03-07, 2000).
7. 8th Islamic Trade Fair, Doha, Qatar (October 15-20, 2000).
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13. Industrial India Trade Fair, Calcutta, India (December-January 2000-2001).
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15. Chicago Houseware Show, Chicago, USA (January-2001).
16. Frankfurt International Trade Fair (Ambient), Frankfurt, Germany (February 16-20, 2001).
17. Cairo International Trade Fair, Cairo, Egypt (March-2001).
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২। কাজ সম্পাদনের	১২ (বার) মাস, ০১/০৮/২০০০ইং হইতে ০১/০৮/২০০১ইং পর্যন্ত।
৩। প্রাক্কলিত ব্যয়	ট। ২,২৬,৩৮৯.০০ (টাকা দুই লক্ষ ছাশিশ হাজার তিনতাল্লিশ টকা মাত্র)
৪। দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	ট। ৫০০ (পাঁচশত টাকা মাত্র), অফেরতযোগ্য।
৫। বায়নার টাকা	দরদাতার উক্ত দলের ২.৫% অর্থ তিতাস গ্যাস টিএইচডি কোং লিঃ এর অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন তফসিলভুক্ত বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক হইতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট অথবা পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে দরপত্রের সহিত প্রদান করিতে হইবে। উক্ত দর প্রাক্কলিত মূল্যের ১০% নিম্নে হইলে উক্ত মূল্যের বিপরীতে ১০% পরিশ্রম অর্থ অতিরিক্ত হিসাবে অনুরপভাবে ভদ্রা দিতে হইবে।
৬। দরপত্র দলিল বিতরণের তারিখ ও সময়	২০-৭-২০০০ইং হইতে ২৬-৭-২০০০ইং পর্যন্ত প্রতিদিন সকাল ১০ঃ০০ ঘটিকা হইতে দুপুর ১৩ঃ০০ পর্যন্ত (সকাল কর্ম দিবস)।
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অত্রী দরদাতাগণ উপরোক্ত কার্যালয়সমূহ হইতে বিনামূল্যে দরপত্র দলিল সংগ্রহ করিতে পারিবেন। তবে দরপত্র দলিলের সময় তিতাস গ্যাস টিএইচডি কোং লিঃ-এর অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন তফসিলভুক্ত বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক হইতে দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য এবং বায়নার টাকা পৃথক পে-অর্ডার/ড্রাফট-এর মাধ্যমে দরপত্রের সহিত অবশ্যই প্রদান করিতে হইবে।

৮। দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ ও সময়	২৭-৭-২০০০ইং তারিখ বেলা ১১ঃ০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
৯। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	২৭-৭-২০০০ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২ঃ০০ ঘটিকায় মহাবাহুব্লক (অপারেশন)-এর দরপত্র কক্ষ।
১০। দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতি	বিত্তি সরকারী/আধাসরকারী/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত/আ/পা স্বায়ত্বশাসিত সংস্থার দ্বিীয় শ্রেণীর তত্ত্বি কোম্পানী চিকিৎসার যাবদস্থের নিজস্ব প্রতিষ্ঠানের নামে "পি" শ্রেণীর বৈদ্যুতিক লাইসেন্স আছে। প্রয়োজনীয় যন্ত্রাংশ সরবরাহের সক্ষমতাসহ অনুকূল লিফট-এর পরিচালনা, মোরামত ও রক্ষাবেক্ষণ কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকিতে হইবে।

১১। কোন কর্ম দায়-দায়িত্ব গ্রহণ অথবা কারণ প্রদর্শন ছাড়াই কে কোম্পানী যে কোন অবস্থা সর্বদা দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা প্রত্যাখ্যানের অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।

১২। দরপত্র দলিলের সংগে অন্যান্য সকল তথ্য সংযুক্ত আছে। অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ নির্ধারিত তারিখে দরপত্র গ্রহণ/খোলা সম্ভব না হইলে পরবর্তী কার্য দিবসে দরপত্র গ্রহণ/খোলা হইবে।

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