Satkhira lacks basic amenities

Uplift activities in Kurigram suspended

By Staff Correspondent

Manifold problems grip Satkhira and Kurigram munici-

Our Satkhira Correspondent says: The inhabitants of Satkhira Municipality are deprived of civic amenities for a long time.

Although, the population of the municipality is increasing day by day, yet the authorities are not providing basic civic amenities to the town dwellers.

Satkhira Municipality was established in 1869. At present the municipality area is 12 square miles and population of the municipality area is about 1,25,000. It was upgraded into 'A' grade in 1998, but the facilities of a first class municipality are not available.

Town dwellers suffer much due to absence of proper drainage system, deplorable condition of roads, inadequate street lights, lack of proper sanitary system, frequent traffic jam and absence of recreational facilities.

Absence of proper drainage system is a major problem in the municipality area. The town dwellers face difficulties due to stagnation of water in drains. Most of the drains are filled with filth and garbage which are not cleaned in proper time.

In many areas there are no drains, during the rainy season. The drains are accumulated with dirt and filth. It causes health hazards to the inhabitants of the municipality especially during the rainy season. Because of lack of proper maintenance and repair work, most of the roads of the municipality are in deplorable condition.

The damage roads are old Satkhira Road, Sultanpur Road, Kamar Nagar Road, Police Line Road, Ghosh Para road.

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Hagachha Road, Sarkar Para, Dhopa Para and Master Para Road. Cracks and potholes have developed at many points of the roads, the workers and staffers of the municipality and Telegraph and Telephone (T&T) Board have created some holes on the road. The areas are yet to be repaired. The number of damaged roads has increased due to heavy rain-

Meanwhile, the road starting from Nabarun Girls' High School to Aliya Madrasha Road, Laskar Para Road, Palpara Road and Chaltetala Road are in bad shape. Cracks and potholes have developed at all points of the roads. Some big holes have been developed on these roads. This has been turned into a death trap. Pedestrians can not even walk easily through these roads.

Most of the covers of the drains are broken and the footpaths are generally occupied with make shift shop owners. Some roads of the town are very narrow which are unfit to ply. Even two rickshaws can not ply at a time. After a slight rainfall most of the roads become muddy. Rain water remains stagnant on the roads, causing sufferings to the passersby and all others.

Violation of traffic rules has become a normal affair. It causes serious traffic jam in different parts of the town. Puccapol turning point, Laboni Cinema Hall, Sangita Cinema Hall, Ilagacheha Bazaar, Khulna Road and bus terminal crossing point are seriously affected by traffic jam.

Because of increase in number of rickshaws traffic jam has become a regular phenomenon. According to official sources of Satkhira Municipality, there are 3,000 licensed rickshaws on the

road, but actually about 6,000 rickshaws ply on the roads.

Streets lights are inadequate. Most street lights have broken down or gone out of order for a longtime. Most of the roads and residential areas go under darkness after sunset.

Sanitary system of the town is not satisfactory. A few dustbins have been set up in the town which always remain unclean. Garbages of the drains are not removed at day time creating obnoxious odour. Floating people respond to the call of nature in the roadside places and drains causing inconvenience to common people. Consequently the

environment is polluted. Besides, some town dwellers

are still using kutcha latrines. There is a Children's park infront of Satkhira Central Public Library here, but nobody takes care of it. As a result, the park has been abandoned. Now it has turned into a grazing field and so-called sex workers remain engaged anti-social activities.

When contacted with an officer of the municipality informed that the children's park is not the property of the municipality. It is under the supervision of the district administration.

Residents of the municipality have urged the authorities concerned to take proper steps to mitigate their sufferings. UNB from Kurigram says:

Development activities of the Sadar municipalities here remained suspended for the last 17 years for lack of fund and reluctance of the authority to raise taxes.

Due to shortfall in revenue earnings there has been no significant development although it is treated as a second category municipality for long.

It said revenue income dwindled because rates and taxes on homesteads, business establishments and offices could not be refixed during the last six years.

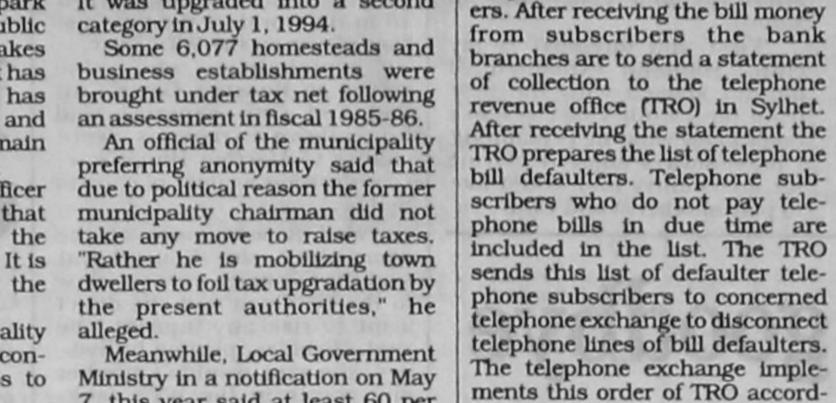
As the municipality authority recently initiated the taxupgrading move, it faced vehement opposition from various quarters.

The Sadar municipality is already carrying a huge burden of loans, amounting to about Tk 1 crore, which include electricity bill of Tk 56 lakh, land development tax of Tk 1.5 lakh, contractors bills amounting to Tk 20 lakh and employees pension bills

amounting to Tk 20 lakh. There are 70,000 dwellers in the 27.21 skm municipality established in January 30, 1972. It was upgraded into a second

7, this year said at least 60 per cent of the upgraded taxation have to be recovered otherwise all sorts of development activities would be stopped.

The new municipality chairman Abdus Sobhan said the newly imposed rates and taxes would create some fund for execution of the development schemes, improvement of civic amenities provided those are realised in time.



Moulvibazar digital telephone exchange have been alleging since long that some of their connections are being disconnected even after payment of bill in due time.

They have been disconnecting telephone lines without scrutiny. But telecom officials at Moulvibazar office said, it is the bank officials who are liable in most cases to disconnect telephone connection even after payment of bill. The telecom officials explained that telephone bill collectors of the bank branches are not sending statement of collection regularly. So

Telephone subscriber of

problems in Moulvibazar From Rajat Kanti Goswami the TRO and the telecom office

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Phone subscribers face

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 1: Tele-

phone subscribers here have

Officials of different commer-

cial banks, especially of public

sector banks are creating big

problems to telephone subscrib-

ers. There are 2,800 subscribers

under Moulvibazar digital tele-

Standard and quality of service

of the public sector banks have

been widely criticised by the

people. Officials of these banks

are doing their job in free style.

Negligence of duty, waywardness,

misbehaviour and trade union

activities are the major allega-

According to both the tele-

phone subscribers and telecom

authority here selected bank

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phone exchange.

tions against them.

been facing manifold problems.

The subscribers who fall victims of negligence of the bank officials said that most of them deposit their telephone bills with the Moulvibazar main branch of the Sonali Bank. TRO officials at Sylhet told this correspondent over telephone that Moulvibazar Sonali Bank officials send the statement of bill collection to the TRO only three to four times a year. Agrani Bank and other two banks in private sector are also irregular in this regard, but their performance is better than that of Sonali Bank, the TRO official

added. When contacted, manager of the main branch of Sonali Bank denied such allegation against them. The manager said they are sending statement of telephone bill collection regularly to the

TRO, Sylhet. However, the telecom authorities are imposing extra amount of re-connection fee on the subscriber. But lines of such subscribers are disconnected even after payment of bill.

The sufferer subscribers have demanded punishment to the officials who are responsible for such harassment.

On the other hand the telecom authority told this correspondent that they had also been insulted by the victim subscribers though bank officials are responsible for the situation.

Dumb girl raped in Netrakona

From Our Correspondent

NETRAKONA, Aug 1: A dumb girl was raped by two youths at village Jamati under Sadar upazila recently.

The two youths took the 16year-old girl to a jute field in the village and raped her.

The victim was rescued by passers-by and sent to Netrakona Sadar Hospital.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Science and Technology Bangladesh Secretariat, Room-903, Floor-9, Building-6 Dhaka-1000

R&D Proposals for Financial Support Under Special Allocation for Science and Technology

Research proposals in prescribed form are invited from researchers/scientists/technologists of established R&D Organisations/Universities/Institutions of Bangladesh for financial support under special allocation from the Ministry of Science and Technology for the financial year 2000-2001. The programmes (detail of which described in the Guidelines) are:

Capacity Utilisation Programmes 1.1 Research Contract (Annexure-A)

1.2 Coordinated Research (Annexure-B)

Capacity Build-up/Capacity Institutionalisation

Programmes (Annexure-C)

Study Contract Programmes (Annexure-D)

Supplementary Support Programmes (Annexure-E) Area of Research: Agriculture/Medical Science Environment Science/Animal Science/Aquaculture Marine Science/Microbial and Industrial/Basic

Sciences/Others (to mention) Guidelines for Different Programmes Under Special Allocation for Science and Technology will be available at the office of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission/Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research/BANSDOC/Bangladesh Computer Council/National Museum of Science and Technology/Dhaka University/Rajshahi University/Chittagong University/Jahangirnagar University/Khulna University/Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet/BUET/Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh/Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (Ex-IPGMR)/Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

Agricultural University (IPSA), Gazipur. 4. Researchers/Scientists/Technologists of those (para 3 above) and other institutions may obtain, on request copies of Guidelines/Terms & Conditions/Prescribed Form (Annexure-A/B/C/D/E) from the above

institutions. Researchers under the special allocation for the financial year 1997-98 & 1998-99 who have not submitted project completion report should not apply.

Research under the special allocation for the financial year 1999-2000 who have just started their programmes should not apply (if the programme/project continuation is a necessary in which case 10 sets of progress report through prescribed format, Annexure-F, must be submitted)

Pursuant to Clause 25 of Terms and Conditions of the Special Allocation for Science and Technology of the Guidelines, any invitation for proposals and subsequent (if any) relevant advertisement/letter in this regard must

be integral part of the Guidelines. The terms and conditions relating to expenditure of

this research allocation and outline of subsequent activities are given in Clause 6 (Pages 5-7) of the above mentioned guidelines. Payment of salary or honorarium to any investigator, procurement of transport or furniture and making any construction work have been prohibited out of this allocation in order that funding is available for more number of R&D projects. The Ministry's intention is to optimise on the resources, be thrifty and cost conscious. Procurement of computer or refrigerator i restricted to special programme(s)/project(s) if the procurement appears to be essential in the research work. Purchase of aircooler or similar equipment cannot be done from this fund; when if it becomes necessary, the implementing organisation should procure the same from its own resources or otherwise, but definitely not out of the fund.

The last-date for submission of proposal [(a Annexure-A/B/C/D/E/duly filled-in & signed 10 (ten) sets and (b) Article I through 6 (7 Pages) of the Guidelines signed by the Project Director (Chief Scientific Investigator) 1 (one) set] for different programmes/projects, at the above address, is 31 August 2000. It is to be mentioned that no further extension of date for submission of proposal is permitted.

> Fazlul Karim Assistant Scientific Adviser

News

Workshop

HABIGANJ, Aug 1: A three-day workshop on child rights con-

cluded here on Sunday, reports UNB. Earlier on July 28, Divisional Commissioner M Abu Hafiz inaugurated the workshop organised by the district administration in collaboration with UNICEF. Senior officials, UNOs, leaders of women organisations, lawyers and journalists attended the workshop.

5,955 vying for 115 posts

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 1: Some 5,955 candidates are vying for 115 posts of assistant teachers in 13 upazilas, reports UNB. Of the candidates, 4,364 are male and 1,591 female, officials said. They said 583 applications were submitted against five posts in sadar upazila, 693 against 26 posts in Karimganj, 600 against two posts in Hossainpur, 320 against 13 in Tarail, 642 against three in Kattadi, 551 against 10 posts in Bazitpur, 255 against four posts in Nikli. Besides, 370 applications were submitted against seven posts in Kuliarchar, 269 against six posts in Bhairab, 288 against 21 in Itna, 248 against eight posts in Mitamoin, 196 against one post in

Driver killed in road mishap

Aushtagram and 940 against nine posts in Pakundia upazila.

JOYPURHAT, Aug 1: A tempo driver was killed and five school students were wounded when his vehicle hit a stationary truck at Mangalbari in the town on Sunday, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Jahangir Hossain. The injured Abdul Jabbar, 15, Mehedi, 8, Kankan, 7, Anik, 8, and Munni, 8 were admitted to Sadar Hospital. Another report from Satkhira adds: A head-on collision between a bus and a truck left 12 people injured in Kamarpur area on Satkhira-Ashasuni road on Monday. The injured were admitted to Ashasuni health complex.

Body recovered

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 1: Police recovered the body of a young man from a room of a hotel in the town on Thursday, reports UNB.

Police said the young man registered his name in the hotel situated near the sea beach as Razu Ahmed, son of Sajib Ahmed of Dhaka on Wednesday. The reason behind the murder could be ascertained immediately. The body was sent to Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy and a case was filed with the police.

Pagodas being developed

RANGAMATI, Aug 1: Chairman of the Task Force on Repatriated Tribals and Internal Refugees Rehabilitation Affairs, Dipankar Talukder, MP, has here completed distribution of cheques for Taka 6,21,500 for the development of 105 Buddha Bihars, reports BSS.

The distribution was started on July 24 last at Razasthali Upazilla and ended on Thursday at Borkal Upazilla during his mass-contact visit. Bangladesh Buddha Welfare Trust has allocated Taka 18 lakh for the development of 288 pagodas, better known as Buddha Bihar, in the three hill districts of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban, Dipankar said, adding that government has enhanced allocation.

Four alleged killers arrested

JESSORE, Aug 1: Police arrested three sons and their mother on charge of killing Ganganandapur Union Parishad Chairman Abul Jalil last night, police sources said here, reports BSS They said Jalil was found murdered in a paddy field near the home

of lady UP member Fatema Begum where Jalil had gone last night on an invitation. Police arrested Paban, Swapan, Binoy and their mother Ridubala

Dasi from Daspara, near the place from where the body was recov-

Loan for poor

RANGAMATI, Aug 1: Rangamati unit of Bangladesh Rural Development Board disbursed a credit of Taka 1,96,00,000 among 4232 have-nots living in 10 upazillas during the last fiscal, reports BSS. An amount of Taka 89 lakh was disbursed against Chittagong Hill

Tracts Community Development Project and Taka 66,20,000 against Integrated Rural Woman Development Project, Taka 15,44,000 against Agriculture Development Project and Taka 24,80,000 against Socio-economic Development Project through 168 societies to generate employment of the member of the societies, official detailed. The credit will be utilised in raising horticulture gardens, rearing of domestic animals and poultry and small trades to enable the have-nots bringing a positive change in their socio economic condition, officials said

Shoppers cheated

PANCHAGARH, Aug 1: Shoppers in northern districts are being cheated as most packaged goods in local markets have no price tags, reports UNB.

As per the existing rule, manufacturing companies is bound to mention the prices of its goods approved by BSTI before marketing. But the goods approved by BSTI come to the market with labels inscribing only maximum retail price and the space of price goes blank. Taking advantage of it, shopkeepers charge higher prices from shoppers and they also deprive the shoppers of the prices offered by companies for purchasing their goods. There have been allegations that the authorities concerned hardly take action against such offenders.

Housewife commits suicide

MYMENSINGH, Aug 1: A young housewife allegedly committed suicide at village Mirzapur in Sadar upazila on Saturday, reports

Rozia, 25, wife of Nazrul, took her own life by hanging herself in their own house at night. A UD case was filed.

Tk 2.25 cr uplift project

SYLHET, Aug 1: Facilities Department has taken up a project to construct 13 academic buildings in Sadar and Companygani upazilas at a cost of Tk 2.25 crore, reports UNB.

Of the 13 buildings, nine will be constructed in Sadar and five in Companyganj, officials said. Works on the project are likely to be completed at the end of the current fiscal.

Lepers on rise MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 1: Although leprosy is a curable disease, the

number of lepers continues to rise, reports UNB. According to statistics released by a social welfare organisation,

there are over 15,000 lepers of 15-30 age group, mostly in tea gardens. Doctors attribute the growing number of leprosy patients to inadequate treatment facilities. They said the disease is completely curable and the government is providing necessary medicines through health complexes free of cost across the country. But many people cannot avail of the free treatment due to ignorance and superstition.



Rajshahi city unit of Jatiyo Rickshaw Sramik League, an organisation of rickshaw pullers, brought out a big rickshaw procession in the city recently on the occasion of its founding anniversary.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Public Works E/M Division-7, Dhaka

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Now is the peak season of T-Aman cultivation, but it was about to be hampered due to shortage of rainfall in Jamalpur district. However,

the local farmers have overcome the crisis by tilling lands with power tillers. Power tillers are also being used to solve the acute shortage of

20-08-2000

Tender Invitation Notice No: 4/2000-2001 (3rd call)

Tenders on item rate basis in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover subject to the undermentioned terms & conditions are invited from Public Works Directorate's enlisted special first class/first class E/M contractors' firms/manufacturing firms of tender stated item or their

local agents, for the under mentioned work: Last date of selling tender (during office hours) Date & time of receiving tender (during office hours)

Operation & maintenance of

central air conditioning system

at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban

Date & time of opening tender (during office hours) Name of work Estimated

cost

21-08-2000 at 12:30 PM. Earnest money

completion of work At 2 per cent of 34 (thirty-four) the total quoted months

21-08-2000 up to 12:00 Noon

Time limit for

(from 1-9-2000 to 30-6-2003) Firms interested to participate in the tender must possess past experience of supply & installation/operation & maintenance of at least one 125-ton capacity central air-conditioning machine at any govt/semi-govt/autonomous/private organisation under a single tender as well

as ABC electrical contractor's licence and NBR's VAT registration & TIN certificate. Past experience certificate of work should be in prescribed form (obtainable free of cost from this office) issued by an officer (not below the status of Executive Engineer) of the organisation concerned.

Application in writing for purchasing tender should be submitted with attested copy of the said electrical licence, VAT certificate, TIN certificate, past experience certificate, enlistment book/ certificate as manufacturer/certificate as local agent etc. to the Additional Chief Engineer (E/M) Public Works Directorate, Purto Bhaban, Dhaka through the undersigned minimum 5 (five) days before the last date of selling tender. After getting permission, only the permitted firms can purchase tender at the prescribed price Tk 775/= (seven hundred seventy-five) only (non-refundable) from this Division as well as Divisional Commissioner's Office, Dhaka, Public Works E/M Division-2, Chittagong under Public Works Directorate, Chittagong Zone, Public Works Division-2, Khulna under Public Works Directorate, Khulna Zone, Public Works Division-2, Rajshahi under Public Works Directorate, Rajshahi Zone/Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/8, Dhaka/Public Works E/M Workshop Division/Public Works Timber Workshop Division, Dhaka and Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka Public Works Sub-Division-5 under Public Works Division-4, Purto Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.

Tenders can be submitted in the tender box kept at this Division as well as Divisional Commissioner's Office, Dhaka/Public Works E/M Division-2, Chittagong under Public Works Directorate, Chittagong Zone/Public Works Division-2, Khulna under Public Works Directorate, Khulna Zone/Public Works Division-1, Rajshahi under Public Works Directorate Rajshahi Zone/the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/8 Dhaka, Public Works E/M Workshop Division, Dhaka, Public Works Timber Workshop Division, Dhaka, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka/Public Works Sub-Division-5 under Public Works Division-4, Purto Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka on the above mentioned date up to 12-00 Noon and the tender box will be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence (if any) of the intending contractors' firms/their representatives/attending participan agents.

Two per cent of the total quoted price as earnest money should be submitted with each tender through Bank Draft/Pay-Order/SDR /Call Deposit from any scheduled bank approved by Bangladesh Bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-7, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka. Permanent Security Deposit, if any, with the Public Works Directorate can be mentioned as earnest money. If the quoted amount is not covered by the Permanent Security Deposit, then the additional amount should be enclosed with the tender in the form of BD/CO/PO.

The tender receiving authority reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason and the authority is not bound to accept the lowest or any other tender.

> **Executive Engineer** Public Works E/M Division-7 Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka Phone: 326314.

Md. Aminul Haq

Two get 10 yrs' RI under PSA for mugging

-Star photo

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Aug 1: Two persons were sentenced to ten years' rigorous imprisonment each here

on Wednesday for mugging. The judgement was delivered by District and Sessions Judge. Khulna who is in charge of the tribunal trying cases filed under the Public Safety Act (PSA).

The convicted were also fined Tk 25,000 each, in default to suffers two years' RI more.

The convicted are Monir Khan and Munna who snatched at gunpoint Tk 43,292 in cash and gold ornaments worth Tk 8,000 from female employees of BRAC office at Sonadanga residential

area on April 2. A case was filed under the PSA with Sonadanga police in this

connection. Seventeen prosecution witnesses were cross-examined and argument was held on July 25. Charge was framed on June 25 and trial began on July 12, tribunal source said.

Smuggling rampant along Netrakona

border From Our Correspondent NETRAKONA, Aug 1: Smuggling along border areas in the district

has become rampant. Local people said Golbindapur, Langura, Bruakona, Pasgong and Moheskola under Kalmakanda upazila, Goplapur, Bijoypur, Ranikong and Barmair under Durgapur upazila are safe havens of smugglers. Contraband like sugar, salt, fertiliser, phensidyl syrup and saree are being smug-

Locals alleged the smugglers are carrying out the activities in connivance with border guards. Indian smuggled sugar has flooded markets in Kalmakanda and Durgapur upazilas. A good

number of grocers in the said they

are selling Indian sugar because

it is available in markets. The

price is also cheap, they added.

gled into the country.

Cyclist killed in Sirajganj road mishap From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 1: One by-

cycle rider who happens to be a shop employee was killed on

Saturday afternoon on Dhaka-

Bogra highway near Koddhamore intersection. The victim was identified as Sumon 17, of Jawil village under Kamerkhand Upazila.

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