

Tk 18cr down the drain!

WDB embankment on Ichhamoti in Satkhira collapsing a year after completion as sand used instead of soil

ABU AHMED, Satkhira

Concrete blocks placed to reinforce the Ichhamoti river bank in Satkhira Sadar upazila are collapsing at several points. The project was completed last year at a cost of Tk 18 crore. This correspondent during a visit on Tuesday found the blocks collapsing at several points in Haroddah upazila. Cracks on the embankment were also seen at several points as concrete blocks got displaced.



PHOTO: STAR

Concrete blocks on the Ichhamoti embankment renovated last year are collapsing. The photo was taken from Haroddah in the Sadar upazila on Tuesday.

Bengal through the Sundarbans.

The embankment renovation project was taken up to check continuous erosion by the two rivers. Erosion by the two rivers in the border areas and change in their courses have changed Bangladesh's map at several points in the border. East lands have disappeared from Bangladesh territory and accrued on the Indian side of the rivers. During rainy season, the rivers wreck havoc, devouring homesteads and croplands, besides flooding vast areas.

The river bank renovation work was undertaken after the devastating flood of 2000 in Satkhira. Under the project, 1445 metre concrete blocks were placed in Polder No. 1, 730 metres in Polder No-3 and 1050 metres in Polder No 5 to protect the Ichhamoti embankment. The project was completed last year.

Another 428 metre concrete blocks were placed to protect the bank of Kalindi at a cost of Tk 5.5 crore. The work was started in 2003-2004 financial year and completed last year, sources said.

WDB sources said more 310 metre blocks will be placed to reinforce the Ichhamoti bank in Haroddah in the current financial year at a cost of Tk 1.23 crore. A firm is making the blocks now.

Over Tk 24 crore has been spent in the last five years to check the

PBCP man lynched in Bagerhat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Bomaru Russel, 26, an alleged cadre of Purb Banglar Communist Party (PBCP- Janajuddho) was lynched by a mob at in the early hours of Tuesday at Putia village in Fakirhat upazila in Bagerhat district.

Police recovered two bombs and some leaflets of the outlawed party from the spot.

According to police, Bomaru Russel and seven others of PBCP were challenged by night guards while moving in the village. Night guards raised hue and cry, which drew villagers. They beat Russel dead. Others escaped.

Bomaru Russel was the son of Fazlu Howlader of Bhandaria upazila of Pirojpur district.

Police said he was in charge of PBCP's 'bomb squad' at Rupsha upazila in Khulna district.

Youth gets life for murder after rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Jhenidah Additional District and Sessions Judge Shahjahan Majumdar yesterday gave life term to a youth and fined him Tk one lakh for killing a teenage girl after rape.

The judge handed down the punishment to Shafulqul Mondal, 20, son of Moyen Mondal of Bhaina village in Harinakunda upazila for killing Chikdana, 15, after rape in August 2002.

He had lured her to a cinema and then took her to the house of Waziuddin at Kulbaria in the same upazila. She was strangled there after rape. The girl hailed from Joradah village, adjoining Bhania.

Empower local govts

70 UP leaders demand in Meherpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Speakers at a seminar on 'Union Parishad and rural development' on Tuesday urged the government to strengthen local government bodies for rural development.

Union Parishad is the only grassroots body which can mobilise rural people for development. Strengthening of UPs will also consolidate democracy in the country, they said.

The seminar, organised by the Union Parishad Advocacy Group, was held at Nikuthi in Mujibnagar upazila in Meherpur district.

The speakers said government should give more powers to the UPs and ensure more sources of income for them for local development.

They said grassroots level bodies are the only media through which development programmes can be implemented and a law and order in villages maintained. If these perform well, a congenial atmosphere for development will prevail in the country.

It was presided over by Bagoan UP Chairman Ziauddin Biswas and addressed by, among others, Sharsha UP Chairman Kabir Uddin Tota, Israil Hossain, Abdul Awal and Abdul Latif.

Over 70 UP chairmen and members from 18 unions in seven districts took part in the seminar.

They said the government talks of democracy and recognises the role of local governments for development and poverty alleviation but does not take any step to empower those.

They also called upon the government to shun "political motive" in this regard.

If the local governments are empowered, villagers will get more scope to participate in development activities, they said.

Where have the hides gone?

Traders believe hoarders and smugglers active in bordering south-western districts

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Hides and skin in bordering areas of 10 south-western districts have either been smuggled out or stocked for smuggling, traders at Rajarhat in Jessore, the biggest market for seven south-western district for the commodities claimed.

This correspondent visited the market on Tuesday and talked to several wholesalers and small traders.

They said no hide and skin was brought to the market from bordering areas of Jessore, Satkhira, Jhenidah, Kushtia, Chuadanga and Meherpur districts. These have either been smuggled out or awaiting to be smuggled, they claimed.

At the market, a big size hide was sold at Tk 1000 to Tk 1100 and a small one at Tk 700 to Tk 800. Small traders said they incurred a loss of Tk 300 to Tk 400 on each big hide and Tk 100 to Tk 200 in smaller one. Goat skin was sold at Tk 200 to Tk 250 per piece.

Fakir Rishi, a small trader from Narail said, he brought three pieces of hide at a price of Tk 1100 to Tk 1200 each. Traders are offering only Tk 800 to Tk 900.

Khagen, a trader from Kalia, Narail said, he brought 45 pieces of hide. His average price was Tk 1250 per piece. But traders were offering only Tk 1050 per piece. Till 12:30 noon, he could not sell a piece of hide.

Mahabed of Basari Fultala upazila in Khulna said, he brought 47 pieces town beside the Jessore-Khulna highway. The market sits on Saturday and Tuesday every week.

They however said, agents of Indian smugglers could not smuggle out hides and skin during three days after the Eid due to preventive measures taken by the government and vigilance by law enforcers.

The traders said tanners in Dhaka fixed low prices for hides and skins this year, taking advantage of government steps against smuggling.

Traders in bordering areas purchased the commodities at low prices but did not bring those to the market. They are possibly waiting to see the market or have sold those to agents of Indian smugglers, they said.

At the market, a big size hide was sold at Tk 1000 to Tk 1100 and a small one at Tk 700 to Tk 800. Small traders said they incurred a loss of Tk 300 to Tk 400 on each big hide and Tk 100 to Tk 200 in smaller one. Goat skin was sold at Tk 200 to Tk 250 per piece.

Fakir Rishi, a small trader from Narail said, he brought three pieces of hide at a price of Tk 1100 to Tk 1200 each. Traders are offering only Tk 800 to Tk 900.

Khagen, a trader from Kalia, Narail said, he brought 45 pieces of hide. His average price was Tk 1250 per piece. But traders were offering only Tk 1050 per piece. Till 12:30 noon, he could not sell a piece of hide.

Mahabed of Basari Fultala upazila in Khulna said, he brought 47 pieces

of cowhide. His average cost was Tk 1310 per piece but traders are offering Tk 1050 only.

Abdul Khaleque, a trader from Ram Nagar said many small traders have been ruined as they can not clear their stock, bought at higher prices.

'Rapist' released by police

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Satkhira Jan 26: An alleged rapist caught by people and handed over to police on Sunday night, was released by police on Monday.

Local people said, Munayem Sarder, 34, of Waziar Rahman of Jugikhalia village in Kalaroa upazila was caught by villagers allegedly for raping a housewife in the same village.

They handed him over to police. But a local ruling party leader asked the victim and her husband to "negotiate the matter or to face dire consequences."

The victim family was compelled to negotiate and they were given Tk 10,000 to hush up the rape incident.

Sources in the local unit of the ruling party seeking anonymity said, the hush money was shared by the leader and police, who released the culprit.

When contacted, police said they released the rapist a case was not filed.

SNAPS

All for fishing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

One person was killed and at least 20 were injured in an clash between two rival groups at Jamshedpur village in Kasba upazila over fishing on Tuesday. Critically injured Ismail Mia, 30, died at Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital while another victim—Md. Salah Ahmed, 45—is fighting for life there, hospital sources and police said. The rest were treated at Kasba Upazila Health Complex and other local clinics. On information, a police team headed by Additional Superintendent Jahangir Hossain rushed there and quelled the violence. The autopsy of the body was done at Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital. A murder case was filed with Kasba thana, police said.

Anti-drug meet held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

An anti-drug meeting was held at the Poura Adarsha School ground here today. Organised by the Brahmanbaria Dhupman O Madak Birudhi Songolhan, the meeting was addressed by, among others, Ward Commissioner Khondaker Md Shah Alam, Headmaster Md Akter Hossain, journalists Md Reaz Uddin Sani and Md Abu Huraira, Md. Delwar Hossain, lawyer Runa Akter, Faye Ahmed, freedom fighter Md Jamal Uddin, Md. Jasim Uddin, Kazi Alauddin, Shah Alamgir Hossain and advocate Tanbir Ahmed, president of the anti-drug committee. It was presided over by Kazi Shaif Uddin Ahmed. The meeting, joined by a large crowd, resolved to strengthen its campaign against smoking and drug use and to nab drug peddlers in the town.

Teachers honoured for dedication

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Twelve teachers of different educational institutions were honoured at a function held at the Mymensingh Zila School auditorium recently. District Education officer organised the programme marking the National Teachers Day 2005. Mymensingh Deputy Commissioner Shah Alam Bakshi attended the function as chief guest while Additional Deputy Commissioner Abu Md Yusuf was in the chair. It was also addressed by, among others, Md Lutfur Rahman Khan, principal of Shaheed Ziaur Rahman college; District Education Officer Siddiqua Morshed; Shirin Banu, Headmistress of Zila School; Touhid Ara, Headmistress of Biddiyamoyee Government Girls School; Rupendra Narayan Chakrabarti, Khondaker Sultan Ahmed and Ananda Mohan College teacher Afzalur Rahman. The teachers who were honoured for their glorious role in teaching are Prof Meher-un-Nisa, ex-principal of Teachers Training College (TTC, Female); Prof Zatindra Chandra Devnath, ex-principal of Gafargoan Government College; Prof Shamsul Islam and Md Abdur Rashid Miah, former principals of Shaheed Syed Nazrul Islam College and Trishal Nazrul college respectively; Md Rukon Uddin and Md Abdus Sattar, former principals of Momenshahi DS Alia Madrassah and Churkhia Islamia Senior Madrassah; Abdul Gaffar Mondol and Md Momtaj uddin, ex-headmasters of Zila School and Kumar Upendra Biddhaphit; Sultana Begum, Raushan Ara Begum, Md Abdul Bari and AKM Mofizur Rahman. The teachers were awarded crests.

Success in campaign against dowry

Gaibandha youths motivate parents, arrange dowry-free marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Some conscious youths of Ballamjhar union in Gaibandha Sadar upazila have set an example by fighting against dowry, social cause.

They have launched a motivation campaign to encourage dowry-free marriage and got a good response from people. They arranged a dowry-free marriages recently with the help of Ballamjhar Union Parishad Chairman and freedom fighter Mozammel Huq Mandol and local people. Salina Akhter Trishna, daughter of Shahidur Rahman Tuku and Mamunur Rashid, son of Abdul Hamid Sarker of village Santola in Sadullapur Upazila were married recently without dowry. "We want to see Ballamjhar as a dowry-free union," said Kazi

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD,
Habiganj Road Division, Habiganj
Phone: 0831-53269

Memo No-124

Date: 17-01-2005

Corrigendum No-02 (Two)

Tender Package No. : 13 (Thirteen) E.E./RHD/HRD/2004-2005.
Invitation for : Re-construction of flexible pavement, carpeting & Seal coat at 3rd km, 11th km & 13th km (p) of Chunarughat-Shatijuri-Natunbazar Road under Road Division, Habiganj, during the year 2004-2005.

This is notify for all concerned that as per Clause No. 10.1 of section 1 of Standard Tender Documents PW2 the following amendment has been made into the tender document.

01. Tender last selling date : During the office hours of 08-02-2005. Instead of during the office hours of 30-01-2005.
02. Tender closing date : Up to 12.30 pm of 09-02-2005. Instead of up to 12.30 PM of 31-01-2005.
03. Tender opening date : At 3.00 PM of 09-02-2005. Instead of at 3.00 PM of 31-01-2005.
04. Eligibility of tenderer : G) Equipment Capabilities As per C, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria of Standard Tender Document PW2. Instead of G) Equipment Capabilities As per C, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria of Standard Document PW2.
05. Completion time in : 2.00 (Two) Months. Instead of 60 (sixty) Days.

This will be a part and parcel of tender document. All other terms and conditions of tender issued as per this office Memo No. 2308 dated 15-12-2004 & Memo No. 92 dated 10-01-2005 will remain unchanged.

All Ahmed Chowdhury
Executive Engineer, RHD
Habiganj Road Division
Habiganj

DFP-1819-19/1/05
G-100

Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Govt. Engineering Department
Hospital Road, Majidee Court
Noakhali-3800

Memo No: LGED/XEN/NOA/2005/161

Date: 15.01.2005

Invitation for Tender (IFT) Tender Notice

No-29/2004-2005

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers as defined in the tender documents for the undermentioned works as per terms and conditions stated below:-

Sl No.	Name of contract	Tender security amount in Tk	Time for completion in weeks/months	Price of tender document in Tk
1.	Construction of 4.50x3.60m RCC box culvert on Laxanpur Road in side of Rafiq Ullah Chairman Bari under 15 No. Chayanj UP, Begumganj, Noakhali	11,000/=	60 days	500/=
2.	Construction of 13.00m long jebapala bridge on Kotra Mohabbatpur Road over Bangla Bazar Padipara Khal under 12 No. Gopalpur UP, Begumganj, Noakhali	16,000/=	60 days	800/=
3.	Construction of 12.00m long foot bridge in front of Patwary Bari in side of Lutfur Rahman Bari on Kachihata Road under Begumganj, Noakhali	12,000/=	60 days	500/=
1	Project Name	Low Cost		
2	Date and time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	19-02-2005 on 12-30PM.		
3	Last date, time & places of selling tender documents	22-02-2005, 4-00PM. A) Office of the undersigned. B) Office of the Upazila Engineer (Sadar/Begumganj/Companiganj/Senbag/Chatkhil/Hatiya), LGED, Noakhali. C) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Noakhali. D) Project Director, Low Cost, LGED, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.		
4	Last date, time & places of receiving tender documents	23-02-2005, 1-00PM. A) Office of the undersigned. B) Office of the Upazila Engineer (Sadar/Begumganj/Companiganj/Senbag/Chatkhil), LGED, Noakhali. C) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Noakhali.		
5	Date and time for opening of tenders	23-02-2005 on 4-00PM, office of the undersigned.		
6	Tender shall be valid for a period of 119 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified in Column-3. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. Interested tenderer may obtain further information from the undersigned and purchase the tender documents in cash from the places mentioned above. The tenderer or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the opening of tenders.			
7	Contractors who have successfully completed bridge at least 20.00m long in one work order would be eligible to participate in the tenders (certificate should be enclosed).			

DFP-1711-19/1/05
G-99

Executive Engineer
LGED, Noakhali

ক্রপান্তরিত প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

(পেট্রোলিয়াম এক্সপ্লোরেশন কোম্পানী)
বিএসইসি ভবন (৮ম ও ৯ম তলা)
১০২, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ
কাজলান বাজার, ঢাকা- ১২১৫

সিএনজি যানবাহন বিষয়ক অবশ্যপালনীয় বিজ্ঞপ্তি

লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে যে, অননুমোদিত কোন কোন অটোমোবাইলস্ ওয়ার্কশপ সিএনজি জ্বালানীতে যানবাহন রূপান্তর করছে। ইহা দমনীয় অপরাধ। সিএনজি চালিত গাড়ি ও সম্মানিত যাত্রীগণের নিরাপত্তার স্বার্থে সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে -

- কোনমাত্র সরকার অনুমোদিত রূপান্তরশপ ওয়ার্কশপ হতে আপনার গাড়ি সিএনজিতে রূপান্তর করুন।
- সিএনজিতে রূপান্তরের জন্য গাড়িতে আন্তর্জাতিক মানের কিটস্ ও এনজিন সিলিন্ডার সংযোজন করুন।
- প্রশিক্ষিত ও দক্ষ মেকানিক দ্বারা সংযোজিত আন্তর্জাতিক মানসম্পন্ন কিটস্ ও এনজিন সিলিন্ডার ব্যবহার করে আপনার সিএনজি চালিত গাড়িকে সুকিমুক্ত ও নিরাপদ রাখুন।
- সিএনজি চালিত গাড়িতে Earthing এর ব্যবস্থা নিশ্চিত করুন।
- ২০০ বার (৩০০০ পিএসআই) এর অধিক চাপে গাড়িতে সিএনজি সরবরাহ না করার জন্য সিএনজি স্টেশন মালিকগণ সচেত থাকুন।
- সিএনজি চালিত গাড়ি থেকে যাত্রীগণকে নামিয়ে সিএনজি গ্রহণ করুন।
- নিরাপত্তার স্বার্থে গাড়িতে সিএনজি গ্রহণকালে গাড়ির জানাবার গ্রাস নামিয়ে রাখুন।
- গাড়ির স্টার্ট সম্পূর্ণভাবে বন্ধ করে সিএনজি গ্রহণ করুন এবং ডিসপেন্সিং নাজেলটি গাড়ি হতে বের করার পর গাড়ি পুনরায় স্টার্ট করুন।
- অনুমোদিত ১০০০ কিগ্র মিঃ চলার পর সিএনজি চালিত গাড়ির সিএনজি সিস্টেম পরীক্ষার ব্যবস্থা নিন।
- মনে রাখবেন, কোন গাড়ি বা টায়ারে অননুমোদিত সিএনজি কিট ও এনজিন সিলিন্ডার সংযোজন করা দমনীয় অপরাধ। এরূপ অপরাধের সাথে জড়িত সংশ্লিষ্ট ওয়ার্কশপ, গাড়ির মালিক ও চালকের বিরুদ্ধে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা নেয়া হবে।

বিস্তারিত জানার জন্য যোগাযোগ করুনঃ ফোন-৮৯১৪৬৮২, ৮১১৪৬৭৭

ক্রিডি-৫৮

-- কর্তৃপক্ষ