

# No end to water crisis in Sylhet city in sight

*Almost nothing done in four years, project director discharges duty from Dhaka*

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

Water crisis in Sylhet city will not be over soon.

The city dwellers will have to wait for years more for a better situation as there is no sign of quick implementation of the much awaited 'Water supply, sanitation and drainage project for Sylhet and Barisal city corporations', sources said.

After gathering dust for four years, it got a project director months ago, who is discharging his duties as additional job with office at the Public Health Engineering Department in Dhaka.

The project initially involved Tk 40 crore including Tk 24 crore for Sylhet. It includes, land acquisition and development, replacement of production tube well, pump house construction and renovation of existing supply lines.

Progress in implementation of the project is almost nil since the work is being done from Dhaka from the very beginning, an official at Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) told this correspondent yesterday seeking anonymity.

The process for appointment of

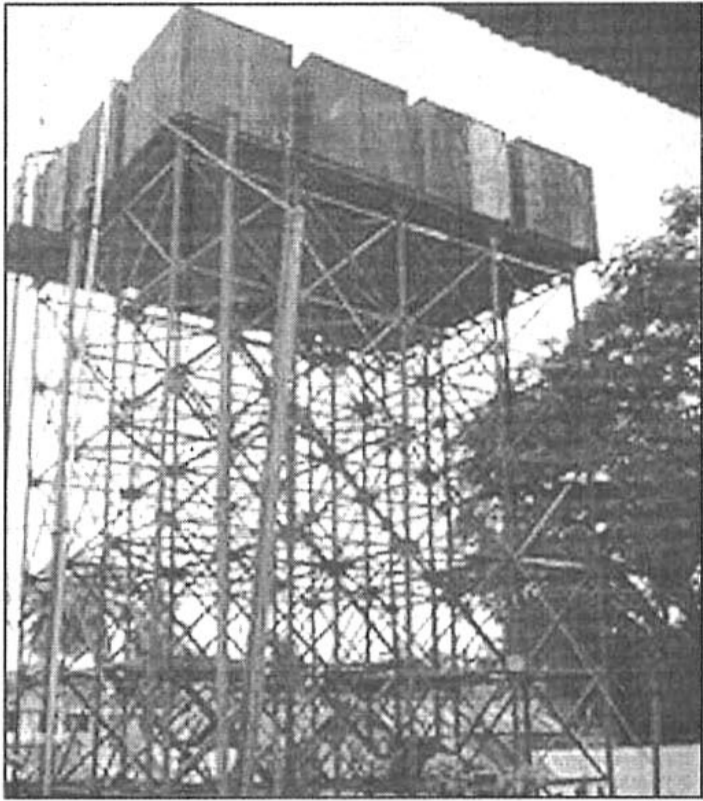


PHOTO: STAR

Dilapidated age-old overhead water tank at Tophkana in Sylhet city.

a consultant began only weeks ago, he said.

Only Tk 2 lakh was sanctioned in 2006-07 financial year and Tk one crore in the current financial year (2007-2008).

SCC sources admitted that they can meet only 40 per cent of the present demand for 5 crore litres of water a day.

SSC Chief Executive Officer Kazi Abdul Noor said the demand is increasing every day as the city's population is swelling fast.

The demand could be largely met if the project could be implemented, he said.

The problem got confounded as four over head tanks of SCC are inoperative for long. Water is being supplied through 18 pumps. The age old plant at Tophkana is being used for purifying water collected from Surma river.

Besides, there are problems like pilferage, wastage due to dilapidated condition of supply lines and corruption by a section of SCC staff, sources said.

SCC officials said they are trying to improve the situation but the existing SCC facilities are too inadequate to the needs.

## Pabna FFs demand allowance hike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Pabna district unit command council of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad in a memorandum to the Liberation War ministry urged increasing their monthly honorarium to Tk 5,000.

The freedom fighters also demanded correction of the freedom fighters list made by the immediate past four-party alliance government.

Other demands made in the memorandum include free supply of gas and 200 units of electricity for the freedom fighters' families, ensuring 15% quota for the freedom fighters' sons and daughters in granting full free studentship in educational institutions and 30% quota in the job sector for them.

## Eight education centres in tea gardens face closure

Donation uncertain due to litigation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Eight education centres for the school dropout children of tea garden labourers in Kamalganj upazila face the risk of closure at any time following a case filed against these centres.

'Socio Economic Welfare Activities' (SEWA), a local NGO, is conducting those educational centres for the under-privileged children of tea garden labourers.

As officials of the donor organisation, German-Bangladesh Association, have been accused in

the case filed by an expelled member the organisation, donation for the programme may be withdrawn from 2008, SEWA President Shamsul Haque Mintu said while reading out a written statement at a press conference.

More than 200 guardians and their children were present at the conference held at an education centre in Shamshearnagar Tea Garden on Saturday.

SEWA set up eight Child Education Centres at eight labourers' slums in Shamshearnagar tea garden in Kamalganj upazila to

educate the tea garden labourers' children, Mintu said.

"After SEWA had applied for fund to German-Bangladesh Association in Germany, five representatives of the organisation visited Shamshearnagar tea garden two times and inspected the activities of the Child Education Centres of the SEWA."

Haider Choudhury, an expelled member of German-Bangladesh Association, also took a similar project at his home village in Feni district but his attempt to draw grant from the association failed, Mintu said, adding that later the association allocated around Tk 60 thousand for SEWA project at Shamshearnagar Tea Garden.

"Haider Choudhury gave power of attorney to his younger brother Moshud Choudhury who on December 8, 2005 filed a case against four members of German-Bangladesh Association, a member of SEWA, a teacher of a child education centre and the chairman of Shamshearnagar Union Parishad, the SEWA president said in the press conference."

Kamalganj police submitted an investigation report to Moulvibazar Magistrate's Court but following plaintiff Moshud Choudhury's 'no confidence', the magistrate sent it to Cognizance Court No-1, Mintu said.

German-Bangladesh Association is now reconsidering their decision about whether to continue their funding for SEWA project, said the SEWA president. He sought the interference of the caretaker government for smooth functioning of the eight education centres.

## Tk 16cr allocated for repair of Benapole road

A CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

The government has allocated Tk 16 crore to repair badly damaged Benapole-Jessore Asian Highway, which is widely used for transportation through Benapole land port.

The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) will complete their primary repair work in 42 kilometres of the highway, including 38 km main road and the rest bypass road.

Importance of the highway is much greater now as the cross-border trade with India through Benapole port has increased almost four times, port officials said.

The RHD will invite tender for the repair work within two months and the task is to be accomplished by June 2008.

Total cost of the repair work, however, would be Tk 117 crore and implementing the plan will require five years, RHD engineers said, adding that on completion the whole task width of the road would be 60 feet.

A separate project has been taken for plying of vehicles during the period.

## JMB men held in Faridpur

A CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Faridpur Kotwali police yesterday arrested three alleged members of Jamaatul Mujahideen, Bangladesh (JMB) from the court area.

The arrestees are Asaduzzam, 25, of Gazipur, Aminur Sikder, 22, of Patuakhali and Saidur Rahman, 24, of Nagarkanda upazila in Faridpur district.

Police recovered a large number of jihadi books, cassettes and 14 SIMs of cell phone from their possession.

Police claimed that the three were involved in the serial bombing across the country in 2005.

## Task force probes wealth of ex-AL MP Atiq

UNB, Sherpur

The task force investigating into the wealth of former Awami League lawmaker Atiqur Rahman Atiq yesterday visited his village home at Baroghoria in Sadar upazila.

Elected for two consecutive terms, Atiq was listed as a corrupt suspect by the Anti-Corruption Commission. He has already submitted statement of his wealth worth Tk 43 lakh.

The former MP told UNB by phone that he has no ill-gotten wealth. Property inherited from father and savings of remuneration as MP for 10 years -- all have been shown in the wealth statement to the ACC.

Major Zulfiqar Ali, who is heading the four-member task force, said they have examined different sources and interrogated officials to ascertain the wealth of Atiq, also president of Sherpur district Awami League. They may conduct further inquiry.

## Outlaw held, arms seized in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested an activist of outlawed Sarbajha Party and seized firearms from a remote area in Chatmohar upazila under the district on Saturday night.

The arrestee is Md Arlek, 45, of village Khotbari puran para in the upazila, is accused in six murder cases, Rab said.

After arresting Arlek from Khotbari Madrasa area at about 10:00pm, Rab recovered a shutter gun, a light gun and six bullets following his statement.

## Diarrhoea spreads in Mymensingh, C'nawabganj

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Diarrhoea is spreading fast in Mymensingh and Chapainawabganj districts.

Our Mymensingh Correspondent reports: Diarrhoea attacked 311 people in 12 upazilas on Sunday.

Eighteen patients were admitted to Surja Kanta Hospital on the day.

However, no death was also reported, according to sources in Mymensingh civil surgeon (CS) and Surja Kanta Hospital (SKH).

Diarrhoea claimed five lives and attacked 2,400 others in 13 days in the district.

A severe crisis of Intravenous (IV) fluid was prevailing in the hospital since outbreak of the disease two weeks ago. Attendants of patients have to collect saline from outside the hospital. Poor patients are the worst sufferers.

A source in Surja Kanta Hospital said the outbreak of the disease all over the country at a time has attributed to the crisis of IV fluid.

But the hospital authorities denied reports of its crisis. Stock of saline and other medicine is enough to tackle the situation, they said.

A Correspondent from Chapainawabganj reports: The disease is spreading fast in Sadar and Shibganj upazilas.

Seven people died and over 4,731 others were attacked with the disease in the ongoing month. Of them, five patients died at Sadar hospital and two others at Shibganj Health Complex.

Sixty-four people were attacked with intestinal disease on Sunday. Of them, 37 were shifted to Sadar hospital, 16 to Shibganj Health Complex, four to Gomostapur Health Complex, two to Nachole Health Complex and five to Bholahat Health Complex, officials said.

On average, 40 patients are being admitted to Sadar hospital daily, they said. Rush of patients is higher at Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital and Shibganj Health Complex recently.

An army medical team lead by Colonel Shafiqul Islam visited Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital and Shibganj Health Complex recently.

Chapainawabganj civil surgeon office sources said all measures were taken to check spread of the disease. They also denied crisis of oral saline, IV fluid and other medicine. Sixty-four medical teams are working in the affected areas, they said.

Chapainawabganj Pourasabha has also taken measures to tackle the situation.

## Puthia UNO stops child marriage

RU CORRESPONDENT

A child marriage was stopped at timely intervention of Puthia upazila nirbhai officer (UNO) at Tarapur village in Rajshahi yesterday.

The marriage ceremony of Sima, 14-year-old daughter of late Alep Uddin, also a student of Tarapur High School, was scheduled to be held at the village at about 10 am.

Being informed, Puthia UNO Khaled Masud sent a police team led by Puthia Union Parishad (UP) chairman Shafiqul Islam to the village.

The UP chairman persuaded Sima's guardians to stop the child marriage and took assurance from them that they would continue their daughter's studies.

## Voter listing begins today in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Enumerators will collect information of eligible voters by visiting from door to door in Moulvibazar town from today, district election office sources said.

The work will continue upto November 7, they said.



PHOTO: STAR

Devouring over 100 homesteads and vast croplands in two months, the Jhinai river is threatening more areas in 15 villages in Basail and Mirzapur upazilas in Tangail. The photo was taken from Kashil village in Basail yesterday.

**ঢাকা ন্যাশনাল মেডিক্যাল ইনস্টিটিউট হাসপাতাল**  
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**দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

ঢাকা ন্যাশনাল মেডিক্যাল ইনস্টিটিউট হাসপাতালে ২০০৭-২০০৮ইং অর্থ বৎসরের বাৎসরিক চাহিদা মোতাবেক নিম্নবর্ণিত গ্রুপের প্রযোজ্য সরবরাহকর্তৃক গ্রুপ 'ড' হইতে 'ট' পর্যন্ত প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং গ্রুপ "A" হইতে "I" পর্যন্ত প্রকৃত মেডিক্যাল সরঞ্জাম ব্যবসায়ী/Sole Agent/আমদানীকারক এবং ইলেকট্রিক্যাল এন্ড ইলেকট্রনিক্স ব্যবসায়ী ও অন্যান্য সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে সীল মোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

নিয়ম ও শর্তাবলী সম্বন্ধিত দরপত্রের সিডিউল নিম্নে প্রতিটি গ্রুপের পার্শে বর্ণিত নগদ মূল্যে পূর্বসী ব্যাংক জনসন রোড শাখা এবং অত্র হাসপাতালের হিসাব শাখা হইতে অফিস চলাকালিন সময়ে আগামী ১১/১১/২০০৭ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত পাওয়া যাইবে বৈধ ব্যবসায়িক লাইসেন্স, TIN নম্বরসহ হালনাগাদ অ্যাকব পরিচোধের প্রত্যায়ন পত্র এবং অন্যান্য কাগজপত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি সহ অংশিষ্টমনি নির্দিষ্ট গ্রুপের পার্শে বর্ণিত হারে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার, যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক হইতে নিম্ন স্বাক্ষরকারীর অনুমোদিত সস্তাহ করিয়া দরপত্রের সঙ্গে জমা দিতে হইবে। দরপত্রের বামেব উপর গ্রুপ উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে। অসম্পূর্ণ দরপত্র বাতিল করা হইবে।

নিম্নে নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে অথবা তৎপূর্বে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিসে বসিত দরপত্র বামেব দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে। দরপত্র আগামী ১২/১১/২০০৭ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২:৩০ ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্র দাতা অথবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধি (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) সম্মুখে দরপত্র সাদা খোলা হইবে।

দরপত্রের সমস্ত আইটেম অথবা আংশিক আইটেম গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল এবং যে কোন দরপত্র অথবা সমস্ত দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার পূর্ব ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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