

## KAZIR DEWRY KITCHEN MARKET APARTMENT COMPLEX

# Implementation of Tk 44.31cr project going on

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Implementation of Tk 44.31 crore Kazir Dewry Kitchen Market and Apartment Complex project is going on with the shifting of vegetable shops from the existing kitchen market.

Implementation of the project started in January this year to be completed by three and a half years.

Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) is implementing the project with its own fund to cater the need for commercial structure and housing facility.

Under the project CDA would construct an eleven-storey multi-purpose complex building replacing an existing kitchen market popularly known as Ladies Market or Aapa Market at the city centre of Kazir Dewry.

After rehabilitating all the 127 shops of the existing kitchen market on the ground floor, the complex building would provide space for developing commercial structures and apartments on the rest ten floors.

A total of 56 apartments of different sizes ranging from 900 square feet to 1260

square feet would be developed in the apartment complex building overlooking Chittagong Stadium and Chittagong Circuit House.

The apartments would be developed in the upper seven floors (fourth to 10th floor) with eight apartments in each floor, said the sources.

The apartments would be of six types. Of them, A & B type apartments would be 1260 square feet, C & D type ones 1190 square feet while the G and H type ones would be 900 square feet each.

The building would accommodate 76 book and stationery shops on its first floor and provide a total commercial space of 12370 square feet on its second and third floors.

Besides, it would have parking facilities for 50 vehicles on its basement and semi-basement.

Messers Hawlader Enterprise is constructing the complex building in two phases at a cost of Tk 32 crore.

Earlier, Buildtec Associates raised temporary sheds involving Tk 17.44 lakh to shift the existing shops and start construction of the multi-purpose com-



Model of Kitchen Market and Apartment Complex, left, and site of Kitchen Market and Apartment Complex at Kazir Dewry.

plex building.

Shifting of existing 78 vegetable shops to the temporary sheds on the north-eastern corner has started

after the auction for removal of the vegetable market on April 20, said Project Director Executive Engineer Nurul Amin Bhuiyan.

CDA has sent the brochure (information sheet) and prospectus giving details on the allotment process and approximate

price (around Tk 3500 per square feet) to Housing and Public Works secretary for his approval.

Immediate after the

approval is available CDA would make newspaper advertisements inviting applications for allotments of the apartments, commercial

space and shops for raising fund to start the construction of the complex building soon, said the project director.

# River erosion takes serious turn in Khagrachhari

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

At least 20,000 people of 25 villages are living in fear of losing their homes as erosion of Chenghi, Feni and Mainee rivers has taken a serious turn in the hill district of Khagrachhari.

Some 35 educational and religious institutions on the riversides or nearby the rivers have also been facing serious threat due to erosion, district administration sources said.

They said many government structures including Chenghi Union Parishad, Guimara Union Parishad, Panchhari High School and College, Pujungmuk High School, Kamalchhari Budda Bihar, Battali Government Primary School, Khagrachhari Model High School, Manikchhari College, Perachhara Bihar and Baradom High School are now under threat due to erosion of the rivers.



Erosion of the Chenghi river engulfs Rajjamon Para under Sadar upazila in Khagrachhari.

Several thousand people were displaced as the river erosion engulfed their

houses and land. The homeless people have taken shelter on high land as the

administration could not arrange safer place for them. Officials said over 1,000

people, including children, drowned and over 3,000 houses were washed away in

these rivers in last 35 years. Some 17 people, including eight children, drowned and 50 houses were washed away during the floods in these areas last year, they said.

Ratan Tripura, 33, of Golabari village said his house is under threat due to river erosion. Some 15 houses of his neighbours were washed away due to strong current of Chenghi river last year, he said.

Ukkaching Chowdhury of Ganjapara said he lost his house and land due to river erosion last year. He sought government's support for his rehabilitation.

Amal Chakma of Baradom village under Dighinala upazila, said over 30 families and their lands are vulnerable to erosion of the river Mainee.

Chailaprue Marma, former chairman of Golabari union, called for immediate action from the authorities concerned to save his area

from river erosion.

Khagrachhari Municipality Mayor Joynal Abedin said they are helping the victims of river erosion temporarily but the government fund is needed for their permanent settlement.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Mohammad Khalilur Rahman said the district administration in cooperation with upazila administration is providing all out assistance. But it is not possible to stop river erosion with this limited assistance, he said.

He said a project is needed to stop river erosion.

Executive Engineer of Khagrachhari Hill District Council (KHDC) Jiban Roaza said it is not under their jurisdiction to see the problem of river erosion rather the responsibility lies with the Water Development Board (WDB).

The KHDC Chairman

Ruhity Karbari said it is impossible to know how many people are under threat of river erosion as the WDB officials never attend district level coordination monthly meeting.

He said they have sent a letter to the ministry concerned to set up its office in the district and investigate the erosion affected areas to take immediate project to save the hilly people.

While contacted Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachhari Mohammad Abdullah said they are working on the matter as it is an important issue that need to be addressed immediately.

"To protect people and properties from the erosion, a sustainable and integrated approach is necessary, and we have already wrote a letter to the higher authorities to look into the problem seriously and take necessary steps accordingly," he added.

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### Khelaghar cultural competition held

A daylong competition of painting, recitation, dance, music and acting was held in the port city on Friday.

The competition was organised on the occasion of Khelaghar Chittagong Metropolitan Committee Conference-2009 and Khelaghar Jatiya Kishore-Kishori Sangskritik Protijagita at Nasirabad Women College.

The Conference Preparatory Committee Chairman Principal Nilufar Jahur, Convenor Rupak Chowdhury, Co-chairman M Nasirul Haque, Central Committee Assistant General Secretary Abul Farah Palash and Chittagong Metropolitan Committee General Secretary Ripon Barua spoke at the inaugural ceremony.

Speakers emphasised the need for building a patriotic and scientific-minded generation to materialise the dream of charter for change.

"We can achieve the goal through imbuing the next genera-

tion with the spirit of Bangali culture," they said.

Around 1,000 contestants participated in the competition in three groups.

### Cantonment Public College reunion held

The second reunion of Chittagong Cantonment College was held on Friday amid enthusiasm and festivity on the college campus.

Twenty-four Infantry Division GOC Major General Mohammad Shamim Chowdhury inaugurated the daylong programme in the morning.

Speakers at the reunion said the students carried on the tradition of the college.

The past always inspires them to go ahead and the college always made disciplined citizens, they said.

Principal Colonel Mohammad Anisur Rahman Chowdhury, the reunion committee convenor Manjurul Haque and Media Communicator Shipon Chandra Devnath spoke at the programme. Former principals of the college were present.

Later, artistes of renowned band

group Souls and local artiste Holimanti Rakshit Man enthralled the former students with their melodious numbers.

### Eye camp at SOS Children's Village

A daylong eye camp was organised at SOS Children's Village in city's Hallishahar area on Sunday marking the International SOS Children's Village Day-2009.

SOS Children's Village and Sajan Samaj Seba Sangstha jointly organised the camp where Maa Shishu O General Hospital Assistant Director (Nursing) Dr Mohammad Liakat Ali Bhuiyan was present as the chief guest.

The Sangstha Chief Executive Dr Mohammad Ahsan Rakib was the special guest at the programme chaired by the Village Project Director Mohammad Foyjul Kabir.

Speakers at the function emphasised the need for taking more care of eyes of the children and urged all to feed them food enriched with vitamin A.

SOS Social Centre Medical Officer Dr Manik Chandra Nath and

Programme Officer Abdul Maudud spoke at the programme.

### Fake stamps, court fees seized

Members of detective Branch (DB) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) seized huge fake stamps and court fees and arrested five people in this connection from city's Agrabad area on Sunday.

The arrestees were identified as Abul Hossain, 38, Akter Hossain, 38, Rafiqul Islam, 35, Hanif Mian, 35, and Alamgir Hossain, 40.

Sources said a DB team led by Assistant Commissioner Mohammad Wahidul Haque arrested them on charge of selling fake stamps and court fees in front of Parichoy Stationery in the Agrabad area.

The DB men seized fake stamps and court fees of Tk 2,83,325 from their possession.

In the interrogation, the arrestees during interrogation said they have been selling the fake stamps and court fees at different points of the city since long.

A case was filed with the Double-mooring police station in this connection.

### Int'l Public Service Day observed

Speakers at a discussion said main purpose of the state is to deliver expected services to its citizen.

They said participation of the service providers and consumers is needed to build a modern country.

They were addressing a discussion organised by the district administration to mark the "International Public Service Day-2009" at Chittagong Circuit House.

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury was the chief guest at the discussion presided over by Chittagong Deputy Commissioner Farid Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury.

The speakers said public service is a social responsibility and there is no way to avoid it.

They called upon all to help build a prosperous Bangladesh.

Chittagong Divisional Commissioner MNA Siddique, 'Sujan' Chittagong Chapter President Prof Sikander Khan, Chittagong University Law Faculty Dean Prof Zakir Hossain, Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry Senior Vice President MA Salam and Chittagong Press Club President Abu Sufian addressed the discussion.



Singer Kiron Chandra Roy performs at a cultural programme organised by Alliance Française at Institution of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB), Chittagong centre on Sunday.