

# Move to free 50 Khulna city canals stalled in halfway

No drive since August 12, waterlogging brings woe to city dwellers

QUAZI AMANULLA, Khulna

Khulna City Corporation's drive to free 50 canals from encroachers has remained suspended since August 12 due to legal complications and obstructions created by vested interest quarters.

The KCC on July 3 this year launched a drive to remove illegal structures from 22 canals.

Later, 28 more canals were identified and added in the list under the eviction drive to free them from illegal occupation.

The drive to demolish illegal and unauthorised structures erected by encroachers on the canals got a sudden jerk after the July 11 murder of ward councillor Shahid Iqbal Bithar who had headed the team for conducting the drive.

The demolition drive faced another setback as legal complications stood in the way when the team made an attempt to free a big canal named Majumdarer Khal from encroachers on August 12.

The encroachers are some influential businessmen of Khulna city, said KCC Estate Officer Md Nuruzzaman.

The drive will be resumed shortly in full swing after reviewing the list of encroachers, said KCC Panel Mayor-1 Azmol Ahmed Tapan who is now heading the demolition team as its new convenor.

"There will be no slackness in implementation of the KCC mayor's decision to make the drive a grand success. No encroacher, whoever he or she may be, will be shown any

compassion," he said.

Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque claimed that 25 out of 50 canals have so far been freed from encroachers as all illegal structures erected on them were demolished.

He expressed hope that the city dwellers would get rid of the waterlogging problem after the remaining canals are freed from encroachers.

Denying allegation of concession or compassion in favour of any encroacher on political consideration, he said the drive had been sus-

pended due to legal complication over possession of a canal near Khulna University, shortage of day labourers and lack of fund required for carrying out demolition works.

Meanwhile, Khulna city dwellers are yet to get rid of the menace of waterlogging that they have been facing for the last three weeks.

Several thousand people living in low-lying areas in the city are the worst victims of waterlogging as rainwater cannot flow out of drains.

## Monkeys starve in Madaripur as 'safety scheme' ends

Diseases feared, may spread to human also

A CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Around 2,500 monkeys in Madaripur are facing acute food crisis as the "Programme for protection and development of endangered monkeys in Char Muguria area" ended on June 30.

Quite a few monkeys have already died due to food crisis while many mother monkeys, passing days starved or half-starved, are even unable to breast feed their babies, locals said.

Deprived of their favourite foods banana, peanut and fruits, the monkeys are going to the human habitations in search of food.

During a recent visit to the spot, this correspondent saw that the hungry monkeys were competing for the scanty foods like peanut or biscuit given by the visitors. They were also trying to eat whatever they got -- grass, garbage, polythene etc. Hungry and irritated, the monkeys have turned a nuisance to the local people although earlier they were compassionate to them.

Concerned over the pitiable life of the monkeys, locals and visitors have urged immediate arrangement of food for the monkeys and permanent forestation in the area.

Due to depletion of forest following spread of human habitation, the monkeys, are now seriously threatened.

Arrangement was made for monkeys' stay in the forest sanctuary under a nine-mile stretch of area including three famous river ports Kulpaddi, Madaripur Sadar and Char Muguria in 1857.

The monkeys feasted on the fruits available in the



jungles. Rich Marwari community living in the area revered the monkeys as gods and gave them different fruits including banana.

During the floods of 1988 and 1998, the monkeys in the area faced serious danger and many monkeys died for want of food.

Later with the initiative of several persons including the then local law maker Shahjahan Khan (at present shipping minister) three-year Charmuguria monkey protection and development programme was taken. Under the Tk 86 lakh programme, 50 kg ripe bananas, 10 kg peanuts and 30 kg green cucumber were supplied for the monkeys every day.

The programme ended on June 30 this year.

Starving and weak, the monkeys have become vulnerable to different diseases

that might spread among humans, District Livestock Officer Dr Subodh Chandra Saha said, adding that immediate food supply should be arranged to save the monkeys, the heritage of Madaripur.

Interestingly, the monkeys are divided into what locals call 'Awami League' and 'BNP' groups and animals belonging to one group do not enter the area inhabited by the other group.

Monkeys, mostly moving at Kalibari, Swarnakarpatti, JTC, Adamjee, rice godowns and intersection areas, spend nights at abandoned jute godowns.

Madaripur forest officer Muhammad Ali Jinnah said they have sought allocation for food for the monkeys but the higher authorities are yet to give any response in this regard.



Cox's Bazar sea beach buzzes with a large number of tourists as Eid holidays have offered them an opportunity for relishing visit to the place of great scenic beauty.

## AL activists injure two BNP men

A CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Awami League activists beat up two BNP men at Adampur village under Singra upazila of Natore yesterday.

Police and witnesses said AL leader Shamsul Islam and his supporters swooped on Ashrafur Islam and Adam Ali at Adampur village while they were returning home from Bishar Bazar at noon.

Locals rescued the two and sent them to RMCH. A case was filed with Singra Police Station, but no one was arrested as of filing of this report at 6:00pm yesterday.

Locals said that Shamsul and his men attacked the BNP activists as a sequel to a previous conflict between local AL and BNP over establishing supremacy in the area.

## BDR rescues three from traffickers on Kurigram border

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel rescued three members of a family while they were being trafficked to India by a gang of traffickers through Anandapur border under Fulbari upazila of the district yesterday.

The rescued people are Ashraf, 35, his wife Rahena Khatun, 25 and daughter Ashamoni, 5 of Rangamati village under the upazila.

According to BDR and police sources, a BDR patrol team of Anantapur border outpost rescued the three from border pillar no 948 when they were being trafficked to India by a gang led by one Hasan Ali of Anandapur village at around 2:30am

Sensing the presence of the paramilitary troops, Hasan and his accomplice fled the scene.

BDR personnel later took the three to Fulbari Police Station and handed them over to the police.

In another drive, BDR men of Gangarhat border outpost arrested a man near Gangarhat border at around 10:30pm on Wednesday and recovered 16 bottles of phensidyl syrup from his possession.

The arrestee, Tajul Islam, son of Abdus Sattar of Biddananda village under Fulbari upazila, was handed over to Fulbari police yesterday morning. Two separate cases were filed with the police station concerned.

## Bogra journos slate AL leader's threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Local journalists yesterday held a rally in protest against a local Awami League (AL) leader's threat to and misconduct with journalists.

Condemning Bogra district unit AL President Momtaz Uddin, who threatened to beat Rezaul Hasan Ranu, assistant editor of Dinik Bogra, they declared different programmes.

Mozammel Haq Lahu, editor of the daily Korotoa, presided over the protest rally held at Bogra Press Club.

Mohsin Ali Razu, local correspondent of the daily Inquilab, Mirza Selim Reza, president of local journalists' union and Abdur Rahim, local correspondent of private television channel Bangla Vision, spoke at the rally.

## Body recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Police recovered the body of a young man from a water body at Alampur village under Moheshpur upazila of the district yesterday.

The identity of the deceased could not be known as of 7:00pm yesterday.

Locals found the body lying in the water body in the morning and informed the police who rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

## Husband beats wife to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A housewife and mother of five children was beaten to death allegedly by her husband at Dakkhin Titpara village of Dimla upazila in Nilphamari district yesterday as she objected his illicit relation with another woman.

Mominul Islam of Dakkhin Titpara village developed an illicit relation with his neighbour's wife, sources said.

Following his wife Momina Begum's serious objection to the immoral affair, the couple would often quarrel.

But Mominul continued the affair in the face of his wife's interference.

Yesterday morning, they engaged in an altercation over the matter. At one stage, Mominul got furious and started beating her up.

Momina sustained serious injuries and her condition began to deteriorate. Mominul poured poison into her mouth and tried to make people around believe that she took poison to commit suicide, said the neighbours.

When Momina was being taken to Dimla Upazila Health Complex at noon, she died on the way.

Preparation was on to file a case in this connection when this report was being filed.

The gruesome murder of a mother of five children has created sensation in the area.

## 10 hurt as BNP men clash over formation of new committee

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Ten BNP activists were injured in a factional clash over formation of a union committee in Domar upazila yesterday.

Sources said BNP upazila unit convened a meeting on Pangamotukpur Primary School premises yesterday to form Pangamotukpur union committee of the party.

Two panels--one led by Abdul Aziz and the other by Moshirur Rahman were placed before party's upazila convenor Monsurul Islam Danu and other leaders.

Both the groups pressed the upazila leaders to give approval to their respective panels. At one stage of altercation, the

two groups got locked in a clash. They used lethal weapons during the clash, leaving ten activists from both factions injured.

Upazila leaders left the venue without forming union committee. The injured are undergoing treatment at Domar Upazila Health Complex.

Internal feud in BNP Domar upazila and union units surfaced anew after formation of an upazila convening committee recently. Monsurul Islam Danu has been made upazila convenor. Two groups--one led by Danu and the other by former president Mosabber Hossen Manu--clashed several times in different party units.

## One killed, 2 hurt in Natore boat mishap

A CORRESPONDENT, Natore

One person was killed and two others were injured in a boat accident in Haldi beel under Natore Sadar upazila on Wednesday night.

The deceased is Saheb Ali, 35, son of Malek Sardar of village Baragacha in Natore town.

Some people of Natore town hired a boat from Patul ghat for a recreation journey in the beel area after the Eid

festival, witnesses and firefighters said.

Suddenly the boat hit an electric pole between Patul and Kholabaria village as the boatman could not see the pole in dark.

Struck and hurt, three people on board fell into the beel.

Later firefighters and local people rescued and sent them to Natore hospital where the attending doctor declared Saheb Ali dead.



Patuakhali Ujjaapon Committee brings out a Mongol Shovajatra in the town yesterday on the occasion of Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of the Hindu community.

# গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

কৃষি সম্প্রদায়ের অধিদপ্তর

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## দরপত্র আহবানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১	মন্ত্রণালয়/অধিদপ্তর	কৃষি মন্ত্রণালয়, কৃষি সম্প্রদায়ের অধিদপ্তর।
২	প্রকল্পের নাম	শেরপুর, গাইবান্ধা এবং দৌলতপুর (বুন্দা) কৃষি প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট সমূহের মান উন্নয়ন প্রকল্প।
৩	বাস্তবায়নকারী সংস্থা	প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন উইং, কৃষি সম্প্রদায়ের অধিদপ্তর, ঝামারবাড়ী (মহা ভবন, ৬ষ্ঠ তলা) ফার্মগেট, ঢাকা।
৪	প্রকল্পের মূল্য	উন্নত দরপত্র।
৫	ফান্ডের উৎস	বাংলাদেশ সরকার।
৬	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং ও তারিখ	কৃষি/প্রকল্প/বিজ্ঞপ্তি/১/২০০৮/১১২২ তারিখ: ১৬/০৯/২০০৮ইং।
৭	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি	দরপত্র দাখিলের সাথে ১৫ নং ক্রমিক বর্ণিত পরিমানের টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন উইং, কৃষি সম্প্রদায়ের অধিদপ্তর, ঝামারবাড়ী, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে দাখিল করতে হবে।
৮	দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা	দরপত্র সিকিউরিটি বর্ণিত শর্তাবলী মোতাবেক যোগ্যতা থাকতে হবে।
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