

# Dredging, waste removal of city rivers to end by 2011

BSS, Dhaka

Removal of waste and dredging of four rivers around Dhaka city will be complete within 2011.

Authorities have fixed a target of removing 4.8 million cubic feet of waste from the rivers -- Buriganga, Turag, Balu and Shitalakkhya -- within the period.

Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan told the news agency that the cleaning of the Buriganga from Kamrangirchar to Kholamora has already been completed.

The assigned private company, Reza Construction, started dredging in the area from October 25.

The minister said sufficient number of waterbuses would be put to service after restoring navigability in the rivers around Dhaka by 2012. This will help ease traffic jam in the city.

During the cleaning and dredging of

the rivers, water would be supplied by creating alternate streams from Jamuna River.

Under a project of Water Development Board, a 22-kilometre waterway would be excavated from Sirajganj hard point of Jamuna Bridge to Nalini Bazar of Dhaleswari River.

This river linking project would be implemented with a US \$ 100 million assistance from Qatar, the minister said and added that implementation of the project will create a clean Buriganga and make the river pollution free.

About the BNP plan to dredge 53 rivers, the shipping minister said a Tk 11,000-crore project is under consideration of the Planning Commission for the purpose.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) Chairman Abdul Malek Mian said the removal of waste from the rivers around Dhaka is going on.

After the waste is removed, four private companies will start dredging the Buriganga and Turag. Reza Construction has already started the job, he added.

Walls will be erected to demarcate the river borders, walkways will be constructed and trees will be planted along the riverbanks under the programme.

Malek said his organisation would start working in full swing with 10 dredgers with the beginning of 2011 to keep the country's waterways operational.

He said the tender process for procuring world famous waste lifting equipment 'Excovexa 2000' will end by January 2011. Those would be added to the BIWTA dredger fleet within one year after giving the work order.

BIWTA Executive Engineer Raquibul Hassan Talukder said a total of 3,277 kilometres of waterways would be dredged in the first four phases of the dredging programme.



Committee to Protect and Preserve Probartak Sangha, a non-government organisation, forms a human chain in front of the Chittagong Press Club in the port city yesterday protesting the grabbing of land owned by Probartak Sangha.

## BATAMUL CARNAGE Jail authorities fail to produce accused before court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court could not record statement of a witness in connection with the Ramna Batamul carnage case, as jail authorities failed to produce two accused before yesterday.

Judge Fozila Begum of the Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court adjourned the proceedings and fixed May 31, 2011 for next hearing of the case.

The court also asked Police Inspector Golam Haider, a witness of the incident, to appear before it on the date.

The jail authorities failed to produce Maulana Abdur Rauf and Arif Hasan Suman while Harkatul Jihad (Hujji) chief Mufti Abdul Hannan, Maulana Abu Taher, Shahadat Ullah Jewel and Maulana Akbar Hossain, now on a High Court bail, were produced before it.

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on December 30, 2008, framed charges against the 14 accused in this connection.

The eight other accused -- Maulana Mohammad Tajuddin, the younger brother of former BNP leader Abdus Salam Pintu, Maulana Abdur Hannan Sabbir, Maulana Shawkat Osman, Hafez Jahangir Alam Badar, Maulana Abu Bakar, Mufti Shafiqur Rahman, Maulana Yahya and Mufti Abdul Hye-- have been absconding since the filing of the case.

On August 18, 2009, the case was transferred to Speedy Trial Tribunal-3 Dhaka, for its quick disposal.

But the tribunal on May 24 this year returned the case to Sessions Judge's Court as it failed to complete the trial within the stipulated 135 working days.

So far it has recorded depositions of 50 witnesses out of 84.

Ten people were killed and scores injured in the blast at Ramna Batamul during Pehela Baishakh celebration on April 14, 2001.

## Withdraw Nov 30 hartal Pro-AL lawyers urge BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pro-Awami League (AL) lawyers yesterday urged main opposition BNP to withdraw their country-wide hartal called on November 30 for the sake of democracy and rule of law.

They made the call at a meeting held at the South Hall of Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA).

The lawyers, under the banner of SCBA, organised the meeting in protest of the incident of cocktail blast on the residence of the chief justice and hartal called by Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) on November 30.

Former law minister Abdul Matin Khasru urged the apex court judges to issue a suo motu rule, bringing contempt of court charges against the "fake lawyers". He said these lawyers recently staged demonstrations and brought out processions at the court premises ignoring a High Court judgment that restricted meetings and processions on the premises.

When November 29 has been fixed for hearing the appeal filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia over the cantonment residence at the Appellate Division, hartal was called the next day on the same issue, which is contemptuous, he said.

He said BNP has called the hartal to create pressure upon the apex court judges.

Khasru said Khaleda Zia can not run politics, sitting in the heart of the cantonment, which is the most protected, restricted and sensitive area in the country.

The BNP chief should have left the cantonment residence long ago considering the risk of security and safety of the soldiers, the former law minister said.

AL Presidium Member Advocate Yusuf Hossain Humayun, former SCBA president AFM Mesbahuddin, Munsurul Hoque Chowdhury, SCBA Vice President AKM Fazlul Haque Khan Farid, Assistant Secretary Moshfaqur Rahman Sabuj and former secretaries AM Amin Uddin spoke at the meeting.

## Train-hit college student dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A college student was killed yesterday as a train hit him at Kuril Biswa Road area in the city.

The deceased was identified as Mohammad Belal, 20, a first year student of Mirpur Bangla College in the city.

Belal's relative Mohammad Jubayer said he did not know why Belal was in that area after end of his classes.

Police said locals rushed Belal to Combined Military Hospital in the city.

## One stabbed to death in Ctg

A CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man was stabbed to death by unidentified criminals at Monsurabad C&B colony in the port city yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Md Nobi Hossain, 40, of Machhimpur Muhuri Bari under Daganbhaiyan upazila ofeni.

Police said some unidentified criminals stabbed Nobi, a staff of Sayum Hotel, in an attempt to mug him near Hazi Mosque around 10:00pm on Wednesday.

## Perform duty efficiently President asks armoured corps commanders

UNB, Bogra

President Zillur Rahman has urged the commanders of the Armoured Corps to perform their duties with skill and efficiency as leaders of the regiments.

"As commanders, you have hard task to conduct a regiment," he said while addressing the 4th Reunion of National Standard Presentation (9th Bengal Lancer) and Annual Armoured Corps Conference-2010 at the Bogra Cantonment yesterday.

The president said proper direction, immediate decision making capacity, skill and leadership of a commander will play important role in expanding activities and increasing skills of the armoured force.

"It's my firm belief that you will always remain active in discharging your duties by showing efficiency of leadership, hard labour, perseverance and dutifulness."

He said the government is working hard to build 'digital Bangladesh' by 2021 and hoped that the use of the information technology would make the force more dynamic. "You've to prepare your subordinates in the same way with hard labour and training."

Zillur Rahman recalled the immense contribution of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in founding the armoured corps and said that he (Bangabandhu) had enriched the force in 1974 with the inclusion of 30 modern T-54 tanks that were used in the Arab-Israel war.

## CU viva postponed

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University authorities have postponed viva of G-unit of the 1st year honours admission test scheduled on November 30 due to unavoidable reasons.

The oral test of G-unit will be held at 10:00am on December 3.

Candidates who obtained marks 54 to 77 asked to appear in the examination on court said.

## Kidnapped Ctg college student rescued

A CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Detective Branch (DB) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police rescued a kidnapped person after arresting five hijackers in the port city on Wednesday night.

The arrestees are Samir Sarker, 42, Tanmoy Barua, 26, Biton Barua, 29, Piklu Sarker, 27, and Choton Dey, 28.

The rescued person is Anwar Hossain, 24, a student of

Chittagong Islamia College.

DB police sources said a team of DB police headed by Assistant Police Commissioner Abdullah-al-Mahmud nabbed Samir, Tanmoy and Biton from the city's Oli Khan Mosque area of Chawkbazar.

Later, Anwar was rescued from information from the arrestees from a room behind Royal saloon in Chawkbazar with the other kidnapper, he added.

## Korean volunteers to receive local training

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A six-member team of Korea Overseas Volunteers (KOVs) will receive two months local adaptation training to learn local language, culture, and customs.

The six KOVs will be assigned to respected host organisations for two years such as computing, automobile, nursing, bakery and confectionary, physical education etc, said a press release.

The team arrived here on November 23. Resident Representative of KOICA

Bangladesh Office Lee Jung Wook welcomed them at the Embassy of Korea upon their arrival.

There are more than 50 Korean young volunteers serving in Bangladesh. With the spirit of 'Share and Respect' they are living as good neighbors and working in various fields such as nursing, community development, computer education, automobile etc.

KOICA intends to continue to support Bangladesh in various sectors to help achieve its MDGs and sustainable socio-economic growth, it said.

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Advocate Lutful Hai (Sachoo), aged 70, Member of the Parliament, Chairman, Standing Committee on Ministry of Commerce, Freedom Fighter as a Guerilla Advisor (Sector 3) and President, Brahmanbaria District Awami League, breathed his last on 22nd November, 2010. We deeply mourn his sudden demise which is an irreparable loss for the family, friends and the nation as a whole.

His Qulkhwani will be held on the 26th November, 2010 (Friday) in Parliament Members' Club, Block-5, National Parliament Building at 4pm (after Asr prayers).

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Interviews at **Dhaka British Council**

**Mon 29th Nov 2010, 11.00 am - 4.00 pm**  
Interviews at **Seba Limited H: 52 (1st floor), R: 13/C, B: E, Banani, Dhaka-1213**

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