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# River land leased out for sand trading

N'ganj district admin now seeks scrapping of Buriganga lease given 17 years ago

TAWFIQUE ALI

The Narayanganj district administration had anomalously leased out a half-acre area of the Buriganga to an individual at Fatullah, leading to massive earth-filling.

Sand trading is now going on there in full swing.

The land, well into the river's foreshore, was handed over to one Alauddin for Tk 7.13 lakh in 1994.

The district administration had made a *Charcha Dag*, an ownership document, for the handover.

Foreshore is the soil lying between the low-water mark during dry season and the high-water mark during monsoon.

The lease was done neither as per the Cadastral Survey (CS) nor the Revised Survey (RS), two widely-accepted land ownership records.

Shamsur Rahman, deputy com-

missioner (DC) of Narayanganj, said: "The [then] district administration leased the land anomalously. We've written to the land ministry to cancel it."

He added that land lease on the basis of *Charcha Dag* was in practice until late 1980s.

Alauddin was not available for comments due to illness while his representative Solaiman could not

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The continuous earth-filling near Fatullah terminal pontoon in Narayanganj for sand trading stretches far into the flow of Buriganga, changing the launch channel. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



Britain's Prince William and his wife Kate Middleton wave as they travel in the 1902 State Landau carriage to Buckingham Palace after their wedding at Westminster Abbey in London yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## William, Kate tie knot

### 2 billion watch glittering royal wedding

REUTERS, London

Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton married at Westminster Abbey yesterday in a sumptuous show of British pageantry that attracted a huge world audience and injected new life into the monarchy.

Before a flawless exchange of vows, a veiled Middleton wearing a laced dress with a long train, the first "commoner" to marry a prince in close proximity to the throne in more than 350 years, walked slowly through the 1,900-strong congregation.

An estimated two billion people watched on TV when he two exchanged vows at Westminster Abbey, and even in the home to the Hollywood stars royal glamour shined strong.

"We have movie stars, but they're not as good," said Paula Haffley, 30, as she arrived at the Cat and Fiddle British pub on Sunset Boulevard.

As they met at the altar William, second in line to the throne, whispered to her, prompting a smile. The Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams declared the

couple married with the words: "I pronounce that they be man and wife together."

Tens of thousands of people thronging the streets outside cheered when they heard the words, and again as the newlyweds left the abbey in a 1902 open-topped state landau carriage bound for Buckingham Palace, the queen's London residence.

Huge cheering crowds strained to catch a glimpse of the beaming couple as well as the military bands in black bearskin

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## BUS TERMINAL RELOCATION

# DCC looking for sites

Smooth transport system a must to link city with new terminals, say experts

HELEMUL ALAM

Dhaka City Corporation is looking for suitable sites to relocate Gabtoli, Mohakhali and Sayedabad bus terminals outside the capital aiming to reduce the traffic congestion caused by buses to and from the terminals.

The move to relocate the inter-district bus terminals will not be successful without a proper transport system between the new terminals and the city, say the agencies concerned.

Khondokar Enayeth Hossain, secretary general of Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samity, said the terminals are not the only reasons behind traffic jam.

The government must ensure efficient bus service between terminals and the city, if it goes with the plan, he insisted.

The sites primarily selected for the new terminals are at the midpoint between Amin Bazar and Savar on Dhaka-Aricha highway, Board Bazar on Dhaka-Mymensingh road and a place around 1 km east of Kanchpur Bridge, a DCC official said.

A fourth site was selected in the Jhilmil project area, 2 km south of the 2nd Buriganga Bridge, but Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakha refused to allocate the piece of land.

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## River pillars to invite grabbers

Says Bapa

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan (Bapa) leaders yesterday demanded the government save five rivers from land grabbers by suspending its initiative of setting up boundary pillars along their banks.

The rivers are Turag, Balu, Shitalakhya, Buriganga and Dhaleshwari.

The leaders of the organisation at a rally held in front of the Jatiya Press Club said though the protection of rivers is a common demand of people, the way the pillars are being erected in the name of protecting those is creating scope for land grabbers.

The leaders also demanded setting up pillars following the direction of the High Court properly.

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## OBITUARY



Lutfar Rahman, eminent raw jute exporter, industrialist and entrepreneur of Bangladesh passed away on April 28, 2011 in Dhaka (Inna Lillahe Oa Inna Ilahe Razeun).

He was a pioneer in business since partition. He was also actively involved, along with Late Manik Mia and others, in different movements that culminated in the founding of Bangladesh. He started various businesses and contributed to the growth of Bangladesh export market. He also served as the Director of Bangladesh Shilpa Bank.

His Namaz-e-janaza will be held today April 30, 2011 after Zohr Prayers at the Gulshan Azad Mosque and he will be laid to rest at Azimpur old graveyard. Qulkhani of Late Lutfar Rahman will be held after Asr Prayers on May 01, 2011 Sunday also at the Gulshan Azad Mosque. All well wishers are requested to attend the Namaz-e-janaza and Doa Mahfil and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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