

Squeezing public road in stealthy way

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A few unscrupulous people built 30 brick-built rooms on an important road at Garibullah Hazipara village in Saidpur upazila of the district, making the road virtually unfit for plying of vehicles for about a year.

Consequently, several thousand people of surrounding villages are suffering a lot.

Just after the independence, the local government department built a six-kilometre-long and five-metre-wide dirt road connecting Choumuhuni Bazaar-Benir Haat metalled road at Bangalipur rail gate point at one end and Saidpur town at the other end, locals said.

Choumohoni Bazaar and Benir Haat are famous business centres while Saidpur town, also the upazila headquarters, has the country's largest rail workshop, a number of small industries and a large wholesale market.

A large number of people from surrounding villages including Boitpara, Giriapara, Bhujaripara, Choumohoni of Saidpur upazila and Benir Haat of neighbouring Parbotipur upazila use the road daily for going to business centres, educational institutions, treatment centres and other places.

In 2007, Luthfar Rahman, Azimuddin, Moklesur Rahman, Sabuj and Sohag, who have homesteads on both sides of the road passing through the village, extended their house areas by occupying portions of the

road, said Mizanur Rahman, Ramijuddin and a few others of Garibullah Hazipara village.

They constructed brick-built rooms and drains on around 300-metre-long encroached area of the road.

Following complaints by the locals, the then chairman of concerned Bangalipur union parishad Musa Uddin Pramanik took an initiative to free the land but the influential occupiers foiled the bid.

At one stage only about one-metre-width of the road remained in its 300-metre-long portion as 30 rooms were built in four years. As a result, movement of vehicles including rickshaw vans, cars, battery-run auto-rickshaws, minibuses and

pick ups has remained stopped for one year although the rest of six-kilometre road has remained intact.

During the period of last caretaker government, the illegal occupiers even ignored the order of assistant commissioner of land of Saidpur to free the land and managed to continue their occupation, said several inhabitants of Garibullah Hazipara village.

Vehicles now move through another road, making the journey more time consuming and costlier.

On contact, Azimuddin, one of the encroachers, said, "The portion of the road which is under my possession was my paternal property. I built a house on my

own land and it is my legal right."

Four others, Luthfar Rahman, Moklesur Rahman, Sabuj and Sohag declined to talk to this correspondent despite repeated attempts by the latter.

Shahzada Sarkar, present chairman of Bangalipur UP, said, "I have been elected recently and no one has lodged any complaint to me in this regard. If anyone has illegally occupied road within my jurisdiction I will take action to free it."

Saidpur Upazila Nirbahi Officer Anarkoli Mahub said, "I have not received any written complaint regarding road encroachment. I will investigate the matter and take necessary action."

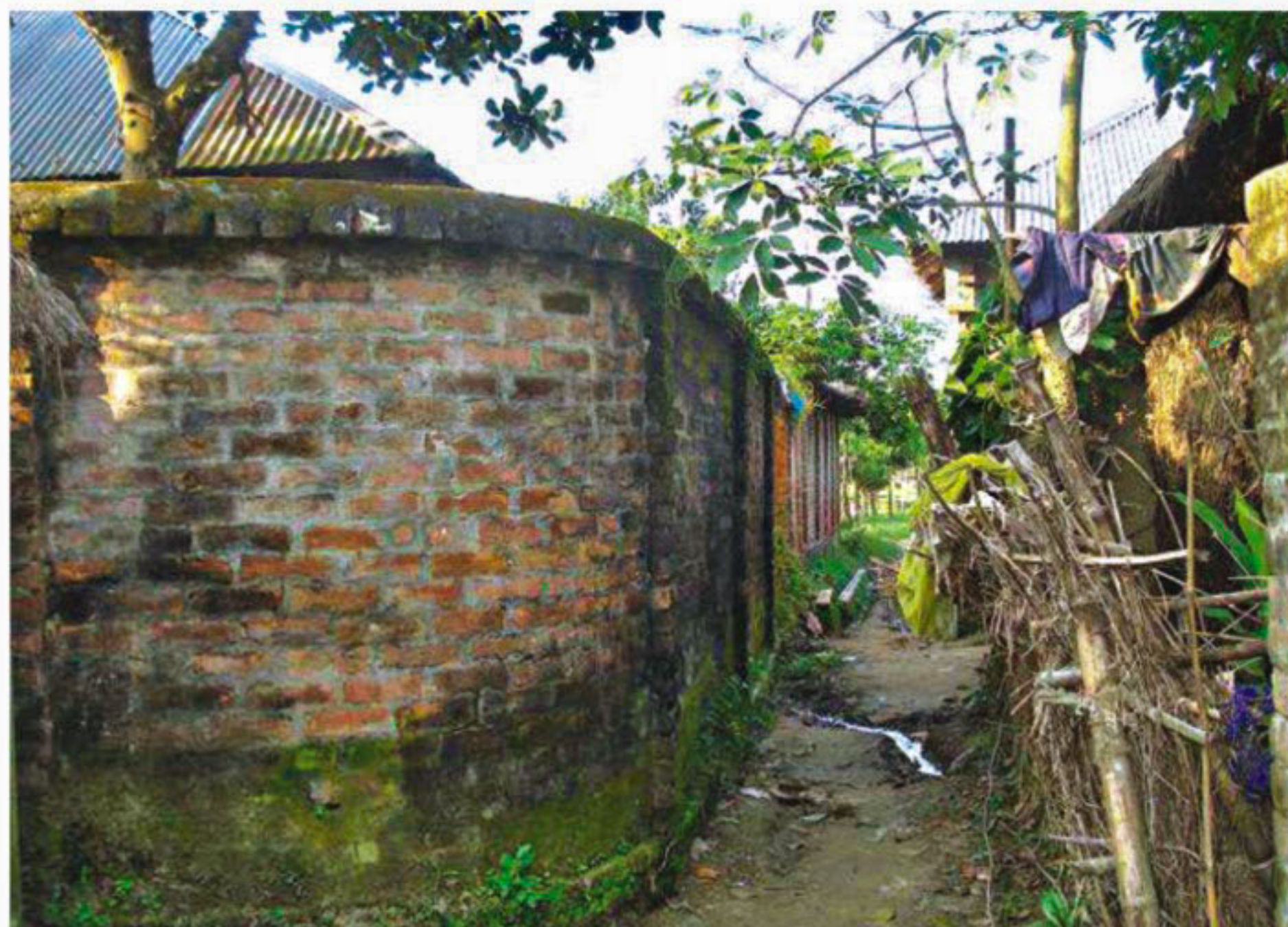


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Originally a five-metre-wide dirt road made around 40 years ago, this important path passing through Garibullah Hazipara village in Saidpur upazila under Nilphamari district has become virtually unfit for plying of vehicles as a few unscrupulous locals have squeezed the road to about a metre width by building houses on it.

JSD LEADER KAZI AREF MURDER

Fugitive convict arrested

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Police arrested one of the fugitive convicts in Jatiya Samajtantkrik Dal (JSD) leader Kazi Aref Ahmed murder case at a village in Chuadanga on Wednesday.

The arrestee is Abdul Jabbar alias Tikka, 52, one of the top cadres of outlawed Banglar Communist Party led by Nuruzzaman Laltu.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided Kurulgachi village in Damurhuda upazila of Chuadanga district at around 4:30 pm and arrested Tikka at his brother-in-law's house. He was awarded life sentence in the murder case in 2004.

JSD central leader Kazi Aref Ahmed and four other leaders of the party's Kushtia unit--Lokman Hossain, Yakub Ali, Shamsheer Ali and Israil Hossain--were killed in an armed attack on a rally at Kalidashpur village in Daulatpur upazila of the district on February 16 in 1999. Police filed a murder case with Daulatpur Police Station the same day.



Kazi Aref Ahmed

On August 30, 2004, the then additional district and sessions judge Fazlur Rahman pronounced the verdict in the case, sentencing 10 people to death and 12 others to life imprisonment.

Those awarded death penalty are Ilyas Hossain and Sahir Uddin of Talbaria village, Baker of Kishorinagar village, Mannan Mollah of Pachabhita village,

Anwar, Jhantu and Jahan of Kursha village in Kushtia district, and Jalal of Baliashisha village, Safayat Hossain of Rajnagar village and Roushan of Bhabanipur village in Meherpur district.

Of them, Mannan, Jahan, Jalal and Baker have been absconding since the incident while Roushan was killed in a 'shootout' with police on August 27, 2006.

The convicts, sentenced to life in prison, are Nuruzzaman Laltu of Kairadanga village in Chuadanga district, Rofat, Asgar and Mohid of Talbaria village, Faraz, Tashir and Gareshe Sardar of Kalidashpur village, Majid of Hridoypur village, Mahatab of Rajnagar village, Oliur of Pagla village, Akubbar of Malihad, and Abdul Jabbar alias Tikka of Kursha village in Kushtia.

Of them, Tikka, Mahtab, Oliar and Akubbar are still at large while Mohid was killed in 'crossfire' with police on February 12 in 2005.



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Vast expanse of fields planted with early variety of winter vegetable cauliflower in Tanore upazila of Rajshahi district offers an eye-soothing sight. The area sees large-scale cultivation of the nutritious vegetable.

Kidnapped businessman rescued, 4 arrested in Khulna

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Police arrested four people in the city on Wednesday on charge of kidnapping Azizul Islam Mukul, a businessman, for ransom.

The arrested four were identified as Md Jahangir Saeed Shumon, 34, Md Maniruzzaman alias Mintu, 39, Parul Alam, 30, and Anisur Rahman Anis, 55. All of them are residents of Khulna city.

Businessman Azizul Islam Mukul was kidnapped at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday from PTI Road under Khulna Sadar police station.

According to Assistant Police Commissioner Molla Azad Hossain of Detective Branch of KMP, the arrestees kidnapped Mukul for a ransom of Tk3 lakh.

Three out of the four kidnappers were caught red-handed while receiving Tk one lakh from Khulna office of SA Paribahan at 7:30 pm on Wednesday.

Later, AC Molla Azad Hossain launched a drive following the confessional statements of the arrested kidnappers. Police rescued the kidnapped businessman at 11:30 pm from the house of another kidnapper Anisur Rahman Anis at Miapara first lane under Khulna Sadar police station.

The victim, son of Md Saidul Morol hailed from Sadipur village under Benapole port police station in Jessore district.

Police seized the money received as ransom by the kidnappers.

A case was recorded with Khulna Sadar police station. The arrestees would be taken to court for remand today.

DURGA PUJA CONCLUDES



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From top: Devotees anoint each other's face with vermillion at Barendra puja mandap in Rajshahi city, anjali being offered to goddess Durga at Chanderhat Temple at Nimnagar Balubari in Dinajpur town, and at a puja mandap in Thakurgaon town on the occasion of Bijoya Dashami yesterday, the concluding day of the five-day Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of Bangalee Hindus.

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