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Heavy rains due to monsoon and lack of maintenance have damaged many points of the Dhaka-Sylhet highway. Photo shows concrete slabs placed to protect the road from erosion falling down in Raja Mariakandi area of Sarail upazila of Brahmanbaria.

# JRC project to protect riverbanks on Sylhet border unfinished

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

The Joint River Commission's (JRC) project for protecting riverbanks on the Sylhet-Assam border and saving the country's territory from depletion has remained mostly incomplete although its three-year schedule ended on 30 June this year.

Only Tk 7.6 crore was given in three years against the total sanction of Tk 21 crore for the project.

"The project is extremely important for saving the country's border as a 26kilometre stretch along the midstream of Surma and 30 kilometres on Kushiyara is officially considered the border line with India. Continuous erosion on the Bangladesh sides of the rivers is causing depletion of our territory," said Shailen Chandra Paul, executive engineer of Water Development Board (WDB) hand over the first install-

During the last 20 years Bangladesh has lost at least 150 acres of land at Amolshid point, where the Indian Barak River, bifurcating as Surma and Kushiara, enters Bangladesh.

With recurrent erosion on Amolshid point of the rivers due to strong current during monsoon, new patches of landmass has appeared on the Indian side where Indian Border Security Force has constructed observation towers. "If measures are not

taken, erosion on other points like Haidrabond, Sharifganj, Bhuiyarmura and Bhoktipur would take serious turn just with the start of receding water when erosion is usually triggered by strong current," said the WDB official.

Although the three-year project was officially launched in 2009-2010, it took the authorities a year to ment of Tk 2.75 crore. It was

followed by another installment of only Tk 4.85 crore in 2011-2012, officials informed.

Now two-year extension is being considered for completing the works, said Abdul Kalam Azad, superintending engineer, WDB, Sylhet, told this correspondent.

Late funding along with the contractors' lack of interest due to remote location of the project work and uncertainty in payment caused delay in the work, officials said, adding that the delay will surely lead to cost escalation and further loss of our territory, said an official.

WDB Executive Engineer of Sylhet Shailen Chandra Paul said, "Works were hampered mainly due to poor response from contractors. As for example, tender was called recently for the third time for Tk 4 crore JRC's protection work at Haidrabond on Kushiyara

The works will be taken in October 2010.

up when the ongoing monsoon is over, he said.

In two years, WDB did some work to partially build the Kushiara dyke but it is only 3.5 and a half kilometres long against the targeted 12 km. Due to delay in implementation of the project, erosion took its toll at places reducing the country's territory on the border areas, sources said.

But on the other side of the border, the Water Resources Division in Assam has already completed necessary protection works.

The whole programme was earlier finalised at a joint meeting of officials of the WDB, Sylhet region, and the officials of the Water Resources Division of Karimganj, Assam. Besides, the year-wise work plan was exchanged at an additional chief engineerlevel meeting at WDB Rest House at Zakiganj borders

### BCL activists foil 18-party rally in Barisal city

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists yesterday foiled the opposition BNP-led 18-party alliance programme in the city.

Leaders and activists of the alliance joined a rally in front of Barisal BNP office near Ashwini Kumar Hall in the city at around 1:45pm.

They organised the rally protesting submission of charge sheet against 46 opposition leaders in a vehicle arson case in the capital. Suddenly, stick-wielding

BCL men, led by city BCL President Jasimuddin, reached there and swooped on the opposition activists, prompting them to retaliate.

During chase and counter chase, the clashing groups also hurled brick chips at each other.

Police rushed to the spot and charged batons and brought the situation under control.

Shaheduzzaman, officer in-charge of Barisal Kotwali Police Station, said police dispersed the activists of both BCL and 18-party yesterday.

alliance to maintain law and order in the area.

City BNP joint Secretary Ziauddin Shikdar said the ruling AL and their cadres attacked the peaceful rally of the opposition.

Refuting the allegation, BCL city unit President Jasimuddin said they were not involved foiling the rally of the 18-party alliance.

No case was filed with Kotwali Police Station in connection with the incident as of filing of this report at 7:00pm



PHOTO: STAR

BCL activists, equipped with sticks, proceed towards the rally of the BNP-led 18-party alliance in Barisal city yesterday.

9 hurt as BCL

factions clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Akhaura

Two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Akhaura upazila unit clashed over formation of a new committee in the upazila town on Sunday night, leaving at least nine people from both sides injured.

The clash ensued following an altercation between the BCL men of the two factions-one led by former Akhaura upazila BCL president Md Omar Farook and the other by former publication secretary of the unit Md Shariful Islamover campaign for their chosen candidates for the posts of president and secretary.

Police and BCL sources said the rival groups used lethal weapons during the clash that continued for an hour from 9:30pm. The injured, including former Akhaura pourasava (municipality) BCL general secretary Md Sakhawat Hossain, were admitted to the upazila health complex.

Several shops, houses and a motorbike were damaged during the clash. Police dispersed the clashing groups and brought the situation under control.

Contacted, Md Habibur Rahman Parves, joint secretary of BCL Brahmanbaria district unit, said they will take action against the BCL men responsible for Sunday night's clash in Akhaura town.

"We will soon form a new committee of the upazila unit," he further said.

### LAND DISPUTE ENDS IN VIOLENCE

## Man shot dead, houses torched in Mymensingh

Mymensingh

Police recovered the body of a member of an outlawed party at Urakanda in Sadar upazila of Rajbari yesterday afternoon.

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

'Missing'

outlaw

found

dead

Kushtia

A top cadre of Biplobi Communist Party (BCP) Ohidul Islam Rajib went 'missing' on Sunday night.

Abdul Wahab, father of the deceased, said Rajib went out of home at about 8:30pm and since did not return. His mobile phone was found off. Local people found

Rajib's mutilated body in a roadside ditch of Urakanda bazar area at about 2:30pm and informed police. Officer in-charge (OC)

of Rajbari Sadar police Sahab Uddin Khalifa told this correspondent that Rajib was accused in three cases, including one for murder.

"Rivals might have killed Rajib over internal conflict," the OC said.

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

A man was shot dead and two others were injured in an attack by their rivals over a land dispute at Char Belamari in Nandail upazila of the district yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Abul Hashim, 45, son of late Abdur Rashid, while the injured are Hashim's mother Sokhina Khatun, 60, and brother Hares Ali, 42.

Police said there had been a dispute between Yakub Ali Master, a retired primary schoolteacher, and his nephew Abul Hashim over the ownership of a land for long.

Hashim locked in an altercation with Yakub's son Iqbal Hossain over the disputed land at around 10:00am.

Hearing the news, supporters of both Yakub and Hashim came to the spot and also had a noisy argument, police said.

At one stage, Yakub became furious and opened fire from his licensed gun, injuring Hasim, his mother Sokhina and brother Hares, police added.

Hashim succumbed to his injuries on the way to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) while Sokhina and Hares are undergoing treatment at the hospital, said Khandaker Zahidul Islam, officer-incharge of Nandail Police Station.

As the news of Hashim's death spread in the area, his supporters attacked the houses of Yakub and his son Igbal. They also torched two houses of Yakub's supporters at the village. Yakub fled the house. On Information, police

rushed the spot and brought the situation under control. They seized Yukub's gun from his house and arrested his brother Abdul Mannan and granddaughter Hawa Begum.

Police have been deployed at the village to avert any further incident.

#### B'BARIA CLASH

In Brahmanbaria, two groups of villagers clashed in BanchHarampur upazila of the district yesterday, injuring at least 20 people, reports our correspondent.

Police said the clash was a sequel to a long-standing rivalry between Suruj Matobbar of Belanagar village and Kamrul Matobbar of adjacent Ruposdi village over establishing supremacy in the area.

Both sides used sticks, knives and spears during the clash, leaving at least 20 people from both sides injured. Suruj group also confined three supporters of Kamrul groups to a house.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. They also rescued the three from confinement.

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২০১৩-এ ব্যাচ ১ম গ্রুপ অফিসার ক্যাডেট পদপ্রার্থীগণের লিখিত পরীক্ষার ফলাফল

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