

Villagers build their road as authorities unconcerned

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Villagers of Ullah Sonatola in Saghata upazil have finally started construction of a road across the River Ullah themselves because of long indifference by the authorities concerned.

Locals said construction work of a bridge over the river came to standstill about 11 years ago.

On Saturday, the villagers started the earthwork of the road across the dried up riverbed. Cross section of people from both sides of river spontaneously joined the work.

The bridge, which connected Gaibandha-Saghata road, collapsed during a flood in 1988. Since then the hapless villagers crossed the river by boat at the time of monsoon and on foot during the dry

season.

In 2002, the Roads and Highway Department undertook the construction work of a 74.16-meter bridge at a cost of Tk 1.3 crore.

But, the work of the bridge came to a halt allegedly because of high price of construction materials, said roads and highway sources.

Later, the authorities revised the estimated cost of bridge at Tk 3.5 crore, but did not approve any fund, they said.

All our pleas to implement the work of the bridge fell on the deaf ears, alleged locals.

Finding no other alternatives, villagers joined hands to construct the road beside the bridge to ease communication, said Tajul Islam, a member of Bharatkhalai union.



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People of Ullah Sonatola in Saghata upazila of Gaibandha build a road themselves as a bridge in the area has remained incomplete for the last 11 years.

Missing girl found dead

UNB, Shariatpur

Police on Wednesday recovered the body of a schoolgirl, who had gone missing on Sunday, from the Damodar River in Damudya upazila.

The deceased was identified as Kaniz Mumu Akhtar, 13, student of class VIII of Pilot Girls High School and daughter of Golam Azam of Sinan Ghat village in Madaripur district.

Police, quoting the family members, said Kaniz had remained missing since after she went out of the home after a feud with her parents over study on Sunday night.

On Tuesday, locals spotted her body on the bank of the river and informed police.

Shops gutted

UNB, Barisal

Five shops were gutted in a devastating fire that broke out in Kathpatty Road area of the city on Wednesday afternoon.

Faruk Hossain Shikdar, senior fire service official, said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at an electric materials shop along the road at 4:45 pm and soon spread to the other adjoining shops, leaving five shops completely damaged.

The affected shop owners claimed that the loss from the fire would go up to Tk2 crore.



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Cyclone Mahasen and subsequent downpour damaged a good number of brick fields in Barguna district. Photo shows a submerged brick field near Bainchutki ferry terminal in Patharghata upazila of the coastal district.

Help for family of a hartal victim

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

The Optimists, a USA-based organisation, yesterday donated \$300 (equivalent to Tk 22,800) to the wife of slain truck driver Shahidul Islam Khokon.

Khokon, 35, son of Jalal Uddin of Matidali in Bogra town, was killed as the supporters of hartal enforced by the BNP-led 18-party alliance hurled brickbats at him on Dhaka-Rangpur highway at Baropur in Bogra town on April 9 this year.

The incident left Khokon's pregnant wife Mafela Begum and their eight-year-old son Abdur Rahman into utter despair.

As AKM Saidul Karim, general secretary of Bangladesh chapter of The

Optimists, handed over the money to Mafela at her tinshed house at Matidali in Bogra town in presence of a few journalists and locals, tears rolled down her cheeks.

She vowed to continue schooling of her son, a Class II student of a nearby primary school.

Saidul Karim also assured the family of further help, especially for the boy's education.

The Daily Star as well as other national and local newspapers ran the tragic story of Khokon's death on April 10.

Earlier an engineer from the UAE donated around Tk 10,000 to the bereaved family.

No cyclone shelter in 5 Kurigram unions

UNB, Kurigram

About one lakh people in the char (landmass emerged from riverbed) areas of five unions under Rajibpur and Roumari upazilas of the district are exposed to risk of natural disaster in absence of cyclone shelters.

No cyclone shelter has been built in Mohonganj and Kodalkathi unions of Rajibpur upazila and Jadur Char, Bandber and Datbhanga unions of Roumari upazila in over last two decades despite a significant increase of population.

Octogenarian Shamsul Haque of Boroher Char area near the Brahmaputra River said, "We have no place to take shelter during storm. After hearing weather warning news on television we

can't decide whether to move somewhere else or stay home."

"We have no way to know when storm will lash. We have to live in the risky char only relying on the grace of Allah," he added.

Visiting Roumari upazila, it was found that dwellers of its three unions remain in constant fear for lack of cyclone shelter in the unions.

As if the local administration has no headache in this regard, observed a local of Datbhanga union.

Contacted, Rajibpur upazila nirbahi officer Latif Khan said, "Storm usually does not hit this area massively. Yet, if danger comes, we will take necessary steps to face it effectively."

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Upon selection, fellows will be placed at leading public health organizations across Bangladesh.

The fellowship appointment is for 6 to 12 months. Fellows will receive a competitive stipend with incentives for placements in under-served and high-need areas.

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Application Procedure

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For submission and further inquiries: kamrul.ahsan@bracu.ac.bd or call at +88(02) 9827501-4 Ext: 6014 or visit: <http://sph.bracu.ac.bd> or www.jpgsph.org



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- Master's degree in economics, finance, accounting, business administration or other relevant field; advance degree preferred.
- At least 10 years of relevant professional experience in financial sector and private sector development
- Demonstrated expertise and experience within the assigned sector
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Deadline for applications is on: 14 June 2013

Vacancy Reference Number: ADB-HR-13-0308



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1. Secretary to the Board of Trustees (01)

Occupational Summary: Board Secretary is in overall charge of the Secretariat of the Board of Trustees. The incumbent attends the Board meetings, takes notes, records the proceedings and advises the Board on relevant laws and regulations, communicates decisions of the Board to concerned people and follows up for implementation of the decisions. The Board Secretary also looks after the needs and other contingent services of the Members of the Board of Trustees.

Qualification: The candidate should have post Graduate Degree preferably MBA from a reputed university with at least 2nd Division/Class/CGPA-3 out of 5 or 2.5 out of 4 in all academic examinations. He/she should also have exceptional communication skill in English with ability to use computer.

Experience: 10 (ten) years experience in a related position in a corporate body or in a university.

Age: Maximum 45 years as on 12 June 2013.

2. Public Relations Officer (01)

Qualification: Masters in Mass Communications & Journalism/Social Sciences with at least 2nd Division/Class/CGPA-3 out of 5 or 2.5 out of 4 in all academic examinations. He should have experience in arranging media coverage, organizing press events and dealing with media enquiries, ability to write and edit in both English and Bangla fluently for a variety of purposes and in appropriate writing styles, ability to manage publication and develop content for Newsletters and other publications of the University, strong inter-personal communication skills and excellent team working skills. He should be computer literate, adept in handling all publication related software, and also have experience/training in photography.

Experience: 5 (five) years practical experience in the relevant field.

Age: Maximum 40 years as on 12 June 2013.

3. Senior Accounts Officer (01)

Qualification: B.Com (Hons.) and M.Com in Accounting/Finance (at least 2nd Division/Class/CGPA-3 out of 5 or 2.5 out of 4 in all academic examinations). CA part-1 complete will get preference. Computer literacy is required especially in Accounting Tally Software.

Experience: 5 (five) years practical experience in the relevant field.

Age: Maximum 40 years as on 12 June 2013.

4. Assistant Systems Manager (Webmaster-01 and Network-01)

Qualification: Master degree in relevant field with B.Sc. in Computer Science/Engineering with at least 2nd Division/Class/CGPA-3 out of 5 or 2.5 out of 4 in all academic examinations.

Professional Certification: Professional certification is preferable (for Network certification in CISCO/JUNIPER is preferable).

Experience: For Webmaster 6 (six) years practical experience in webpage designing, PHP, MySQL, Web server (Apache) configuration, ASP, NET etc. and for Network 6 (six) years practical experience in Networking (Router, Firewall, VLAN, WiFi etc.) and Server (DNS, DHCP, Proxy) Configuration & Management. Proven work ability may relax qualification.

Age: Maximum 40 years as on 12 June 2013.

5. Senior Security-cum-House Keeping Officer (01)

Duties and responsibilities: The incumbent works under the guidance/supervision of the Chief of HR & Logistics, be responsible for security and house keeping matters of the University, monitor and ensure proper services of the security and cleaning personnel, work out plan for round the clock security and proper cleaning of the University, be responsible for prevention of any theft/damage of any property of the University and any other duties assigned by the authority from time to time.

Qualification: Minimum graduate degree from any reputable university. Should be comfortable using computers with security related software.

Experience: Minimum 04 (four) years experience in any Security Companies. Retired defense personnel at the rank of Warrant Officer/equivalent will be given preference.

Age: Maximum 50 years as on 12 June 2013. Qualification, experience and age limit may be relaxed in case of exceptionally qualified candidates.

6. Lab Officer (EEE) (01)

Qualification: BSc in Electrical & Electronic Engineering from any reputable university with experience in programmable logic circuit design & testing.

Age: Maximum 30 years as on 12 June 2013. Qualification, experience and age limit may be relaxed in case of exceptionally qualified candidates.

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Application Deadline : 12 June 2013