

# ADDITIONAL TRAINS FOR EID PASSENGERS

## Fund crisis hampers carriage repair

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Homebound passengers in West Zone of Bangladesh Railway (BR) are likely to face difficulties during the Eid ul Azha holidays early next month as special repair and re-installation works of damaged and dumped rail carriages at Saidpur Railway Workshop is hampered due to fund and material crisis.

Every year, before two Eids, the workshop officials and workers do additional work to repair and re-install damaged rail carriages, to attach them with intercity and mail trains for carrying additional passengers to ease the rush of homebound passengers.

Before the Eid ul Fitr two months ago, 83 carriages were re-installed to add to a number of intercity and mail trains and arrange two special trains in Dhaka-Parbatipur and Dhaka-Khulna routes, workshop sources said.

But ahead of the coming Eid ul Azha, the authority set a target to repair and re-install only 60 damaged and old rail carriages and that

too seems impossible as there is hardly any stock of vital repairing materials like MS sheet, flooring composition, brake beams, foundry materials etc in the work-

shop.

To tackle such situation, workshop authority on earlier occasions made local purchase of repairing materials and machinery parts

from own annual budget.

But this year, they cannot do so as the fund under the annual budget of 2014-2015 fiscal year did not reach in time.

"So far we have completed re-installation of only 18 carriages and handed them over to the railway traffic department to add them with trains. Only a few other carriages might be repaired by the third week of this month," said Kudrat-e-Khuda, works manager of the workshop.

Moksedul Momin, president of Saidpur Railway Workshop Workers' Union, alleged that some corrupt high ups in the BR are creating obstacles to supply of raw materials to the workshop for repair of damaged carriages as they want import of new carriages from abroad to get 'commission' at the cost on national interest.

Divisional Superintendent of Saidpur Railway Workshop Nur Ahmed Hossain said, "I have sent urgent messages to the office of the chief controller of store of BR at Pahartoli in Chittagong with request to send repair materials and spare parts quickly. We are trying to meet the re-installation target to lessen rail passengers' sufferings during the eid."



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**Damaged carriages and wagons are kept on the premises of Saidpur Railway Workshop as the authorities arranged massive repair work to make them usable for carrying more passengers ahead of the Eid ul Azha. Inset, an awfully damaged carriage undergoes renovation at the workshop.**

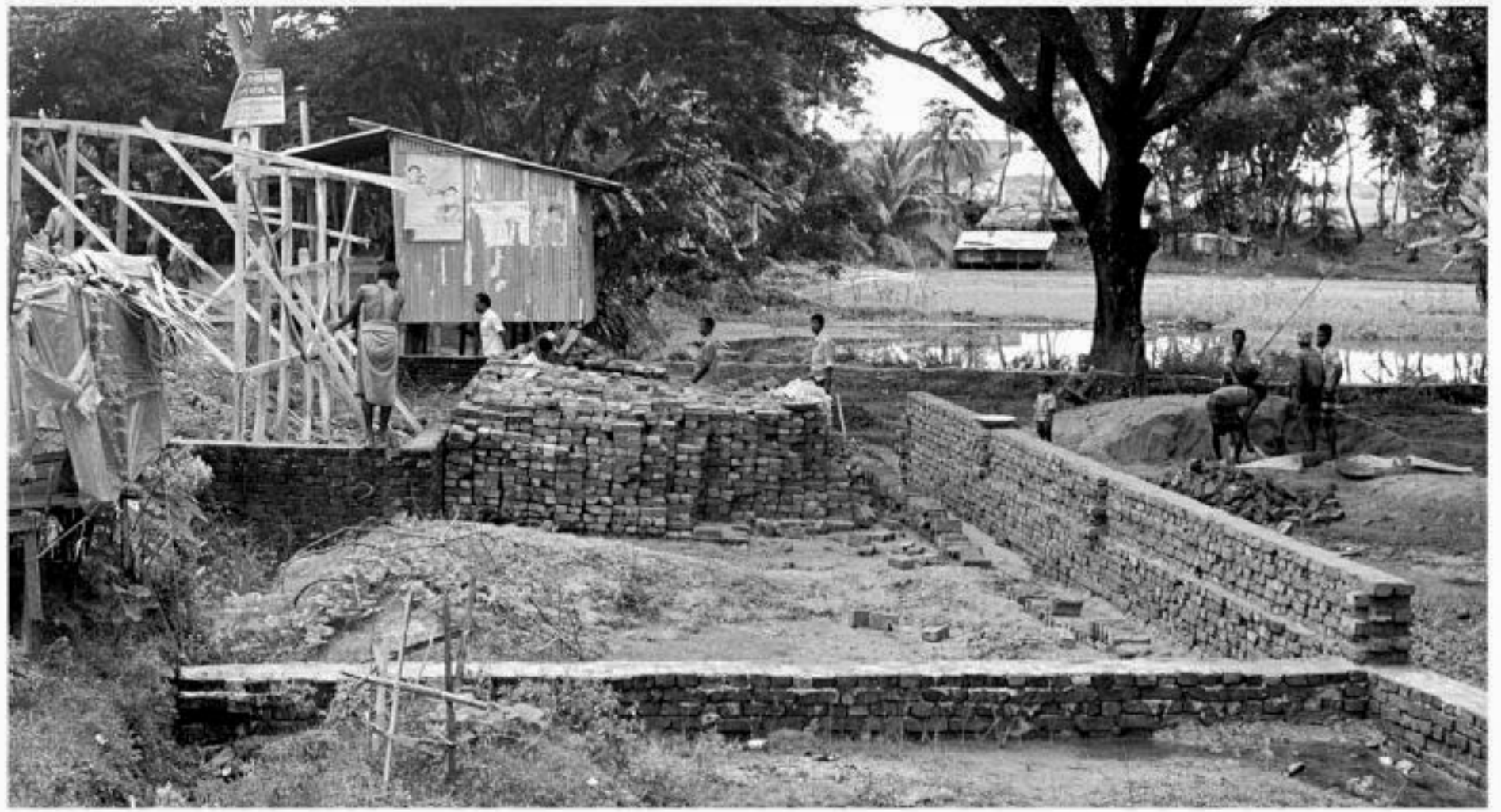


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**Illegal construction of a market on a government land at Baliatali in Kalapara upazila under Patuakhali district goes on by three brothers, also local activists of the ruling party**

## Illegal structures being built on govt land

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Three ruling party men have started building illegal structures, occupying government land in Baliatali area under Kalapara upazila.

Locals said, Aslam Howlader, vice-president of Kalapara upazila unit of Jubo League, Ziaur Rahman, president of Kalapara municipality unit of Jubo League, and Mushfiqur Rahman Hira, a leader of Kalapara upazila unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), were constructing permanent structure, grabbing Bailatali Union Parishad's land beside Kalapara-Kuakata alternative road.

They all are brothers of Mostafa Kamal, vice chairman of Kalapara Upazila Parishad, and ABM Humayun Kabir, chairman of Baliatali Union Parishad.

Locals further said, the three ruling party men

were building the permanent structures on the union parishad's land to build a market there. Construction materials were brought to the site four days ago, but nobody dared to protest the illegal act, fearing harassment, they added.

Aslam Howlader, one of occupiers, told this correspondent that they leased the land from Patuakhali Water Development Board (WDB) office recently, but he could not show this correspondent any documents relating to lease agreement.

Md Humayun Kabir, assistant commissioner (AC land) of Kalapara upazila, said they have asked the occupiers to stop construction work and hoisted a red flag at the site.

Contacted, Md Delwar Hossain Matabbar, additional DC (revenue), said lawful action will be taken against the occupiers of the government land.

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## Robbers kill sand trader, stab cop

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A sand trader was shot dead and three others were injured in an attack by a group of robbers in Bhuapur upazila on Wednesday morning.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Kuddus, 28, of Char Bihari village.

Mohammad Moniruzzaman, chairman of Gabsara union parishad, said a group of sand traders of Char Bihari village went

to Rehai Chanduni area for lifting sand from Jamuna River at 6:00am.

A robber gang, led by local notorious river robber Kuddus Mondol, went to the spot and demanded illegal toll from the sand lifters.

When they refused to give toll, the robbers sprayed bullets on the sand lifters and also stabbed them with sharp weapons, leaving sand trader Kuddus dead on the spot and three others injured.

## 3 killed in city

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injured, said Mashiur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Ramna Police Station.

They were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where Firoza and Chanburi were declared dead, said the OC.

The bodies of the females were handed over to their family members without autopsy.

Injured Azizul, 28, nephew of Firoza, and his wife, Ankhi, 20, are undergoing treatment at the hospital. The driver, Shaheen, 35, also received treatments there.


Meanwhile, a pick-up ran over Abu Bakar Siddique, a

sub-inspector of the Special Branch of police, and killed him at Kafrul.

The unidentified pick-up hit Siddique's motorcycle from behind and then ran over him around 2:00pm near the Air Force Headquarters. He died on the spot, said Sub-Inspector Rakibul Islam of Kafrul Police Station.

The victim's wife Selina Begum said Siddique was going to his workplace at Gono Bhaban from their residence at Kachukhet after lunch.

Siddique's body was sent to the DMC morgue for autopsy.

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