

Khulna-Kolkata test bus service starts today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

In another development towards road connectivity between Bangladesh and India, Khulna-Kolkata direct bus service will start on test through Benapole check post today.

It will be the third direct bus service between the two countries after Dhaka-Kolkata and Agartala-Dhaka. This initiative has been taken according to Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal Motor Vehicles Agreement.

Shuvendu Adhikari, transport minister of West Bengal, will inaugurate the bus service from in front of Rubi Hospital in Kolkata around 12:00noon.

A 12-member delegation led by Alapan Bandyopadhyay, principal secretary of the transport department in West Bengal, will be presented at the inauguration programme.

Besides, Bangladesh will start operation of goods-laden vehicles on Dhaka-Delhi via Kolkata route on trial basis the same day.



A girl rows a country boat to go to a nearby place from her water-logged house at Moshiti village in Abhoynagar upazila under Jessore district.

PROTECTION OF HAORS

Community-based approach stressed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Members of the civil society and government officials at a workshop urged the government to give special attention to the haor areas and ensure community-based approach for protection of those areas and their residents.

The General Economic Division (GED) of the Planning Commission in cooperation with UNDP-Bangladesh organised the workshop on "Environment and Climate Change Policy Gap Analysis in Haor areas" at a hotel in Srimangal here.

Md Kamrul Hasan, deputy commissioner of Moulvibazar, was in the chair.

GED member Prof Shamsul Alam, in his speech as the chief guest, said they should learn more about the issue concerning the water bodies to solve some of the problems.

Prof Mrityunjay Kundu, chairman of the Department of Aquatic Resource Management of Sylhet Agricultural University, said community-based sanctuary has to be ensured to save the haors, as the people of those areas know the problems.

In his keynote speech, Dr M Moklesur Rahman, Executive Director of Centre for Natural Resource Studies, said no attention has been paid to haor fisheries though haors are important Ramsar site. The role of the Department of Forestry in managing the Ramsar site is not clearly mentioned.

There is also a lack of focus on the impacts of climate change on fisheries resources and fish biodiversity in haor areas, he added.

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Idols damaged in Baufal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Unidentified criminals damaged several newly made idols of Hindu gods and goddesses at a temple in Baufal upazila of the district early yesterday, about six weeks ahead of Durga Puja.

They also left a handwritten note at the temple in Paulpara area, threatening people from the Hindu community not to offer their Puja.

The idols including those of Durga, Laxmi, Saraswati and lion were desecrated at the temple, said Barun Paul, president of Paulpara Puja Udjapan Committee.

Rupak Paul, one of the sculptors of the temple, said they left the temple on Sunday midnight and found the idols broken in the morning.

Officer-in-Charge Azam Khan of Baufal Police Station said police are investigating the incident. After investigation, police will take lawful action against the criminals, the OC added.

Baufal Upazila Nirbahi Officer Abdullah-al-Mahmud said they will take necessary steps to avert any further incident.

Rain worsens water-logging in Bhabodaha

1.3 million people are directly affected

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

The recent downpour for a couple of days has brought immense sufferings to around 1.3 million people, already affected by water-logging in Bhabodaha area consisting of Monirampur, Abhoynagar, Keshobpur upazilas of Jessore and large portions of Phultala and Dumuria upazilas of Khulna district.

The large area is now synonymous with perennial water logging as drainage channels Muktershari, Teka, Shree and Hori rivers have been silted up.

This excessive rain submerged agricultural land and destroyed many houses and at the same time latrines, source of safe drinking water, disrupted communication and the rhythm of daily life. Many educational institutions are shut down following inundation.

"Riverbed siltation is causing prolonged water-logging in south-western part of Khulna division for around three decades but our demand to the government for taking necessary steps to solve the problem failed to bring any result," said Gazi Abdul Hamid, member of a water management committee in Monirampur.

During a recent visit, this correspon-

dent observed that people of many villages of Abhoynagar and Monirampur upazilas are badly suffering due to the situation worsened by rain.

The water has continued increasing, villagers said.

"I have to remain watchful all the time to save my 18-month-old girl Shraboni as she tries to play with water that has entered my homestead," said Mithu Biswas, 41, a housewife of Sundoli village in Abhoynagar.

"All the 14 villages of my union are now flooded by rainwater. People are suffering for drinking water as many tube-wells are under water. All the educational institutions are affected," said Bikash Roy, chairman of Sundoli union parishad (UP).

Shakhor Chandra Roy, chairman of Kultiya UP, said 15 villages out of 17 are under water and 10 of them are in a serious condition.

Influential political leaders and musclemen occupied six hundred acres of land of Bhadra, Saltha, Khornia, Horinodi, Thukra-Humkura rivers flowing through Dumuria upazila, setting up brick fields, fish enclosures, houses etc.

As a result, 44 unions of Tala upazila under Satkhira district and Phultala and Dumuria upazilas under Khulna

district are affected by water-logging.

In early 1960s, the East Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority constructed polders under the Coastal Embankment Project to protect human settlements from tidal surge, cyclone, floods, saline water intrusion etc, said Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) sources.

But the process led to huge silt deposition in the river bed and consequent waterlogging in the nearby areas, they said.

Tidal River Management (TRM) technology might be considered for long-term or permanent solution for raising the low land areas but it will take time.

Probrir Kumar Goshami, executive engineer of BWDB, Jessore, said, "As part of our plan to solve the water-logging problem in Bhabodaha, we have sent a project proposal to the authority to excavate nine kilometres of Shree and Hori rivers from Bhabodaha Sluice Gate to Sholgatia."

Shawpon Bhattacharya, lawmaker from Jessore-5, said, "As per decision of a meeting at the ministry concerned, an expert team will visit Bhabodaha area very soon to find a solution to the water-logging problem in the area."

Revised 20-year plan okayed

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implementation. The construction of a new highway from Baorbhita of Munshiganj to Kalkartek in Narayanganj before the Padma Bridge is opened to traffic and completion of a road from the eastern side of the Balu river to the western side of Dhaka Bypass before the beginning of the construction of the MRT Line-1.

The Mass Rapid Transport Line-1 will connect Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport to Kamalapur, and later be extended to Gazipur and to Keraniganj Jhilmil Residential Area.

The STP was revised to develop the capital's internal road network, ease congestion and build a planned and coordinated modern mass transportation system, according to the summary of the revised STP placed by the Road Transport and Highways Division at the cabinet meeting.

According to the new STP, construction of five more expressways, Dhaka-Ashulia Elevated Expressway, Dhaka-Chittagong Expressway, Dhaka-Sylhet Expressway, Dhaka-Mawa Expressway and Dhaka-Mymensingh Expressway, has been proposed.

It said proposals have been made to construct five MRT lines; MRT Line-1, -2, -4, -5 and -6, known as metro rail, and two Bus Rapid Transit corridors to ease traffic jams in and around the capital.

It proposed construction of three ring roads -- inner, middle and outer -- and eight other roads -- Dhaka-Joydevpur, Dhaka-Tongi-Chorashal, Dhaka-Purbachal-Bhulta, Dhaka-Kanchpur-Meghna Bridge, Dhaka-Signboard-Narayanganj, Dhaka-Jhilmil-Ekuria, Dhaka-Aminbazar-Savar, and Dhaka-Ashulia-DEPZ.

At least 21 transport hubs (terminals) and circular waterways surrounding Dhaka will also be built.

The revised STP also proposed development of traffic safety and traffic management and reconstitution of the city public transport system through route rationalisation, formation of companies of operators and relocation of the bus terminals.

Implementation of short-, medium- and long-term projects has been suggested to cope with the additional vehicular movements in the future, which could almost

double by 2035, says the summary.

Contacted, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader told The Daily Star yesterday that the revised STP had been praised at the cabinet meeting for inclusion of a well-articulated plan to ease congestion.

The minister would brief media about the revised STP tomorrow.

Sifat

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October 31 last year.

A DB team arrested 24-year-old Sifat, who had a bounty of Tk 2 lakh on his head, near Cherag Ali Market in Tongi around 7:30pm on Tuesday.

Police on May 19 announced bounties of Tk 18 lakh for Sifat and five other militants.

Monirul said the five suspected militants had kept a watch on Dipan's movement for several days before carrying out the attack.

The militants had been motivated and trained for a month before the incident, added Monirul, also an additional commissioner of the DMP.



Tanvir Hossain Prince, a Masters degree holder, turns to cattle fattening in expectation of making good profit by selling 30 cattle before Eid-ul-Azha.

PHOTO: STAR

Cattle fattening changes his life

Tanvir bought 30 cattle at Tk 28 lakh, hopes to sell those at Tk 70 lakh ahead of Eid-ul-Azha

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

A self-employed man with a Masters degree hopes to make good profit selling fattened cattle ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

He expects that he will get profit of around Tk 40 lakh by selling 30 cattle ahead of the Eid festival. No fattening tablet has been given to his cattle, he said. They have been fed oil cake, bran, grass, wheat, maize and molasses, and will weigh around 15 maunds each.

The man, Tanvir Hossain Prince, 47, son of Amjad Hossain of Mollikipur under Kaliganj upazila, got Masters degree in history from Rajshahi University in 1995.

Earlier, Tanvir worked at a private bank in Kushtia for two years but gave up the job as it did not meet his needs. He tried poultry farming and fish farming before he got the idea of fattening cattle. He started a cattle farm on 32 bighas of land near Mollikipur bazar under the upazila in 2013.

In 2015, he got profit of Tk 13 lakh by selling 32 cattle. This year, he bought 30 cattle at Tk 28 lakh. Total cost, including labour and fodder, will come to Tk 31 lakh. He is hopeful that he will sell 30 cattle for Tk 70 lakh if Indian cattle are not available.

Tanvir told this correspondent that he bought the cattle from Satmile bazar under Benapole Police Station of Jessore paying VAT on May, 2016. They are of Nepali and Harian species.

Each cattle cost Tk 1.20 lakh and weighed 7/8 maund. It weighs around 14/15 maunds now.

Bablu Mia of Mollikipur village said, being inspired by Prince's cattle fattening he bought three cattle for Tk 90 thousand in May. He hopes to sell them for Tk 1.50 lakh. He added that cattle fattening is now more profitable than other businesses.

Jhenidah district livestock officer Hafizur Rahman said around 45,338 cattle, 168 buffaloes, 7,986 goats and 1,139 sheep have been fattened in Jhenidah ahead of Eid. The owners of the cattle farms will be able to provide the cattle to other districts after fulfilling the demand of the people of Jhenidah.

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