

# Save Kuakata beach project on cards

## Tk 200cr plan for green sea wall, geo-tube in line with Kerala model of India

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Water Development Board (WDB) is going to take up a mega project to save Kuakata beach from erosion.

The Tk 200 crore project titled 'Kuakata Sea Beach Protection and Development' will follow the Kerala model of India. Under the project, 'green sea wall' and 'geo-tube' would be set up on the beach and in the sea.

Md Abul Khayer, executive engineer of WDB in Kalapara, said they had completed the feasibility study and design for the project and will submit a development project proposal to the higher authorities for approval.

'Geo-tube' is a sand-filled plastic tube that will be set up around 15 to 20 metres under the sea to protect the shore from tidal surges. 'Green sea wall' is a special type of dyke built with earth-filled sacks on which grass can grow, he added.

A WDB team led by Chief Engineer (Design) Md Jahangir Kabir took part in a discussion at Indian Institute of Technology

(IIT) in Madras in this regard last year. They also visited the 'green sea wall' there and planned to apply the technology in Kuakata.

Prof V Sundor of Sea Engineering Department at IIT visited Kuakata in November last year. WDB took up this project after discussions with him, Khayer said.

Water Resources Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud and State Minister Nazrul Islam visited Kuakata beach on September 1 this year and assured the residents that they would take steps to save Kuakata beach from erosion.

Kuakata Municipality Mayor Abdul Bareq Mollah said the beach is an eye-catching tourist spot but it is losing its natural beauty due to erosion caused by tidal surge. If erosion can be stopped, many investors would go there and the tourist spot would be a very pleasant place, he added.

The government should also take up sustainable development projects to improve the tourist spot, Bareq said.



Water Development Board is set to take up a Tk 200 crore project for erosion-hit Kuakata beach in Patuakhali.

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An artisan adds decorations to an idol ahead of Durga Puja to be celebrated on October 7-11. The photo was taken from Roypara Durga Temple in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila yesterday.

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# Durga gets final touch

## Idol makers are passing busy time ahead of puja

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With Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of Bangalee Hindus, around the corner, artisans of Lalmonirhat, Bogra and Mymensingh are passing busy time, putting final touches on idols.

At least 417 Puja mandops (temporary temples) have been set up in five upazilas of Lalmonirhat to celebrate the festival, the worship of the goddess, Durga, to be held on October 7-11, reports our correspondent.

Idol makers from different areas of the district as well as those coming from Bogra, Tangail, Faridpur, Rajbari, Nilphamari, and even India, weeks before the occasion are busy putting final touches on the clay images of the deities at the temples.

Idol maker Narayan Chandra Roy, 50, of Roypara village in Sadar upazila, said they are working round-the-clock putting final touches on the idols.

Meanwhile, hiring rate of drummers has almost doubled ahead of the festival, said

members of different temple management committees.

Due to their high rate, many temple committee members are yet to hire drummers although a few days are left to celebrate Durga Puja.

A drummer is now charging Tk 8-20 thousand for four days while it was Tk 4-8 thousand last year, said some members of the committees.

According to our Bogra correspondent, all-out preparations to celebrate the five-day celebration have been going on in full swing in twelve upazilas of the district.

As part of the celebration, at least 619 mandops have been set up in the district, said Bogra police.

Idol maker Shuvash Chandra of the town said they are busy making images of the goddess at different temples in the town.

In Mymensingh, as the festival is knocking at the door, idol makers are passing busy days, making clay images of Durga in at least 710 Puja mandops in Sadar and Muktagachha upazilas, reports our correspondent.

# 50 injured in Sunamganj clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

More than 50 people were injured in a clash between of two groups of villagers at Derai upazila in Sunamganj yesterday.

Locals said Sahed Mia of Rafinagar village locked in an altercation with Ali Akbar of the same village over supremacy in the area, triggering the clash around 7:00am.

The clash began, in a sequel to the altercation, at Rafinagar, leaving at least 50 injured. Of the injured, 10 were rushed to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College and Hospital, 15 to Sunamganj Sadar Hospital and 10 to Derai Health Complex while others were given first aid.

The agitated villagers vandalised all 30 shops of a local bazar during the two-hour clash.

Vehicular movement on the local road was also disrupted for one hour, creating a long tailback.

On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control, said Abdul Jalil, officer-in-charge (OC) of Derai Police Station.

Additional police were deployed to fend off further incident, the OC added.

12 YEARS INTO MURDER

# Killers of Dipankar yet to be arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Over a decade into the brutal murder, journalist Dipankar Chakrabarty's killers are yet to be brought to justice.

Dipankar, 54, former vice president of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, was hacked to death at Shannalpara in Sherpur municipality on October 2 in 2004 when he was returning home from his workplace in Bogra town.

His son Partho Sharothi Chakrabarty later filed a murder case with Sherpur Police Station, accusing unidentified criminals. The case was later shifted to Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

But two consecutive investigation officers submitted final reports and the complainant placed naraji (no-confidence) petition to the court each time.

Failing to trace out the main killers, the then Assistant Superintendent of Police (CID) Abdus Samad Mia submitted final report, releasing 7 suspected arrestees in mid-2013.

Demanding further investigation and punishment of the killers of Dipankar, journalists of Bogra will form a human chain in the town today.

# Father cries for return of missing daughter

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A man of the Hindu community, at a press conference called by him yesterday at Mymensingh Press Club, demanded immediate rescue of his daughter, who has been missing for over a month.

Manik Chandra Das, a tea stall owner at Amirabari Namapara area in Trishal upazila of the district, said his daughter, a student at a local college, faced stalking by Rakib Miah, son of Rafiqul Islam of the village, for long.

Rakib proposed his 'love' to her several times in the last four months. As the girl refused every time, Rakib threatened that he would teach her a good lesson, Manik alleged.

"When my daughter went to collect water from a tube-well at local Kashiganj Bazar around 7:00am on July 23, Rakib and his accomplices abducted her. She has remained untraced

since then," he said.

He said he informed Rakib's family members about the incident but they did not help him.

Manik said he filed a case with Trishal Police Station, accusing Rakib, his parents and his cousin Faruq, a rice trader, the following day, but police did not take any steps to rescue his daughter.

Since filing of the case, the accused and their men have been threatening him to withdraw the case or face dire consequences, he alleged.

Leaders of the district and Trishal upazila units of Hindu-Buddhist-Christian Oikya Parishad (HBCOP) met with Trishal police regarding the matter.

President of the Mymensingh unit of HBCOP Advocate Bikash Roy, advocate Proshanto Kumar Das and Gouranga Saha were present at the press conference, among others.



# Radha to share experience in Paris meet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A young girls' rights activist from a remote village in Khansama upazila under the district flies to Paris today to attend International Day of the Girl programmes starting tomorrow.

The 10-day programme will end on October 12.

The participant from Khansama, Radha Rani, 21, is going there at the invitation of Plan International France, said Abdul Mannan, programme unit manager of Plan International Bangladesh in Dinajpur.

She is the youngest of the five daughters of Gopal Chandra Sarker and Shanti Rani Sarker of Arazijugir Chopra village of Khansama upazila, and a second year honours student of Hossainpur College.

Radha will attend several programmes in Paris and visit different educational institutes in France, meet with the mayor of Paris, parliament members, attend discussions and debates and join interviews with television channels in France.

"I want to learn from them about abilities, power and challenges to change the world, alongside sharing my experiences and ideas about protecting the girls' rights," Radha told the reporters before leaving Dinajpur yesterday.

Working as a rights activist in Khansama upazila since 2005, Radha has prevented many underage marriages of girls in the area and participated in awareness programmes to ensure girls' rights to education.



THEY JOIN RULING PARTY: Jamaat-e-Islami leader Maulana Sohrab Ali, also vice chairman of Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila parishad, hands over a bunch of flowers to local Awami League (AL) lawmaker Md Abdul Wadud at a function at Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the district town yesterday as Sohrab, an accused in several cases for torching vehicles, obstructing government duty and attacking policemen, joined the ruling party. Jamaat leaders Afroj Julmat, another accused of similar crimes, Mizanur Rahman and Abdullah al Kafi also joined the AL along with around 500 BNP activists at the programme.

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### Corrigendum Notice

This is to inform all concerned that the following correction have been made in the "Invitation for Tenders" by this office Memo No. 25.36.3200.114.14.039.14.1975(50) Dated: 20-09-2016, IFT No. 02G(Civil)/2016-2017 Dated 20-09-2016 for the following work.

| IFT & TDS Identification | As mentioned in IFT & TDS  | To be replaced as   |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Tender Name              |  |   |
| IFT-12                   | "Establishment of Fire Service and Civil Defence Station in 156 Upazila/Places of the Country" one at Sadullahpur Upazila under the District of Gaibandha (Sub-head: Construction of 3 (three)-storied functional Building-cum-Barrack with Station Officer's Residence .....  | "Establishment of Fire Service and Civil Defence Station in 156 Upazila/Places of the Country" one at Sadullahpur Upazila under the District of Gaibandha (Sub-head: Construction of 4 (four)-storied functional Building-cum-Barrack with Station Officer's Residence.....   |
| IFT-15                   | Tender opening date, time & place of opening tender document<br>18/10/2016 at 1:00pm, Office of the Executive Engineer, Gaibandha PWD, Gaibandha   | 18/10/2016 at 2:30pm, Office of the Executive Engineer, Gaibandha PWD, Gaibandha  |
| IFT-17                   | Name & address of the offices for receiving tender document<br>Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD, Gaibandha  | (i) Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD, Gaibandha.<br>(ii) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Gaibandha.<br>(iii) Office of the Superintendent of Police, Gaibandha.<br>(iv) Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD Circle, Rangpur.   |
| Eligibility of tenderers |  |   |
| IFT-19(b) & ITT-14.1(b)  | Having experience in successful completion of at least 1(one) number of building construction work including civil, sanitary and internal electrification works amounting Tk 120.00 (one hundred twenty) lac in a single tender in government/semi-government/autonomous organization of Bangladesh during the last 05 (five) years (years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper) | Having experience in successful completion of at least 1(one) number of building construction work including civil, sanitary and internal electrification works amounting Tk 180.00 (one hundred eighty) lac in a single tender in government/semi-government/autonomous organization of Bangladesh during the last 05 (five) years (years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper). |
| IFT-19(c) & ITT-15.1(a)  | The tenderers shall have a minimum average annual construction turnover during last5 (five) years of Tk 185 (one hundred eighty-five) lac  | The tenderers shall have a minimum average annual construction turnover during last5 (five) years of Tk 280 (two hundred eighty) lac.   |
| IFT-19(d) & ITT-15.1(b)  | The minimum amount of free fund (liquid asset) or working capital or credit facilities net of the tenderer shall be Tk 50 (fifty) lac only   | The minimum amount of free fund (liquid asset) or working capital or credit facilities net of the tenderer shall be Tk 70 (seventy) lac only.   |
| IFT-22 & ITT-35.1        | (i) List of works.<br>(ii) Tender security in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guaranteee.<br>Tk 4.60 (four point six zero) lac only in favour of Executive Engineer, Gaibandha   | Tk 7.00 (seven) lac only in favour of Executive Engineer, Gaibandha.  |

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. This corrigendum will be a part and parcel of this tender.

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