

Bridge collapses under overloaded trucks

Communication cut on several routes due to the disaster in Pirojpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Road communications on several routes have remained suspended as an iron bridge over a canal in Bhandaria upazila under the district collapsed under the pressure of two stone-laden trucks early yesterday.

Two stone loaded trucks, going from Pirojpur to Mathbaria on Pirojpur-Bhandaria-Mathbaria road, simultaneously got into the bridge at Madarshi village around 2:00am, causing its collapse, locals said.

As the two trucks remained stuck on the bridge, road communication with Mathbaria from Bhandaria, Pirojpur, Barisal, Khulna and Dhaka has remained suspended. The accident also cut road communication with Barguna from Bhandaria, Pirojpur and Khulna.

Locals are now crossing the canal by boat. Md Nazrul Islam, executive engineer of Pirojpur Roads and Highways Department

(RHD), said the iron bridge is very old and there is no span in the middle of the long structure. It collapsed failing to bear the excessive load of the two vehicles.

"There is no iron bridge like this one in the district. We have sent a few persons to Gopalganj to take experts' help as there is a bridge with the same pattern. It may take a week to one month to make the bridge usable.

"The drivers and helpers of the two trucks went into hiding and we will file a case against them after consulting with the higher authorities," said the RHD engineer.

In June last year, another iron bridge collapsed at Gudighata village in Mathbaria upazila on the same road as two stone-loaded trucks got into it together. But no new bridge has been built there yet.

Instead, two sides of the road have been connected making an embankment across the canal.



This iron bridge over Madarshi canal in Bhandaria upazila of Pirojpur collapsed as two overloaded trucks simultaneously got on it early yesterday.

Ansarullah Bangla Team man held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Police arrested an alleged member of banned militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) from Gobindapur village in Moheshpur upazila of the district on Friday night.

The arrestee is Tokon Hossain, 25, son of Ibrahim Mondol of the village, said Assistant Superintendent of Police Ajbahar Ali Sheikh.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided Tokon's house in the village at night and arrested him, said the ASP.

Tokon had been running militancy activity through opening two Facebook accounts named Abu Tashin and Abu Tashin Kaka, said the police official.

Expat woman gang-raped

Jubo League man arrested in Ishwarganj on charge of raping the victim from Gopalganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police yesterday detained a local Jubo League leader in Mymensingh's Ishwarganj upazila in connection with a case for gang raping an expatriate widow last Sunday.

The arrestee, Borhan Uddin, 30, a resident of Bhatirchar village under Rajibpur union, is president of Jubo League's ward No 2 unit of the union.

The law enforcers made the arrest after the 28-year-old victim, a female garment worker working in Jordan, lodged a case with Ishwarganj Police Station accusing nine people on Friday.

Officer-in-Charge (investigation) Ruhul Amin of Ishwarganj Police Station said Masud Rana alias Jewel, son of Nurul Islam of

Bhatirchar village, developed an affair with the victim through Facebook about a year ago.

Since the beginning of their affair Jewel was repeatedly requesting the woman, who went to Jordan after her husband's death about seven years ago, to return home, promising to marry her.

The woman, a resident of Kotalipara upazila in Gopalganj, returned to the country on July 6 and met Jewel at her brother's house in the capital the same day, before starting for her village home, said the OC, also investigation officer of the case.

Following Jewel's request, the woman and her elder sister went to visit his home in Ishwarganj on August 6 and met Jewel and his friend Sajib, before boarding a CNG-run auto-rickshaw for Jewel's house.

But instead of Jewel's house the duo took the sisters to an abandoned place near Latiamari area around 10:30pm where the other accused of the case joined them.

They later raped the victim after tying her sister's hands and legs with rope and left the spot, threatening them not to disclose the matter to others.

The following morning, the two sisters met local union parishad chairman Modabbirul Islam, who arranged their return tickets for Dhaka, the IO said.

On Friday, the woman and her uncle went to Ishwarganj and filed a case against nine people, including Jewel, Sajib and Borhan.

Meanwhile, Borhan confessed to his involvement after police produced him before a Mymensingh court later on the day.

Cattle smuggling on ahead of Eid

12 cattle seized in Sunamganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Cattle smuggling ahead of Eid-ul-Azha through the border areas in Sunamganj has continued, in spite of recurring drives by different law enforcement agencies, especially Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).

BGB seized nine cattle worth about Tk 3.15 lakh on the Lawergor border area in the district on Friday night. On Thursday night, they seized three cattle worth about Tk 1.05 lakh in Berektila border area.

Syndicates of cattle smugglers bring cattle through border points in different upazilas of the district from neighbouring India, and those are supplied to different parts of the country by Legunas, trucks, minibuses, pick-ups and boats.

Border areas of Tekergat in Taherpur upazila and Naraontola in Sadar upazila are serving as safe zones for smugglers, locals said.

Smugglers usually prefer the routes in different border areas of the district as the rivers there make the task easy, they said.

BGB Commanding Officer Lt Col Nasir Uddin Ahmed told this correspondent that they have zero-tolerance regarding cattle smuggling, especially before Eid-ul-Azha.

Difficulty in communication is the main problem in proper patrolling of the border areas in the district, he added.

62 detained with Yaba in Bagerhat

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Law enforcers in a special drive detained 62 people on charges of various criminal activities in nine upazilas of the district early yesterday.

They also recovered 35 Yaba tablets from their possession, said Superintendent of Police Pankaj Chandra Roy.

Five cases were filed against them under Narcotics Control Act, said the SP.

Of them, nine people were arrested from Sadar upazila, 15 from Morelganj, ten from Mongla, five each from Mollahat, Fakirhat and Sharankhola, seven from Rampal and three each from Chitalmari and Kachua.



The carcass of an elephant at a bordering village in Sribardi upazila of Sherpur yesterday. It died after eating poisoned food, says Veterinary Surgeon Md Mehedi Hasan. Inset, onlookers gather in front of the houses destroyed by a herd of wild elephants. The animals damaged cropland at midnight and ate urea fertilizer from godowns there.



Three Indians among 9 arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday detained nine people, including three Indian nationals, while they were entering the county through Gatipara border under Benapole Port Police Station.

The six Bangladeshi nationals, including three men, two women and a child, hailed from different villages in Morelganj upazila of Bagerhat.

However, the identity of the Indian nationals could not be known till filing of this report as of 5:30pm.

Shahidul Islam, company commander of BGB 49 Battalion in Benapole, said a team of the border guards, acting on a tip-off, raided the area in the morning and arrested the nine.

The detained Bangladeshis went to New Delhi in search of better jobs there, Shahidul said.

BGB handed over the arrestees to the Benapole Port Police.

Woman dies in Dinajpur wall collapse

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A woman died when a wall collapsed on her in Kaharol upazila of the district yesterday.

The victim was Aroda Rani Das, 50, wife of late Sudhin Chandra Das of Noyabad (Daspara) village. Villagers said the

woman was working near a tube well when a mud wall, which had become weak due to continuous rain for the last two days, suddenly collapsed and buried her. She died on the spot.

Ramchandrapur Union Parishad Chairman Ataur Rahman confirmed it.

Guardians happy over anti-drug drives

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

At least 30 drug peddlers were arrested during an anti-drug drive in the district in the last 12 days, bringing relief to the parents and guardians.

Detective Branch (DB) of police detained drug peddler Nasir Hossain on Thursday from Rajapur Sadar upazila during their 12-day drive that ended yesterday, said Superintendent of Police Md Jobaydur Rahman.

Police conducted 24 raids in the district and detained around 30 drug peddlers, he said, adding that they are trying to nab the drug peddlers as well as their godfathers.

Police caught Nasir red-handed while he was selling Yaba, Jobaydur added. Earlier, police arrested drug peddlers Sohag Gazi and Babu alias Apache Babu who said they collected Yaba from Nasir, said Rajapur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Sheikh Munirul Gias.

Nasir, son of Menajuddin, is one of the main Yaba peddlers in the area and suppliers to the neighbouring upazilas, said a drug addict.

"If police continue their raids against drugs and ensure punishment of the drug peddlers, drugs abuse would disappear from the area very soon," said Akkas Sikder, general secretary of Jhalakathi Press Club.

"Such activities of police have lessened the tension of parents like me," said Akijur Rahman, father of two boys. He demanded immediate arrest of all the drug peddlers.

Man crushed under train's wheels

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A youth was crushed under the wheels of a train at Mymensingh Railway Station yesterday.

The deceased was farm worker Faruq Hossain, 25, son of Abdul Mannaf of Netrakona's Durgapur upazila.

Faruq along with his father and two brothers was waiting at the railway station for a train to return home, said Officer-in-Charge Md Abdul Mannan Farazi of Government Railway Police, Mymensingh.

When Faruq was getting up a Jaria-Jhanjail bound train, he slipped down from the train and was crushed under its wheels. He died on the spot, said the OC.

On information, police recovered the body from the spot and sent it to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

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Invitation for Enlistment

Sl. No.	Description	Detail
1.	Ministry/division	Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
2.	Agency	Department of Immigration & Passports (DIP).
3.	Procuring entity name	Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
4.	Procuring entity code	N/A
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
6.	Invitation for	Enlistment of firm for the supply of furniture, electronics, stationery items & goods, stamp & seals and related service.
7.	Invitation Ref No.	DPVO/Dha/Admin-1/331/2017-2018/1256
8.	Date	10/08/2017

KEY INFORMATION

9.	Procurement method	Limited Tendering Method.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10.	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB).
11.	Development partners	None

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12.	Office code	N/A
13.	Office name	Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
14.	Application closing date and time	30/08/2017 at 01:00pm (BST).

15.	Name & address	Md. Ismail Hossain, Assistant Director, Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka, Room No. 603. Telephone No. 02-58156425.
	Application form availability	
	Receiving application form	

INFORMATION FOR APPLICATION

16.	Eligibility of application	a) Vat registration and TIN certificate of the suppliers. b) Up-to-date trade license of local agent from City Corporation. c) Proprietorship/partnership/limited company i.e. Concerned commercial documents (photocopy) of the tenders. d) Money receipt of purchase of tender documents. e) Proof of solvency. f) Must confirm that has legal capacity to enter into a contract under the authority with valid Power of Attorney. g) At least 3 years experience certificate for the supply of similar goods and related service.
17.	Brief description of goods or works	a) Supply of stationery items. b) Supply of office furniture. c) Supply of electronics goods and miscellaneous items.
18.	Brief description of related or physical services	N/A
19.	Price of application form	1000.00 BDT

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

20.	Name of official inviting application	Director
21.	Designation of official inviting application	Director
22.	Address of official inviting application	Director, Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
23.	Contact details of official inviting application	Telephone No: 02-58156425, Mobile No-

The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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