



This microbus fell into the gap between the bridge and the approach road, created by illegal sand lifting and heavy rain in Chunarughat upazila of Habiganj.

Bridge connecting road collapses

Illegal sand lifting blamed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The approach road to the bridge over a canal on the old Sylhet-Dhaka road collapsed early morning yesterday following illegal sand lifting and incessant rain for the last three days.

Road communication between Sylhet and Dhaka was suspended yesterday following the collapse of the bridge over Chandi Cherra in Ramgonga area under Chunarughat upazila of Habiganj.

A running microbus fell into the gap between the bridge and the road early yesterday. Five passengers were injured and received treatment locally.

Deputy Divisional Engineer of the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) Hamidul Islam told this correspondent that a section of the old Dhaka-Sylhet road collapsed near the bridge on Sunday night due to heavy rain and surge of water from the hills.

It will take some time to repair the bridge, he said, adding that it will take three days to build an alternate road.

A good number of bridges have been damaged under the pressure of water and extraction of sand from rivers, making those risky for movement, he added.

Milon Mia, a college student of the area, said he has to suffer a lot as the road is badly damaged and crossing the bridge is risky.

Munem Mia, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver of Chandpur village, said they are facing financial loss due to the damaged bridge.

During a visit to the spot, this correspondent found villagers, including kids going to school, walking on the broken road amid risk of accident. The sufferings of the people increase when rainwater fills the potholes. Vehicular movement on the road has been suspended.

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon's (Bapa) Habiganj unit General Secretary Tofazzal Sohel told this correspondent that one cause for the collapse is unabated illegal sand lifting by some local influential people. That has led to the erosion of agricultural land, including villages, of the area, he added.

Former head of the Department of Forestry and Environmental Science at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology Narayan Saha, told this correspondent that the main causes of the collapse are sand lifting and felling of trees.

It is important to stop sand lifting to prevent such kinds of accidents, he added.

Aman farming uncertain in Gaibandha, Dinajpur

Farmers in the dists fear fresh flood, face severe seedling crisis

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Flood-hit farmers in Gaibandha have stopped planting Aman seedlings, fearing fresh flood as re-planted seedlings on vast lands in low-lying areas went under rainwater.

Meanwhile, Aman farming has become costlier for Dinajpur growers due to severe seedling crisis created by last month's flood.

As heavy downpour for the last three days again inundated low-lying areas in different upazilas of Gaibandha, fear-stricken farmers stopped planting the costly seedlings, reports our correspondent.

The farmers incurred huge loss this season, as they planted Aman seedlings twice earlier and they are now attempting to plant for the third time.

According to the control room of Gaibandha Water Development Board, 15 millimetres of rainfall was recorded during the last three days. Besides, increasing trend of water level was marked in the Jamuna and Teesta river basin areas. During the last 24 hours, water level in the river Jamuna

increased by 10 centimetres.

Landless and marginal farmers have given up the idea of fresh plantation of Aman seedlings, as they could not procure high priced seedlings from the market. So they are planning for Rabi crop farming.

"All seedlings on my five bighas of land were washed away by the floodwater. I again planted seedlings on two bighas of land, but they went under water," said Sontosh Kumar, a farmer of Kholahati village in Sadar upazila.

"We don't like to take risk of further plantation of seedlings with the increasing trend of water level in river basin together with heavy downpour," said Rafiqul Islam, another farmer of the village.

"Three days ago, we sold seedlings at Tk 400 to Tk 500 per pawn (80 bundles), but now there is no customer," said Idris Ali, a seedling vendor.

If such a situation prevails for the next few days, the seedlings will perish, causing huge loss, said Yasin Ali, another vendor.

In Dinajpur, severe Aman seedling crisis worries farmers in the

district. The situation was created due to last month's flood that washed away seedbeds, reports our correspondent.

The Department of Agriculture Extension in the district targets cultivation of Aman paddy on 2,53,687 hectares of land.

Some people are bringing Aman saplings to Dinajpur from other districts like Bogra to meet the crisis, but it is too expensive, said farmers.

Mominul Islam of Galtabari village in Biral upazila said he planted Aman on an acre of land this season. He spent Tk 600 for seedlings. Flood washed away the seedlings. After flood, he purchased the same quantity of seedlings at Tk 12,000.

On the other hand, many Aman farmers sold their lands for low prices after floods.

Colam Mostafa, deputy director of DAE in Dinajpur, said such problem will not affect their rice production target this year. His office distributed sufficient seedlings among the affected farmers.

Train derails in B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Four compartments, including the engine, of a Dhaka-bound intercity train derailed near Brahmanbaria Railway Station early yesterday.

The rail communication between Dhaka and the eastern zone of the country was disrupted for ten hours following the derailment. No casualty was reported.

The Dhaka-bound Turna Nishita Express train from Chittagong derailed at Poniout rail crossing around 4:00am, said Md Mainul Hoque, assistant station master of Brahmanbaria Railway Station.

Rail links of the eastern districts, including Chittagong, Sylhet, Noakhali and Chandpur routes with the capital, were restored through an alternative line, he added.

A new engine was connected to the train before leaving for Dhaka, he said.

The reason behind the derailment could not be known immediately, he said, adding that a four-member committee was formed to probe the accident.



Children raise fund for Rohingya kids

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Touched by the plight of Rohingya refugee kids, the students of Amir Salfu Government Primary School in Kulaura upazila under the district have come forward to lessen their sufferings with whatever little means they have.

Visiting the school yesterday, this correspondent saw the kids raising fund by saving from their tiffin money.

"We were touched to see in the TV that Rohingya kids are crying for food. We decided to help them. On the first day, we have collected cash Tk 471 and some dresses," said Arif Ahmed, Cub Scout captain of the school.

"After completing our collection, we

will send it for the children sheltered in Cox's Bazar area," he said.

Under the banner of 'Mohanubhabatar Deyal' (wall of generosity), school students started taking part in charity works five months ago.

"Our parents and teachers have also started contributing," said Pria Akther of Class IV.

Her mother Nurun Nesa said, "I feel proud to see my kids willing to help distressed Rohingya kids."

"It is really enlightening to see kids' humanitarian efforts. Such initiatives will help to bring positive change in the society," said Abu Sayed Md Shafiqur Rahman Siddique, headmaster of Amir Salfu Government Primary School.

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e-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. 11/2017-18

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (" http://www.eprocure.gov.bd ") for the Procurement of Works as stated below:				
SI No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tender ID No.	Method of tender
1	IRIP-2/ Syl/DW-291	(a) Improvement of Kuria Notun Bazar BC-Doulapur H.C.C. Connection Road Ch. 350-850m (ID No. 691965198) (b) Improvement of Kuria-Notun Bazar Road-Kapori Prokashito Khalpar Bazar Road Ch. 00-300m (ID No. 691965376) under Upazila : Osmaniagar, District: Sylhet	119200	OTM
2	IRIDP-2/ Syl/DW-292	(a) Improvement of Tajpur-Balaganj Road Edghabazar-Thanagaon Edgha Road Ch. 00-600m (ID No. 691964108) (b) Construction of 2 Nos. 0.625mx0.600m Slab Culvert at Ch. 274m & 590m on the same road under Upazila: Osmaniagar, District: Sylhet	119201	OTM
3	IRIDP-2/ Syl/DW-293	(a) Improvement of Tajpur-Balaganj Road-East Mullapara Road Ch. 00-500m ID No. 691965097 (b) Construction of 1 No. 0.625mx0.600m Slab Culvert at Ch. 387m on the same road under Upazila: Osmaniagar, District: Sylhet (Salvage Cost Tk 67020.80)	119202	OTM
4	IRIDP-2/ Syl/DW-294	(a) Improvement of Moia Bazar Madar Bazar Road Verakhal Uppottra-Zafar Khal Road Ch. 00-500m ID No. 691965284 (b) Improvement of Verakhal Uppottra Shaif Nagar Mosque-Mosuk Miah House Road Ch. 00-200m (ID No. 691965290) under Upazila: Osmaniagar, District: Sylhet	119203	OTM
5	IRIDP-2/ SYL/DW-295	(a) Improvement of Tajpur Bazar-Varea Road Pathagar Sitedha Kamarpur GPS Road Ch. 00-525m (ID No. 691965368) (b) Construction of 2 Nos. 0.625mx0.600m Slab Culvert at Ch. 202m & 416m on the same road under Upazila: Osmaniagar, District: Sylhet (Salvage Cost Tk 50176.00)	119204	OTM
6	IRIDP-2/ SYL/DW-296	(a) Improvement of Dhaka-Sylhet highway-Surutpur Madrasa Road Ch. 00-513m (ID No. 691965307) (b) Construction of 2 Nos. 0.625mx0.600m Slab Culvert at Ch. 80m & 358m on the same road under Upazila: Osmaniagar, District: Sylhet (Salvage Cost Tk 50176.00)	119205	OTM
7	IRIDP-2/ Syl/DW-297	Improvement of Shingerkach Bazar-GC-Ujjiraj Road Ch. 00-500m (ID No. 691204011) under Upazila: Biswanath, District Sylhet. (Salvage Cost Tk 97664.00)	119206	OTM
8	IRIDP-2/ Syl/DW-298	(a) Improvement of Biswmath-Rampasha Road From Doshdol Bridge to Kadipur Road Ch. 00-500m (ID No. 691205197) and (b) Construction of 1 No. 0.625mx0.900m Slab Culvert at Ch. 365m on the same road under Upazila: Companiganj, District: Sylhet (Salvage Cost Tk 102896.64)	119207	OTM
9	IRIDP-2/ Syl/DW-299	Improvement of Dashgor Masukhal-Dashgor Jame Mosque Road Ch. 00-500m (ID No. 691205044) under Upazila: Biswanath, District: Sylhet (Salvage Cost Tk 192998.40)	119208	OTM
10	IRIDP-2/ Syl/DW-300	Improvement of Shingerkach Bazar-Majhagaon via Pashim Tuker Bazar Road Ch. 600-1100m (ID No. 69120402) under Upazila: Biswanath, District: Sylhet	119209	OTM
11	IRIDP-2/Syl/DW-301	(a) Improvement of Fenchuganj Bariganj Bazar Road-Uttar Moholla Jame Moshjid-Bani Gazi Paschim Jame Moshjid Road Ch. 00-973 (ID No. 691384147) (b) Construction of 1 No. 1.00mx1.00m RCC Box Culvert at Ch. 285m and (c) Construction of 2 Nos. 0.625mx0.600m Slab Culvert at Ch. 790m & 876m on the same road under Upazila: Golapganj, District: Sylhet (Salvage Cost Tk 1405824.00)	119210	OTM
12	IRIDP-2/ SYL/DW-302	(a) Improvement of RHD Road-Chakrabartee GPS-Chakrabartee Road Ch. 00-995m (ID No. 691385151) and (b) 8 Nos. 0.625mx0.600m Slab Culvert at Ch. 38m 99m 348m 585m 712m 801m 978m & 944m on the same road under Upazila: Golapganj, District: Sylhet (Salvage Cost Tk 76167.17)	119211	OTM
13	IRIDP-2/ SYL/DW-303	(a) Improvement of RHD road Salangah Kalash Mokam-Mokambari Kodamli Munshpara road Ch. 65-1065m (ID No. 691384067) and (b) Construction of 3 Nos. 0.625mx0.600m Slab Culvert at Ch. 180m 574m & 720m on the same road under Upazila: Golapganj, District: Sylhet	119212	OTM
14	IRIDP-2/ Syl/DW-304	(a) Improvement of RHD Road Maddo Kanishali Moshid-DM Road Bormopur Moshid Ch. 00.500m (ID No. 691385236) and (b) Construction of 2 Nos. 0.625mx0.600m Slab Culvert at Ch. 82m & 485m on the same road under Upazila: Golapganj, District: Sylhet	11913	OTM
15	IRIDP-2/ Syl/DW-305	(a) Improvement of Pashinbagh-Murakia-Pashinbagh Mohila Madrasa Road Ch. 00-1000m (ID No. 691384057) and (b) Construction of 3 Nos. 0.625mx0.600m Slab Culvert at Ch. 36m 223m & 288m on the same road under Upazila: Golapganj, District: Sylhet	119214	OTM

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The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP Portal will be deposited online through any registered bank branches up to 28/09/2017, 13:00pm.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

The tender notice will be available on the website: www.lged.gov.bd



There is hardly any of Aman seedlings at Dariyapur market in Gaibandha Sadar as farmers stopped planting seedlings, fearing fresh floods.

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SINTHIYA RAPE, MURDER 2 on 6-day remand

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