

Risky journey

Movement of heavy vehicles suspended as part of Tangail Bailey bridge deck collapses

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Movement of heavy vehicles on Sakhipur-Seeds Store Road has remained suspended for the last 12 days due to the collapse of a part of the deck of a Bailey bridge over a canal at Kirtonkhola Dhumkhali area in Sakhipur upazila of the district, causing problems for passengers and traders.

A part of the deck of the worn-out Bailey bridge collapsed on October 2 when a goods-laden truck was crossing it, locals said.

The road is important as it is used for going to Sadar, Bhaluka and Gafargaon upazilas of Mymensingh, and Sreepur and Mawna upazilas of Gazipur, from Sakhipur upazila headquarters, they said, adding that it is an alternative way to go to Dhaka from Sakhipur.

About 1,000 vehicles, including trucks, private cars, micro-buses and CNG-run three-wheelers, move on the road with passengers and goods every day, they said, adding that small three-wheelers cross the broken bridge taking risk, but movement of heavy vehicles is suspended.

"The Bailey bridge was constructed on the canal around 25 years ago, and parts of the deck collapsed a few times in the last several

years and were later repaired," said Motiur Rahman, a school teacher of Kalianpara village, also a commuter of the road.

"Construction work of my house has stopped since the collapse of the bridge as construction materials cannot be carried to the spot," said Aminul Islam of Kirtonkhola village.

"Crossing the broken bridge at night on a cycle or motorcycle may cause a fatal accident," he added.

Abdul Mannan, a vegetable wholesaler in the area, said he and other traders have been facing serious problems in purchasing goods due to the broken bridge.

"We have to spend at least double the transportation cost if we want to send goods to Bhaluka and Mymensingh after travelling twice the distance through Gorai," he added.

"As the number of vehicles moving on the road has increased a lot in the last several years, a new and larger bridge should be built in place of the small and damaged bridge," said Ismail Hossain, a local rights activist.

"We have informed the higher authorities of the matter and the bridge will be repaired as soon as possible," said Kazi Fahad Quddus, upazila engineer of Local Government Engineering Department.



Movement of heavy vehicles on Sakhipur-Seeds Store Road has been suspended for the last 12 days due to collapse of a part of the Bailey bridge over a canal in Kirtonkhola Dhumkhali area under Sakhipur upazila of Tangail. PHOTO: STAR

To promote environment conservation

US cyclist reaches Manikganj



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Adam Ostaszewski, who hails from New York, reached Manikganj on Saturday after touring India on his bicycle to inspire people to take up cycling and promote environment conservation.

This 35-year-old cyclist embarked on his journey from San Francisco where he took a flight to Bengaluru. Having been to Gokarna, Goa, Pune, Junnar, Nasik, Mumbai and Jaipur, Adam reached Manikganj on Saturday.

"I have travelled to as many as 40 countries, but never by a bicycle until this time. I was inspired by a few tourists in South America who went on long-distance trips on bicycles," said Adam.

"This is a cleaner way to travel; it's sustainable, healthy and there are no carbon footprints. And I decided to come to India and Bangladesh - I have always wanted to, and explore the country on my bike. My main agenda is to encourage people to take up cycling," said Adam.

Adam, however, is surprised to see the traffic and pollution in Bangladesh.

"I feel that Bangladesh and India do not have good infrastructure for cyclists. Even if people want to commute by bicycle every day, they will have to brave speeding motorists, and truck drivers trying to hog all the space. The roads here are covered with potholes," Adam said.

"There are no separate bicycle lanes. And gosh! The traffic and pollution here are insane. I have actually become three shades darker because of the smoke that comes out from the vehicles! I have to attend my sister's wedding in July and I hope they recognise me when I return to New York (laughs)."

"I hope that the government here takes measures to encourage people to take up a clean mode of transportation, which I feel, is a bicycle. Cycling is also a healthy way to stay in shape and it doesn't even cost much," he added.

He said he will visit Cox's Bazar to see the Rohingya people who took shelter there. He will try to bring financial support from his countrymen to help them.

Teacher jailed for stalking his student

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A mobile court here yesterday jailed a high school teacher for proposing illicit relationship to a Class X girl of his school in Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat.

The convict Golam Rabbani, 40, is a science teacher at Panchbibi Adarsha High School.

Upazila Assistant Commissioner of Land AKM Hedayatul Islam sentenced Golam to one month's jail.

Police said the teacher had been stalking the girl in the school for the last couple of days.

Golam was arrested yesterday and produced before the court that sent him to jail.

2005 SERIAL BLASTS JMB activist gets life, 3 acquitted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A court here yesterday sentenced a JMB activist to life imprisonment in a case filed in connection with the August 17, 2005, serial bomb blasts in the district.

Special Tribunal Judge Mohammad Rafiqul Islam handed down the verdict after examining records and witnesses. The judge acquitted three other accused in the case.

The convict is Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) activist Kamal Uddin, 30, a resident of Balijuri village in Netrakona, said Public Prosecutor ASM Azadur Rahman.

According to the prosecution, the JMB activists exploded bombs at different places in the country, including the Modhubon Hotel in the district town on August 17, 2005.

Moulvibazar Police Station filed a case under the Explosive Substances Act the same day. Police arrested Kamal and three other people in this connection the same day.

Later, the investigation officer submitted the charge sheet before the court.

Blue Whale 'game addict' held, freed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

An alleged Blue Whale online 'suicide game' addict was held in Nabinagar upazila on Saturday night.

However, police freed the teenage college boy hours after his arrest.

The boy is Mushfiqur Rahman Emon, 16, son of Bazlur Rahman of Jinodpur village. He is a student of a college in Dhaka.

Nabinagar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Aslam Shikder said, informed that a college student cut his hand with a blade while playing the game, they arrested Emon from his house. He was released to the custody of his mother yesterday, said the OC.

Lalon programme begins today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

On the occasion of the 127th death anniversary of the mystic Fakir Lalon Shah a three-day programme will start from today at Lalon Akhira at Chheuria in Kushtia.

Lalon Academy is arranging the programme in association with the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

The three-day programme includes Lalon Mela, discussion and rendition of baul songs by artistes of Lalon Academy.

Joint General Secretary of ruling Awami League, also lawmaker of Kushtia-3 Mahbubul Alam Hanif, will inaugurate the programme with Kushtia Deputy Commissioner Md Zahir Raihan Azad in the chair.

Among others, Minister for Home Affairs Asaduzzaman Khan will attend the programme as chief guest.

All security measures have been taken for bauls and visitors. This is first time, the whole akhira area has been brought under closed circuit camera.

DC Zahir Raihan said necessary steps have been taken.

On the occasion, a large number of Lalon enthusiasts and admirers from across the country have gathered at the Lalon Akhira.

2 children drown in Nilphamari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Two girl students of a primary school drowned in a pond while going to their school at Babupara Khatumara village in Jaldhaka upazila of the district yesterday.

The victims are Prapti Rani, 5, daughter of Gonesh Chandra Roy, and Bobita Rani, 5, daughter of Bijen Chandra Roy, of the village.

The girls were Class 1 students at a government primary high school and also neighbours.

The girls' family members said the victims were going to their school, only 400 metres from their homes, when they stopped beside a pond and tried to pick up something from the water.

One of them suddenly slipped into water and the other girl tried to rescue her, but both of them drowned, they added.

People working in the surrounding Aman paddy fields rushed to the spot and recovered the unconscious victims after half an hour.

They were immediately taken to Jaldhaka Upazila Health Complex, but the doctors on duty said they had died at least one hour before being brought to the hospital.

A pall of gloom engulfed the entire area at the sudden death of the two children.

Derailment halts rail link with Benapole

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Rail communication with Benapole land port remained suspended as a commuter train on Benapole-Jessore-Khulna route derailed near Navaran area yesterday.

Puspal Kumar Charkararty, stationmaster of Benapole rail station, said two compartments of the commuter train derailed near the area on Benapole-Jessore route around 9:00am.

It will take two or three days to remove the compartments and till then all train communication with Benapole land port remained suspended, said the stationmaster.

The India cargo train will also be suspended between India and Bangladesh due to the derailment, he said.

BSF bid to push in 50 Rohingyas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) foiled the Indian Border Security Force's (BSF) attempt to push in about 50 Rohingya women and children into Bangladesh through Putkhali border in Benapole during the last two days.

BGB members have been put on high alert and their patrol along the bordering areas has been increased to prevent any attempt by BSF to push the Rohingya people into Bangladesh, said Lt Col Tariqul Hakim, commander of BGB-21 Battalion in Khulna.

The Rohingya women and children, who were gathered by BSF for push-in into the Bangladesh territory, have been staying in the jungles on Angraal border in India since early morning on Saturday, BGB and local sources said.

With hardly any provision for food, they are in an inhuman condition.

The BSF is gathering many Rohingya women and children on different bordering areas of India, BGB sources said.



Like quite a few others, these Rohingya women and children have been left in India's Angraal area on the Ichamati river opposite to Putkhali border near Benapole for the last two days as Indian Border Security Force tried to push them into Bangladesh territory while Border Guard Bangladesh foiled the attempt. PHOTO: STAR

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এছাড়া দরপত্রের শর্তাবলীতে উল্লিখিত শর্তনুযায়ী যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন আত্মীয় ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে নিম্নোক্ত বিবরণ অনুযায়ী ২০১৭-১৮-৩১ই অর্থ বছরের জন্য প্যাকেজ/লটে বর্ণিত মালামাল ক্রয়ের জন্য সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আবেদন করা যাইতেছে।							
০১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়।					
০২	প্রতিনিধি	কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর।					
০৩	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম ও টেলিফোন	অধ্যক্ষ, টেকনিক্যাল টিচার্স ট্রেনিং কলেজ, টেলিফোন নম্বর-০২-৯১১৪০৭৩।					
০৪	দরপত্রের নাম	কাচামাল ও যুচরা যন্ত্রাংশ, শিক্ষা উপকরণ, রাসায়নিক দ্রব্যাদি, কম্পিউটার ও যন্ত্রাংশ, বইপত্র, অফিস স্টেশনারী সরবরাহ এবং আসবাবপত্র মেরামত ও সংরক্ষণ।					
০৫	দরপত্র আহ্বানের সূত্র	টিটিটিসি/টেন্ডার/২০১৭-১৮/৬৪৪, তারিখঃ ০৯/১০/২০১৭।					
০৬	দরপত্র আহ্বানের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ওটিএম)।					
০৭	বাজেট ও তহবিলের উৎস	জিওবি (গভঃ) রাজস্ব।					
০৮	দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির স্থান	ক) অধ্যক্ষ, টেকনিক্যাল টিচার্স ট্রেনিং কলেজ, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮					
০৯	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময়	ক) সিডিউল বিক্রির শুরু তারিখঃ ১৫/১০/২০১৭। খ) সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখঃ ০৫/১১/২০১৭। গ) প্রতি কার্য দিবসে সকাল ৯.৩০টা হইতে ২.০০ পর্যন্ত।					
১০	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ, স্থান ও সময়	তারিখঃ ০৬/১১/২০১৭ সময়ঃ দুপুর ১২টা পর্যন্ত। ক) অধ্যক্ষ, টেকনিক্যাল টিচার্স ট্রেনিং কলেজ, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮।					
১১	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, স্থান ও সময়	আগামী ০৬/১১/২০১৭ তারিখ সময়ঃ বিকাল ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা, অধ্যক্ষ, টেকনিক্যাল টিচার্স ট্রেনিং কলেজ, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-তে কার্যালয়ে দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণ কমিটির সকল সদস্য এবং দরদাতাদের (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) সামনে উক্ত টেন্ডার খোলা হইবে।					
১২	দরপত্রের অংশগ্রহণের যোগ্যতা	দরপত্রের সেকশন ২এ বর্ণিত শর্তাবলী অনুসারে।					
১৩	ডাকযোগে/কুরিয়ার সার্ভিসে দরপত্র প্রেরণ প্রসংগে	ডাকযোগে/কুরিয়ার সার্ভিসে দরপত্র জমা দেওয়া যাইবে, তবে উহা অবশ্যই নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে অধ্যক্ষ বরাবরে পৌঁছাইতে হইবে।					
১৪	একই ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠান এক বা একাধিক লটের দরপত্র ক্রয় এবং দাখিল করিতে পারিবেন।						
১৫	টেন্ডার সিডিউলের বিক্রয় মূল্য অক্ষরতযোগ্য।						
১৬	প্যাকেজ/লটে/জামানত/মূল্যের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ						
১৭	ক্রমিক	প্যাকেজ	লট নম্বর	লটের বিবরণ	সিডিউলের মূল্য টাকা	দরপত্র জামানত টাকা	সরবরাহের সময়সীমা
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			২	কম্পিউটার ও যন্ত্রাংশ (৬৮১৫)			
			৩	রাসায়নিক দ্রব্যাদি (৪৮৫২)			
			৪	আসবাবপত্র ক্রয় (৬৮২১)			
২	খ		১	বইপত্র ও সাময়িকী সরবরাহ (৪৮৩১)	৫০০/-	৬০০০/-	কার্যাদেশ-এ উল্লিখিত সময়
			২	যন্ত্রপাতি ও অন্যান্য সরঞ্জাম সরবরাহ (৬৮১৩)			
			৩	অফিস সরঞ্জাম সরবরাহ (৬৮১৯)			
			৪	আসবাবপত্র মেরামত (৪৯০৬)			
৩	গ		১	কম্পিউটার সামগ্রী সরবরাহ (৪৮৮৮)	৮০০/-	২১০০০/-	
			২	অফিস স্টেশনারী সরবরাহ (৪৮৯৯)			
			৩	শিক্ষা উপকরণ (৬৮২০)			
১৮	জামানতের অর্থ কোন তফসিল ব্যাংকের যে কোন শাখা থেকে টেলিফোন নম্বরহ ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে অধ্যক্ষ, টেকনিক্যাল টিচার্স ট্রেনিং কলেজ, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮ এর অনুকূলে দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করিতে হইবে।						
১৯	নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে দরপত্র বাতিল/গ্রহণ করিবার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করিবেন।						
২০	মালামাল ক্রয় প্রক্রিয়া পাবলিক প্রিকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা ২০০৮ মোতাবেক সম্পন্ন করা হইবে।						
ড. প্রকৌঃ মোঃ রমজান আলী অধ্যক্ষ (অতিরিক্ত দায়িত্ব) টেকনিক্যাল টিচার্স ট্রেনিং কলেজ তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮							
জিডি-২১৬২							