



Movement of wagon ferries and cargo boats faces serious difficulties due to decrease of navigability in the Padma river near Faridpur ferry terminal in Sadar upazila. The photo was taken recently.

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NON-NAVIGABILITY IN PADMA

Trade thru' river hampered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Movement of wagon ferries and cargo boats has been facing serious difficulties due to lack of navigability in the Padma river at Faridpur ferry terminal, widely known as C&B Ghat, in Sadar upazila.

For the last few years, the situation continued from November till March during the dry season, said traders at the terminal.

More than 50 kinds of goods, including cement, coal, stone, sand, paddy, jute, fertiliser and food grains, pass through the ferry terminal every day.

The carrying cost of the goods has increased as the wagon ferries and cargo boats have to anchor five kilometres away from the terminal in Sadipur and Godhadordangi areas.

The ferries and cargo boats need a depth of at least eight feet of water to carry goods but the water level is only four feet, so goods are being carried by small boats from the anchoring place, said the traders.

Nizam Fakir, a cement and sand trader at

the ferry terminal, said they have to count additional transportation cost for carrying cement and sand.

"We have to pay additional Tk 7 per bag of cement and Tk 5 for one cubic foot of sand," he said.

Shariful Islam, a wheat trader at the terminal, said, "Removal of silt through regular dredging is a must to keep the river routes navigable round the year. We request the government to solve the problem."

Jafar Sheikh, chief porter of Faridpur ferry ghat, said some 5,000 to 6,000 porters of the ghat have been passing their days amid difficulty as the navigability of the river is decreasing day by day.

Wagon ferries and cargo boats do not come to the ferry ghat from November to March as the water level falls, he said.

Asfakur Rahman, deputy director of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, said they have informed the authorities concerned to take steps to remove silt through dredging.

Protect forests to save biodiversity

Santu Larma tells Rangamati meet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Speakers at a meeting in the hill district town yesterday urged taking effective steps for preserving the forests in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) region for the sake of life and livelihood of indigenous people.

All concerned should play due role to protect the CHT forests for saving biodiversity, which is related with the livelihood of indigenous peoples, said Jyotirindro Bodhipriyo Larma alias Santu Larma, chairman of CHT Regional Council (CHTRC), at the CHT village common forest (VCF) meeting at Rangamati Ashika Hall room yesterday.

All the government authorities concerned should involve the local people to save forests in CHT, he said at the meeting organised by local non-governmental organization Zabarang Kalyan Samity with the cooperation of SID-CHTDF-UNDP.

"Save forest, conserve forest" was the slogan of the meeting on VCF management and preservation.

"We have to save our forests as the life and livelihood of CHT indigenous peoples depend on it," said Raja Devasish Roy, chief of Chakma Circle.

"In CHT, we conducted a survey on wild plants, wild animals and related species. The result shows that many rare plants and animals have been lost. And so, awareness among the CHT people is of serious importance to save the biodiversity," said Khalid Mejbauzzaman, professor of the Institute of Forestry and Environment Science in Chittagong University.

Speakers urged taking effective steps against illegal logging and stone lifting to save CHT forests.

Prasenjit Chakma, national project coordinator of SID-CHTDF-UNDP, was present at the programme presided over by Thoai Aung Marma, president of CHT-VCF Network.

Mathura Bikash Tripura, executive director of Zabarang Kalyan Samity, delivered the welcome address.

VCF activists, headmen and karbaris (local chiefs) and local development activists from different areas of the three hill districts in CHT attended the programme.

Bring FF's remains from no-man's land

Urge Prof Abdul Wahab's family and FFs in Kurigram

ABDUL WAHED, Kurigram

Martyred freedom fighter Prof Abdul Wahab Talukdar's family and local freedom fighters have urged bringing his mortal remains to Bangladesh territory from Indian no-man's land.

The valiant freedom fighter's grave at Indian Kalmati village, opposite to Shingjhar village at Joymonirhat union under Bhurungamari upazila of Kurigram, now faces the threat of erosion by the Bagni river.

Wahab Talukdar received martyrdom around 9:00am on August 7, 1971 in the hand of Pakistani army near Bagni Bridge over the Bagni river in the border village and was laid to rest in the no-man's land.

Abdul Wahab Talukdar, son of Saman Ali Talukdar, was born on January 3, 1943 in Kalmati village under Dinhatana thana of Cooch Bihar district of West Bengal of then undivided India, his family sources said.

The family came to live permanently at Shingjhar village in Kurigram sub-division (now district) during communal riot in 1950.

After completing MA in Islamic History and Culture from Rajshahi University in 1964, Wahab Talukdar joined Kurigram College (now Kurigram Government College) as a lecturer in 1965.

When the Pakistani army entered Kurigram in early April, 1971, Wahab with his family went to his village home at Shingjhar. Later he received training for fighting under Sector No 6 and became camp-in-charge of Bamonhat Jubo Shibir on May 1, 1971.

He recruited youths from different areas and gave them basic motivational training before sending them to centres in India for training on fighting.

Around 9:00am on August 7, he was discussing with some freedom fighters near the border beside Bagni Bridge when suddenly a group of Pak army attacked them.

Wahab Talukdar and Farhad Hossen received martyrdom and the other freedom fighters retreated.

Later some locals and freedom fighters recovered Wahab's body and buried him near the Bagni river at no-



The grave of martyred freedom fighter Prof Abdul Wahab Talukdar on the no man's land at Indian Kalmati village, opposite to Shingjhar village at Joymonirhat union under Bhurungamari upazila of Kurigram.

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man's land of Kalmati village in India.

Prof Abdul Wahab Talukdar was a freedom fighter listed in the Mukti Barta and his name was also included in the Freedom Fighters' Welfare Trust signed by the prime minister, said his family members and local freedom fighters.

Kurigram Government College authority has named its hostel Shaheed Abdul Wahab Chhatrabas after the martyred teacher and the government's postal department

published a memorial ticket with his photo and name.

The martyr's elder son Mizanur Rahman Talukdar, 50, said, "We could not pray for my father from near his grave as it is situated in Indian no-man's land. We appeal to the government to relocate the grave to Bangladesh."

"The mortal remains of Prof Abdul Wahab Talukdar should be brought to Bangladesh territory to honour the martyr," said freedom fighter Major (ret'd) Abdus Salam.



Fish worth about Tk 4 lakh were poisoned to death in a pond at Shimultair village in Gaibandha's Sagahta upazila yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Another woman 'raped'

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In her case statement, the woman also said she had been in a relationship with the accused for the last one and a half years. She also used to visit his home in Old DOHS area in the capital.

The accused reportedly promised her of marriage and introduced her to his family members as well. The accused went abroad in June after assuring her of marriage on his return, reads the case statement.

Later, the accused came back to the country and on November 19, the woman went to his house. But his sister did not let her in, it said.

Later, the accused took her to a restaurant to "discuss about their marriage" and around 12:30am [on November 20], he took her to Sweet Dream Hotel, it said, adding the alleged rape took place at the hotel.

On the following morning, a patrol team from the Banani Police Station came to the hotel responding to her phone call and took them to the police station. The team also advised her to file a complaint, read the statement.

Relatives of both families came to the station and agreed to have the two married on November 21. The woman said she did not file the complaint because of the assurance.

"Currently, the accused is threatening that he would kill me," she said. Asked why she did not file the case earlier, she said she had to discuss the matter with her relatives first.

'Extend age limit for govt job to 35'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The country is becoming a factory of unemployed youths by keeping the age limit for entry into government jobs to 30 years, speakers at a rally in Tangail said.

They said this while attending an hour-long human chain programme in front of Tangail Press Club from 11:00am yesterday, demanding extension of the recruitment age limit for the government jobs from 30 years to 35.

Hundreds of former and current students of different private and public universities and colleges participated at the programme organised under the banner of 'Bangladesh Sadharan Chhatra Parishad.'

The speakers at the rally also alleged that it's not only the government but different private organisations are also not interested in appointing the highly educated youths after they cross age of 30.

Besides, they demanded reduction of the number of candidates under the quota system and recruitment of the job seekers as per their merits.

Fog disrupts ferry service for 7 hours

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Ferry services on the Paturia-Daulatdia route in the Padma river resumed after nearly seven hours of disruption caused by dense fog yesterday.

Earlier, plying of ferries and other water vessels on the route remained suspended from 10:30pm on Sunday to 5:30am early yesterday due to low visibility caused by the dense fog.

Due to the situation, six passenger ferries were stuck in the middle of the river while 10 other vessels remained stranded on both sides of the river for nearly seven hours.

Besides, over 500 vehicles, including two passenger buses, private cars and microbus remained stuck on both sides of Paturia and Daulatdia ferry terminals.

Nasir Mohammad Chowdhury, manager of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) at Aricha, said the fog started increasing since Sunday evening and till 10:30pm thick fog covered the entire route.

When the fog started disappearing they resumed the ferry service around 5:30am, the manager said, adding that it will take some time for the stranded vehicles to cross the river.

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৮.	ক্রয় পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।	
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১২.	প্রকল্প/প্রোগ্রাম কোড	প্রযোজ্য নয়।	
১৩.	প্রকল্প/প্রোগ্রাম এর নাম	প্রযোজ্য নয়।	
১৪.	দরপত্র প্রক্রিয়ার নাম	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।	
১৫.	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	১৮/১২/২০১৭ খ্রিঃ।	
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