



**CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: A sand-laden truck gets stuck on a pothole at Uttarpara on Basail-Kawaljani road in Basail upazila of Tangail, a scene of dilapidated Kuakata alternative road in Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali, the surface of a road in Pabna's Ishwardi upazila gets damaged the day after its completion on Monday, trucks struggle to cross muddy potholes on Lalmonirhat-Burimari road near Burimari land port.**

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# Commuters suffer for potholed roads

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Potholed roads and highways in different areas across the country add to the woe of commuters, especially at the onset of the rains.

An important road in Basail upazila of Tangail has been in very bad shape for the last three years due to lack of repair.

The seven-kilometre-long road under Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) stretches from Basail graveyard intersection on Basail-Sakhipur Road to Kawaljani village. Of this, around 1.5 kilometres from graveyard intersection to Basail Uttarpara area is situated in Basail municipal area.

The road has become almost unusable for vehicles as well as pedestrians as big potholes have developed on many points of the road due to movement of over-loaded trucks and also heavy rain, passengers and transport workers said.

There are around 50 small and large potholes at different places on the road from Basail to Kawaljani and they appear like ponds after rain, said Ekabbar Hossain, driver of a battery-run auto-rickshaw.

Accidents happen regularly and people sustain injuries when three-wheelers turn turtle on the potholes, he added.

The road is the only way of communication between the north, north-east and north-west areas

with the upazila headquarters, said AK Bijoy, a rights activist in Basail.

Around one lakh people of Sadar, Kawaljani and Fulki unions, and adjacent Basail Uttarpara, Suinya, Kalia, Badijan, Gilabari Dumlibari, Kalyanpur, Bartha and Molianpur villages use the road every day, he said.

Upazila Engineer Azmat Hossain said, "We will check the condition of the road and send a proposal to the higher authorities immediately for carrying out repair work of the road as soon as possible."

Knee-deep potholes have developed on the Lalmonirhat-Burimari highway in Burimari Bazar area under Patgram upazila of Lalmonirhat in the last one and a half months, much to the suffering of commuters and transport workers.

Truck driver Nabirul Islam, 45, of Burimari land port, said at least 12 knee-deep potholes developed on the road within a 300-metre area on Lalmonirhat-Burimari highway near the Burimari land port over one month ago, but the authorities concerned are yet to take steps to repair it. "We spend 35 to 40 minutes to cross the area due to the potholes, while it took only four minutes a month ago," he said.

Jam is a common phenomenon here. "If the potholes are not repaired immediately, they will become deeper, snapping communication with the land port," said another truck driver

Asad Ali, 48.

Awlad Hossain, 48, president of Burimari land port unit of Truck and Tank-lorry Sramik Union, said local transport workers dump sand mixed earth in the potholes only for keeping connection with the land port open.

District Roads and Highways Department Executive Engineer Md Alo Noorayan said the road was repaired six months ago, but it got damaged due to movement of overloaded vehicles round the clock.

The 30-km-long Kalapara upazila town to Kuakata alternative road via Baliatoli is in very bad shape due to lack of repair for the last six months.

The only ferry service at Baliatoli point on the Andhamanik river has remained stopped for four years, creating more pressure on the road.

LGED built the Kalapara-Kuakata alternative road via Baliatoli and Dhulashar bazar in 2006 to ease communication between Kalapara town and Kuakata beach.

Many tourists use the alternative road as they can easily go to Gongamoti area, about 6-km from Kuakata zero-point. Tourists also use the road to visit the Misrepara Buddho temple, the largest temple in the country, and Gongamoti reserve forest.

People of Baliatoli, Dhulashar, Mithaganj and Lalua unions use the road to go to Kalapara upazila headquarters and Kuakata sea beach. Some Dhaka-bound passenger buses also ply the road.

About 9-km of the road from Dhulashar bazar to Alipur bazar is in an awful condition as the seal coat (top of a carpeted road) has worn away and many potholes have developed, he added.

Kalapara Upazila Engineer Md Abdul Mannan said they are preparing an estimate for repairing the road and it will be sent to the higher authorities for approval.

Away in Pabna, local people staged a demonstration in Ishwardi upazila on Wednesday, protesting damage of a newly built road, a day after its construction was completed.

Although locals blamed its poor construction with substandard materials, the officials concerned claimed that plying of loaded trucks during the construction work caused the sudden damage.

LGED constructed the four-kilometre road, stretching from Asna GPS to Chanmari Intersection of the upazila, at a cost of Tk 82 lakh.

Locals said the construction firm concerned completed the work on Monday, but a portion of the upper surface of the road was eroded the next day due to use of substandard materials.

"We have already issued a letter to the construction firm concerned asking it to repair the damaged portion before officially handing over the road," LGED Upazila Engineer Md Enamul Kabir said.

Our correspondents from Tangail, Lalmonirhat, Patuakhali and Pabna contributed to this report.

## Two found dead

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Two people were found dead in Pabna and Thakurgaon yesterday.

Our Pabna correspondent reported that a 50-year-old man was found dead in Atghoria upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Rejaul Khan, was a farmer of Trimohony village.

Rejaul went out of his house on Wednesday night and remained missing since then, Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Atghoria Police Station Anwarul Islam said.

Villagers spotted Rejaul's body in a banana orchard near his house and informed police.

Police were not confirmed whether he was strangled to death or committed suicide, he said.

Away in Thakurgaon, police recovered the body of a youth in Baliadangi upazila yesterday.

The victim, Noimul Islam, 34, was son of late Bashir Uddin of Boyaldhar village.

OC Sajedul Islam of Baliadangi Police Station said Noimul went out of his house on Wednesday afternoon and did not return home.

Locals found Noimul's body in a bamboo cluster and informed the police.

## BOGRA 4 MURDER Police find no clue yet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police are yet to find any clue to the murder of four men in Shibganj upazila three days into the incident.

Police recovered throat-slit bodies of the four from a paddy field near Duboier Beel area in the upazila on Monday.

The deceased were Jakaria, 35, Shahabul, 30, and Md Helal, 32, and Mohammad Khabir, 35.

The four were known in the area as Yaba addicts. Their families suspect that they might have been killed over Yaba money.

Police detained six people for interrogation in this connection, said Shibganj police.

They are yet to find any clue to the murder, said Additional Superintendent of Police Sonaton Chakraborty.

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**"Invitation For International Tenders"**

01. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Power Division						
02. Agency	: Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd. (APSC)						
03. Procuring Entity Name	: Manager (Procurement), APSC						
04. Procuring Entity Code	: Not used at present.						
05. Procuring Entity District	: Brahmanbaria						
06. Invitation for	: Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning (including Training) of complete Hydrogen Generation Plant including Motor driven booster compressor (2.2 configuration) with a capacity of 2x4m <sup>3</sup> /h (at NTP) for Ashuganj 450 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant (North) of APSC on turnkey basis.						
07. Invitation Ref No	: APSC/Pro-01/450MW-North/2018/851						
08. Date	: May 10, 2018						
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>							
09. Procurement Method	: Open Tendering Method (ICT)						
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>							
10. Budget and Source of Funds	: APSC's Own Fund.						
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>							
11. Tender Package No.	: APSC/450MW-North(Mech)/2017-18/GDF-001						
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13. Tender Publication Date	: May 11, 2018						
14. Tender Last Selling Date	: June 26, 2018 during office hour						
15. Tender Closing Date and Time	: June 27, 2018 at 12.00 BST.						
16. Tender Opening Date and Time	: June 27, 2018 at 12.15 BST.						
<b>Name &amp; Address of the Offices:</b>							
17. Selling Tender Document (Principal)	: Office of the Company Secretary, APSC Corporate office: Navana Rahim Ardent (Level-8), 185, Shahid Sayed Nazrul Islam Soroni, Palton, Dhaka, Bangladesh.						
17. Selling Tender Document (Others)	: Manager (Finance), APSC, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.						
<b>NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS</b>							
18. Receiving of Tender	: Office of the Company Secretary, APSC Corporate office: Navana Rahim Ardent (Level-8), 185, Shahid Sayed Nazrul Islam Soroni, Palton, Dhaka, Bangladesh.						
18. Opening of Tender	: Office of the Company Secretary, APSC Corporate office: Navana Rahim Ardent (Level-8), 185, Shahid Sayed Nazrul Islam Soroni, Palton, Dhaka, Bangladesh.						
18. Place/Date/ Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional):	: APSC Corporate office: Navana Rahim Ardent (Level-8), 185, Shahid Sayed Nazrul Islam Soroni, Palton, Dhaka, Bangladesh. on 30/05/2018, at 11.30 am						
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>							
19. Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	: Renowned Manufacturer/Supplier having experience of supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Hydrogen generation plant with compressor.						
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21. Brief Description of Related Services	: Installation, Testing and Commissioning (including Training)						
22. Tender Document Price	: <b>BDT 10,000.00 (Ten Thousand)</b> in the form of Pay order/DD favoring Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd. from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh (Non-refundable).						
<b>Identification of Lot</b>							
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<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>							
24. Name & Designation of official Inviting Tender	: Md. Rafiquddaula, Manager (Procurement), APSC						
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27. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings							

## Female cop commits suicide in barracks

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A female member of police allegedly committed suicide in the female police personnel barracks in Brahmanbaria Police Lines.

Brahmanbaria Superintendent of Police (SP) Md Anwar Hossain Khan confirmed the news. The reason behind her suicide was not known.

The deceased was Taslima Akter, 23, wife of an NGO employee Md Wasim and daughter of Md Rafiqul Islam of Brahmanpara upazila of Comilla. Her constable number is 682.

She was a constable in Brahmanbaria district police, the SP said.



**Boro paddy on 1,500 hectares of land gets badly damaged in Sreenagar upazila of Munshiganj due to heavy rain for the last few days, much to worry of farmers.**

PHOTO: STAR

## 5 policemen among 15 injured in clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

At least 15 people, including five policemen, were injured in a clash between locals and the law enforcers over a school committee polls in Galachipa upazila town yesterday.

The injured include Md Saidul Islam, officer-in-charge (inquiry) of Galachipa Police Station, Sub-inspector Mahbubur Rahman, ASI Bishwajit Roy, constables Md Asad and Mehnum.

Upazila Education Officer Md Golam Mostafa, also presiding officer for managing committee polls of Galachipa Model High School, said voting for four posts of guardians' representatives in the committee started around 8:00am.

Four candidates for Awami League backed panel and three BNP-backed candidates took part in the polls.

Shahin Shah, organising secretary of upazila unit AL, entered the polling centre around 12:00 noon and influenced voters.

BNP supporters challenged the matter. Later, police held Shahin. At this, supporters of Shahin started throwing brick bats on police to snatch him. Police then fired at least 14 rubber bullets to bring the situation under control.

## Outlaw dies in 'gunfight'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A top outlawed leader was killed in a 'gunfight' with police at Gobindohuda village in Damurhuda upazila of Chuadanga early yesterday.

The deceased, Mirajul Islam alias Mira Mondol 42, son of late Hafiz Mondol of Hatibhanga in the upazila, was a leader of outlawed PBCP Red Flag faction, said police.

He was accused in 11 cases -- three for murder, three for abduction, three for extortion and two for robbery filed with different police stations in Chuadanga, said Akram Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Damurhuda Police Station.

"A team from the police station arrested Mira with a firearm at his village home on Wednesday evening. Following information obtained from him, police took him with

them in a raid to recover a cache of arms at a hideout of Gobindohuda of the upazila," he said.

"His cohorts fired at the police near Gobindohuda Eidgah ground around 2:00am, prompting police to retaliate.

"At one stage of the gunfight, Mira's cohorts fled, leaving his body behind. Police recovered one pistol, three crude bombs, three machetes and four sets of sandals from the spot.

"Mira had been involved with outlawed gangs for 15 years and unleashed a reign of terror in vast areas of Chuadanga. Recently he became leader of criminal gang Jamu-Akram Bahini and involved in extortion and robbery," the OC said.

Jamu and Akram were top leaders of outlawed groups in Chuadanga and killed in a similar gunfight with law enforcers earlier.