

Concrete mixture on muddy road!

The construction firm repairs the road with mixture of concrete and bitumen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A construction firm paved the muddy Mymensingh-Haluaghat Road at Baliar More in Phulpur upazila with a mixture of concrete and bitumen.

As pictures of the road went viral on Facebook on Wednesday, the authorities concerned visited the intersection on Saturday.

Construction firm Turna Enterprise is doing the repair work on the road.

District Roads and Highways Department (RHD) Executive Engineer Md Masud Khan after visiting the spot on Saturday, said carpeting of the road was not part of the repair work of the main road.

As the repairing material (concrete bitumen mixture) was rejected after being drenched by recent heavy rain, it was used on a 30-foot approach road at Baliar More (intersection).

Masud said the firm authorities did not inform them about the work. The matter was presented wrongly in the

social media, he added.

He also asked the firm authorities not to do any repair work without his permission.

The engineer told this correspondent that the 27-kilometre Phulpur-Haluaghat road is in a dilapidated state and a proposal of Tk 57 crore for repair work has been sent to the higher authorities, but it has not been approved yet.

Hundreds of people from adjacent villages gathered at the spot and protested the corruption in construction of the road, said journalist ATM Rabiul Karim.

Phulpur Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mohammad Rashed Hossain Choudhury said he informed the department concerned about the matter after getting complaints from the local people and its engineers visited the spot.

Rights activist advocate Nazrul Islam said it shows the extreme state of corruption and sub-standard work. He also demanded an investigation into the misdeed.

Phulpur Municipality Mayor Md Aminul Haque termed the work a callous one.



The muddy road at Baliar More in Phulpur upazila of Mymensingh being carpeted with a mixture of concrete and bitumen. PHOTO: STAR

Couple kill selves

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A couple allegedly committed suicide in Ghatail upazila early yesterday.

The deceased were Tara Kazi, 27, of Boga Modhyapara village in Ghatail, and his second wife Khadija Khatun, 24, of Goalpara village in Gaibandha's Gobindaganj upazila.

Sangrampur Union Parishad Chairman Abdur Rahim Miah said Tara, a readymade garment worker in Dhaka, married Khadija three months ago.

Tara's first wife Sumaiya Begum filed a case with a court against him in this regard.

After filing of the case, Tara along with his second wife Khadija came to the village home from Dhaka on Saturday. His family members asked Tara to divorce Khadija.

Later, the couple was found hanging from a jackfruit tree yesterday.

Student's body exhumed after seven days

Court orders autopsy as deceased's father files case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

The body of Nazmul Hasan Sourav, a computer science student of Shyamoli Ideal Polytechnic Institute in the capital, was exhumed yesterday after seven days of burial at his family graveyard in Bangram village of Mahadevpur union in Shibhalaya upazila under the district.

Earlier, the court asked police to exhume the body for autopsy as Sourav's father Amzad Hossain filed a case, expressing suspicion that the 18-year-old boy was murdered at the hostel of the institute on May 19.

"After digging up the body in the presence of Executive Magistrate Billal Hossain, it was sent to Manikganj Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. The reason of his death can be known after getting the autopsy report and investigation," said Michael, sub-inspector of Adabar Police Station.

He is also investigation officer of the case.

Amzad mentioned in the case that his son lived in the students' hostel of Shyamoli Ideal Polytechnic Institute at Mohanpur under Adabar Police Station. On the night of May

19, hostel Supervisor Md Nayan called him and said that Sourav was electrocuted and he was under treatment at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital.

"When I went to the hospital on the morning of May 20, I saw Sourav's body covered with a sheet of cloth on a trolley in the morgue.

"When I came to the hostel to take the clothes of Sourav, I saw blood stain in front of his room. During the bathing for his burial, marks of torture were seen on different parts of the body. So I think the men of hostel authorities or Sourav's fellows killed him," Sourav's father mentioned in the case.

Sourav's sister Urmi Hossain said, "My brother was very gentle. Two or three days before the incident, he took from our home Tk 10 thousand through bKash as a few people of the hostel pressurised him to give the money in the name of solving a trouble involving police."

"There were marks of torture on his body and the stomach was swollen. It seems he was murdered. We demand immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the culprits after fair investigation."

Ban on

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In that meeting, the education, law and home ministries were also asked to prepare a report on whether the political parties would have any front organisations on campuses and students could form any party and run their activities on campuses on their own.

They were also asked to recommend whether the university teachers could engage in politics on campus as a member of a political party, the sources added.

But no further progress was made.

During the 2007 caretaker government rule, the issue of banning student politics returned to the fore. But the move drew flak from different quarters.

In 2014, the education ministry convened a meeting on the same issue following a flare up of violence at different public universities, with the activists of the pro-ruling party student body getting involved in factional clashes and fighting with activists of the opposition parties.

But again no decision was taken in this regard, said sources.

Meanwhile, two bills titled "Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institution Law-2018" and "National Jute Policy-2018" are likely to be placed at today's cabinet for its approval.

Dhaka sits on its response

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decision of inviting observations from the Bangladesh government.

"We have not yet taken any decision regarding the response of the ICC letter. We do not have any reply right [at] this moment and we are looking into it," Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali told journalists on May 23.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, a senior official at the foreign ministry confirmed that no decision had been taken till yesterday.

"The decision obviously comes from the top level of the government but so far [as] my knowledge goes the process has yet not [been] initiated. I think there might be a reply from the Bangladesh government before the June 11 deadline," he said.

Meanwhile, forty-one eminent citizens in a statement yesterday called for the Bangladesh government to respond in support of the ICC prosecutor's submission on Rohingya deportation.

Experts said there was global demand for a "proper investigation" into the military crackdown in Rakhine State last August, which displaced almost 700,000 Rohingyas to Bangladesh.

Highly placed political and diplomatic sources said the government initially agreed to respond to the ICC, but was now thinking whether it should continue its efforts to resolve the Rohingya crisis bilaterally or

look for international support to mount pressure on Myanmar.

A number of countries, who are close to both Bangladesh and Myanmar, prefer to end the crisis bilaterally, arguing that international involvement might create complexities and delay a resolution.

Government policymakers said countries like Russia, China and Japan were strongly in favour of a solution to the crisis through bilateral mechanism and announced they would cooperate with both Bangladesh and Myanmar to repatriate and rehabilitate the Rohingyas in light of the agreement signed between the two countries.

India has already started building prefabricated houses in Rakhine State for rehabilitation of the Rohingya population after their repatriation from Bangladesh.

China and Japan also came forward to help build houses, roads and other infrastructure in Myanmar so that the refugees could be accommodated after their return from Bangladesh.

There are also strong views within political and diplomatic circles in Dhaka that it will not be wise to fully trust Myanmar considering its track record. They said international pressure was essential for Myanmar to start the repatriation immediately and implement the Kofi Annan Commission report for a sustainable solution to the crisis.



Patients crowd Faridpur General Hospital as diarrhoea breaks out in Faridpur and the adjoining districts. The photo was taken on Saturday. PHOTO: STAR

Faridpur hospital struggles with diarrhoea patients

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Diarrhoea has broken out alarmingly in Faridpur and the adjoining districts during the last seven days and new patients are getting admitted to Faridpur General Hospital every day.

"Sixty-six diarrhoea patients have been admitted to this hospital in 24 hours and the number of patients is increasing every hour. More than 300 diarrhoea patients took treatment at the hospital last week," said senior staff nurse Golapi Begum.

Patients from Rajbari, Magura,

Madaripur and Shariatpur are also coming here for treatment, she added.

On a visit to the hospital on Saturday, this correspondent found that the number of patients is more than the number of beds and patients have to sleep in the corridors and other wards.

Md Tofazzal, husband of a diarrhoea patient Shahinor Begum of Moulvirchar area in Charbhadrans upazila, said he admitted his wife on Friday. She was given only saline in the last 14 hours and the doctors did not examine her properly, he added.

Azad Mollah, 28, of Sonapur vil-

lage in Saltha upazila said he was admitted to the hospital with diarrhoea on Monday and got released on Friday. But he was again attacked by diarrhoea at night, so he came back to the hospital.

"They have been affected by diarrhoea as they take fried and oily foods after fasting whole day. We are trying our best to treat them. Although our hospital was upgraded into a 100-bed one, there are only 18 beds for diarrhoea patients," said Resident Medical Officer Ganesh Kumar Agarwal.

HC questions

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businesses, the BERC on November 23 last year raised the power tariff by 5.3 percent or Tk 0.35 per kilowatt-hour unit on an average.

The tariff was hiked to meet the revenue requirement of power distributors.

I'm confident

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fears Salah had suffered a dislocated shoulder. That would have ruled him out of Egypt's first appearance in the World Cup since 1990.

Salah was pictured with his shoulder in a sling when he got off Liverpool's plane at John Lennon Airport on Sunday. But it now appears there is a good chance Salah will be able to join his country for the tournament in Russia.

"It was a very tough night, but I'm a fighter. Despite the odds, I'm confident that I'll be in Russia to make you all proud," Salah wrote on his official Twitter account on Sunday. "Your love and support will give me the strength I need."

Egypt's team doctor Mohamed Abou El-Ela said in a statement that, according to information from Liverpool's medical staff, Salah has sustained only ligament damage.

And, just as Salah tweeted his fitness update, fresh reports in Egypt claimed he had only suffered a strain in the shoulder ligaments and is expected to be back in action in three weeks.

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Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Procurement Specialist-2 Positions

Memo No: STEP/Procurement/6.59(AF-PS)/2018-2643 Date: 24/06/2018

Corrigendum

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) called vide memo No: STEP/Procurement/6.59(AF-PS)/2018-2568 Date: 16/05/2018 is amended as follows:

Amended Area	Original Text	Amended Text
Other Information (in last paragraph)	Expression of Interest must be delivered on or before 27/05/2018 at 12:00 pm	Expression of Interest must be delivered on or before 06/06/2018 at 12:00 pm

Other information will be remained same.

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Procurement of 1 No. brand new Heavy-duty Rugged Construction 4WD Jeep for LICHSP
e-GP: Re-Tender Notice No. 04/2017-18; Date: 23.05.2018

Tender ID No.	Package Ref.	Tender Ref. No.	Description of works	Tender last selling/download date & time	Tender submission date & time	Tender opening date & time
201869	LICHSP/G-1	25.38.0000.704.07.023.17-119 Date: 23.05.2018	Procurement of 1 No. brand new 4WD Jeep for LICHSP	13.06.2018 Time: 2:30pm	14.06.2018 Time: 2:00pm	14.06.2018 Time: 2:15pm

Interested persons/vehicle selling agencies may visit the website (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) to get the details of the tender.

This is an online tender, where e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branch.

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

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