

KCC aims to tackle city's waterlogging

UNB, Khulna
Khulna City Corporation (KCC) has undertaken a Tk 843.84 crore project, aiming to solve the city's perennial waterlogging crisis.

A project proposal -- "Drainage system development project for resolving waterlogging in KCC" -- was sent to the local government ministry on Tuesday for approval.

The project works include dredging nine rivers, including the Mayur and renovating its banks, reconstructing eight sluice gates, constructing large drains (62km) and small ones (128km) on both sides of nine major city roads.

Under the project, three bridges will be constructed over the Mayur river.

KCC Chief Planning Officer Abirul Jabbar said a Tk 100 crore project was taken earlier to end the waterlogging problem. Later, some additional works were included as per the directives of the newly-elected mayor.

Sources at the KCC said the city dwellers have long been demanding a solution to the waterlogging problem and a project was taken in 2013 to meet their demand.

Under the project, the dredging works of 12 rivers was done. But the Mayur got silted up again within two years for various irregularities in the works, resulting in waterlogging in the city.

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A group of men chopping a tree that fell on the railway tracks in Lawachara National Park in Kamalganj upazila of Moulvibazar. A local spotted the fallen tree and promptly signaled an approaching train. The driver stopped the train, which saved many lives. Inset, Passengers of the Sylhet-bound Pahartali train from Chittagong watch on. The photos were taken yesterday.

Institutional structure

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allocated a budget of Tk 50 crore for the charrs few years ago. But it was not used due to a lack of an institutional structure."

About Tk 200 crore has also been allocated this fiscal year which will remain the same. The government should form a particular body such as Char Development Foundation or Board to use the budget, he said.

This institution would be financed by the government, but it should be operated independently, said Ibrahim Khaled, former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank.

Former BB governor and

Unnayan Shamannay Chairman Dr Atiur Rahman said, "We need support from all to form an institutional structure, and I am trying to do so."

Speaking as the chief guest, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Narayan Chandra Chanda said the government will take separate projects to solve the farmers' problems.

About ensuring crops' fair price, he urged the private sector to restrain middlemen.

State Minister for Finance MA Mannan, lawmaker Faridul Haque Khan Dulal and ACI Group Chairman M Anis Ud Dowlah also spoke.

Findings misrepresented

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Some headlines on the event read: "EWG 46.5% Kendre Oniom Peyeche" or EWG finds irregularities at 46.5 percent centres; "46.5 Satanga Kendre Oniom" or irregularities at 46.5 percent centres; "46.5% Kendre Nirbachan Sushthu Hoyni" or election is not fair at 46.5 percent centres; and "Gazipur city polls not fair: EWG".

In the release, EWG explains that it visited 129 or 30.4 percent of the total 425 centres. According to its primary statement, EWG found irregularities in 60 centres, which is 46.5 percent of the visited 129 centers. Secondly, EWG claims it never said in the statement that the election was "not held fairly".

Of the 159 electoral irregularities, 30 incidents involved presence of unauthorised persons at the centres, 28 incidents involved campaigning within 400 yards radius of the centre, and 24 incidents were of providing transportation for voters by candidates, the release added.

Number of 'shootout'

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At least 856 children were subjected to torture, which is 227 more than that of last year. Among them, 148 were killed and 58 committed suicide. Meanwhile, bodies of 53 children were recovered after they went missing.

OTHER CASES OF VIOLENCE

In the past six months, six Hindu houses were torched and 28 idols vandalised. Arson attacks and vandalism at temples and altars also took place. In these incidents, 24 persons were injured.

Meanwhile, 90 journalists were tortured, harassed and threatened for performing their professional duties, the report also added.

Along the border, three Bangladeshis were killed and nine other were injured by Indian Border Security Force.

The administration imposed section 144 on 12 occasions across the country. Twenty-two people were killed in mob beating, added the ASK report.

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Gazipur and Khulna

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the Narayanganj, Comilla and Rangpur city corporations were held in a free and fair manner under the present Election Commission.

People's confidence that the Election Commission had gained following the Rangpur and Comilla city corporation elections is missing in the KCC and GCC elections, he also said.

Awami League candidates won in both Khulna and Gazipur city corporation elections -- marred by irregularities such as heavy showdown by the ruling party in and around polling stations, ballot box stuffing and driving out polling agents of rival groups.

KCC polls was held on May 15 while GCC polls was held on June 26.

Although there was no incident of major violence during the voting, the polls lacked festivity because of an intimidating atmosphere created by the AL men.

Law enforcers were present in large numbers, but they mostly played the role of silent observers, as AL men in some stations violated election rules at will.

The United States voiced concern over reports of irregularities during the city corporation elections in Gazipur and Khulna.

After the KCC polls, Shujan said KCC elections were marked by "peaceful rigging" and there is no scope to term it free, fair and flawless.

Jails overflowing

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317 kgs of hemp, 23495 bottles of Phensedyl, 20 pistols and 5 local guns were also recovered as of June 3, sources at the Police Headquarters said.

A good number of suspected drug traders and illegal drug users were also killed during reported gunfights with police and Rab.

Contacted, Assistant Inspector General (Admin) of Prison Headquarters, Abdullah Al Mamun, said they have long been facing lots of problems due to sudden rise in the number of inmates in the country's jails.

Usually, he said, the jails hold double inmates than their capacity, but now those packed up to 300 percent of their capacity.

Replying to a question, Mamun said the jails were holding around 88,000 prisoners during the first week of the June which was the highest number of prisoners in the country's history. "Several thousand prisoners were released on bail before Eid-ul-Fitr."

He said, the number of inmates rose four to five times higher than their capacity in some jails, and they have to shift the prisoners to other district jails for accommodation.

As the anti-narcotic drive continues, the jail authorities will have to face a serious problem to accommodate the prisoners, a top official at the Department of Prisons said requesting anonymity.

Contacted, NHRC Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque said the human rights of prisoners are being seriously violated in the overcrowded jails.

"I think the law enforcers should be more careful about arresting people. If we assess the settled cases, we'll find over 70 percent accused were acquitted, but they suffered imprisonment for a long time. So, no one should be arrested without any specific allegation," he said.

Besides, Hoque said procrastination in disposing of the cases or backlog of cases is one of the main reasons behind the rise in the number of inmates.

Human Rights Support Society (HRSS) adviser Nur Khan said jails should be turned into correction centres with various facilities to help inmates go back to normal life.

"No one should be imprisoned before getting convicted by the court and steps should be taken to conduct speedy trials of all the cases," he added.

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NEWS IN brief

Man arrested with 22 gold bars

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
Customs intelligence officials arrested a man with 22 gold bars, worth Tk 1.10 crore, at Sylhet Osmani International Airport yesterday. The arrestee, Sadekur Rahman Samu, of Sunamganj, landed at the airport on a Biman Bangladesh flight from Dubai around 7:00am, said Nazrul Islam, civil aviation security in-charge at the airport. On information, the officials arrested him and seized the gold bars, weighing around 2.6kg.

7 stolen motorbikes recovered, 8 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla
Police yesterday said to have recovered seven stolen motorcycles and arrested eight persons in this connection in Comilla. At a press conference at Comilla Kotwali Police Station, Additional Superintendent of Police Abdullah Al Mamun said on a tip-off they arrested Suzon, a leader of a gang stealing bikes, with seven motorcycles in Jhawtala area. On Suzon's information, police arrested seven gang members in different places of Comilla in the last 36 hours, said the police official.

Man found dead in Sylhet house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
A man was found dead at his house in Sylhet city's Bagbari area yesterday. Police recovered the hanging body of Nur Islam, 45, who was from Comilla. He lived in a rented house in Sylhet. Landlord Hridoy Ahmed said Nur Islam had been living there with his second wife and a child. But the wife left the house after Eid following an altercation with her husband. Kotwali police said reason behind the death can be known after an autopsy.

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