



This bridge on a canal in Joutha Khamar area in Matiranga upazila of Khagrachhari collapsed on June 12, causing immense suffering to the people of the remote hill area.

PHOTO: STAR

# People suffer for collapsed bridge

## The bridge in remote Matiranga UZ needs early rebuilding to restore road link

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari**

Thousands of people of 15 villages are badly suffering since the concrete bridge on Dhulia canal in Matiranga upazila of the district collapsed on June 12.

People living in those villages are now crossing the canal by rafts made of banana trees.

Thousands of people use the bridge that connects 15 villages of two wards under Matiranga union to the upazila headquarters.

Local people urged the authorities concerned to rebuild the bridge on emergency basis otherwise it will seriously hamper livelihood of the villagers.

Sources said Khagrachhari Hill District Council built the 120-feet-long bridge in 2001.

During a visit to the area a few days ago, this correspondent saw the bridge, constructed on three pillars, lying broken after the pillar in the middle collapsed on June 12.

Meanwhile, villagers who need to go to the upazila headquarters or other places were crossing the canal by raft.

Amrita Tripura, a ward member under Matiranga union, said road communication with upazila headquarters has been completely snapped due to the collapsed bridge.

Dino Mohan Tripura, headman (village chief) of Doldola mouza, said people living in the area are mostly dependent on Jum cultivation and fruit gardening.

Matiranga Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Bivishan Kanti Das said he heard about the collapsed bridge and informed the deputy commissioner of the matter.

As it required a lot of money to construct a concrete bridge, upazila administration will build a temporary bridge soon considering people's interest, the UNO said.

# 4 get life term for killing teenage boy

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mamiganj**

A court here yesterday sentenced four people to rigorous imprisonment for life for killing a teenage boy in Shivalaya upazila on May 23 in 2014.

The court also fined the convicts Tk 10,000 each, in default, to serve two more years of rigorous imprisonment.

Senior Judge of the District and Sessions Judge's Court Md Mizanur Rahman Khan delivered the verdict.

The convicts are Mohammad Sujon, 22, Mohammad Abu Taleb, 45, Mohammad Suruj, 19, and Mohammad Muktar Hossain, 32. Md Sujon and Mohammad Abu Taleb were present in the court, while the other two are absconding.

Two other accused, Md Liton, 30, and Md Raju Hossain, 35, were acquitted as the charges brought against them could not be proved.

According to the prosecution, the convicts killed Md Tutul, 13, son of Arman Ali of Teota village in Shivalaya upazila and dumped his body into the well of Teota Jamindar Bari on May 23 in 2014.

Informed by locals, police recovered the body from there after seven days.

Arman filed a case with Shivalaya Police Station on May 30 against six people.

Police submitted the charge sheet before the court on December 10 in 2014.

# 'Punish attackers on Ishwardi Govt College teachers'

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna**

Teachers of all government colleges in the district yesterday staged demonstration protesting Wednesday's attack on the principal and other teachers of Ishwardi Government College by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists.

They also demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the attackers.

Meanwhile, Rakibul Hasan Rony, president of Ishwardi upazila unit BCL, and its activist Md Shishir yesterday appeared before Pabna Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court, seeking bail in a case for assaulting the principal and other teachers of Ishwardi Government College.

But Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Abu Baset rejected their bail prayers and sent them to jail, said Abdul Ahad, lawyer to the case.

As part of the countrywide programme announced by BCS General Education Association on Saturday, teachers of different government colleges in the district yesterday held protest rallies and formed human chains at their own institutions to realise the demand, said Dr Shawkat Ali, secretary of the association in Pabna.

On June 27, unruly BCL men swooped on Ishwardi Government College and vandalised office room, computers and CC cameras when the HSC admission was going on.

The attackers, led by Rony and college unit president Arman Hossain and secretary Sabbir Rahman, also assaulted the principal and other teachers, said speakers at the programme at Ishwardi Government College.

The attackers asked the teachers of the college to sell a prospectus of BCL for Tk 150 each to the admission seekers.

As they refused to do it, the BCL men carried out the attack, said Md. Abdul Jalil, vice principal of the college.

"Arrest and punish the attackers for the sake of justice," said Dr Sawkat.

Principal of the college Abdus Sabur Khan filed a case with Ishwardi Police Station on Friday, accusing 35 people, including 11 named BCL leaders. The leaders include Rony, Shishir, Arman and Sabbir.

OC of Ishwardi Police Station Md Azim Uddin said they are trying to arrest the accused.

# Body parts

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Abul Bashar Miah said the K-8W training plane, being operated by two pilots -- squadron leaders Sirajul Islam and Enayet Kabir Polash -- took off from Motiur Rahman Air Base in Jessore at around 8:30 pm.

Sometime later, the plane crash landed in the Bukhhora Baor.

ISPR said inclement weather was the cause of the crash. An investigation committee has been formed to probe the incident.

Alamgir Pathan, manager of Jessore Airport, said the pilots lost connection with the control tower sometime after taking off.

Bashar said police and fire service went to the spot upon information and began the rescue operation at 10:30pm.

It was suspended at around 4:00am on Monday. The operations resumed after divers of the navy and fire service from Khulna arrived in the morning.

Witness Shyamol Kumar of Chandutia Bazar said he heard a big bang at around 9:00pm and rushed to Bukhhora Baor, which is adjacent to Arichpur Bazar. From a distance, he could make out a portion of the plane floating in the water.

Nothing was clearly visible due to rain and darkness. The stench of petrol hung heavy in the air, he said.

Our Jamalpur correspondent reports, Jamalpur locals were shocked at the sudden demise of pilot Enayet Kabir Polash.

Enayet Kabir, 36, son of Dr Shafi Uddin

# Over a hundred

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involved in drug dealing," it said.

The eminent personalities demanded announcement of a list along with full name and address of each person killed in the anti-drug drive and ensuring all the democratic rights of citizens.

They also called for trial of all the law enforcers who threatened, harassed and killed people.

Prof Emeritus Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Jahangirnagar University professors Anu Muhammad, Naseem Aktar Hussain, Dhaka University professor Gitiara Nasreen, associate professors Samina Luthfi, Fahmidul Haq Robaet Ferdous, Tanzimuddin Khan Badruddin Umar, president of Jatiya Mukti Council, Khalekuzzaman, general secretary of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal, Sheikh Mohammad Shahidullah, Jafrullah Chowdhury, BD Rahmatullah, writers Omar Tarek Chowdhury, Syed Abul Kalam, Nur Mohammad, Rafiq Kaiser and Rehnema Ahmed signed the statement, among others.

# Water lily cultivation turns a profit in Kurigram

**ABDUL WAHED with ANDREW EAGLE**

Six years ago, when Mahiuddin Shohel, 28, collected his first red water lilies from a local pond to plant in a ditch, little could he have imagined it was the start of a small business. The Imam and Muezzin of Kurigram staff-quarters mosque sold the flowers for Tk 20 per piece that year. Since then his nursery has grown to include more than 800 plants and, testament to the enduring popularity of the water lily, sales are brisk.

"I've been a plant-lover since my student days," says Shohel. "I have no training in horticulture but in 2012 I was able to lease forty decimals of land from the mosque committee. Eight decimals were submerged and suitable for water lilies."

"Two years later I was able to visit nurseries in Dhaka's Agargaon," he continues. "I saw that red or violet water lilies planted in a tub were being sold for up to Tk 3,000 each."

At around that time, one of his customers, the



civil surgeon then posted in Kurigram, Dr Taufiqul Islam, donated a violet variety collected from his native Dinajpur. Shohel cultivated the flower and sold twelve offshoots for Tk 2,000 each. The business looked promising.

"The following year I had more than enough new plants to sell so I reduced the price," Shohel

narrates. "This year I have sown more than 500 of the red variety in another pond."

From Tk 6,000 as an initial investment, Shohel's nursery is now an asset worth around Tk 4 lakhs. Last year he sold around Tk 55,000 worth of water lily plants, and he hopes to expand the nursery by 15 decimals this year.

"Water lilies are popular with people with rooftop gardens," Shohel says. "They are also used in herbal cures. They flower in every season and don't require much care."

"Growing water lilies in unused water bodies helps to maintain biodiversity," says the agriculture officer for Kurigram Sadar upazila, Sasty Chandra Roy. "Due to the expansion of agriculture, lilies are less common than they used to be. Mahiuddin Shohel's contribution is appreciated."

Forever the plant-lover, Shohel has his sights set upon a new milestone. "I am trying to collect a yellow water-lily from India," he says.

# Headmaster dies

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returned home and informed his father Chand Mia of the matter.

Chand Mia, who ferries people on his motorbike to earn a livelihood, went to the school with some of his relatives and locked in an altercation with the headmaster over the issue around 10:30am the same day.

At one stage, Chand Mia allegedly punched Dulal in the chest repeatedly, injuring him, said the OC.

Dulal was immediately rushed to Kalmakanda Upazila Health Complex and was later transferred to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH), where he succumbed to his injuries around 10:00pm, the OC said. The body was sent to MMCH morgue for autopsy.

Syed Mahub Ishtiaq, a doctor at the emergency ward of the health complex who treated Dulal, said the punch might have caused a heart attack and eventually the death.

None of the accused could be reached for comment.

Towhid Ansari, an assistant teacher at the school, said hearing the commotion, he, along with

# Enriching soil

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the soil science division at the Bangladesh Agricultural Resource Institute. "There should be about five percent organic matter in soil but recent testing in Shivalaya upazila found just one percent."

Rich in carbon, biochar lasts in the soil for thousands of years. Not only does it rejuvenate soil with improved fertility, it also acts as a natural carbon sink, storing carbon that would otherwise be released into the atmosphere as global warming contributing carbon dioxide.

"The good thing is that biochar is resistant to decomposition," explains Jayanta Adhikari, executive director of the non-government organisation involved. "It can enhance soil quality and ensure better crop yields for many years."

In the kitchen meanwhile, the Akha stove reduces the health risk of smoke inhalation. "Our kitchen was always smoky, the walls were caked in oil and black stains," says household manager Monkhushi Halder, 35, from Amdala Jelepara village in Shivalaya. "Since June 2016 we have used an Akha stove. It ignites easily and doesn't emit much smoke. From the stove we get forty kilograms of biochar each month, which I sell for around Tk 800."

Four leading agricultural universities have extended support for the trial. The primary findings of tests by soil scientists are encouraging.

# Challenged woman, 2 kids drown in ponds

**STAR COUNTRY DESK**

A mentally challenged girl and two minor boys drowned in Rajbari, Gopalganj and Joypurhat on Sunday and yesterday.

Sundori Biswas, 22, daughter of Rojonikanto Biswas of the village, drowned in a pond at Jungle village under Baliakandi upazila of Rajbari on Sunday, reports our Faridpur correspondent.

"Sundori went missing when she went to wash utensils in a pond. Later, her family members found her body floating in the pond," said Baliakandi Police Station Sub-Inspector Bilal Hossain, quoting family members.

A boy drowned in a pond at Kalikabari village under Kotalipara upazila in Gopalganj on Sunday, our correspondent reports.

**বিজ্ঞপ্তি/নোটিশ**

**বিষয়ঃ বেসরকারি উদ্যোগে ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টার স্থাপন করার জন্য কমার্শিয়াল স্পেস ভাড়া প্রদানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি।**

ঢাকার অন্যতম বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা কাওরান বাজারে ভিআইপি রোড সংলগ্ন ১০২, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এডিনিউ-এ সুবিধাজনক লোকেশনে অবস্থিত বাংলাদেশ ইম্পাত ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশনের প্রধান কার্যালয় "বিএসইসি ভবন" এর ৯ম তলায় সম্পূর্ণ বেসরকারি উদ্যোগে একটি ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টার স্থাপনের জন্য ১২০০ বর্গফুট জায়গা ভাড়া দেওয়া হবে। অত্রস্থ ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানকে প্রস্তাবনাসহ সচিব, বিএসইসি ভবন, ১০২, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এডিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫ বরাবর আবেদন করার জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে। যোগাযোগের জন্য ফোনঃ ৯১৪১০৭৩ (অফিস চলাকালীন) মোবাইলঃ ০১৭১০-৭৫৮৮১৭।

ভাড়া প্রদানের সময় শর্তাবলী আলোচনা সাপেক্ষে নির্ধারিত হবে।

নং-বিএসইসি/পিআরডি/৯৫

তারিখঃ ০২/০৭/২০১৮ জিডি-১৬৭৮

**এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড**  
(বাংলাদেশ ইম্পাত ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন এর একটি প্রতিষ্ঠান)  
২৬৫-২৬৭, টঙ্গী শিল্প এলাকা, গাজীপুর।

**শ্রমিক-কর্মচারী ও নিরাপত্তাকর্মীদের বার্ষিক ইউনিফর্ম ক্রয়ের উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড এর শ্রমিক, কর্মচারী ও নিরাপত্তাকর্মীদের ইউনিফর্ম, জুতা ও মোজা সরবরাহের জন্য প্রকৃত প্রস্তুতকারক/ সরবরাহকারী/ টেন্ডারিং প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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- ১। এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিঃ এর হিসাব বিভাগ হতে নগদ মূল্যে টেন্ডার সিডিউল আগামী ১৪-০৭-২০১৮ খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ক্রয় করা যাবে।
- ২। অত্রস্থী দরদাতাগণ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রশাসন বিভাগে রক্ষিত নমুনা প্রত্যক্ষ করতে পারবেন। দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় আবশ্যিকভাবে মালামালসমূহের নমুনা দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ৩। টেন্ডার খোলার দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হবে না।
- ৪। অনিবার্য কারণ বশতঃ টেন্ডার গ্রহণের দিন কারখানা বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে একই সময়ে টেন্ডার গ্রহণ ও খোলা হবে।
- ৫। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন বা সকল টেন্ডার বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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