





The bridge at Dewanpara village in Kawkhali upazila of Rangamati lies without repair after its partial collapse during last year's flood. Right, people cross risky bamboo bridges at Ananda Bazar in Faridpur Sadar upazila and Barobazar union in Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah. PHOTO: STAR

Suffering for lack of bridges

Locals in Jhenidah, Faridpur, Rajbari, Rangamati demand steps to ease communication

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Communication problem grips different areas of Jhenidah, Faridpur, Rajbari and Rangamati districts in absence of permanent bridges over rivers and canals.

Thousands of people on both sides of the Chitra river in Barobazar union under Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah are badly suffering for want of a concrete bridge, reports our correspondent.

People of 20 villages of two unions use a bamboo bridge on the river as there are two markets, a college, two high schools and a hospital in the area.

"We are in trouble due to lack of a permanent bridge. Our children face risk while going to school. Recently, an elderly women slipped from the shako [bamboo bridge]," said Md Mohiuddin of Barpa village.

The farmers face problem while carrying their produces to the market, locals said.

UP member Abdur Razzak of Mongolpaita village said the authorities have allocated Tk 3.37 crore for construction of a bridge at the spot.

Work for the 66-metre-long bridge will start soon, said Obhijit Kumar Biswas, subassistant engineer of Kaliganj upazila.

Our Faridpur Correspondent reports: Thousands of people of Ujanchar union under Goalanda upazila in Rajbari and Ishan Gopalpur union of Sadar upazila in Faridpur are suffering for want of a permanent bridge over a canal.

People of at least 30 villages of the two districts use a bamboo bridge to cross the canal flowing between Anando Bazar and Sahajuddin Matbor Para areas to go to their destinations, including the district headquarters, educational institutions and

bazars but the bridge has turned risky due to overuse, locals said. "We live in the border area of two dis-

tricts, so no one takes care of us," said Mostafa Sheikh, 37, a shopkeeper of Ananda Bazar. Abul Hossain Fakir, chairman of

Ujanchar Union Parishad (UP), said he has urged the authorities concerned for building a permanent bridge to ease communication in the area. Mizanur Rahman Mojnu, chairman

of Ishan Gopalpur UP, said, "We have sent a proposal to the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives for building a bridge. I hope the problem will be solved in a short time."

Our Rangamati Correspondent adds: Several thousand people of Dewanpara village in Ghagra union under the district's

Kawkhali upazila are facing untold sufferings as a locally important bridge, which was badly damaged during last year's rains, is yet to be repaired. Specially affected are the children

who have to regularly cross the bridge to go to school. Farmers are also facing problem to carry

their produce to Ghagra Bazar.

Local Government and Engineering Department built the 200-metre-long bridge in 2013 for movement of light vehicles and crossing it on foot but no vehicles can use it after the damage, said officials of Ghagra Union Parishad.

Visiting the area last week, this correspondent saw people crossing the bridge amid risk.

Jagodish Chakma, chairman of Ghagra Union Parishad, said he told the authorities concerned to repair the bridge.

57 murdered in eight months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Fifty-seven people were murdered in 12 upazilas of the district in the last eight months from January.

Most of the people were killed over previous enmities, family feuds and land disputes. However, no political killing was committed during the period.

According to the office of superintendent of police, the killings were committed from January to August. Of the cases, 50 were unearthed while the rest could not be unearthed. Ninety-two accused out of a total 180 in the cases were arrested.

Madrasa teacher Anisur Rahman Tula was found

murdered at Deopur village in Kalihati upazila on June 28. But the mystery of the murder could not be unearthed so far. Slit-throat body of Mohaimenul Islam Hamim, 14, a student of Sristy Academy School, was found in Nagarpur

upazila on July 17. Ten days after the brutal murder, Nagarpur police arrested Imon, 20, who later confessed to killing Hamim over love affair with a girl. Former public prosecutor S Akbar Khan said the criminals got released on bail when the plaintiffs got frus-

trated in many cases due to the lengthy trial processes for getting justice. Contacted, SP Sanjit Kumar Roy said they are trying to reduce crimes in the district.

Drug trader gets tive years RI

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A court here yesterday awarded a youth rigorous imprisonment for five years in a drug trading case in the district.

The convict is Imam Hossain Hawlader, 20, of the town. Patuakhali Special Sessions Judge's Court Judge Md Shahidullah delivered the judgment in absence of the accused as he has been absconding after getting bail from the court in March. The court acquitted Rasel, another accused in the case.

Public Prosecutor Advocate Ariful Haque Tito said men of the district Detective Branch (DB) of police led by Horidas Nag arrested Imam with 100 Yaba tablets from Mukti Clinic area in the town on January 2 this year, while his associate Rasel managed to flee.

Horidas Nag filed a case with Patuakhali Police Station the same day, accusing Iman and Rasel.

Police submitted the charge sheet to the court against the two accused in April.

on 2-day remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A court here on Sunday placed Atiqur Rahman Rony, one of the top criminals in the town and locally known as 'Quarter Rony', on a two-day remand in an arms case.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Monira Sultana passed the order after Detective Branch (DB) police produced Rony before the court in the afternoon with a prayer for a ten-day remand, said Court Inspector Anoarul Islam.

Earlier, law enforcers arrested Rony from New Market area in Dhaka on Friday, said Tangail DB police Officer-in-Charge (OC) (South) Shaymal Dutta.

Rony, 30, is also an accused in six criminal cases, including one for murder, the OC added.

Supporters of Amanur Rahman Khan Rana, AL lawmaker of Tangail-3 (Ghatail) constituency, brought out a procession near Tangail court area following a bail hearing of the lawmaker in the court on September 5.

Police dispersed the processionists charging batons and firing teargas shells when they tried to enter the court area.

The law enforcers later raided the nearby Hospital Gate area and recovered a foreign-made pistol and bullets from a shop and arrested two people from there.

Police filed an arms case on the same day with Tangail

Model Police Station in this regard, accusing seven people including Rony.

'Top criminal' Rony Communication on verge of collapse About two lakh people of 6 villages in Patuakhali's Dashmina worried over road link

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Around two lakh people of six villages are very worried as the only road connecting Dashmina upazila headquarters is on the verge of collapsing into the Gopaldi river.

Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWD) built the embankment along the Gopaldi river in the 1990s to protect Alipur and Ronogopaldi unions. Later on, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) built a 9.58 km carpeted road on the embankment to connect both unions with Dashmina upazila headquarters in 2011-2012 fiscal year at a cost of around Tk 8 crore.

Since then, people of both the unions have been using the road to go to the upazila headquarters. But the road is now under threat of erosion and 65 metres have already been washed into the river at Burikanda.

This correspondent recently saw the collapsed portion of the embankment cum road.



patially collapsed, leaving the locals in trouble. People of Uttar Rongopaldi,

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Khalishakhali, Golbunia, Guli and Jouta villages are using the road cautiously and heavy vehicles cannot ply it, said Rezaul Karim of Burikanda.

Erosion becomes serious during full moon and new moon, when high tide level rises more than normal, he said. "We are afraid that the road may collapse any time," he added.

Monir Hossain said people of the six villages are worried that communications with the upazila headquarters might be snapped any time. Erosion will also affect students as some primary schools, high schools and colleges are situated in the area, he said. Ronogopaldi UP Chairman ATM Asadul

Ronogopaldi Union Parishad Member

Haque said people of the villages are suffering as a portion of the road has collapsed. "We urged the authorities concerned to

take immediate steps to protect the road as well as the dyke," he said. LGED Upazila Engineer Md Jahangir

Hossain said they are taking steps to repair the six-km road. "We will repair the road if WDB repairs or rebuilds the eroded areas," he said.

Patuakhali WDB Executive Engineer M Hasanuzzaman said LGED is maintaining the road. "We have already submitted a proposal in this regard and will start the work after getting approval from the higher authorities," he added.

UP chairman's wrath on challenged boy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A mentally challenged youth, mercilessly beaten allegedly by the local union parishad (UP) chairman in Sadar upazila on Friday, is undergoing treatment at Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital.

The victim is Ashraful Islam, 30, son of Ramjan Ali and Aklima Begum at Taluk Harati village of Harati union in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Ramjan lodged a complaint accusing the UP chairman with Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station on Friday night.

"Harati UP Chairman Rafiqul Islam took Tk 1,000 as bribe and birth registration and disability cards of our challenged son in the name of giving government's allowance for the disabled two years ago," said the youth's mother Aklima Begum.

"As the UP chairman failed to give disability allowance in the last two years, we went to him for getting back the bribe money and submitted papers on Friday morning. As my son voiced against the chairman, he got angry and started beating him in my presence," she said.

"Many challenged people got disability allowance as they paid higher amounts as bribe while we gave Tk 1,000

only," said Ashraful's father Ramjan. Contacted, UP Chairman Rafiqul Islam refuted the allegation of taking

bribe in the name of giving disability



Ashraful Islam in hospital bed.

allowance and said, "I didn't torture the challenged boy, I just made them go out from my home."

Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station OC Mafhuz Alam said police is investigating the compliant and legal action will be taken if the chairman is found guilty.

Dr Manjur Morshed Dolon, resident medical officer in Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital, said, the challenged youth was tortured in his back, hands, legs and face and he is now danger-free.

"Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Jayashree Rani Roy visited the tortured challenged youth at the hospital and assured his proper treatment. We will process government allowance for him. Local government will take department action if the UP chairman is found guilty," said Lalmonirhat Deputy Commissioner Shafiul Arif.

Missing boy found dead in C'nawabganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

The body of a boy, who was missing since Sunday evening, was found at Horipur-Dewanpara area in the municipality early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Redwan Ahsan Hridoy, 8, son of Abdur Rahim of Horipur-Dewanara in the munici-

pality area. He was a sec-

ond grade student of Mecca

Model Madrasa. Sadar Model Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Ziaur Rahman said Hridoy went missing on Sunday evening and his father lodged a general

diary with the police sta-

tion at around 11:00pm. Later, police went to the area and found Hridoy's body a few yards from his house at around 1:30am

vesterday. "Primarily, we think that he was strangled to death and his body was dumped in the area. Police sent the body to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy," the OC said.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয় আইন শাখা বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা

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বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক নিমুবর্ণিত শর্তসাপেক্ষে মহামান্য সুপ্রিম কোর্টের আপীল বিভাগ, হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ, প্রশাসনিক আপীল ট্রাইব্যুনাল, প্রশাসনিক ট্রাইব্যুনাল এবং বিভিন্ন আদালতের জন্য কিছু সংখ্যক বেসরকারি প্যানেল আইনজীবী/রিটেইনার নিয়োগের নিমিত্ত প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখান্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

PHOTO: STAR

দরখাস্তকারীকে অবশ্যই আপীল বিভাগ, হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ, প্রশাসনিক আপীল ট্রাইব্যুনাল ও প্রশাসনিক ট্রাইব্যুনালে বেসরকারি প্যানেল আইনজীবী (সিনিয়র) ০১(এক) জন মামলা পরিচালনায় ন্যুনতম ০৫ (পাঁচ) বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ আইন পেশায় কমপক্ষে ৭ (সাত) বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতা অথবা নিমুআদালতে কমপক্ষে ১০ (দশ) বৎসরের আইন পেশায়/বিচার বিভাগীয় কাজে অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। বেসরকারি প্যানেল আইনজীবী (জুনিয়র) দরখান্তকারীকে অবশ্যই হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ, প্রশাসনিক আপীল ট্রাইব্যুনাল ও প্রশাসনিক ট্রাইব্যুনালে দেওয়ানি ০২ (দুই) জন আদালত/জেলা জজ ও তদনিয়ন্ত্রণাধীন অন্যান্য আদালতসমূহে/দেওয়ানি ও ফৌজদারি মামলা পরিচালনায় ন্যুনতম ৩ (তিন) বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ আইন পেশায় কমপক্ষে ০৫ (পাঁচ) বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতা অথবা নিমুআদালতে কমপক্ষে ৭ (সাত) বৎসরের আইন পেশায়/বিচার বিভাগীয় কাজে অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে

আবেদনকারী আইনজীবীকে ঢাকায় স্থায়ীভাবে বসবাসরত হতে হবে: আবেদনকারী আইনজীবীর বয়স ৬০ বছরের অধিক হতে পারবে নাঃ

অবসরপ্রাপ্ত জেলা জজ/বিচারকগণও আবেদন করতে পারবেন:

প্যানেল আইনজীবীগণ বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের পক্ষে বিভিন্ন মামলার প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতা করবেন;

বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের সিডিউল মোতাবেক প্যানেল আইনজীবীগণ সম্মানি (সরকারি ভ্যাট, ট্যাক্স ও আয়কর কর্তন সাপেক্ষে) প্রাপ্য হবেন;

প্যানেল আইনজীবীগণ বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের স্বার্থ আছে এমন মামলার ক্ষেত্রে বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের বিপক্ষে প্রতিঘন্ধিতা করতে পারবেন নাঃ মামলার অগ্রগতি প্রতিবেদন প্রতিমাসে নির্দিষ্ট ছকে সচিব, বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয় বরাবরে দাখিল করতে হবে;

কোন মামলায় বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের পক্ষে বা বিপক্ষে রায় হলে তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে পরবর্তী করণীয় বিষয়ে জরুরিভিত্তিতে বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়কে অবহিত করতে হবে: মামলা সংক্রান্ত বিষয়ে হালনাগাদ তথ্যসহ মামলার তারিখ এবং মামলার সর্বশেষ অবস্থা বিস্তারিতভাবে সচিব, বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়কে অবহিত করতে হবে; 30.

দরখাস্তকারীকে দরখাস্তের সাথে সচিব, বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয় অনুকূলে ৩০০/- (তিনশত) টাকা মূল্যের পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট (অফেরতযোগ্য) দাখিল করতে হবে।

প্যানেল আইনজীবীর পেশাগত কার্যক্রম সম্ভোষজনক না হলে কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে তার তালিকাভুক্তির আদেশ বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে;

কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন আবেদন অথবা সকল আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে। প্যানেল আইনজীবী তালিকাভুক্তির বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে। এ ক্ষেত্রে কোন ধরণের তদবীর প্রার্থীর অযোগ্যতা হিসেবে গণ্য হবে;

দরখাস্তের কাগজে নিমুবর্ণিত তথ্য ও চাহিদা প্রতিপালনপূর্বক আবেদন করতে হবেঃ নাম, (২) পিতার/স্বামীর নাম, (৩) মাতার নাম, (৪) স্থায়ী ঠিকানা, (৫) বর্তমান ঠিকানা, (৬) জন্ম তারিখ, (৭) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার পূর্ণ বিবরণ ও সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি, (৮) হাইকোর্ট ও জজ কোর্টে আইনজীবী হিসেবে তালিকাভুক্তির সনদ, (৯) আইন বিষয়ে অভিজ্ঞতার সকল প্রমাণক, (১০) নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র, (১১) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের সত্যায়িত কপিসহ সচিব, বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয় বরাবরে দরখাস্ত করতে হবে। সকল প্রমাণকসহ বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের ২১ (একুশ) দিনের মধ্যে আবেদনপত্র নিমুস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে পৌছাতে হবে।

বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে উল্লেখিত সময়ের পর কোন দরখাস্ত গ্রহণ করা হবে না। আবেদনের সাথে সদ্য তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ০৩ (তিন) কপি (রঙিন) ছবি, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার

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