



School children cross a canal on a boat by pulling rope amid risk of accident at Motherbunia in Patuakhali's Rangabali upazila. PHOTO: SOHRAB HOSSAIN

Risky boat ride to attend school

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Villagers, especially school goers, have been suffering a lot due to lack of a bridge on a canal at Motherbunia in Rangabali upazila for years.

Students have to go to school at nearby Rasulbaria village by boat and they have to pull a rope for the purpose.

There is no primary school at Motherbunia, a remote village, where over 1,000 people live, said locals.

There are more than 50 school going children at the village. Guardians have to send their children to Rasulbaria Government Primary School by boat amid risk of accident.

Moreover, villagers have to go to the upazila headquarters and the district town crossing a 200-foot-long canal that flows between the two villages.

Serajul Islam, a resident of Motherbunia village, said country boat has been their only means to cross the canal for long.

A rope is tied to trees on both sides and students and villagers cross the canal on a boat by pulling it. Local people arranged it voluntarily, he said.

"Most of us can't run the boat and due to this, our guardians arranged the system," said Mitu Akhter, a fifth grader.

Another villager Hasem Sikder said

despite repeated pleas the authorities concerned are yet to take any steps to build a bridge on the canal.

Abu Zafar, headmaster of the primary school, said a bridge should be constructed on the canal considering the trouble of school goers as they have to come to the school by a boat amid risk of accident.

Upazila Education Officer Md Golam Sagir said he will raise the issue at the upazila development committee meeting to resolve the problem.

Md Delwar Hossain, chairman of the upazila parishad, said he will take steps to build a bridge on the canal as soon as possible.

Boy held for selling fake SSC question papers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) detained a teenager from Dhaturpohela village under Akhaura upazila of the district yesterday for his alleged involvement in selling fake question papers of the ongoing SSC examinations.

The detainee, Sohag Mia, 15, son of Monir Mia of Shibnagar village of the upazila, is a Class IX student of Devgram Pilot High School in Akhaura municipality, Chandan Debnath, senior assistant director of Rab-14 at Bhairab Camp, told newsmen at Brahmanbaria Press Club at 3:00pm.

"Sohag admitted that he had purchased question papers when he was a JSC examinee last year and afterwards himself became involved with the cheat gang," he said.

"He was selling fake SSC question papers to candidates at Dhaturpohela when Rab members nabbed him by using technology. A case against him has been filed with Akhaura Police Station under ICT Act," said the Rab official.

Drug addict kills father, injures mother

Accused sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A man was killed and his wife sustained injuries in an attack allegedly by their drug addict son at Anakhandha village in Shariatpur's Naria upazila on Sunday.

The deceased was Rahim Bepari, 50, of the village. Injured Piyari Begum was admitted to Shariatpur General Hospital.

Abdul Salam Bepari, a member of Bhojeshwar Union Parishad (UP), said Nayem Bepari, 20, used to quarrel with his parents to get money for buying drugs.

Hearing screams, neighbour Salam rushed to the house of the victims on Sunday afternoon and found them in a pool of blood. At that time, Nayem stood there with a sharp weapon, said the UP member.

On information, police rushed to the spot and arrested Nayem. The victims were sent to the hospital where on-duty doctor declared Rahim dead.

Rahim's elder son filed a case, accusing Nayem, said Monzurul Haque Akand, officer-in-charge (OC) of Naria Police Station.

The arrestee was produced before a court that sent him to jail yesterday, said the OC.

Youth to die for killing former wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A court here yesterday sentenced a youth to death for killing his former wife in 2016.

The convict is Suman Ali, 25, son of Amir Hossain of Choitanyapur-Miapara village in Shibganj upazila.

According to the prosecution, Suman often tortured his wife Farzana Akhter Sima over family issues since their marriage in 2012. The couple have two-year-old son Siyam.

In December 2015, Suman divorced his wife at a local arbitration meeting.

After the incident, Suman tried to bring his son back with him several times but failed. He often harassed Sima for this.

On the night of October 7 in 2016, Suman entered the house of Sima's father in the area and stabbed Sima and her mother Dilura Begum. Sima died on the spot. Locals caught Suman red-handed. He was later handed over to police.

The following day, the victim's brother Kamruzzaman filed a murder case, accusing Suman with Shibganj Police Station.

Inspector Sarwar Rahman of the police station submitted charge sheet against Suman on January 6 in 2017.

After examining witnesses and evidence, Additional District and Sessions Judge Shawkat Ali found Suman guilty and pronounced the verdict.

2 crushed under train

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Two youths were crushed to death under the wheels of a running train at Narundi Railway Station in the district on Sunday.

The deceased were Shimul Hossain, 22, son of Moazzem Hossain of Tulsiapur village, and Abdur Rahman, 20, son of Hamidur Rahman of Narundi village in Sadar upazila.

The two left Dhaka for Jamalpur Railway Station, said Taposh Chandra Pandit, officer-in-charge of Jamalpur Railway Police Station.

The train slowed down a bit while passing Narundi station around 10:00pm.

At that time, the duo got down from the running train, but unfortunately went under the wheels of the train. Shimul died on the spot.

Critically injured Rahman died on way to Jamalpur General Hospital, said the OC, adding that there was no scheduled stoppage of the train at Narundi station.

An unnatural death case was filed with the police station in this connection, said the police official.



Locals accompanied by students bring out a procession at Kumarbhog on Dhaka-Mawa road near the under-construction Padma Bridge yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the killers of Nirob Hossain, an SSC candidate from Medini Mandol Anwar Chowdhury High School in Louhajang upazila of Munshiganj. PHOTO: STAR

Worker electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A worker was electrocuted and three others were injured at Mukhoria village in Achintapur union of Gouripur upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Mahub Mia, 27, of Kunihati village in Kendua upazila of Netrakona.

Mahub and three other workers came in contact with live electric wire when they were working for new electricity connection under a contractor of Palli Bidyut Samity at Mukhoria village, Gouripur Police Station OC Abdullah Al Mamun quoted locals as saying.

Hearing screams, locals rescued them and took to Gouripur Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared Mahub dead.

Female cattle farmers struggle for solvency

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

A good number of women in char (land-mass emerging from riverbed) areas of Teesta and Dharla rivers are now engaged in cattle rearing to bring solvency to their families.

Aklima Begum, 44, wife of Nehar Uddin of Char Kalmati on the Teesta river in Sadar upazila, said she gets up early in the morning and goes out with four cows and three goats for grazing them in the char area after preparing food for her six-member family and returns home at dusk every day.

"My two minor daughters also accompany me for rearing cattle in the char. It is our regular routine," said another woman Nurjahan Begum, 47, of the same char.

"I also collect grass for a milk cow in the house," she said, adding that rearing cattle in the char requires a lot of work.

"We have to walk eight to ten km in char areas for rearing our cattle every day," Nurjahan said, adding that she gets two litres of milk from the cow daily.

Farmer Haider Ali, 48, of Teesta river char Dawabari in Hatibandha upazila, said, "I go

to the crop field where I work daylong, while my wife Sanjida Begum keeps busy rearing cattle in the char area."

"We get Tk 1.20 lakh to Tk 1.50 lakh from selling around 10 cattle every year and this is our major income which helps us mitigate poverty," he said.

Another farmer Nazrul Islam, 55, of the same char area, said they also earn by selling cow milk.

Teesta river basin Rajpur Union Parishad Chairman in Lalmonirhat Sadar Mofazzal Hossain Mofa said char women are struggling to bring solvency to their families by rearing cattle. They are engaged in rearing cattle in the char area from dawn to dusk.

With the additional income, they are now sending their children to the local schools, said the chairman.

District Livestock Officer Saidur Rahman said over 30 families in char areas have four to ten cattle each and char women are now earning better from rearing cattle.

"Our veterinarians often visit char areas and give the women necessary advice on rearing cattle," he said.



Aklima Begum takes her cattle to a grazing field at Char Kalmati on the Teesta river in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila. PHOTO: STAR

MOTHER'S REFUSAL TO ILLICIT PROPOSAL

Three-year-old killed, uncle arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A three-year-old girl of the town was killed allegedly by her paternal uncle as the victim's mother rejected the latter's illicit proposal.

Additional Superintendent of Police Md Alamgir Hossain came up with the clue to the murder at a press conference in the town yesterday.

Halima, daughter of Amir Ali of Bhadughar area, was found murdered in the town on Saturday.

Helal Mia, 26, had been giving illicit proposal to Halima's mother for over a month. As the woman rejected, Helal along with his accomplice Rubel Mia, helper of a mason, planned to kill Halima.

On Saturday, Helal and Rubel lured the kid with potato chips and took her to a narrow lane in the area. Later, Helal strangled Halima.

The next day, police detained Helal and Rubel and during interrogation, they confessed to their involvement in the murder, said the police official.



Jamuna Oil Company Limited

(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)
Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chattogram

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Consulting Firm

Number: 27/2018-19

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division.
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).
3.	Procuring entity name	Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Chattogram.
4.	Procuring entity district	Chattogram.
5.	Expression of interest for	Selection of consulting firm.
6.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
7.	Procurement sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) and as per method in the RFP documents.
8.	Budget and source of funds	Company's Own Fund.
9.	Project name	Feasibility study for best utilization of JOCL's land at Mirpur, Dhaka. Plot No. J/5, Block No-J, Section-3, Mirpur Housing Estate, Dhaka measuring 0.99 acre (4800sq. yards).
10.	EOI receiving date and time	Date: 25 February, 2019 Time & place: 3:00pm, Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad, Chattogram.
11.	Brief description of assignment	Jamuna Oil Company Limited (JOCL), own a plot of land at Plot No. J/5, Block No-J, Section-3, Mirpur Housing Estate, Dhaka with area 0.99 acre (4800sq. yards). Now JOCL intend to appoint a consulting firm to carryout demand assessment survey and best land use study of the land in order to finalize the manner in which way the land can be used to generate maximum revenue. Techno-Commercial Viability of the proposed aforesaid project shall have the following salient features: (i) To carry out market survey to ascertain commercial demand in the area for the coming time of next 50 (fifty) years or more and to propose the types of construction suit to the demand in the proposed high rise complex. (ii) Generate various development options/models and recommend which alternative that will be most beneficial to JOCL. (iii) Suggestions for the most commercial viable project appropriate financing model as to whether the project is to be financed by JOCL from its own resources. (iv) Each alternative of the proposal shall be supported by all the relevant vital details like cost of the project, time period of the completion, cash flow requirement, cost benefit ratio, the yearly profit likely profit to accrue to JOCL by way of leasing out the built-up space, up-front payment with sharing of space/rental etc. (v) Details of interaction with four to five renowned land development companies and business generate of the relevant field/area for assessing various parameters needed for viability of the project. (vi) In the city development Plan/Area plan/Revenue Records, the area of the compound and its usages has to be checked/arranged by the consultant. Comments on the feasibility of change of the land use for the proposed scheme with likely premium to be paid to statutory authorities for the same project. (vii) Preparation and submission of the final report with recommendation of the most beneficial model to JOCL. (viii) The consultant shall provide all the assistance or reply the queries which may be required till the report is finally accepted by the JOCL.
12.	Qualification and experience	The applicant should have experience as below: A) The applicant should have satisfactorily completed similar works during the last 10 (ten) years ending last day of the month prior to one in which the EOI has been invited as under: (i) Two similar works each pertaining to develop of 10.00 katha of the land area in the city corporation. Or (ii) One similar work pertaining to development of 15.00 katha of the land area in the city corporation. Similar work(s) shall mean providing of consultancy services for assessment of techno-commercial viability/feasibility and successful signing of concession agreement & appointment of developer for construction/development of institutional/commercial/residential complex. B) At least one consultancy work of any type should have been executed in any government/semi-government or autonomous organization in the last 10 years.
13.	Documents to be submitted along with EOI	The Expression of Interest (EOI) must comprise the followings: i) Covering Letter ii) Company Profile iii) Experience details iv) Bank solvency certificate v) Available of appropriate skilled staffs (list of relevant professional staff, their qualification and experience) vi) Copy of up-to-date trade license vii) Copy of TIN certificate viii) Copy of VAT registration certificate ix) Audited report/turnover report etc. Only short listed consulting firms will be called to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP).
14.	Association with foreign firm	Nil.
15.	Place of receiving the EOI	Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong.
16.	Name and address of official inviting EOI	Md. Mahidur Rahman DGM (Engineering & Development), Jamuna Oil Company Limited. Jamuna Bhaban, Sk Mujib Road, Agrabad C/A, Chattogram. Phone No: 721568
17.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason. If any false declaration, incorrect or forged certificates/papers are found with an EOI, the EOI shall be declared non-responsive.	