



In the absence of any work by contractors, a section of the under-construction Saidpur-Nilphamari highway at Kazirhaat Bazar lies submerged in water. Inset, a stretch of the highway in Subarnokhali village where earth was dumped six months ago to widen it. The photos were taken recently.

Loaded police gun snatched, recovered 4 hours later

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A loaded pistol, snatched yesterday from a police officer in Baufal upazila by tossing chilli powder into his eyes, was recovered about four hours later.

The gun along with 10 bullets was found inside a plastic bag on top of a coconut tree at house of a villager who is the prime suspect for the crime.

Police also arrested eight people, including prime suspect Dulal Hawlader, in this connection, said Khandakar Mostafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Baufal Police Station.

The firearm was snatched around 9:30am when Mainuddin, assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of the police station, along with two other policemen went to Borodalima village to quell a clash between two groups of people over 9.11 acres of disputed land.

The clash erupted between the two groups -- one led by Dulal Hawlader and the other by Abdul Hakim Hawlader -- when Dulal and his men started preparing the land with a tractor and Hakim along with his men resisted the attempt, said locals.

Informed by locals, ASI Mainuddin and

his team arrived at the scene to restore calm in the area, but they soon came under attack of Dulal and his accomplices wielding sticks.

At one point, Dulal ran home and brought chilli powder that he threw in ASI Mainuddin's eyes. While the other two police members were occupied handling the mob and Mainuddin rendered incapacitated, Dulal disappeared from the scene after removing the ASI's firearm from holster around his waist, said police sources.

At the call of the police team, reinforcements were sent out to the village and they, with support from local union parishad chairman, made the arrests and found the loaded weapon on top of a coconut tree in Dulal's house around 1:30pm, they added.

The OC of the police station said six of the arrestees -- Dulal Hawlader, Elias, Mizan, Dhalu, Kamal Hossain and Abdur Rob -- were admitted to Baufal Upazila Health Complex for their injuries sustained during the clash with their rivals.

A case was filed with the police station in this connection.

CONSTRUCTION OF SAIDPUR-NILPHAMARI HIGHWAY

Slow work causes sufferings to EPZ workers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Slow progress of 15.5-km-long Saidpur-Nilphamari highway construction via Uttara Export Processing Zone (EPZ) is causing sufferings to 35 thousand workers of the EPZ.

Besides, transport of raw materials and goods to and from the EPZ factories is also being affected due to the incomplete road.

The highway is being constructed in two segments -- one by Navana Construction Ltd and the other by a consortium of several construction firms.

With only two months till the deadline, Navana completed only 15 percent of its 8-km segment, while the consortium finished 55 percent of their segment of 7.5 km.

AKM Hamidur Rahman, executive engineer of Roads and Highways Department (RHD), said they might cancel Navana's work order and already sent a letter to the firm expressing

concern over its slow pace of work.

He also said Additional Secretary Belayet Hossain of road transport and bridges ministry during a visit to the construction area in April expressed dissatisfaction over the poor progress of the work and asked officials concerned to take action against Navana.

Under the project, the existing 18-foot wide highway will be widened to 33 feet, said Shafiq Molla, sub divisional engineer of RHD, adding that Tk 110 crore of funding was allocated for land acquisition, while 90 crore for construction work.

The two contractors were issued work order last August with the deadline to finish the construction by August this year, he added.

While visiting the area recently, this correspondent did not find any activity of workers from contractor Navana at a large

section of the project area -- left without any protective measures -- near Dhelapir Bazar where they did partial earth-filling six months ago.

Akhtar Hossain Badal, president of bus, minibus workers union in Nilphamari, said the construction work is too slow and the road has now become hazardous for all.

The road remains congested all throughout the day as it is used by 35 thousand EPZ workers and thousands of vehicles, said Farhanul Islam, acting president of Nilphamari Chamber of Commerce.

Contacted, Navana Construction Ltd Project Manager Ferdous Alam said their progress had been slow as they could not start work on time due to unavoidable circumstances.

However, they hope to make a considerable progress in the next couple of months, he added.

11-yr-old raped, accused held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A man was arrested from Madhukhali upazila on Saturday on charge of raping an 11-year-old girl.

The arrestee is Arif Mollah, 38, of Kamarkhali union, said Saiful Alam, sub-inspector (SI) of Madhukhali Police Station.

The victim's mother said, "I and my husband work at a garment factory in Dhaka and my daughter stayed at the house of Arif, husband of my sister."

"A few days ago, my daughter said Arif had been raping her for the last one year," she said.

Following a case filed by the girl's mother, Arif was arrested from his house, said the SI.

"Later, the arrestee was produced before a court that sent him to jail. The victim was sent to Faridpur Medical College Hospital for medical test," he said.

Teen 'killed by fellow workers'

Eight construction workers arrested as accused

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

Police on Saturday night found body of a construction worker, killed allegedly by his co-workers, in a ditch at Rajpasha village of Jhalakathi Sadar upazila.

The deceased was identified as Alim Howlader, 18, son of Ayub Ali Howlader from Krshnakathi area of the same upazila, said Shonit Kumar Gayen, officer-in-charge (OC) of Jhalakathi Sadar Police Station.

Police sent the body to Jhalakathi Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy, he said, adding that they also arrested eight of Alim's co-workers after his mother filed a case with the police station, accusing eight named and three to four unnamed individuals.

The arrestees admitted to the police that they had an altercation with Alim on Friday night when he raised objection to them for disturbing him during his sleep by being loud while playing cards, he also said.

Alim's mother Mahamuda Aktar said her son went missing since Saturday morning and his fellow workers killed him over the arguments the night before.

The OC said police launched an investigation into the case.

Gaibandha erosion leaves 150 families homeless

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

At least 150 families in Kapasia and Haripur unions of Sundarganj upazila became homeless due to erosion by the Teesta river in the last three days.

With the increasing water level in Teesta basin, erosion by the river has intensified in different char areas of the unions, rendering over 100 families homeless and devouring a vast tract of croplands during the time, said locals.

The road communication between Chandipur and Haripur unions remained snapped as the river devoured at least half a kilometre road at Thakurdangi village in the upazila, causing immense sufferings to people.

A number of erosion-hit victims have taken shelter on high lands, said char people.

During a visit, this correspondent found many villagers shifting to safer places along with their belongings in fear of further erosion.

Standing crops like chilli and jute on vast tracts of land were eroded by the river, said villagers.

Suroj Ali, a marginal farmer of Haripur village in the upazila, said they were compelled to shift their houses and movable properties to safer place as the erosion by the river took a serious turn in the last three days.

Rafiqul Islam, a member of Kapasia Union Parishad (UP),

said a number of houses and huge croplands under this union went into the river during the time.

Fifty families in the area are now under threat of erosion, said Rafiqul.

Naful Islam Jimy, chairman of Haripur UP, said the river continues to devour homesteads and croplands in the union.

Sundarganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Solaiman Ali said they informed the deputy commissioner in Gaibandha about allocation of more relief materials for the affected people.

Gaibandha Water Development Board Executive Engineer Moklesur Rahman said he wrote to the higher authorities for fund to protect the areas from erosion.



A man at Bhati village in Kapasia union of Gaibandha's Sundarganj upazila works to shift his house to a safer place yesterday as erosion by the Teesta river has taken a serious turn in the area.

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Invitation for e-Tender (OTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal for the following works:

Tender ID	318102
Re-Tendered ID	255962
Name of tender	Construction of Road embankment new Pavement 6.40m. Surfacing DBS 6.40m RCC/PC Girder Bridge 2 Nos Side U drain Protective work Sign Signal Sign post road marking etc. with general and site facility of Charkhali-Tushkhali-Mathbaria-Pathorghata Road (z-8701) under Pirojpur Road Division.
Tender last selling date and time	16-Jul-2019 & Time 17:00pm.
Tender closing & opening date and time	17-Jul-2019 & Time 12:00 noon.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP system (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). For more details please contact e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Extortionist yaba trader gives threat

Couple allege in press conference

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

The wife of a businessman in Benapole has brought allegations of demanding Tk 10 lakh illegal toll and threatening her family with dire consequences against a suspected yaba trader.

While reading out the allegations at a press conference at Jashore Press Club yesterday Sukh Moni, wife of businessman Rubel Hossain, said her husband left his job about six months ago and they together started a business in Benapole a few months ago.

She said they import mustard oil cake from India through Bhomra Land Port and sell those in different parts of the country.

"Local yaba trader Mostafizur Rahman alias mobile Babu had been demanding Tk 10 lakh since the start of the business," she said, adding that Babu also threatened her family with dire consequences if her husband did not give him the money.

In the beginning of the month of Ramadan Babu again asked her husband to pay the amount, otherwise, he will implicate him in a false drug case, she alleged.

Sukh Moni said drug addicted Babu, a known drug trader in the area, married wife of another top drug trader Salim, who was killed in a 'gunfight' with police last year.

Babu also threatened her saying that if her husband failed to meet his demand he will marry her forcibly and took her to India, she alleged, adding that although Babu runs his illegal currency trade in Benapole, no one dares to lodge any complaint against him.

Sukh Moni and her husband Rubel, who was also present at the press conference, urged for local administration's intervention in this regard and protect them from extortionist Babu.

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Invitation for Enlistment

01.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance/Bank & Financial Institute Division.
02.	Agency	Bangladesh Krishi Bank.
03.	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Estate & Engineering Department.
04.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
05.	Invitation for	Enlistment Category: 1. Civil works 2. Electrical works. 3. Supply of Electrical Goods.
06.	Invitation Ref. No.	32/2019-2019
07.	Date	09-06-2019
KEY INFORMATION		
08.	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
09.	Application closing date and time	Date Time 17-07-2019 12:00 Noon.
10.	Name & address of the office(s)	Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Estate & Engineering Department (8th Floor), Head Office, 83-85, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
	-Application form availability	do
	-Receiving application form	do
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
11.	Eligibility of applicant	a. Must have valid up-to-date trade licence. b. Must have VAT registration certificate and up-to-date income tax certificate. c. Must have bank solvency certificate minimum amount of Tk 500 lac (up-to-date). d. Minimum 3 years experience in respective field. e. Affidavit/Article of Association of the Firm (as applicable). f. Other documents detailed in Application form for Enlistment. g. Must have up to dated ABC/BC/C category contractor & supervisory licence (for Electrical works only) from Electricity Licence Board and must have minimum 3 Nos. of technical personnel in relevant field (B.Sc/Diploma Engineer).
12.	Price of application form (Tk)	300/- (non-refundable).
13.	Enlistment/renewal fee (Tk)	a. Enlistment fee for new applicant Tk 5000/-. b. Renewal fee Tk 2000/-
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
14.	Name of official inviting application	Engr. M.A. Satter.
15.	Official designation	DGM.
16.	Contact details of official inviting application	Tel: 02/9552995.
17.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept/reject all applications.	

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