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Corruption plagues railway

ACC probe finds; identifies 10 sources of corruption in the sector

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For years, Bangladesh Railway has remained riddled with graft which starts from leasing out railway land to procuring locomotives, according to a report of the Anti-Corruption Commission.

The report blamed a section of the railway employees for the situation and identified 10 sources of corruption in the sector. It also gave recommendations in this regard.

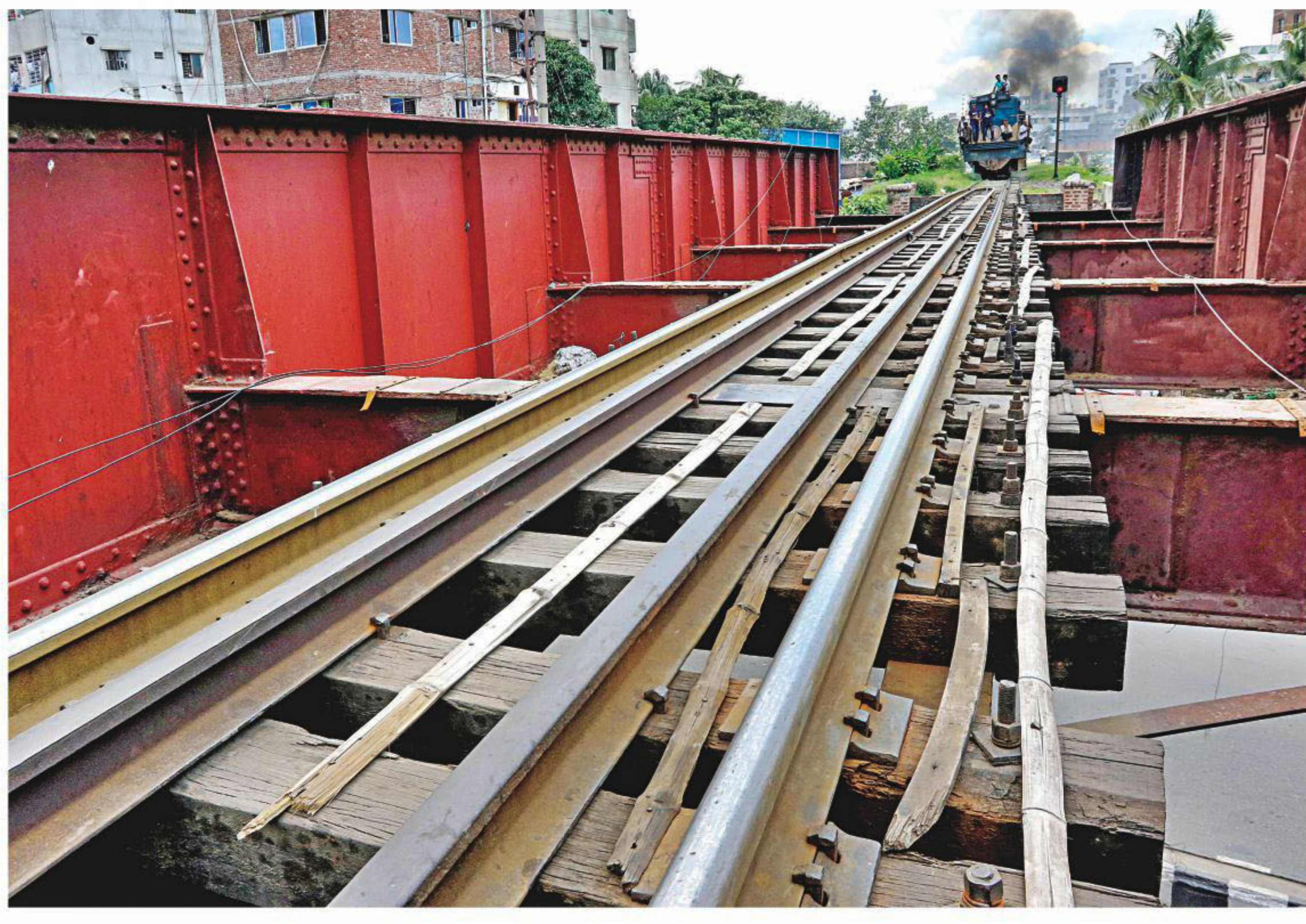
The anti-graft watchdog prepared the report based on interviews of former and current railway officials and passengers, railway's audit reports and information from the media.

ACC Commissioner Md Mozammel Haque Khan submitted the report to Railway Minister Nurul Islam Suhan at his office yesterday. The Daily Star has obtained a copy of it.

Irregularities and corruption come during the purchase of wagons, coaches, locomotives and diesel electric multiple units (DMUs); construction of double lines and single line dual gauge tracks; and relocation and upgrade of signal systems at different sections, reads the report.

ACC finds that many waterbodies and ponds of railways are leased out illegally. In want of proper monitoring

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Bamboo planks are nailed to wooden railway sleepers to keep them in place at Doyaganj bridge in the city's Sutrapur area. The railway authorities have taken the move apparently to keep the bridge on Dhaka-Narayanganj route safe for use. The photo was taken on Monday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Railway official suspended over bribery

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A railway official was suspended after allegations were brought against him that he took bribe from farmers in Lalmonirhat to help them get the lease of railway's agricultural land.

The issue was raised at the Anti-Corruption Commission's public hearing held at District Council Hall Room in the town yesterday.

Following ACC Commissioner AFM Aminul Islam's directive at the hearing, Lalmonirhat Railway Divisional Manager DRM Shafiqur Rahman and Divisional Estate Officer DEO Rezwanul Haque jointly executed the order.

The railway official is Masum Miah who is the chairman of railway estate office in Lalmonirhat. Chairman works with a surveyor to measure distances.

At the hearing, Rezaul Islam, 58, of Chinipara

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Iran playing with fire

Says Trump after nuke deal limit breached; Russia, France urge Tehran to reverse move

AGENCIES

US President Donald Trump warned Monday that Iran is "playing with fire" after Tehran said it exceeded a limit on enriched uranium reserves under a 2015 nuclear deal abandoned by Washington.

Israel urged European states to sanction Iran, while Russia, France and China voiced regret but said the move was a consequence of US pressure, which has pushed the deal towards collapse.

Britain called on Tehran "to avoid any further steps away" from the landmark deal, and the UN said Iran must stick to its commitments under the accord.

"Iran has crossed the 300-kilogram limit based on its plan" announced in May, Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif told semi-official news agency ISNA.

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Control mosquito, prevent dengue

HC asks Dhaka city corporations to take effective steps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the two Dhaka city corporations to take effective steps to prevent the mosquito menace in the capital, and thus control the alarming spread of dengue fever.

The HC also asked the city authorities to submit separate compliance reports in two weeks and fixed July 17 for further hearing on this issue.

The mayors and chief executive officers of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) have been asked to include the steps already taken to prevent the mosquito menace in their reports.

The High Court came up with the directive as the dengue situation in the country is getting worse this year. The number of people infected in May and June this year is more than five times higher compared with the same period last year.

According to a report of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), 193 people were infected with dengue in May and 1,671 more in June. However, the number was 52 in May and 295 in June last year.

Experts said climate change effects, intermittent rain, changing pattern of weather and lack of cleanliness were the main reasons for this increase

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Two more killed in 'shootout'

STAR REPORT

Two men were killed in "gunfights" with police in Gazipur and Cox's Bazar early yesterday.

Both the dead -- Leon Siddique, 38, of Gazipur, and Hamid Prakash alias Hamid Member, 45, of Cox's Bazar -- were in police custody when the "gunfights" took place.

Leon, an accused in at least 17 cases including murder, narcotic and extortion, was arrested by police in Konabari upazila of Gazipur on Monday night, said Alamgir Hossain Majumdar, officer-in-charge (OC) of Kailakair Police Station.

The police official claimed that a team of policemen, along with

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Parts of WWII plane dug up in Ireland



MAIL ONLINE

A US fighter plane has been dug up in an Irish field what is the first ever licensed excavation of its kind.

The P38 Lightning aircraft crashed into a stony field near Castleblayney in County Monaghan on December 17, 1942.

The pilot, Second Lieutenant Milo E Rundall, 22, from Iowa, bailed out successfully after he got lost on an evening flight from Langford Lodge, on the eastern shores of Lough Neagh in Northern Ireland.

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DIG Mizan sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent suspended deputy inspector general of police Mizanur Rahman to jail after rejecting his bail prayer in a graft case.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of the Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after Deputy Director of the Anti-Corruption Commission Monjur Morshed, also investigation officer of the case, produced Mizan before the court.

Earlier, Mizan was taken to the court premises amid tight security. He was produced before the court around 10:45am. Both the prosecution and the defence took part in the hearing of the case filed against him for amassing over Tk 3 crore beyond his known sources of income.

At the start of the hearing, defence lawyer Ehsanul

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Rescue workers use dogs to search for survivors at the site of a wall collapse in Mumbai yesterday. At least 30 people were killed in the India's financial capital when multiple walls collapsed during torrential monsoon downpours. Inset, a man walks with a bicycle along a waterlogged street in Mumbai.

PHOTO: AFP



Heavy rains in India kill 30

Multiple walls collapse; schools, offices shut

REUTERS, Mumbai

Wall collapses in Mumbai and nearby towns, caused by the worst monsoon rains in a single day in 14 years, killed 30 people yesterday and disrupted rail and air traffic, prompting officials to shut schools and offices.

Financial markets were open in the city of 18 million touted as a potential

rival to the Chinese city of Shanghai, but hampered by poor infrastructure like many other Indian cities.

During every monsoon season, which runs from June to September, India experiences fatal incidents of building and wall collapses as rainfall weakens the foundations of poorly-built structures.

Heavy rain brought a wall crashing

down on shanties built on a hill slope in Malad, a western suburb of Mumbai, a fire brigade official said, killing 21 people.

Three people died when a school wall collapsed in the city of Kalyan, 42 km (26 miles) north of Mumbai.

In the nearby western city of Pune, six people were killed in

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Criminals kill mother, daughter

Bullet-hit bodies found at home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Police recovered bullet-hit bodies of a woman and her daughter from their house in Raikhali union of Rangamati's Kaptai upazila yesterday morning.

Police are suspecting that Mrasang Marna, 60, and her daughter Mesangnu Marna, 26, were shot dead by some unknown miscreants between 12:00am and 1:00am yesterday.

Locals said Mrasang used to live in that house alone and her daughter, who lived at her in-laws' house in Boroichhori area, came to visit her only three days ago.

Quoting locals, Ashraf Uddin, officer-in-charge

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PRAYER TIMING JULY 3

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-10 12-45 5-00 6-55 8-17
JAMAAT 4-45 1-15 5-15 7-00 8-45

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