



Even before handing over, large cracks have developed on this newly reconstructed bridge on Akhali canal in Moulvibazar's Kulaura upazila.

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## Cracks on just completed bridge!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A newly reconstructed bridge, built to connect three villages in Kulaura upazila with the upazila headquarters, developed several cracks just before completion of the construction work.

Villagers said the incident has prolonged the sufferings of several thousand people of remote Langla, Tarapasha and Lalpur villages.

The contractor concerned is scheduled to handover the bridge to the authorities concerned within a week, locals said.

The contractor, however, claimed that the cracks must have developed during the earth filling work alongside the approach roads using excavator machines.

Locals said the old bridge on Akhali canal collapsed due to a sudden rise of water level on the Manu river during the devastating flood last year.

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) floated a tender this year in order to construct a new bridge there at a cost of Tk 27 lakh.

Construction firm Messrs Kamrul Hasan Baksh got the work order and later sold it to sub-contractor Rubel Ahmed, who

conducted the construction work.

Meanwhile, locals questioned about the quality of the work as the wing walls on the west and south side of the bridge have developed several cracks only a few days before handing over the bridge to the authorities concerned.

Farmer Shah Alam said residents of Langla, Tarapasha and Lalpur villages use the bridge to go to the upazila headquarters and other adjacent upazilas as they have no alternative.

Grocer Shafiq Mia, who often crosses the canal carrying goods on his shoulder, said he has no other choice as he has to spend additional Tk 500 for carrying the goods to his shop.

Lemon orchard owner Siraj Miah at Tarapasha village said he cannot carry his produce to the wholesale markets in Noyabazar and Tilagaon due to the situation.

Sub-contractor Rubel said he is conducting the construction work as per the schedule, adding that the cracks developed during the earth filling work not for faulty construction.

Kulaura Upazila LGED Engineer Ishtiaq Hasan said if the work is not properly done the contractor will not get his bills.

## Man gets life term for killing children, injuring wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A court in Pirojpur yesterday handed down life term imprisonment to a man for killing his two children and injuring his wife and own brother with a sharp weapon in 2012.

The convicted is Jakir Hossain Howlader, 49, son of late Aziz Howlader from Dhawa Nalkata village in Bhandaria upazila.

Md Samsul Haque, additional district and sessions judge in Pirojpur, delivered the verdict with Jakir being present before the court. The court also fined him Tk 20,000. In case the convict fails to pay the fine, he will have to serve an additional six months in jail.

According to the prosecution, Jakir was in a frustrated state after being unable to repay a large sum of money that he borrowed from a number of people.

Around noon on October 9 in 2012, Jakir suddenly started hacking his wife Lipi Begum, 30, their two sons -- Shohag, 14, and Imran, 8 -- and daughter Sultana, 6, with a sharp weapon.

When his elder brother Abul Hossain Howlader went to save them, he also injured him with the weapon and fled the scene.

Locals sent the injured to Bhandaria Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared Jakir's son Imran and daughter Sultana dead.

The convict's brother Abul Hossain Howlader filed a case accusing Jakir later that day.

## Villagers suffer as dyke lies ravaged for years

Super cyclone Aila battered the southern region in 2009

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Hundreds of people at Keshorata village in Sadar upazila have been facing untold sufferings since the village protection dyke beside the Kacha river was washed away during cyclone Aila in 2009.

Despite repeated pleas, the authorities concerned are yet to construct any dyke there, said Jahirul Islam Rana, member of Shariktala Dumuritala Union Parishad.

Many parts of the 94 km dyke, meant for protecting Sadar upazila from the river, were washed away during the cyclone. Water Development Board (WDB) authorities later constructed dyke at most of the portions.

"But half a kilometre of the dyke at the village is yet to be constructed. As a result, tidal water from the river often flooded the area," said Nasiruddin Sheikh, a

resident of the village.

Another villager Abdur Rashid Howlader said, "During monsoon, they often cannot go out of home as the area goes under knee-deep water. School kids are the worst sufferers."

As a result, many roads of the village have been damaged, hampering communications, he said.

They also suffer from different waterborne diseases due to the situation, said Rashid.

Housewife Reba Begum of the area said they cannot cook more than one time a day as the earthen oven remains wet most of the time.

Meanwhile, fodder crisis is forcing farmers to sell their cattle, said villagers.

Pirojpur WDB Executive Engineer Sayeed Ahammad said he wrote to the higher authorities for fund to construct dyke there but to no response yet.



Ravaged during the onslaught of super cyclone Aila in 2009, the protection embankment beside the Kacha river at Keshorata village in Shariktala-Dumuritala union under Pirojpur Sadar upazila is yet to see reconstruction, much to the sufferings of locals.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN



Charred remains lie scattered after a devastating fire burnt down 140 houses and several shops at Dhakaia Tila in Longadu upazila of Rangamati early yesterday. It took three hours for firefighters, police and locals to douse the fire that possibly originated from a stove, said Muhammad Habibur Rahman, duty officer of Fire Service and Civil Defence in adjacent Dighinla upazila.

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## Youth held with 4000 yaba pills in stomach

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested an alleged drug peddler with 4000 yaba pills hidden inside his stomach from Kishoreganj on Tuesday.

The arrestee is Md Mamun Mia, 26, of Karimganj upazila.

On information, a team of Rab-14 raided Ukilpara area in Kishoreganj town and arrested Mamun.

## 3 minor girls raped

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around 5:00pm, they found that their daughter's body was hanging from the ceiling in her room.

"We suspect that my daughter's body was hanged after rape," said the father while talking to The Daily Star.

Police detained three people for their alleged involvement in the incident, said Reazul Islam, additional superintendent of Bagerhat police.

In Patuakhali, a first grader and a second grader were allegedly raped by neighbours in Sadar and Dashmina upazilas.

In Sadar upazila, a man named Masud took the first grader to a bush when she was returning home from madrasa and then raped her, alleged the victim's family.

After returning home, the girl disclosed the matter to her family members, who later filed a case against Masud with Sadar Police Station.

Contacted, Mehedi Hasan, investigation officer of the case, said they were trying to arrest the accused.

In another incident, a second grader was violated allegedly by a neighbour in Dashmina upazila.

The accused took the victim to his house when she was on her way home from madrasa and then raped her. When the girl started screaming, locals rescued the victim.

The victim's grandfather lodged a case against Salim Howlader, 45, with Galachipa Police Station.

Meanwhile, four people were arrested on charges of rape in Dinajpur, Khulna and Jashore in the last two days.

Our correspondents in Bagerhat, Patuakhali, Benapole, Khulna and Dinajpur contributed to this report.

## Two killed

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Police claimed to have recovered a pistol, a bullet and some yaba pills from the spot.

Meanwhile in Cox's Bazar, a suspected drug peddler was killed in a "gunfight" with Rab in the district's Teknaf upazila, reported UNB.

The dead is Salim Ullah, 36, a wanted criminal, also accused in several cases, said police.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-15 conducted a drive in Jhaubagan area of the town around 4:00am. Sensing police presence, the criminals opened fired on them, forcing the law enforcers to retaliate, reported UNB.

After the "gunfight", Rab recovered Salim's body, two firearms, 10,000 yaba pills and seven bullets from the spot. The Daily Star, however, could not independently verify the law enforcers' claims.

## Bangladesh marching

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had been moving forward following the policy - "Friendship to all and malice to none".

"If there is any stable government and democratic environment, it can attract investment," she said, adding that her government is setting up 100 special economic zones in the country.

Noting that China turned into the world's 2nd largest economy from a poor one in the last 70 years, the prime minister urged expatriate Bangladeshis to learn from the China's history and development.

She said China still faces obstacles as many would not want to see a country from this region or Asia to be the largest economy in the world.

Mentioning that Bangabandhu had been taking the country forward with 7 percent GDP growth by building a war-ravaged country within only three and a half years, she said the anti-liberation forces hindered the development journey of the country.

Though the killers of the Father of the

Nation were tried, those who had been behind the kill-ing and its conspirators are yet to be identified, Sheikh Hasina, the eldest daughter of Banga-bandhu, said.

She said time would come when the facts (behind the killing) come to the fore.

About the country's development in the last one decade, Sheikh Hasina said the country's GDP growth was now 8.10 percent and her government passed the Tk 523,190-crore budget for 2019-20 fiscal year recently.

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen also spoke at the event conducted by Bangladesh Am-bassador to China Md Fazlul Karim. Among expatriate Bangladeshis, Engineer Shamsul Haque spoke on the occasion.

The prime minister arrived in Beijing on yesterday morning after joining the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Annual Meeting of New Champions, 2019 held in Dalian city.

Sheikh Hasina departed from Dhaka for China on July 1 and is scheduled to return Dhaka on July 6.

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Tender ID & Package No.	Procurement method	Name of scheme	The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank
Tender ID- 339311 Package No: e-Tender/LGED/ Noa/RRP/18-19/W-57	OSTETM	1. Rehabilitation of Bagadia Pry. School Road from Ch. 00m-1307m ID 475885139 2. Rehabilitation of Bagadia R&H to Kotbaria Via Kalika Pur Road from Ch. 00m-1825m ID 475885013 Sonaimuri	Up to 21-07-2019 at 4:00pm
Tender ID- 339312 Package No: e-Tender/LGED/ Noa/RRP/18-19/W-36	LTM	Rehabilitation of Baliakandi UZR GPS-Bachyurtak Moldighi-Mollah Bari Road Ch. 00m-692m. Road Code-475804126 Senbag	Up to 21-07-2019 at 4:00pm
Tender ID- 339167 Package No: GSIDP/NOA/DW -155	LTM	Improvement of Sankerpur Eunos Mia Pandit Jame Mosque union Khilpara. Latitude 23.0039 Longitude 90.9664 under Chatkhil Noakhali	Up to 21-07-2019 at 4:00pm

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