



Huge hole renders important Kulaura road unfit

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Communications between Baramchal union and Munshibazar in Kulaura upazila ground to a halt three days ago when a gaping hole was created in the approach road of a bridge.

It is a vital road in the area as nearly a thousand people use it daily to reach the upazila headquarters. It is also one of the shortest roads connecting Kulaura and Rajnagar upazilas.

The huge hole was created apparently after the guide wall on the north side of the bridge gave way and, subsequently, the earth in the road subsided due to incessant rains during the past several days.

Several cracks also developed on the road adjacent to the hole, said locals.

Rashidul Islam from Munshibazar village said the collapse of the guide wall will lead to the subsiding of the approach road.

Unless the repair work is done soon, the bridge itself and a larger part of the road might get washed away if the area gets flooded during this ongoing monsoon, he also said.

Binoy Roy of the same area alleged that the approach road subsided as it was made only with pure sand, extracted from a nearby river. Also, failure to ensure necessary compaction during construction could be another reason for the damage of the road.

Officials of Kulaura Upazila Parishad, however, blamed the torrential rain for the subsiding of the approach road of the bridge.

During a visit to the area, a number of locals complained of immense sufferings as the authorities did not yet start repair work on the road. Some others said the bridge has become so hazardous that they were avoiding even walking on it.

Rickshaw-puller Mohammad Humayun said he was left without any income after communications on the road broke down.

Shafi Ahmed Salman, chairman of the upazila parishad, said they were trying to start repair work of the approach road at the soonest.

After the guide wall of the bridge on Baramchal-Munshibazar road in Kulaura gave way three days ago, its approach road also subsided, creating a gaping hole. PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

Eight get death, 11 others life term in 3 murder cases

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Eight people have been sentenced to death and 11 others to life term imprisonment in three separate cases for murder in Kushtia, Chapainawabganj and Sunamganj.

A Kushtia court yesterday sentenced five people to death and six others to life imprisonment for killing a farmer in Kushtia town in 2014, reports our correspondent.

The victim, Nurul Islam, a farmer, was a resident of Kamardanga village in Mirpur upazila.

Those who were awarded death penalty are Motiar Rahman, Masud Ali, Parvez Hossain, Habibur Rahman and Sarwar Hossain, while the lifers are Kabir Hossain, Fazlur Rahman, Khalequzzaman Bhutto, Mizanur Rahman, Abdus Salam and Enayet Hossain.

Public Prosecutor Anup Kumar Nandi said both the victim and convicts are relatives and there had been a feud between them over distribution of family properties. As a sequel, the convicts waylaid Nurul near Kamardanga field on December 19 in 2014 and stabbed him indiscriminately, before fleeing the scene.

Nurul died at Kushtia General Hospital the same night.

Later, Nurul's son Shahinoor Rahman filed a case with Mirpur Police Station accusing 20 people.

Our Chapainawabganj correspondent

reports: A court yesterday sentenced three people to death and four others to life term imprisonment for killing a man in 2015.

Additional District and Session Judge Shawkat Ali also acquitted eight other accused in the case as charges brought against them could not be proved.

The death sentence awardees are Mehrab Hossain of Baliharpur village, Jamaluddin of Maheshpur village and Hazrat Ali of Chhoto Maheshpur village in Shibganj upazila and the lifers are victim Rakib's wife Sahera Khatun, Mohammad Mohibul, Mohammad Mitul and Mohammad Aslam.

According to the prosecution, Rakib of Baliharpur village went out for a cup of tea on March 29, 2015 but did not return home.

A day after, villagers spotted Rakib's body floating in Mahananda river.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent adds: A Sunamganj court sentenced a man to life term imprisonment for killing his father in 2009.

The convict is Abdur Rashid of Moinpur village in Chhatak upazila.

According to the prosecution, on May 27 in 2009, convict Rashid locked in an altercation with his father Shahid Mia over selling a domestic hen and at one stage, he hit his father on the head with a bamboo stick, leaving him critically injured.

Critically injured Shahid later succumbed to his injuries at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital the same night.

Fishing resumes in Kaptai lake today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Fishing in Kaptai lake resumes today as ban on fishing, imposed by Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation (BFDC), in the lake ended at midnight yesterday.

This year, the BFDC enforced the ban in the lake from May 1. Around 21,000 fishers from Rangamati and Khagrachhari depend on Kaptai lake for their livelihood.

In a letter issued last week, the BFDC asked its district officials to take necessary steps in this regard.

A three-month fishing ban, from May to July, is enforced in the lake every year to facilitate breeding of fish in the lake. During this period of fishing ban, mother fish lay eggs while the BFDC releases fish fries in the lake, said Muhammad Yasin, fisheries officer in Rangamati.

DC LEADS ANTI-MOSQUITO DRIVE



Thakurgaon Deputy Commissioner KM Kamruzzaman Selim leads a cleanliness drive with students yesterday as part of dengue prevention campaigns during 'Mosquito killing and cleanliness week' being observed by the district administration. The photo was taken in front of Thakurgaon Telephone and Telegraph office.

Murder accused kills witness, injures nine of a family

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A murder witness was killed and 9 others belonging to his family injured in an attack led by an accused in the murder case in Morrelganj upazila early yesterday.

The incident took place around 3:00am in Kumarakhali village under Ramchandrapur union of the upazila.

Morrelganj police said during a raid in Pirojpur, they arrested two individuals -- Montu Mollah, an accused in Enayet Sikder murder case; and Jafar Sheikh -- in this connection.

The deceased is Abdus Salam Sardar, 35, son of Erfan Sardar from Kumarakhali village.

His cousin Solaiman Sardar said Montu Mollah and Kabir Mollah, two of the accused in the Enayet murder case, attacked their house because six of their family members, including his cousin Salam

Sardar, were witnesses to the murder.

The attackers fired seven shots from firearms and injured the members of his family with sharp weapons while they were asleep.

Locals came to their rescue and sent the injured to Khulna Medical College Hospital, he said, adding that Salam Sardar died on way to the hospital.

Requesting not to be named, a few locals said the Sardars and the Mollahs had previously engaged in attacks on each other over political rivalry.

Three years ago, members of the Sardar family severely injured Montaj Mollah, a member of the Mollah family, they added.

Confirming the death and injuries in yesterday's incident, Morrelganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge KM Azizul Islam said they would produce the two arrestees before the court soon.

2 students drown in Karotoa river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Two students drowned in the Karotoa river in separate incidents of drowning in Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Abu Sufian Saad, 20, son of Istiaq Hossain of Joypurpara of the town and a student of Sylhet Polytechnic Institute, and Sohel Rana, 18, son of Kuddus Pramanik of Shakharia village in Sadar upazila, also an intermediate student at Bogura Government Azizul Haque College, police said.

Quitting the family members, Inspector (Investigation) of Sadar Police Station Rezaul Karim said Saad went to take a bath in the Karotoa river around 1:00pm and drowned.

Being informed, fire fighters went to the spot and rescued the victim after one and a half hours of hectic search and sent him to Bogura Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

Meanwhile, Sohel went missing while he was fishing amid strong current in the river around 2:00pm and drowned.

After filing separate unnatural death (UID) cases with the police station, deceased's bodies were handed over to their respective family members, Inspector Rezaul said.

Dhaka to work on its commitment

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committee gave Bangladesh a better understanding about ways to improve.

... we concentrated on legal framework in our report since we have sub-mitted this for the first time. ... Our engagement with you has given us some understanding about the data you would like to see in our future re-ports," Anisul told the CAT meeting for Bangladesh in this concluding speech.

The law minister, who is leading a 24-member team, faced a barrage of questions on the opening day of the meeting yesterday.

During his nearly two-hour deliberation yesterday, he tried to respond to the queries he had faced the day before.

He said parliament enacted the Torture and Custodial Death (Prevention) Act, 2013 with the specific objective to make the law conform to the provisions of CAT, a UN body.

The act contains provisions for prevention and punishment for any act amounting to torture.

Bangladesh was supposed to submit four periodical reports since its accession to CAT in 1998.

The minister in his defence for the delay said it was due to the tumultuous period the country had gone through since

the assassination of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975.

"A culture of impunity emerged with the killing of the Father of the Nation and his family in 1975. After the assassination of Bangabandhu, an indemnity act was promulgated in September 1975, which delayed the process of justice for 21 years.

"Four other national leaders were also killed in jail in November 1975. Those were also under the indemnity ordinance," he said.

He claimed that after 1975, Bangladesh was under several autocratic and undemocratic governments before democracy was truly restored in 1996.

The committee should consider the background for the delay in submission of the report, Anisul said.

Responding to a question on who were consulted whilst preparing the report, Anisul said they consulted the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and all nationally registered NGOs that submitted reports.

He said the NGOs' names were in Bangladesh's report submitted to the CAT.

Anisul read out the names of Ain o Salish Kendra, Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust, Human Rights Legal Aids Services Brac,

National Forum of Organisation Working with the Disabled, Naripakkha, Bangladesh National Women Lawyer's Association, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha, Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs, Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement, Nagorik Uddyog, Karmojibi Nari, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Bandhu Social Welfare Socie-ty, Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies, and Policy Research For Development Alternative among others.

The minister refuted the claim that article 35 of the constitution contradicted the convention against torture.

About the Special Powers Act 1974, which allows detention of a person without any reason for up to 90 days, he said the government had no plans to cancel it.

He said the act was introduced with the good intention of curbing smug-gling, adulteration, and counterfeiting. But it was widely abused after 1975, he alleged.

Anisul claimed that the misuse of the law had come down to zero level in the last 10 years.

Regarding the police and Rab's demand for being outside the purview of Torture and Custodial

Death (Prevention) Act, 2013, the minister said, "Any government body can make its recommendations with regard to legal provisions. In this regard and in this particular case, I must say that this re-quest was made to the prime minister and since the request was made, no amendment to the law was brought.

"And here I can affirm that no such amendment would be brought," he said.

Responding to a question, he said at the moment the government has no plans to abolish capital punishment.

About an account of torture in Rab custody given to Swedish Radio by a former official of Rab, the law minister said that they were not sure if the person was actually a Rab official. He said he also asked for Swedish Radio's help in identifying the person.

CAT Chairman Jens Modvig thanked the Bangladesh delegation chief. He said Bangladesh has got another 48 hours to submit anything in writing to CAT.

CAT will publish its observations in a week.

The chairman said the committee would make three recommendations for Bangladesh to implement in a year on priority basis.

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