

Commuters suffer as work suspended

Fifty percent of the 11-kilometre road including construction of bridges and culverts remains incomplete for a year

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Construction work of a road in Sakhipur upazila has remained suspended for about a year due to financial inability of the contractors concerned.

Fifty percent of the construction work has been left unfinished, causing immense sufferings to commuters, said locals.

Under the project of Northern Bangladesh Integrated Development, the construction work of an 11-kilometer-long road from Sakhipur-Suruj road to Shalgrampur-Tejpur ferry ghat area was started in May 2017, said sources at Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED).

Construction firms United Commercial Center Ltd and Richi Enterprise got work order of Tk 7.92 crore, jointly funded by Bangladesh Government and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JAICA).

The construction of the road was supposed to be complete in November last year but 50 percent of the works including construction of bridges and

culverts has been left incomplete, said Ismail Hossain, a rights activist in Sakhipur.

As a result, people of the area have been using alternative roads to reach their destinations, he said, adding that due to this, they have to spending additional money.

Farman Ali, a surveyor of LGED in the upazila, said the contractors did not complete the works in spite of giving them reminders on several occasions.

A letter was also sent to the higher authorities for canceling the works, he said.

Alamgir Hossain Pintu, one of the contractors, however, declined to make any comments regarding the issue.

Upazila LGED engineer Kazi Fahad Quddus said the contractors cannot complete the road construction works due to their financial inability.

However, the contractors have recently taken initiative to complete the construction works with the help of other contractors, he added.



Construction work of this road in Tangail's Sakhipur upazila has remained suspended for about a year now, much to the sufferings of locals.

PHOTO: STAR

35 hurt in villagers' clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

At least 35 people, including two women, were injured in a clash between two groups of villages over establishing supremacy at Talbaria village in Harinakundo upazila yesterday.

The injured are admitted to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital. Of them, condition of two women—Sufia Khatun and Hasina Begum—are stated to be critical.

Quoting locals, police said there had been a longstanding rivalry between two village leaders Shariful Islam and Samir Uddin over establishing supremacy in the locality.

On Sunday afternoon, a supporter of Shariful locked in an altercation with one of Samir's supporters over the past union parishad (UP) election.

As a sequel, both the groups, equipped with sharp weapons locked in a fierce clash on Monday morning around 11:00am that left 35 people injured.

Meanwhile, despite repeated attempts this correspondent could not reach Shariful and Samir for their comments in this regard as their phones were found switched-off.

4 ABT men jailed for 10yrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A court here yesterday sentenced four members of banned militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) to 10 years imprisonment in an explosion case.

The convicts are Nahid Mollah of Bhanga upazila and Farid Mridha, Shahidul Islam and Mohammad Mohsin of Sadarpur upazila of the district.

Judge Mohammad Motiar Rahman of Faridpur Special Judge's Court also fined the convicts Tk 50,000 each. In default, they are to suffer six months more in prison.

Audit finds fund embezzlement by madrasa principal

The accused in Lalmonirhat also sold institution's land illegally

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

An audit report has found serious anomalies regarding spending of fund of Nechhariya Kamil Madrasa at Sadar Hospital Road in Lalmonirhat town.

Moslem Uddin, principal of the madrasa, failed to show document for spending madrasa fund of Tk 16.94 lakh and 642 and embezzled Tk 13.54 lakh after illegally selling 14 decimals of land of the institution, according to the report of the audit conducted by a six-member team formed by the madrasa governing body.

The team led by auditor Mohammad Tareque conducted their investigation for the period from January 2016 to December 2018 and submitted report to the authorities concerned on 23 May 2019.

Local journalists got a copy of the report a few days ago.

Moslem Uddin, a resident of Ulipur upazila in Kurigram, joined as principal of the madrasa on May 23 in 2015.

"The audit report was published after proper verification. The principal said he spent the

money for madrasa's development but failed to show proper documents. He didn't take the governing body's approval to spend the fund," said audit team member Azaharul Islam, also guardians' representative in the madrasa governing body.

Now 1000 students read in the madrasa where 27 teachers and 8 other staff serve.

Several students said their classes are not held regularly according to class routine but they did not get any remedy after complaining to the principal.

Teachers alleged, the principal hardly takes opinion of other teachers regarding academic and development works of the madrasa.

Locals and guardians alleged that the principal is constructing a three-storey building at Adarshapara in the town after misappropriating a huge amount of money in the name of madrasa's development work.

Contacted, principal Moslem Uddin said, "The audit report was wrong. There was mismatch of around Tk 10 lakh in the madrasa's account. I deposited Tk 6 lakh to the madrasa account on August 25 and the governing body

forgave me for not depositing the rest amount."

"I sold 14 decimals of the madrasa's land at Khochabari Sadhutari in the town for Tk 13,54,000 in last year after taking legal permission and the fund was spent for madrasa's development work," he said.

Asked how selling of the institution's landed property could be legal and who gave the permission for it, he remained silent.

"Audit report is not a headache for me if the governing body doesn't take any action," he said, adding that he is constructing his house with his own fund.

Asked for her version, madrasa governing body President Safura Begum Rumi said, "I know the matter in detail but I won't say anything to journalists in this regard now. We will hold a meeting of the governing body very soon, and then we will deliver our statement to the press."

Teachers, students, guardians and locals have urged the government authorities concerned for taking necessary action against the alleged corrupt principal and bringing back proper academic atmosphere at the madrasa.

Abducted girl rescued, 1 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) rescued a schoolgirl from Sabujbagh area in the town yesterday, 20 days after her abduction.

They also arrested a woman in this connection.

The arrestee is Aklima Begum, 45, a relative of the victim, said Mostafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Patuakhali Sadar Police Station.

Masud Rana, son of Mostafa Hawlader of Kochabunia village in Sadar upazila, was the house tutor of the victim, a Class IX student of a local school in the town.

On August 20, Masud kidnapped the girl with the help of Aklima when she was going to school from her residence in the town and took the girl to Aklima's house.

The victim's mother then filed a general diary with the police station in this regard.

On secret information, a team of Rab-8 rescued the girl from the house yesterday and arrested Aklima.



A man sorts betel nuts at Haidarganj Bazar in Raipur upazila of Laxmipur. Growers and traders are happy as the district famous for producing high quality betel nuts sees good yield as well as good prices of the crop this season. Agriculture officials expect sale of betel nuts worth Tk 350 crore in the district as buyers from different districts have started arriving the local markets.

PHOTO: NURULAMIN

MURDER ATTEMPT ON BCL MEN

AL leader among six sued in Joypurhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A local Awami League (AL) leader among six people have been sued on charge of attempting to kill two Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leaders in Joypurhat.

Abu Bakar Siddique, general secretary of Joypurhat district unit of BCL, filed the case with Sadar Police Station on Sunday night, said Siddiquir Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station.

The accused are Hasanuzzaman Mithu, 43, joint general secretary of Joypurhat Sadar upazila unit of AL and chairman of Jamalpur Union Parishad, Tajmul Huda Ripon, 30, of Natunhat area in Joypurhat town, Zakir Mollah, 30, of Sahebpara, Imran Hossain, 27, of Bhatkana village, Munna Parvez, 33, of Nurpur village and Zakaria Roky, 30, of Puranpoil village in Sadar upazila.

According to the case statement, Zakaria Hossain Raza and Abu Bakar Siddique, president and secretary of Joypurhat district unit of BCL, were returning home on Friday night.

As the two reached Chitrapara around 11:45pm, a gang fired gunshot on them, but the bullet missed its target. Late, the criminals hit the BCL leaders with iron rods and flee the scene when locals rushed to the spot, hearing scream.

The gang wanted to kill them but failed. Later, the injured were taken to Joypurhat Modern Hospital.

They also threatened to kill the BCL leaders, mentioned in the case.

The OC said police were investigating the case.

They will take step to arrest the culprits after the investigation, said the police official.

Ex-BGB man strangled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A gang strangled a retired sepoy of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) at his house in Hamdah Daspara area of the municipality early yesterday.

The victim is Md Nuruzzaman, 60, son of late Karim Biswas of the area, said Milu Mia Biswas, additional superintendent of police.

Nuruzzaman went to sleep around 12:00am after having his meal. Criminals killed him in his sleep.

On information, police recovered the body from the spot around 8:00am and sent it to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital for autopsy, said the police official.



Bangladesh Bank
Department of Currency Management
Head Office
Dhaka

Invitation for International Tender

E-Tenders are invited in item-by-item through open tendering method from reputed Mints for minting & Supply of Gold coins and Silver coins commemorating Centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by Bangladesh Bank. Necessary information is given below:

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| 1. | Procuring entity | Department of Currency Management, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh. |
| 2. | Invitation for | Minting & Supply of Gold coins and Silver coins commemorating Centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by Bangladesh Bank. |
| 3. | Invitation reference No. & date | DCM(PM)/25(Bangabandhu)/2019-3582, Date: 08 September, 2019. |
| 4. | Procurement method | Open Tendering Method (International). |
| 5. | Source of funds | Bangladesh Bank's own fund. |
| 6. | Tender publication date | 08 September, 2019. |
| 7. | Last date and time for submission of original tender, security and tender submission letter | 20 October, 2019 at 2:00pm Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6). |
| 8. | Tender closing date & time | 20 October, 2019 at 2:00pm Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6). |
| 9. | Tender opening date & time | 20 October, 2019 at 2:45pm Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6). |
| 10. | Name & address of the office receiving/opening tender documentary evidence | Department of Currency Management (28 th Floor of 2 nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh. |
| 11. | Availability of tender document and web address of the office receiving tender document | https://etender.bb.org.bd/ |
| 12. | Eligibility of tenderers | Tenderers from all countries except Israel fulfilling the following conditions are eligible: A) Must have minimum 10 (ten) years experience in minting and supplying of similar goods/coins. B) The satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of minimum 02 (two) million USD under maximum 02 (two) contracts in the last 03 (three) of years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper/website. Tenderer(s) shall submit at least 3 (three) user certificates from 3 (three) central banks in last 5 (five) years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper/website. C) Must have minimum yearly production capability of 100 million pieces of coins and minimum liquid asset or credit facility amounting US\$1.00 million or equivalent. |
| 13. | Brief description of the goods | 1,000 units pieces of Gold coin and 5,000 units pieces of Silver coin with following specifications. |
| 14. | Name, designation and address of official inviting tender | Md Sultan Masud Ahmed, General Manager , Department of Currency Management (28 th Floor of 2 nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh. Phone: 88-02-9530090, Fax: 88-02-9530091, E-mail: sultan.masud@bb.org.bd |
| 15. | Contact person and address | Md Syed Golam Shahajarul Alam, Joint Director , Department of Currency Management, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office (28 th Floor). Phone: 88-01711466780, E-mail: sved.alam@bb.org.bd |
| 16. | Pre-tender meeting date, time & venue | 1 st October, 2019 at 11.00am [Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT +6)] in the Conference Room of the Department of Currency Management (DCM), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office (28 th Floor of 2 nd Annex Building), Motijheel, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh. Tenderers must submit their queries (if any) to the contact person through email at least 5 (five) days prior to the pre-tender meeting. |
| 17. | Tender security | Irrevocable Bank Guarantee for Item-01 15,000 US Dollar and for Item-02 5,000 US Dollar drawn in favour of General Manager, Department of Currency Management, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office from a scheduled bank in Bangladesh issued against Counter Guarantee from a reputed bank abroad shall be submitted with the bid/offer, or tenderer(s) may send the money as tender security through SWIFT to any of the Bank Account of Bangladesh Bank mentioned in the ITT 29.3. |
| 18. | Time for completion | 06 (six) weeks from the date of contract signing. |

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