



This photo, taken from Kazirhat in Chhotobighai union of Patuakhali Sadar upazila, gives a typical picture of a large section of the awfully rundown road from the upazila headquarters to Khatashia Bazar in Borobighai union.

PHOTO: SOHRAB HOSSAIN

PATUAHKHALI SADAR UZ

One lakh people suffer as 14-km road in bad shape

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Around one lakh people of four unions under Patuakhali Sadar upazila are badly suffering as at least 14-km area of the 25-km road from Patuakhali Sadar upazila office to Khatashia Bazar in Borobighai union remains virtually unusable due to lack of renovation.

Patuakhali LGED (Local Government Engineering Department) built the 25-km road to ease communication for people of Kalikapur, Madarunia, Chhotobighai and Borobighai unions.

The work started in 2000 and completed in 2005 at a cost of Tk 4.50 crore but the road hardly saw any renovation or repair afterwards, said officials and locals.

During a recent visit to the area, this correspondent found that locals use the road amid risk as there is no alternative.

At places the road is hardly distinguishable from cultivated lands as the surface got removed.

The authorities concerned should take immediate steps for renovation of the road, said Abdus Sattar Molla, a resident of Kazirhat area in Chhotobighai union.

Md Altaf Hawlader, chairman of Chhotobighai union parishad (UP), said, "People have to suffer a lot as the road is unfit to use. We requested the LGED authorities for taking steps to repair the road."

Md Anwar Hossain, a resident of Borobighai union, said the condition of the road has

worsened during the ongoing monsoon.

Md Wahiduzzaman Mojnu Molla, chairman of Borobighai UP, said around one lakh people have to suffer as the only road connecting the upazila headquarters is in a bad shape.

"I raised the issue in the upazila development committee's meeting on several occasions but in vain," he added.

Contacted, Thirthojit Roy, executive engineer of Patuakhali LGED, said, "A Tk 24 crore project to renovate the road, jointly funded by the Bangladesh government and Japan International Cooperation Agency, was approved by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council last year. I hope the work will start in the upcoming dry season."

Woman, toddler killed 'over family feud'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A pregnant woman and her three-year-old daughter were allegedly strangled to death over family feud in Noakhali on Saturday afternoon.

The incident took place at Kazirchar village in Sadar upazila's Andarchar union.

Nabir Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sudharam Police Station, said they detained Ayub Ali, father-in-law of the woman, in this connection yesterday morning.

The deceased were identified as Farhana Akhter Panna, 24, wife of Mohammad Suman of the village, and their daughter Sharmin Akhter, 3.

Police sent the bodies of Panna and Sharmin to Noakhali Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy, the OC also said.

Ever since the marriage, the in-laws used to torture Panna -- daughter of Abdul Kalam of West Shuklia village in the same upazila -- over trivial matters, alleged her family members.

On Saturday, her father-in-law, brother-in-law and sister-in-law strangled her to death during torture and they later killed her child as well, they also claimed.

No case was filed in this connection till filing of this report yesterday afternoon.

Shaky bamboo bridge poses risk to commuters in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A bridge over a canal on a road stretching from Kakua union to Bangabandhu Bridge in Sadar upazila has collapsed in the recent flood, disrupting communications with at least 20 villages in the char area.

However, local people as well as light vehicles are crossing a bamboo bridge, constructed temporarily beside the collapsed bridge at Rangachira village, taking risk of accidents.

The concrete bridge was constructed at a cost of Tk 22 lakh in 2016-2017 fiscal year

and construction firm Mollah International got the work order then, said sources at the District Relief and Rehabilitation Office.

Abdus Sattar Azad, president of Kakua union unit of Awami League, said as the bridge was constructed without having any RCC (Reinforced Cement Concrete) pillar, it collapsed due to pressure of the huge current of floodwater in July.

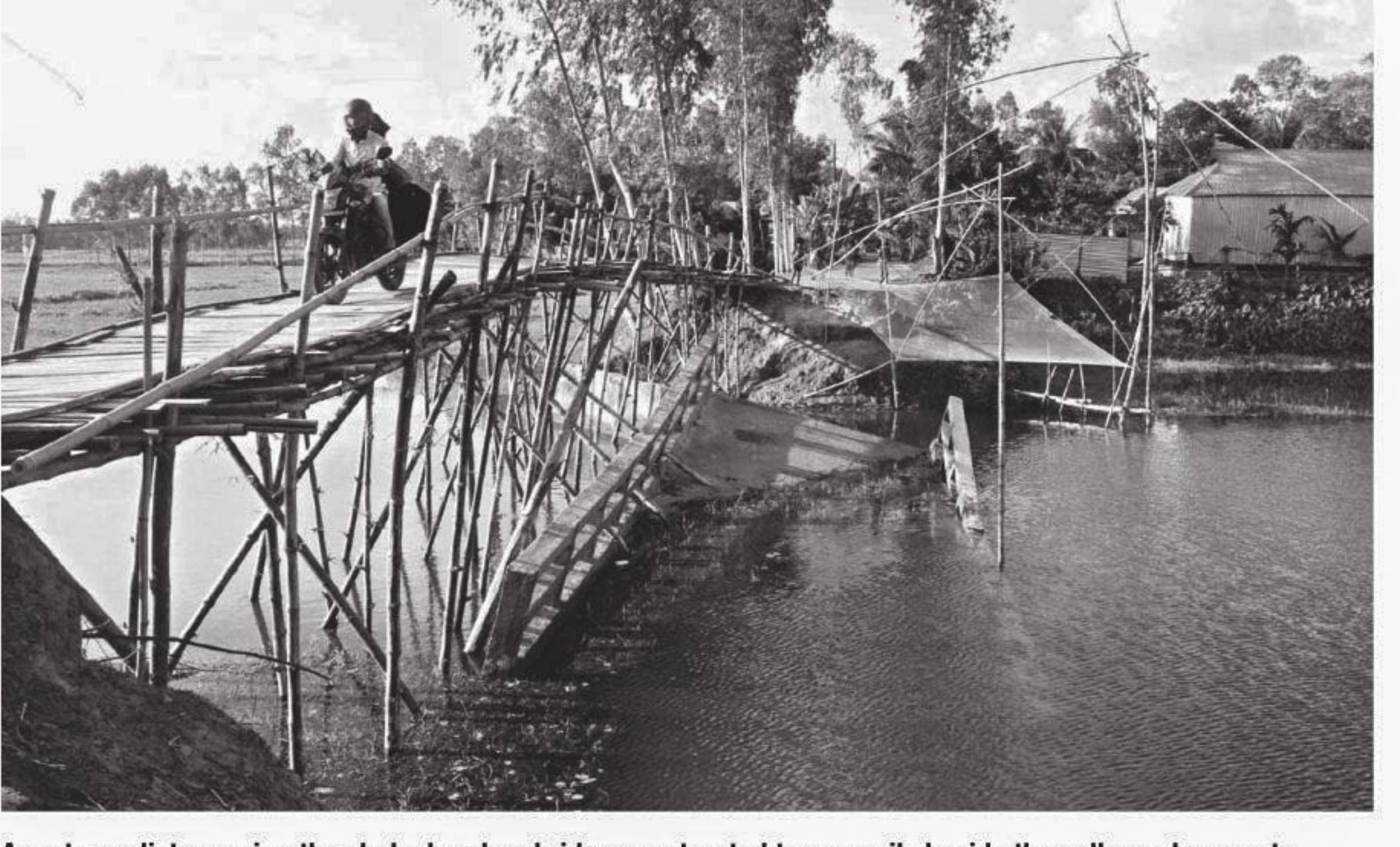
After the recession of floodwater, a bamboo bridge, funded by Sheikh Mohammad Jinnah, chairman of Kakua union parishad (UP), was constructed temporarily beside the collapsed bridge.

Villagers are now using the shaky bamboo bridge to go to their destination amid risk of accident, said Hasmat Ali, a resident of Rangachira.

Minhan Uddin, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver, said, "Truly, we cross the shaky bamboo bridge amid risk."

The UP chairman said he informed the authorities concerned about the matter and they assured them for a new bridge soon.

Abdul Gani, district relief and rehabilitation officer, said immediate steps will be taken to reconstruct the bridges damaged in the floods.



A motorcyclist crossing the shaky bamboo bridge constructed temporarily beside the collapsed concrete bridge over a canal at Rangachira village in Tangail Sadar upazila. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

Fake medicines seized, two jailed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Law enforcers seized 20 types of fake medicines worth Tk 30 lakh from a fake medicine factory and an unapproved godown in Sultanganjpara and Thanthania areas of Bugura town on Saturday night.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested Kalpana Begum, 40, of Sultanganjpara of the town, and Md Shahuzzaman, 35, of Thanthania of the town, on charge of making and storing the fake medicines, said Major SM Morshed Hasan, company commander of Rab-12.

A mobile court led by Magistrate Abdur Rahman sentenced Kalpana Begum to four months' imprisonment and fined her Tk 40,000 for making fake medicines.

Shahaduzzaman was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment and fined Tk 40,000 for storing and selling fake medicines, said the magistrate.

MADHYAPARA GRANITE MINE

Production resumes after five months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Rock production of Madhyapara Granite Mining Company Limited (MGMCL) in Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur resumed on Saturday after a suspension of over five months due to technical glitches.

The production resumed at 6:00am on Saturday. All the 600 miners belonging to three shifts have joined their work. However, it will take a couple of days more to start production in full swing," said Fazlur Rahman,

managing director of MGMCL.

The production was suspended on April 3 this year after the experts of GTC (Germany Trest Consortium), the contracted company of MGMCL, detected glitches in a cog wheel of the winding device used in underground rock production, officials said.

Later, the spare parts were imported, which took more than four months.

Currently MGMCL has a stock of around four lakh tonnes of rock at its yard.

School playground left useless for 20 years

180 students of the school now cannot play there as it was dug up for earth to make a road

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A large portion of the playground at a government primary school was dug up for earth-filling of a road running by it. But about twenty years later, the playground still remains unusable as the authorities did not fill up the huge ditch beside it.

The remaining portion of the playground, at Bahadurkanda Government Primary School in Netrakona's Kalmakanda upazila, is not suitable for sporting activities of children either. As a result, the young students of the school are being deprived of physical education and other extra-curricular activities.

Established in 1978 on 52 decimals of land, 180 students are currently enrolled at the school. When the school was nationalised in 2013, locals hoped in vain that the ditch in the school's playground would be filled up soon.

Shelly Rani Saha, the school's headteacher, said in April this year, they filed a petition with local lawmaker Manu Majumder for allocation of funds for the playground.

The state of the playground is affecting extra-curricular activities of the students as they cannot play there at all, she also said.

President of the school's managing committee, Nurul Islam, said they approached many different officials concerned over the years, but the problem

remains the same.

The playground remains unusable throughout the year and it gets worse with stagnant water even after a little rainfall, he added.

Sajid Hossain, an assistant teacher of the school, said, "In the last 20 years, we sought help from many political leaders including local ones as well as public representatives. But no one took any step [in this regard]."

Rajon Mondol, a fifth grader at the school, said students of his school are falling behind in games and sports competitions as they cannot use the playground.

"We want to play cricket, football and other games on the ground round the year, but no one cares," said Tanni Akter, another fifth grader.

Kalmakanda Upazila Education Officer Monirul Islam said out of a total 172 primary schools in the upazila, 20 are facing similar problems with playgrounds.

While talking to this correspondent, Kalmakanda Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Zakir Hossain said sports and games are essential for children's mental and physical development. And in order to make the playground usable for the children in the area, the ditch has to be filled up urgently with earth.

He also said immediate steps would be taken from his end to solve the problem.



A recent photo of Bahadurkanda Government Primary School in Netrakona's Kalmakanda upazila where the school's playground has been unusable for 20 years. Extra-curricular activities of the students have remained suspended ever since.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

ক্যান্টনমেন্ট একজিকিউটিভ অফিসারের কার্যালয়

সাতার ক্যান্টনমেন্ট, ঢাকা

তারিখ: সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৯

দোকান ইজারা বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সাতার ক্যান্টনমেন্ট বোর্ড পরিচালিত সাভার ক্যান্টনমেন্ট নোর্ড সুপার মার্কেট (সেনা শপিং কমপ্লেক্স, শীতাতপ নিয়ন্ত্রিত)-এর বিভিন্ন ফ্লোরে নিম্নে বর্ণিত সংস্থারের ডোকানগুলি ইজারা প্রদান করা হচ্ছে:-

ক্রঃ নং	ফ্লোর/তলা	সরবরাহ দর (প্রতি বর্গফুট)	সংস্থা
০১	২য় তলা	৭,৮০০/-	০১টি দোকানের প্রতি আয়তন ও টেক্স তালিকা/ব্রেকিং থেকে জানা যাবে।
০২	৪র্থ তলা	৬,৯০০/-	
০৩	৫ম তলা	৫,৮০০/-	০৪টি
০৪	৬ষ্ঠ তলা	৫,৮০০/-	১৫টি
১।	দোকানসমূহের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ও দর দাখিলের নিয়মাবলী সহলিত সিডিউল নংগদ ২,০০০/- (দুই হাজার) টাকা (অফিস ফিল্ডে জমা সাপেক্ষে আর দঙ্গের রাজস্ব শাখা হতে জরুর করা যাবে। উক্ত দোকান ইজারার নিম্নে বর্ণিত শর্তবিনামে আঞ্চলীয় বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে এবং প্রতিটান/ফ্লোর-এর নিকট হতে সীলনসহকৃত খামে দরপত্র আবরণ করা যাচ্ছে।		
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(ক)	দরপত্রসমূহ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সাভার ক্যান্টনমেন্ট বোর্ড অফিস হতে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। এক নামে একাধিক দোকানের জন্য দরপত্র অর্থ করা যাবে। তবে যে নামে দরপত্র অর্থ করা হবে সে নামই দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। উক্ত দরপত্র অর্থের প্রতি তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে আর দঙ্গের সংরক্ষিত দরপত্র বালিকার নিম্নে দরপত্র দাখিল করা যাবে।		
(খ)	দরপত্রের পাশে উক্তবিহীন দরের কথা এবং একাধিক দোকানের জন্য দরপত্র অর্থ করা যাবে।		
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