

Muddy road causes suffering for locals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Absence of a paved road under Magchami union in Faridpur's Madhukhali upazila is hampering communications between seven villages, upazila headquarters and the district town.

The two-kilometre-long road, that passes through the villages and ends at Baliakandi-Madhukhali road, becomes very muddy and unusable in the rainy season and no vehicles can ply over it, locals claimed.

While visiting the area recently, this correspondent found the portion of the road from Mridha Bazar to Choita Bhimnagar muddy and waterlogged from recent rain.

Residents of three villages under Madhukhali upazila in Faridpur and four villages under Baliakandi upazila in Rajbari use the road every day to go to schools, colleges, village markets and upazila and district headquarters as there is no other alternative road, locals said.

Four educational institutions are located on both sides of the road and students of these institutions are facing difficulty coming to school by walking through the muddy path, locals claimed.

A resident of Khapara village under Madhukhali upazila Bakkar Mia said, "If it rains one day, the road remains unusable till the water dries off. During rainy season the suffering is beyond description. The road becomes almost unfit for even walking."

Another resident of the village farmer

Dablu Mollah said, "A large number of farmers carrying agro-products face trouble while crossing the road."

Dablu has to carry his agro-products on his back from his home to the local market Mridha Bazar, one kilometre away, because no vehicles want to cross the road.

"Sometimes I have to make more than one trip to take my goods to Mridha Bazar," he said, demanding a paved road."

A teacher of Magchami Government Primary School Mohammad Selim said, "Since vehicles cannot ply on the road during the rainy season, our student number is dwindling."

Student of Jamalpur Degree College Purnima Biswas has to walk the two-km muddy road from her home in Baliakandi upazila's Kashkandi village to the regional highway to find a transport.

She said, "We are suffering the most as we have to use the road daily to go to college and tuition twice a day."

Chairman of Magchami Union Parishad Md Hasan Ali Khan said, "Seeing locals' suffering, this year in January I applied to the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), chairman of upazila parishad and upazila relief and rehabilitation officer but no steps have been taken yet."

LGED Madhukhali Upazila Engineer Rofiqul Islam said, "We have enlisted the road in a plan. If the plan gets approved, we will build the road."



During the rainy season this two-kilometre-long muddy road in Faridpur's Madhukhali upazila remains virtually unusable for vehicles.

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A one and a half kilometre-long pipe runs through public and private-owned areas as a few influential people have taken an intuitive to carry sand from the Dhaleswari river to illegally fill up a large pond at Noidighirpathar under Mirkadim municipality in Munshiganj Sadar upazila.

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Illegal move to fill up government waterbody

Syndicate sets dredgers, 1.5 km pipe to fill large pond at Mirkadim in Munshiganj

FARHANA MIRZA BARNIA, Munshiganj

A syndicate has set up dredgers in the Dhaleswari river and put pipes on public roads, croplands and even house premises for carrying sand to illegally fill up a large pond at Noidighirpathar under Mirkadim municipality in Munshiganj Sadar upazila.

"Following complaints from locals, I visited the spot and issued directives not to fill up the wetland," local Assistant Commissioner (AC-Land) Happy Das told The Daily Star.

"Half of the pond is owned by those who are preparing to fill it up. The rest is government property, earlier leased to them. Irrespective of the ownership status, none can fill up such a waterbody without permission from the authorities concerned," she said.

Visiting the area a few days ago, this correspondent saw a pipe stretching over one and a half kilometres, which the syndicate set up for carrying sand extracted with dredgers from the river.

The long pipe hampers movement of

pedestrians and vehicles and causes problem for others concerned but the municipal authority did not take any action against the perpetrators, said locals.

Nobody was given permission to set the pipe, municipal officials said.

Locals expressed concern that ecology of the area will be affected and people will face serious problem if the pond is filled up as they use its water for different purposes like bathing, washing clothes and doing household chores.

Khuku Moni, a local resident, said, "A portion of the wetland is also used for dumping wastes from local households. We will face problem if it is filled up."

Masud Rana, president of Awami League's ward No 6 unit under Mirkadim municipality, and a resident of Noidighirpar village, said rainwater from nearby areas finds way to the pond and so, its disappearance will cause waterlogging.

"I filed written complaints to the deputy commissioner, upazila nirbahi officer, assistant

commissioner (Land), mayor of Mirkadim municipality and others concerned," he said.

A few local influential persons including Liton, Shahadat and Jamai Haque are involved in the initiative to fill up the pond, alleged several locals.

This correspondent tried to communicate with them over cell phones but those were found switched off.

Meanwhile, Prohlad Dutta, owner of some land adjacent to the pond, said he fears that the syndicate may also fill up and grab his land along with the pond.

Contacted, Mirkadim municipality Mayor Shahidul Islam said, "We have informed the officials concerned in district administration and local office of the environment department of the matter. We hope they will take necessary measures."

Assistant Commissioner (AC-Land) Happy Das said she had sent a report to the Deputy Commissioner and waiting for his directives to take further steps.



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Man killed by brother

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A man, who was stabbed allegedly by his elder brother and nephew over a trifling matter in Jashore Sadar upazila on Tuesday night, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on Wednesday night.

The deceased, Akbor Ali, 55, was son of Aju Mollah of Bagdanga village.

Quoting the victim's family members, police said Akbor went to his brother Nur Islam's house on Tuesday night and locked in an altercation over a personal issue.

At one stage, Nur and his son Enamul Islam stabbed Akbor with sharp weapons and fled the scene, leaving him critically injured.

Locals rescued Akbor and took him to Jashore General Hospital from where he was later referred to DMCH.

He died at the hospital while undergoing treatment around 11:00pm, police said.

Firearms seized, 2 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna


Sirajganj Detective Branch (DB) of Police arrested two alleged arms traders on Wednesday night and seized huge locally made illegal firearms from a house in Pabna's Bhaudanga area early yesterday.

The arrestees are Abdul Wahab, 45, and Mizanur Rahman, 20, of Pabna Sadar upazila.

Acting on a tip off, police detained the duo from Kadai village in Sirajganj Sadar upazila on Wednesday night and seized two LGs (Light Guns) from their possession.

Later, according to their confession, police raided Wahab's residence at Bhaudanga village early yesterday.

During the drive, they seized 27 one shooter-gun from the house.



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Invitation for Tender

1	Procuring entity name	Secretary General, ENT & Head Neck Cancer Hospital & Institute.		
2	Procuring code	Not used at present.		
3	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.		
4	Invitation for	Supply of Medical equipment.		
5	Invitation Ref. No.	ENT/Proc. (Equipment)-1/2012 (Pt)/814		
6	Date	06-11-2019		
KEY INFORMATION				
7	Procurement method	NCT Open Tendering Method (OTM).		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
8	Budget and source of fund	Hospital own fund.		
9	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
10	Project/program name	ENT & Head Neck Cancer Hospital & Institute.		
11	Tender package No.	N/A.		
12	Tender package name	Procurement of Medical equipment.		
13	Tender publication date	Date	Time	
		07.11.2019		
14	Tender last selling date	20.11.2019		
15	Tender closing date & time	21.11.2019 11:30am		
16	Tender opening date & time	21.11.2019 12:00 noon.		
17	Name & address of the office(s) Selling tender document (principal)	Address Secretary General ENT & Head Neck Cancer Hospital & Institute by E-mail Address: entcancerhospital@yahoo.com & Hard copy will be submitted by courier/By Post. Secretary General ENT & Head Neck Cancer Hospital & Institute.		
18	Receiving tender document			
19	Opening tender document			
20	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	N/A	Date: Time:	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
21	Eligibility of tenderer	Only registered firms, consortium, Joint venture companies, importer, agents, suppliers who meet the following criteria are only eligible to bid the tender, the tender must submit with its offer the following documents up-date. A) Trade License (2019-20), B) Import License, C) Income Tax Certificate 2018-19, D) VAT registration certificate, Documents should be attached properly.		
22	Brief description of goods or works	Supply of Medical equipment.		
23	Brief description of related services	None.		
24	Price of tender document (Taka)	1000.00		
25	Lot	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)
	01	Medical equipment	ENT & Head Neck Cancer Hospital & Institute	2% of quoted value
				Completion time in weeks/months
				12 (twelve) weeks
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
26	Name of official inviting tender	Professor Dr. Jahanara Alauddin		
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Secretary General		
28	Address of official inviting tender	ENT & Head Neck Cancer Hospital & Institute, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207		
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	02-58151660		
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Important Dates

Last Date of Application	23 November 2019 (Thursday)
Date & Place of Written Test	13 December 2019 Friday at 3.30 pm, Department of Geography and Environment, DU
Viva	20-21 December 2019 (Saturday-Sunday) from 3 pm
Publication of Result	23 December 2019 on Department Notice Board/ Website
Admission Period	24-31 December 2019
Orientation and Class Start	3 January 2019 Friday at 3 pm

Availability of Application Form

: 9 am to 4 pm on working days (Sunday to Thursday), 4 to 8 pm on Friday and Saturday. Also available at Website : <http://www.msdm.du.ac.bd>

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