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KHULNA-MONGLA HIGHWAY

Too important but neglected

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A portion of about 30-km-long Khulna-Mongla highway in Bagerhat lies in awful state for long causing immense sufferings to commuters.

Locals said as Mongla is the country's second important seaport, thousands of vehicles ply the highway every day. It is the only way for traveling to and from the seaport.

But the condition of the ten-km-long portion of the busy road stretching from Belai Bridge to the port in Rampal upazila is so terrible that people even cannot walk during a little shower. During monsoon, it has become risky for commuters to use the potholed highway.

All passengers and freight

vehicles used to ply this 10km dilapidated road amid risk of accidents. The mishaps leave commuters injured on a regular basis.

Traders carrying their goods bear the brunt of continuous jerking due to number of potholes and cracks on the road, which has become muddy at many places.

The suffering is beyond description when mud covered the road even during little rain.

Traders and drivers said the road has long been neglected despite having a seaport. Although the number of vehicles moving on the road has increased with time, the width of the road has not increased. The road is constantly being damaged due to heavy traffic and excessive rush of vehicles.

Drivers Shisir Das and Rafiqul

Sheikh said the condition of this portion of the road was so bad that it is no longer possible to drive after one trip. The vehicles overturned now and then due to many potholes on the road. If this situation continues, it is not possible to drive through the road.

Local people said they have to suffer a lot during the rainy season. At the time, travelling on this road is like riding a boat bobbing in the water. The damaged portion of the highway remains muddy even in the dry season. This road is no longer suitable for traffic movement.

Azim Kawsar, deputy assistant engineer of the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) in Bagerhat, said the road from Belai Bridge to Digraj of the Khulna-Mongla highway is only 22 feet wide. Thousands of freight vehicles ply the road every day. As a result, the road is constantly being damaged.

He blamed overloading and excessive rush of vehicles for the road getting damaged.

Azim further said around 40 workers are working day and night to keep this road suitable for traffic. The brick soling work of the road is going on.

Bagerhat RHD Executive Engineer Farid Uddin said vehicles with overloaded goods are plying, which is one of the main reasons roads are being damaged.

They will start renovation work of the damaged portion of the highway in December this year, said the executive engineer, adding that it is their routine maintenance work of roads.

Communication snapped as bridge approach road washed away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The approach road on the eastern side of Boro Basalia bridge on the Louhajang river in Tangail Sadar upazila was washed away on Sunday morning due to strong current in the river during the ongoing flood.

Consequently, road communication between parts of Sadar and Kalihati upazilas through the Kuizbari-Boro Basalia-Mirpur road snapped.

Locals said water level in the Louhajang river, a branch of the mighty Jamuna, was rising for the last few days, creating huge current in the river.

Soil from the east side approach of the bridge started moving away around 7:00am and a large portion got washed away by 10:00am, said Abdul Motaleb of Boro Basalia village.

Local Government and Engineering Department completed construction of the 99-metre-long bridge in 2016 for facilitating internal road communication in the area and local lawmaker Sanwar Hossain inaugurated the bridge in December that year.

Locals alleged that low quality works were done during construction of the approach roads while influential quarters extracted sand illegally from near the bridge for the last couple of years, threatening the bridge.



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Strong current washed away a portion of the approach road on the eastern side of Boro Basalia bridge on the Louhajang river in Tangail Sadar upazila on Sunday morning, causing suspension of road communication in the area.

A portion of the east side approach was also damaged and several dwelling houses were devoured by the river during the last year's flood, they added.

Contacted, Mohammad Hedayetullah, upazila engineer of LGED in Tangail Sadar, told The Daily Star, "The approach road of the bridge got washed away due to pressure

of floodwater. I visited the spot on Sunday and informed the higher authorities. Necessary measures will be taken in a short time."

Mentionable, two important bridges in Basail upazila and another in Nagarpar upazila were damaged in the district by the devastating flood in the last ten days, disrupting local road communication.

Deer heads, venison seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Forest department seized around 30kg of venison and heads of two deer from the Sundarbans on Sunday. They also seized two boats, which was being used for carrying the deer heads and venison. In Charge of Karamjal Wildlife Breeding Center Azad Kabir said, adding that they, however, failed to arrest anyone in this connection.

BARAPUKURIA COALMINE

Tension mounts after arrests of 5 miners' leaders

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Tension still prevails among the miners of Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited (BCMCL) in Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur after five miners' leaders have been arrested on Saturday.

Syed Imam Hasan, manager (security and safety) of BCMCL, on Saturday night filed a case against 141 miners for halting the coalmine's production works.

There are 1,147 local miners in the BCMCL, said Imam Hasan.

The case was filed with Parbatipur Police Station around 10:00pm, said Mokhlesur Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station.

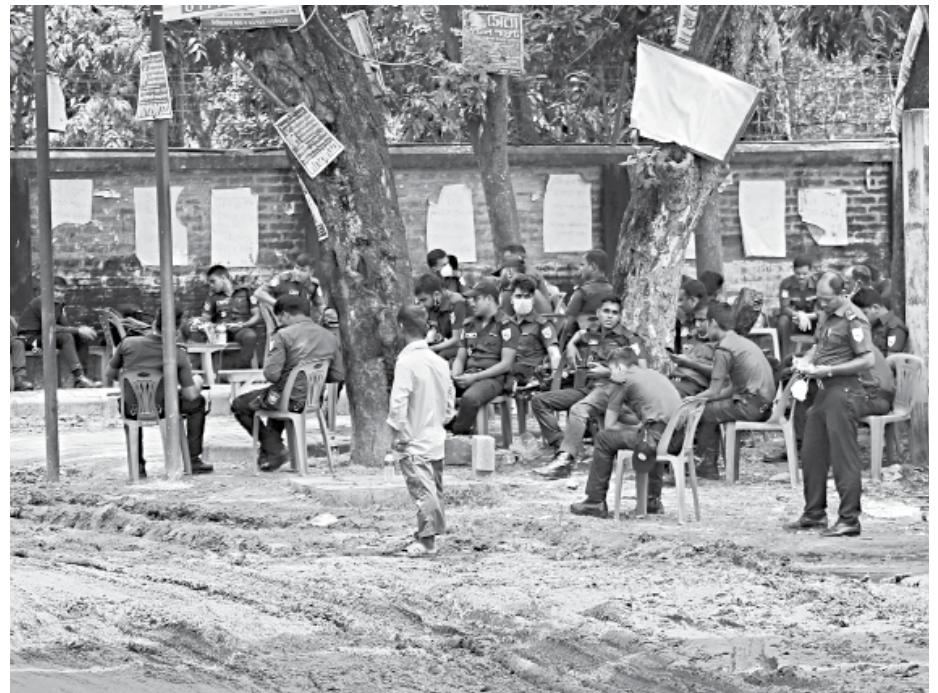
Police picked up five leaders of miners on Saturday noon when they were demonstrating in front of BCMCL's

miners have been jobless since the shutdown began on March 24 amid the pandemic. They remained unpaid as they have been employed under no-work-no-pay condition.

The Chinese mining consortium CMC-XMC is the employing company of local miners.

However, around 300 Chinese miners continued the coal production during the shutdown as coal is needed to operate the 525MW power plant.

On the other hand, the local miners have been staging demonstrations for the last several days, demanding the authority to allow them to join their work. Nevertheless, fearing the spread of Coronavirus infection in the highly protected area, the state's own company went through a procedure to employ the local miners.



Police personnel have been deployed at the BCMCL in Dinajpur's Parbatipur upazila to avoid any further trouble after tension prevails there following arrests of five miners' leaders.

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The company agreed to employ 410 out of the 1,147 miners, after getting their Covid-19 testing reports. However, the miners' leaders started agitations demanding their preferred miners, which virtually halted the entire process.

Police picked up the five leaders when they blocked Phulbari-Parbatipur road on Saturday noon, disrupting the traffic movements.

Imam Hasan said the case was filed against the miners as they obstructed mine's work. The miners' leaders were forcing the authority to include their selective miners, but the employment organisation refused their request, and the miners obstructed BCMCL's official works.

The OC further added that there are many unnamed accused in the case.

Police picked up the five leaders when they were staging a peaceful agitation, said the miners.

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