



**Waste lying scattered on this portions of Jalil Sarani -- one of the three entry points of Khulna city, has been going on for years -- so much so that cattle can be seen looking for food on the street. The photo was taken recently.**

PHOTO: STAR

## Khulna City Corporation keeps dumping garbage on busy road

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

In a blatant disregard for public health and environment, Khulna City Corporation has been dumping garbage on a part of Boyra bypass road for a long time.

The KCC authorities have been using the spot -- half the road (Jalil Sarani) and the entire footpath adjacent to it -- as a secondary transfer station (STS) for garbage.

The place stretching around 100ft remains covered with piles of waste almost all the time. It is not enclosed, spreading filth and emitting putrid stench to the nearby areas.

Locals said the garbage is not taken from there everyday. Such a situation has been continuing for around three years, they said.

KCC Conservancy Officer Anisur Rahman however said, "We collect garbage twice from STS every day."

Jalil Sarani is one of the three major roads to enter and exit Khulna city.

Palash Uddin Khalifa, an assistant professor of Khulna Public College living in Boyra area, told The Daily Star

that more than 1,000 students using the road suffer the most.

Locals appealed to the ward councillor concerned seeking a stop to dumping of garbage there, but to no avail.

"Stray dogs and crows always scavenge for food there, spreading the garbage," said Tommoy Bairagi, 13, a student of Children's Voice School, who uses the road on a regular basis.

"Dogs often attack me when I pass through the spot," he added.

Md Juboraj, a KCC worker who collects garbage from households by rickshaw-van and piles there, told The Daily Star that they do so as there is no secondary transfer station near the place.

During a recent visit to the spot, this correspondent found KCC employees of its conservancy department piling garbage. Leftover, used polythene bags and other household waste were left scattered on the road and pavement. Pedestrians and commuters were passing the spot after covering their noses. Many were forced to use alternative road.

Just opposite the spot, the deputy director's office of the fisheries department and air testing centre of the environment department are situated. Around 10 educational institutions exist in Boyra including Khulna Public School and College, Khulna Government Model School and College, Children's Voice School, Hazi Foiz Uddin Girls' High School, and Khanjahan Ali College of Science and Technology.

Boyra Bazar and Boyra Kitchen market is just 200 metres off the garbage dumping spot.

Contacted, Anisur Rahman Biswas, councillor of ward-16, said, "I am aware of locals' concern over the matter. But we have no option for now."

"Already a Tk 434 crore project has been sanctioned for the city's garbage management in which land acquisition is included for a new STS in the area," he said.

Anisur Rahman, the conservancy officer, said, "We are looking for land to set up a STS. The problem will be resolved after the project is implemented."

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Bandarbar to Dhopadighir Par, Zindabazar to Mirrajangal and Zindabazar to Nayasarak.

As part of the plan, a total of 1,070 regular hawkers from these areas were listed and rehabilitated to a new temporary makeshift hawker market at Laldighi field of Bandarbar area, one of the city's most important commercial areas.

The list was generated by SMPs traffic division by surveying and verifying these hawkers.

Faisal Mahmud, deputy commissioner (traffic) of SMP, said, "To keep the roads free from obstacles, as per the new road transport law, we've been working to remove hawkers, but they were not willing to move without rehabilitation. After SCC allotted a temporary place for a hawker's market, we listed the regular hawkers and were able to rehabilitate them."

He also told this correspondent that the roads are being monitored by eight traffic inspectors to ensure they are free from hawker occupancy.

Besides hawker rehabilitation, SCC has also initiated a non-motorised transport free Chowhatta to Bandarbar road. Effective from January 1, transports like rickshaw, push cart and rickshaw-van are prohibited from entering these roads, said Bidhayak Roy Choudhury, chief executive officer of SCC.

Meanwhile, hundreds of rickshaw pullers protested the decision by forming a human chain at Jitu Miah Point in the city on Thursday morning.

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

# MPs call for stronger implementation of laws

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lawmakers from treasury and opposition bench and representatives of various organisations yesterday called for proper implementation of law, moral education and capital punishment for perpetrators to stop violence against women.

They made the call at a "Meet the Press" at the Jatiya Sangsad Media Centre.

Samaj Kalyan Unnayan Shangstha (Social Welfare and Development Organisation) organised the event titled "What to do to prevent violence against women."

Speaking as chief guest, AL lawmaker Shamsul Haque Tuku, chief of the parliamentary standing committee on home ministry, said one of the reasons behind the increase in violence against women is the impact of drugs on the society.

"Dope tests should be introduced at all levels of government and other organisations," he said.

Calling for a change in the education

system to stop violence against women, Aroma Dutta, vice chairperson of the Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights, said, "Our pledge should be on the golden jubilee of independence that not a single woman in would be a victim of violence."

"Therefore, proper implementation of the law must be ensured. Local governments need to be more proactive in stopping violence against women," she said.

Jatiya Party MP Shameem Haider Patwari proposed to set up tribunal at the upazila level for speedy disposal of cases related to violence against women.

Calling on the people's representatives to raise awareness, AL MP Aparajita Haque said the government has amended women and children repression prevention act to incorporate the provision of death penalty.

Jesmin Prema, chairperson of Samaj Kalyan Unnayan Shangstha said we must ensure capital punishment and ensure moral education to stop violence against women.

## Roads ministry

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held at the ministry yesterday with the division's secretary Nazrul Islam in the chair.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in March last year inaugurated the 55km four-lane highway, with a service lane on both sides.

Users will get full benefits of the expressway once construction work of Padma Bridge is completed, which is expected to be opened in June next year and the toll of the expressway will be collected starting then, officials said.

Apart from the expressway, commuters have to pay toll for using Padma Bridge. The authority has not finalised the toll for the bridge yet.

Sheikh Hasina during an Ecnec meeting in September 2019 instructed the authorities concerned to collect tolls from long-haul vehicles on the national highways.

### PROPOSED TOLL

RHD prepared the proposed toll structure for the expressway following the Toll

Policy-2014, an RHD official said. There would be four exit and entrance points and RHD proposed toll ceilings for each distance.

Under the policy, the base toll is Tk 2 on each kilometre on important highways and Tk 400 for a bridge above 750 metres.

With three bridges and 55km length, the base fare of a medium truck (two axle truck) per km would be Tk 20.18. A medium size truck has to pay Tk 1,110 for using the expressway.

The committee will scrutinise all relevant factors before finalising the toll rate, Fahmida said.

Khondaker Enayet Ullah, secretary general of Bangladesh Road Transport Owners Association, who was present at the meeting, said the proposed toll rate is very high.

"We have asked to keep the rate at tolerable level, because ultimately the people who will use the highway will have to pay the toll," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

## Condolences

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CSO Alliance, a platform of non-governmental organisations (NGO) and civil society groups, in a press release termed her death an irreparable loss for the country.

"The way she fought for the rights of women will inspire new generations," said the release signed by Rasheda K Choudhury, convener of CSO Alliance.

Dipto Foundation said the country has lost a genuine guardian of women's movement activists and workers.

Besides, Bangladesh Peace Council expressed their condolence at her demise.

An integral part of the women's movements in Bangladesh, her message to her fellow countrywomen was to stand their own ground and develop an uncompromising attitude to have their own agency in life and society.

She was born in the village of Gabragati in Netrakona on October 18, 1947.

Former vice president of left-leaning organisation Bangladesh Chhatra Union, she was an active organiser of all progressive movements, including the 1962 student movement, 1969 mass uprising and 1971 Liberation War.

## File case

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The HC also ordered them to submit separate reports to this court on the progress of complying with the directives on first Sunday of every month.

The HC bench of Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore and Justice Mohammad Ullah passed the order while hearing on the petition that filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) in May 2010.

Petitioner's lawyer Manzill Murshid told the HC that according to a report submitted by DoE, 30 washing plants at Keraniganj are dumping waste into the Buriganga and are polluting its water and environment in violation of the law and court directives.

The DoE had shut down the polluting factories twice and they have started operation again, he said.

Murshid said there are rules in the law for filing cases against such polluting factories, but the DoE has not filed any case.

Deputy Attorney General Kazi Mynul Hasan represented the government while lawyer Amatul Karim represented the DoE.



**After a night of sleeping out in the cold of mid-winter, perhaps the warmth of the morning sun brings some solace to the homeless. This photo was taken yesterday from the foot over bridge in front of Sobhanbagh Mosque.**

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH**  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
**COMPANY MATTER NO. 274 OF 2020**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
An application under section 43 of the Companies Act, 1994.  
**AND**  
**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
Maksudur Rahman ..... **Petitioner.**  
-Versus-  
Bangladesh Bank and others. .... **Respondents.**

This Notice is hereby given for all concerned that an application under section 43 of the Companies Act, 1994 has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner.

After hearing the learned Advocate of the petitioner and perusing the documents, the Company Bench of the Hon'ble Court comprising of his Lordship Mr. Justice K.M. Kamrul Kader was pleased to admit the said application vide Order dated 1.12.2020.

If anyone is interested to oppose/contest the said application, s/he may appear before the Hon'ble Court at his/her convenience. This information is for all concerned.

By,  
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## Youth held

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images and videos of children online," Sayed Nasirullah, a senior assistant commissioner of the Cyber Terrorism Investigation Team, who led the operation, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Police filed a case against Mirazul with Ramna Police Station under the Pornography Act.

The police official said they have checked Mirazul's various social media accounts and found such contents.

"He demanded Rs 2,50,000 from an Indian minor by threatening to leak her personal pictures and videos on social media," he added. "He also gave his bank account number to her to deposit the money," he said.

Mirazul has confessed to his crimes before a Dhaka court recently, said the official.

The police official said they have increased cyber patrolling to prevent child pornography.

"We are also getting complaints regarding it from foreign nationals. Criminals are targeting foreign girls. We are getting queries from international law enforcement agencies in this regard," said the police official.

In October last year, the digital forensic team of cybercrime unit of CTC arrested three Bangladeshi men after a 15-year-old US girl filed a complaint through the CTC's Facebook messenger. During the arrest, law enforcers also seized pornographic contents from them.

Nasirullah suggested that guardians check what their children are doing on social media and remain alert regarding whether they are becoming victims of child pornography.

## Mir Nasir

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opposed the petition.

On November 8 last year, a Dhaka court sent Mir Nasir to jail on his surrender in the case. He then filed the petition with the apex court seeking bail on health ground.

On July 4, 2007, an anti-graft tribunal sentenced Nasir to 13 years in jail for two corruption offences and sentenced his son to three years for abetting.

On March 6, 2007, ACC Deputy Director Sharmin Ferdous filed the graft case with Gulshan Police Station.

As per the charge sheet, Nasir, his wife late Dalia Naznin, daughter and son have wealth worth Tk 29.22 crore. But they showed property worth about Tk 22.50 crore.

## 30,000 workers

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As per the Bahrain government, there were about 65,000 undocumented migrant workers in the Gulf country before the amnesty was announced, said an official at the Bangladesh embassy.

Of them, roughly 80 percent were Bangladeshi workers, he further said.

Wishing not to be named, the official said foreign workers in Bahrain turn undocumented for various reasons. Companies hired workers from Bangladesh and later terminated them in three months, on the ground of lack of skills required, leading the workers to be undocumented, he added.

Besides, there were allegations of "visa trading" against unscrupulous companies, he added.

Labour welfare official Tauhidul said the embassy was working to reopen Bangladesh's labour market in Bahrain that remained closed at present.

The embassy was also trying to negotiate with Bahrain authorities for the return of Bangladeshi workers who remained stranded at home amid the pandemic, he added.

Bahrain is home to about 150,000 Bangladeshis. About 70 percent of them are low-paid workers in the construction sector. Besides, several thousand Bangladeshis, both male and female, are serving as household workers there, according to the Bangladesh mission in the country.

Recruitment of workers in Bahrain from Bangladesh remained suspended for more than two years.

## Air link

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question, the state minister said following lift of ban on flight operations by countries due to new strain of Covid-19 including Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh will immediately resume flights to those countries.

At the programme, Mahbub Ali said now is the era of competition. In order to survive in the competition, it is necessary to increase the quality of service of Bangladesh Tourism Corporation and gain the trust and confidence of people.

"There is no alternative to achieving customer satisfaction other than increasing the quality of service," he said.

The 150-seat restaurant with an area of 6,600 square feet on the open roof of the tourist building is equipped with state-of-the-art furnishings, and is open for

breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinner. Owned by Bangladesh Tourism Corporation, it has round-the-clock elevators and basement parking for customers.

The state minister further said the tourism industry, like other sectors of Bangladesh, is also moving forward. Under the direction of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, Bangladesh Tourism Board and Bangladesh Tourism Corporation have taken various initiatives for the development of tourism.

Chairman of Bangladesh Tourism Corporation Ram Chandra Das presided over the function while Senior Secretary of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism MdMohibul Haque and Chief Executive Officer of Bangladesh Tourism Board Javed Ahmed, among others were present as special guests.

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