

BIRSHRESHTHA HAMIDUR RAHMAN MEMORIAL

Dilapidated building finally being reconstructed

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Nearly four years after The Daily Star ran a report on the Birshreshtha Hamidur Rahman memorial building that fell into disrepair, at his village home in Khordakhalishpur village of Jhenidah's Moheshpur upazila, the government has finally started to rebuild it.

The report, headlined 'War hero memorial on verge of collapse', was published in the paper on January 19, 2017. The building would be a four storey one, with Tk 2.73 crore allocated for the cost of its construction.

Tender for the work was floated on May 13 of last year and construction firm Galaxy Associate, based in Kushtia, was later awarded the work order -- under the supervision of Public Works Department in Jhenidah.

The work of construction started on October 26, 2020. The deadline to finish the second storey of the building is March 31 this year.

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Kabir Hossain, a site engineer, said

according to the architectural plan, there will be three bedrooms, three bathrooms, a drawing room, a dining room and a kitchen on each floor of the building.

However, the decision to reconstruct the memorial building did not come so easy.

In the first week of February in 2017, the High Court (HC) bench of Justice Kazi Rezaul Haque and Justice Mohammad Ullah issued a rule on the authorities concerned, asking as to why steps would not be taken to restore the dilapidated Birshreshtha Hamidur Rahman memorial building.

The HC bench issued the rule after hearing a writ petition filed in this regard by Emtiaj Ahmed, president of social organisation 'Samajer Proti Jubo Udyog', who came to learn about the state of the building from the report published in The Daily Star on January 19, 2017.

Birshreshtha Hamidur Rahman was born in 1954. He joined the Liberation War while serving in the then East Bengal Regiment. On October 28, 1971, as he fought Pakistani occupation forces on the Dhali frontier in Sreemangal of Sylhet, Hamidur sacrificed his life for the country.

To commemorate his sacrifice, the memorial building was established on three decimals of land in his native village in 1981. Since then however, the building has not been maintained.

"There was also a plan to rename Khordakhalishpur village as Hamidnagar in his honour," said Hamidur Rahman's younger brother Fazlur Rahman. "Back in 2007, a declaration on the renaming was made by Bir Uttam C.R. Dutta, a Liberation War sector commander. But sadly, nothing has happened since."



The work to reconstruct the Birshreshtha Hamidur Rahman memorial building, in Khordakhalishpur village of Jhenidah's Moheshpur upazila, is going on in full swing. The photo was taken recently.

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Where baby girls hailed as princess

SI Mosharaf sends gifts to new parents of girls

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Each time a newborn baby girl sees the light of the world in his area, Sub-Inspector Mosharaf Hossain, in-charge of Tangail's Kagmari police outpost, greets her with gifts, a personal initiative breaking stereotypes about gender.

The gifts include a packet of diapers, a baby lotion and a crest given away congratulating the mother.

On January 6, he made an announcement that "Those couples in Kagmari police outpost area will become the parents of newborn baby girl phone me and receive gifts."

Soon after Mosharaf posted the announcement on his Facebook account, it went viral. He also hung a banner carrying the announcement in front of his office.

Mosharaf added that around 20 new parents have received gifts from him till now. Most of them hail from char area of the Dhaleshwari river. He bought the gifts with his personal savings.

Shahida Begum, a housewife of Porabari village, said she gave birth to her second daughter a week ago. Later, she phoned the police officer after knowing about his announcement. The SI then came to her house and gave the gifts.

"Really, I have been proud to get the honour as my in-laws got very disappointed after I gave birth to a daughter again," she added.

SI Mosharaf said "For professional purposes, I used to go to the char areas where I found that many people still cannot be happy when a daughter is born. The child has been a victim of



SI Mosharaf Hossain hands over gifts to a new mother of baby girl in the char area under Kagmari police outpost in Tangail Sadar upazila.

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neglect since birth there."

"But the daughter is not a burden, a blessing. It is the best reward given by God. I want to give this message to the new parents of baby girl in Kagmari outpost area. I myself am the proud father of a daughter," he added.

SI Mosharaf has a reputation as a brave officer in the district police department. In 2018, he was rewarded as the best community police officer of the district by the then DIG of

Dhaka Range Abdullah Al Mamun.

Mosharaf was born in Mymensingh's Trishal upazila. He is the fourth among five sisters and two brothers. His father is a farmer. He joined Bangladesh Police in 2007.

Asked about the initiative of Mosharaf, Additional Superintendent of Police in Tangail Sadar Shahinul Islam Fakir said it is undoubtedly a praiseworthy initiative. Mosharaf is really a good human being.



Bagerhat Detective Branch (DB) of Police conducted a drive near Rayenda Bus Stand area in Sharankhola upazila early yesterday and detained two smugglers with 19 deer skins.

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