



Three of the seven bridges that are in an appalling state in four unions of Barguna's Amtali upazila. Top right, the bridge on Gazipur canal in Atharogachhia union. Top left, the bridge on Chawra canal near Kaunia Ibrahim Academy in Chawra union. Bottom, Loda canal near Hafezia Madrasa in Chawra union.

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## Seven deadly bridges in four unions

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

As many as seven concrete bridges built on iron infrastructure have become the cause of great distress for about 50 thousand people in four unions of Amtali upazila under Barguna.

Located in Atharogachhia, Haldia, Chawra and Gulishakhali unions of the upazila, the bridges are integral part of road communications in 19 villages of the unions.

Out the seven, two bridges have collapsed while five others turned impassable after huge holes developed on those.

The bridge on Gazipur canal in Atharogachhia union collapsed early this month after four of its pillars gave way, said locals.

The bridge -- built by Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in 2008 -- was the primary means of communications for about 15 thousand inhabitants of eight

villages in the union, they also said.

"Our sufferings since then have been inexplicable," said Humayun Kabir, a villager from Gazipur village.

In 2011, when LGED built the bridge on Chawra canal near Haldia Hat Government Primary School in Haldia union at a cost of Tk 60 lakh, it came as a blessing for about 10 thousand residents in Haldia, Gurudal, North Taktabunia and South Taktabunia villages.

But after large concrete chunks, as wide as its entire width, fell off the bridge in May this year, communications of the villagers with the upazila headquarters have become extremely difficult.

Shanu Mollah, a farmer from Haldia village, said, "Movement of vehicles over the bridge has become impossible after that. I used to sell rice, lentil and other agricultural goods at Amtali market, but I can't do so anymore."

Especially, taking pregnant women and



critical patients to hospitals has become extremely difficult, he also said.

Another bridge on the same canal was built by LGED about the same time in front of Radhi house in Chawra union. It has also

turned hazardous since December last year when large holes developed in the middle of the bridge. Nearly ten thousand people in four villages now do not have any other option but use the risky bridge.

In May this year, the third bridge that collapsed on Chawra canal has been the one near Kaunia Ibrahim Academy in Chawra union. With vehicular moment on the bridge suspended ever since, it inflicted immense sufferings on about eight thousand people in Kaunia, Chalabhangra, Majhisadanga and East Mahishdanga villages.

In early February this year, a large section of the bridge on Loda canal, near Hafezia Madrasa in the same union, gave way while a heavily loaded light vehicle was crossing it. The bridge has remained off limits to the public since then, but no steps were taken to repair it.

The bridge on the same canal near Loda

Government School in Chawra union is in a similar state. Even though concrete from large sections of the bridge fell off, there has been no initiative to repair it. Several thousand residents of Loda village now have no other option but risk their lives on the risky bridge.

In Gulishakhali union, the bridge over Chila canal is also in a state of disrepair. A ten to twelve-foot section in the middle of the bridge gave way in 2019 when a cargo-laden tractor trolley was crossing it. The sufferings endured by around two thousand villagers have been unimaginable, as the authorities did not seem to have felt the need to repair it.

Asked, Abdullah Al Mamun, an engineer of LGED in Amtali upazila, said they have plans to replace the seven damaged bridges with girder bridges and they already sought necessary funds from the authorities for the purpose. "After the fund is allocated, work will commence as early as possible."

### Man kills wife in Sherpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A woman was killed allegedly by her husband at Munshirchar village in Sadar upazila of Sherpur yesterday morning.

The victim was Nasima Begum, 26, wife of Mofiz Uddin of the village.

Quoting family members, Officer-in-Charge of Sherpur Sadar Police Station Monsur Ahammad said Nasima, daughter of Sirajul Islam of Islampur upazila in Jamalpur, married Mofiz Uddin, a vegetable vendor, some 10 years ago and the couple has two children.

As Mofiz has been desiring to marry the younger sister of his wife and pressing Nasima over the issue that created a family feud between Mofiz and Nasima recently. Over the feud, Mofiz beat up Nasima this morning and Nasima immediately informed her elder sister Shirina Begum about the torture around 7.30am, said the OC.

But around 10.30am, the victim's family members were informed that Nasima had died at home and they informed police.

On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Sherpur General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Primarily injury marks were found around the victim's neck and she might have been strangled, suspected the OC.

### POST-UP POLLS VIOLENCE

## 20 hurt in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

At least 20 people were injured in a clash between two candidates and their supporters after the election results were announced in Chiknikandi union under Galachipa upazila of the district.

Of the injured, eight were admitted to Galachipa Upazila Health Complex.

The incident took place on Monday evening.

Locals said the clash took place between supporters of Bibekananda Debnath, the winning member of Ward No. 1 of the union, and Milon Mridha, a defeated candidate, at the Chiknikandi Secondary School Centre in the evening soon after the UP election results were announced.

The injured include Russell Gazi (28), Hossain Gazi (55), Sirajul Hawlader (20), Mithu Hawlader (25), Mosharrif Ghazi (39) and Ankan Pal (35). 26, Biswajit Debnath (28), Miraj Gazi (23), Md. Zakir Gazi (45), Saidul Gazi (38), Bellal Gazi (40), Rahman Chowkidar (43), Rabiul Mollah (60), Nakul 20, Debnath (30), Sabuj Duari (30) and Milon Mridha (48).

Of them, eight seriously injured people were rushed to the upazila health complex.

Bibekananda Debnath won the election, said police and locals.

Debnath said that "Shortly after the presiding officer announced the election results, rival candidate Milon Mridha attacked me and my supporters with the help of outsiders."

On the other hand, Milon Mridha alleged that "The supporters of Bibekananda attacked my men."

Officer-in-Charge of Galachipa Police Station Shawkat Anwar Islam said, "I have received a complaint and legal action will be taken in this regard."

### Severed body parts found in Srimangal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Srimangal police found a bag filled with the torso of a woman, severed from limbs and head, from a tree plantation in Bolachhara area of Srimangal upazila yesterday afternoon.

Police had been searching for the rest of the body since Monday morning when three severed limbs -- two arms below the elbow and one leg below the knee -- were discovered in Panchaun village of Mirzapur union in the upazila.


The limbs were found scattered next to a plastic bag in a bamboo grove near a vegetable field.

Mirzapur union beat police officer Sub-Inspector Kashi Chandra Sharma said the limbs might have been dumped in the bag at the spot four to five days ago.


Officer-in-Charge (OC) Abdus Salek of Srimangal Police Station said the limbs appear to be that of a woman. "We assume that the hands and the leg were in the bag. Fox or dogs might have pulled them out of the bag later."

Police were searching for the missing head and leg of the victim, said OC [Investigation] Humayun Kabir of the police station.

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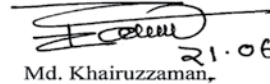



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**Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for services**

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEFCC)
2. Agency	Bangladesh Climate Change Trust (BCCT)
3. Project Name	Strengthening Gender Responsive Climate Actions in Bangladesh
4. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh
5. Expression of interest for selection of	Local Consulting Firm/NGOs for the Project " Strengthening Gender Responsive Climate Actions in Bangladesh"
6. EOI Ref No	22.06.0000.118.034.20
7. Works Name	Selection of Consulting Firm/NGOs for (a) Collecting data and information for reviewing and updating Climate Change and Gender Action Plan (CCGAP, 2013) both local and national level (b) Implementing Gender sensitive climate scheme at the selected areas in Bangladesh under the project "Strengthening Gender Responsive Climate Actions in Bangladesh" (c) Providing Skill Development training to the selected Community members in the project working districts (d) Conducting Baseline Survey for the women led climate adaptive schemes implementing in the project working areas.
8. Procurement Sub-Method	Competent and Experienced Firm/NGOs will be selected on the basis of overall experience, technical and organizational capacity and in consideration of Financial Proposal and QCBS (Quality and Cost Based Selection) method will be followed for selection of Local Consulting Firm/NGOs
9. Budget and Source of Funds	Climate Change Trust Fund (CCTF)
10. EOI Publication Date and Time	23 June, 2021 03.00 P.m
11. EOI Submission Date and Time	15 July, 2021 03.00 P.m
12. EOI Opening Date and Time	15 July, 2021 03.15 P.m
13. EOI Submission Place	Old Ban Bhaban (6 <sup>th</sup> floor), 101, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
14. Name and address of Office	Project Director " Strengthening Gender Responsive Climate Actions in Bangladesh" Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Old Ban Bhaban (6 <sup>th</sup> floor), Room No (701) 101, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
15. Receiving of EOI Documents	Office of the Project Director Bangladesh Climate Change Trust (BCCT) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Old Ban Bhaban (6 <sup>th</sup> floor), Room No (701) 101, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
16. Experience, Resource and Delivery Capacity Required	1. Background of the Firm/NGOs with brochure 2. General and overall experience of the firm/NGO have Climate Change related issues focusing on the Gender equality and women empowerment, collecting field level data, holding consultations and meeting both at local and national level, providing capacity building training, and developing action plan, 3. Minimum 10 years' of Experience in the area of gender equality, women empowerment, climate change adaptation and mitigation, community mobilization, and similar works; 4. Working experience to work with Government institution or Agency 5. Summary of Professional qualifications and experience of technical staffs. 6. Updated Trade License/NGO Affairs Bureau Registration, TIN Certificate and VAT Registration. 7. Experience Certificate. 8. Has a permanent office within the location area
17. Brief Description of Works/Services	Requirement of consulting Firm/NGOs are as per approved Terms of Reference available at office of Project Director " Bangladesh Climate Change Trust (BCCT), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Old Ban Bhaban (6 <sup>th</sup> floor), Room No (701) 101, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
18. Brief Description of consulting Firm/NGO 's Responsibilities	• Collection of field level data from the selected 09 districts of 08 Divisions through applying different methodologies i.e. KIIs, consultations, meetings, workshops, and FGDs etc to support the review process and update the Climate Change and Gender Action Plan (CCGAP). • Implementing Gender sensitive climate adaptation scheme in 03 districts under 03 divisions of Bangladesh under the project "Strengthening Gender Responsive Climate Actions in Bangladesh" • Providing Skill Development training to the rural women on the selective climate resilient adaptation scheme in the project working districts • Conducting Baseline Survey for the women led climate adaptation schemes implementing in the project working areas
19. Name of Official Inviting EOI	Md. Khairuzzaman
20. Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Deputy Secretary and Project Director of the Project " Strengthening Gender Responsive Climate Actions in Bangladesh"
21. Address of official Inviting EOI	Office of Project Director " Bangladesh Climate Change Trust (BCCT) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoECC), Old Ban Bhaban (6 <sup>th</sup> floor), Room No (701) 101, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
22. Contact details of Official inviting Expression of Interest	Tel: 02222282596, Cell: 01716428285 Email: khairuzzaman15787@yahoo.com
23. The EOI will be available in the website of Bangladesh Climate Change Trust.	
24. Special Condition	(a) Consulting Firm/NGO will be selected in accordance with PPA-2006 and PPR-2008 and Public Procurement Procedures issued by CPTU. (b) Expression of Interest (EOI) shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the address of undersigned. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatever. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOI's.

  
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SI no	Tender ID No.	Tendering Method	Description of works	Online (e-GP system) tender publication date & time	Online (e-GP system) tender closing date & time
1.	589836	OTM	Construction of RCC Road under Strengthening of Spices Crop Research in Bangladesh at SRC, Shibganj, Bogura	20-Jun-2021 12:00	12-Jul-2021 12:30

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