

The curious case of a submerged road

Rain or shine, 3km stretch of Tongi-Ashulia-EPZ national highway remains under water

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If you are a regular commuter of the Tongi-Ashulia-DEPZ road, you must have had the experience of being stuck in heavy traffic for two or even three hours.

A lot of this can be attributed to the fact that a three-kilometre stretch of one of the major national highway has remained submerged in dirty water for the last three months, whether it's raining or not.

The road is an important pathway between Dhaka and Tangail, and as such is plied by thousands of light and heavy vehicles round the clock, which means its horrific condition is causing suffering to a substantial number of people.

As large potholes have been created along the three-kilometre stretch of the road from Norosinghopur to Shimultala, rickshaws, vans, and



Whether travelling on vehicles or by foot, commuting on the road is a nightmare scenario for everyone. PHOTO: STAR



auto-rickshaws are frequently facing problems while moving through the area.

Talking to The Daily Star, locals and sources inside the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) identified the lack of a proper drainage system -- which

leads to water and waste from various factory, houses, and markets to be directly discharged into narrow drains beside the road -- as the main reason.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found the condition of the road at Shimultala, Unique, Jamgora and Narsinghpur areas especially awful. Meanwhile, workers of RHD were seen repairing the road with low quality bricks, while hundreds of vehicles remained stuck in gridlock.

"I have to travel on the road every day as my job needs me to go from Uttara to Baipail," said Kamal Uddin, official of an Uttara-based buying house. "For

each return journey, I have to sit through at least three hours of traffic."

Manju Ara works at a garment factory beside the road. She told this correspondent, "I walk to work everyday and have to plough through the acrid water. It's difficult as it is, and gets even harder on the days it rains."

"We do not know when this suffering will end," said Manju Ara, adding that the government should take immediate steps to improve the road.

RHD OFFICIALS BLAME FACTORY DISCHARGE AND CANAL GRABBING

Talking to The Daily Star, Abdus

Salam, Savar Traffic Police in-charge, confirmed that traffic jam is being created only due to the condition of the road and water logging in Jamgarh, Shimultala and Unique areas.

"I have informed RHD officials about the poor condition of the road several times," he said. "Though they come to repair the road sometimes, they only do it with bricks."

Badiuzzaman, assistant engineer of RHD, who was a sub-assistant engineer of RHD's Dhaka Zonal office, before getting promoted and transferred recently, said locals and the factories located on the side of the road are responsible for its dilapidated

condition.

"The water logging is being caused due to direct discharge of water and waste from factories, markets, shops and households into the area's drains."

He said more than 200 factories of the area directly discharge water on a narrow drain, which is one of the main reasons behind the constant waterlogging.

"We've sent several letters to these factories, but there's little we can do if they don't pay heed to our calls," he told this correspondent.

He also cited the takeover of the nearby Nayanjuli canal by influential people as another reason behind the road's condition. As the canal remains obstructed, drain water cannot flow to the river anymore, he said.

"We're constantly trying to remove water from the road, while our workers are carrying out frequent repair works," Badiuzzaman said, adding that while it is indeed the RHD's responsibility to take care of the road, locals should also be aware of their part in it.

Raju Ahmed, the current sub-assistant engineer of RHD Dhaka Zonal office, echoed Badiuzzaman.

"I went to Nayanjuli canal with a team of workers recently. It once used to be 23 to 24 feet wide, but now it has come to a mere three to four feet due to rampant grabbing," he said.

"We are currently repairing the potholes and hope to complete the works within the next five days," he told this correspondent yesterday.



Yuliya Slutskaya named Press Freedom Hero

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Yuliya Slutskaya -- founder and chairperson of Press Club Belarus, and a proponent for quality, independent journalism in the repressive former Soviet republic -- has received International Press Institute (IPI)'s 72nd World Press Freedom Hero award.

The award will be presented together with IPI-IMS Free Media Pioneer award during a special ceremony on September 16 in Austria's Vienna, as part of IPI's annual World Congress.

Slutskaya and several members of her staff were jailed on trumped-up tax evasion charges during Lukashenko regime's crackdown on press freedom and freedom of expression.

She and four colleagues were released in August, after eight months of pre-trial detention.

The award honours journalists who made significant contributions to promoting press freedom.

343 hospitalised with dengue in a day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In only the first seven days of September, over 2,000 dengue cases were recorded in the country.

At least 343 patients were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till 8am yesterday. With the new cases, 12,434 people have been hospitalised this year so far, according to Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

As per DGHS data, 52 people have died of dengue infection in the country this year. All of them died in July, August and September.

Among the 343 patients, 57 are from outside Dhaka. The total dengue cases outside the capital rose to 1,148.

Guile, greed

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we can monitor that and inform law enforcers.

Meanwhile, investigators said Sohridul was arrested six times for fraudulence earlier, but after getting out on bail he got involved in such crimes again. Morzina was in charge of collecting members for the gang.

In primary interrogation, Morzina said she used to open bank accounts through them. After opening the accounts, she used to give all the debit and credit cards and cheque books to Sohridul. Two cases were filed against the arrestees with Mohammadpur and Teigaon Police stations.

Covishield to be delivered

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tackled the second wave of coronavirus effectively and the infection rate coming down from over 25 percent to two percent is a "great achievement".

Asked if he was going to flag the issue of vaccine supply during his meetings with Indian ministers, he said, "I have not come for vaccines.... We understand your [India's] local demand and complexities.... India-Bangladesh relationship is not only (about) the vaccines. There are many other issues..."

The minister is likely to meet his Indian counterpart Anurag Thakur and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during the four-day visit to Delhi.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

- 3,040 FLATS FOR CLEANERS OF 66 MUNICIPALITIES
- BUDGET: TK 1,142.27CR
- TO BE COMPLETED BY DEC 2024



Govt to build

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request of the LGRD officials she later agreed to realise minimum amount of maintenance fees for those flats.

The prime minister at the meeting directed to take steps for building more flats for all the cleaning workers across the country gradually, he informed.

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Election Notice of Executive Committee
It is hereby notified for information to all valued Life Members of Chattogram Maa-O-Shishu Hospital that the date of election of the Executive Committee of Chattogram Maa-O-Shishu Hospital has been fixed on **Saturday October 23, 2021 (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM) at Hospital Campus**. Draft voter list (including donor voter list) will be hung on the notice board of the Hospital on **12.09.2021**.
Voters who don't have Life Member Card they are requested to contact in hospital office with PP size photo and photocopy of NID card. Identity card holders only are eligible for casting their votes.
Election shall be conducted as per election schedule.
Dr. Anjuman-Ara Islam
General Secretary, Executive Committee.

South Bangla Agriculture & Commerce Bank Ltd.

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Price Sensitive Information

This is for kind information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of South Bangla Agriculture & Commerce Bank Limited in its 125th Meeting held on September 07, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. has taken the following Price Sensitive decisions:

a. Regarding Annual General Meeting (AGM):

1.	Nature of Meeting	: 8 th Annual General Meeting (AGM)
2.	Day and Date	: Day: Thursday Date: 21/10/2021
3.	Record Date	: 28/09/2021 (for entitlement of Cash Dividend only and to attend & vote in AGM)
4.	Venue & Time	: Through Digital Platform at 3:30 p.m. (BD Time), organized from Head Office of the Bank as per Notification No. BSEC/CMRRCD/2009-193/08, dated: March 10, 2021.
5.	Recommendation	: 8.00% (eight percent) dividend recommended for the year of 2020 [4.00% (four percent) Cash & 4.00% (four percent) Stock]. It is mentionable that the shareholders whose names will appear in the Share Register of the Company or in the Depository on the "Record Date" will be eligible to attend and vote in the AGM as well as will be entitled to get such recommended Cash Dividend only, if approved by the Shareholders in the 8 th AGM. The Stock Dividend is subject to approval of shareholders in the 8 th AGM and subsequent approval of the Bangladesh Securities & Exchange Commission (BSEC). The Record Date for entitlement of Stock Dividend (Bonus Shares) will be notified later as per Notification No. BSEC/CMRRCD/2009-193/23/Admin/123, dated: June 30, 2021 upon receipt of consent from BSEC. In this connection it is mentionable that the company has declared the Stock Dividend or Bonus Shares out of profit & retained earnings and not from any reserve. The reason for declaration of Stock Dividend is to meet the Basel III requirement.
6.	Link of online registration	: https://sbacbank.bdvirtualagm.com

b. Other comparative key information is as under:

Sl	Particulars	31 December 2020	31 December 2019	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
1.	Consolidated Net Asset Value Per Share	13.59	12.22	15.28	12.78
2.	Consolidated Net Asset Value Per Share after considering inflow of Share Capital through IPO	13.14	-	14.61	12.43
3.	Net Asset Value Per Share - Bank	13.59	12.22	15.28	12.78
4.	Net Asset Value Per Share after considering inflow of Share Capital through IPO - Bank	13.14	-	14.61	12.43

Sl	Particulars	31 December 2020	31 December 2019	January to June 2021	January to June 2020	April to June 2021	April to June 2020
5.	Consolidated Earning Per Share (EPS)	1.39	1.41	0.31	0.49	0.18	0.16
6.	Consolidated Diluted Earning Per Share (EPS)	1.21	-	0.27		0.15	
7.	Earning Per Share (EPS) - Bank	1.39	1.41	0.31	0.49	0.18	0.16
8.	Diluted Earning Per Share (EPS) - Bank	1.21	-	0.27		0.15	
9.	Consolidated Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)	(0.42)	11.39	(10.69)	(8.78)		
10.	Consolidated Diluted Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)	(0.37)	-	(9.32)			
11.	Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS) - Bank	(0.42)	11.39	(10.10)	(8.78)		
12.	Diluted Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS) - Bank	(0.37)	-	(8.81)			

The Board of Directors of the Bank, in its 119th meeting held on 25 April 2021, adopted the financial statements of the Bank for the year ended 31 December 2020 as per Section 40 of Bank Company Act 1991 and subsequent DOS Circular 03 dated 10.10.2013 (before listing).

- In the same meeting the Board decided to form a Merchant Banking Company naming "SBAC Bank Capital Management Ltd." with a paid up capital of Tk. 40.00 (Forty) Crore and the authorized capital of Tk. 50.00 (Fifty) Crore subject to approval of Regulatory Authorities.
- The Board also decided to form an Asset Management Company naming "SBAC Bank Asset Management Company Ltd." with a paid up capital of Tk. 40.00 (Forty) Crore and the authorized capital of Tk. 50.00 (Fifty) Crore subject to approval of Regulatory Authorities.

Dated: Dhaka
September 7, 2021

By the order of Board,

Md. Mokaddess Ali ACS
SVP & Company Secretary

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি
বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ কল্যাণ ট্রাস্টের মালিকানাধীন বস্ত্র পুলিশ গ্লাজা ভবনের জন্য ফায়ার প্রটেকশন এবং ডিটেকশন সিস্টেম ক্রয় ও স্থাপন করা হবে। উক্ত কার্য সম্পাদনের জন্য আত্মী এই যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন অভিজ্ঞ প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্র জমাদানের শেষ তারিখ আগামী ২৩/০৯/২০২১খ্রিঃ, দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা। দরপত্র দলিলসহ বিস্তারিত তথ্যের জন্য যোগাযোগ- বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ কল্যাণ ট্রাস্ট, ৫ম তলা, পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, ৬, ফকির রোড, ফুলবাড়িয়া, ঢাকা-১০০০।
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Change of PABX Telephone & FAX Number
This is hereby informed of all concerned that **Phoenix Insurance Company Limited** has changed its PABX Telephone & FAX Number as follows:

Old Number
PABX: 9563609-12
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New Number
PABX : 223383609-12
FAX : 880-2-223383576

All concerned are requested to note the changes.

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সংক্ষেপে লিখিত জীবন বৃত্তান্তসহ আবেদনপত্রের সাথে প্রথম শ্রেণির গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রসহ সকল সনদের ফটোকপি, এম.পি.ও ভুক্ত হবার শীট, সদ্য তোলা ০৩ (তিন) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের রঙিন ছবি, 'উইল্‌স লিটল ফ্লাওয়ার স্কুল এন্ড কলেজ' এর অনুসন্ধান ২,০০০/- (দুই হাজার) টাকার অফেরতযোগ্য পে-অর্ডার জমা দিতে হবে। আবেদনপত্র নিম্নলিখিতকর্তার বরাবরে সরাসরি/রেজিষ্ট্রি ডাকযোগে পৌঁছাতে হবে। আবেদনপত্র জমাদানের শেষ তারিখ: ২২/০৯/২০২১ খ্রিঃ (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়)।

বিঃদ্র: কর্মরত প্রার্থীদের যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। বিশেষ প্রার্থী এবং অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদন কোনক্রমেই গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। ইতিপূর্বে যে সকল প্রার্থী আবেদন করেছেন তাদের পুনরায় আবেদন করতে হবে কিন্তু পে-অর্ডারের প্রয়োজন নাই। নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে বেসরকারী শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের (স্কুল ও কলেজ) জনবলকটামো ও এম.পি.ও নীতিমালা-২০২১ অনুসরণ করা হবে।

Arifur Rahman
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সভাপতি, গভর্নিং বডি
উইল্‌স লিটল ফ্লাওয়ার স্কুল এন্ড কলেজ