

RAPE AT MC COLLEGE

Trial of two cases yet to start

Legal hurdles, pandemic keep proceedings halted for a year

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, Sylhet

One year after the rape incident at Sylhet's Murari Chand College (MC College), trial of two cases filed over rape and mugging are yet to begin in court, due to several legal obligations and the ongoing pandemic.

Advocate Rashida Syeda Khanom, special public prosecutor of the Tribunal for Women and Children Repression Prevention, said, "As the High Court ordered both cases to be proceeded in one tribunal, new charges need to be formed."

"But procedures have been delayed due to the pandemic. Next month, fresh charges will be formed, and the trial will start."

The next scheduled date of the case is October 13. That day, fresh charges are scheduled to be framed in a tribunal.

Earlier in March, the ministry published a gazette notification to proceed both cases in the Speedy Trial Tribunal in Sylhet.

Complainant's lawyer Advocate Shahiduzzaman Chowdhury said, "We're waiting for the home ministry's instructions to be fulfilled. Both cases have the same witnesses and are connected. Proceeding them together in the tribunal will speed up the trial."

On September 25, a group of youth raped a woman at a hostel of MC College, after forcibly taking the victim and her husband there and tying them up.

The victim's husband had filed a case with Shahporan Police Station that night, accusing six named and three to four unnamed people. Police later arrested all six named accused along with two others.

All eight are Chhatra League (BCL) activists.

On January 17, Sylhet Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal Judge Md Mohitul Haque framed charges against the eight.

The trial was scheduled to start on January 24 by recording testimonies of witnesses.

Meanwhile, the investigation officer also filed a separate charge sheet to a Sylhet court centring the mugging. In that charge sheet, the accused and witnesses are the same.

However, the trial could not be started as the complainant's lawyer moved the case to the HC, demanding both trials be proceeded in the same court.

On February 7, the HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman gave an order, accepting the lawyer's demand.



Musician Julhas Uddin dies from dengue

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Ekushey Padak winning musician Julhas Uddin Ahmed passed away in Munshiganj's Srinagar upazila on Friday.

He was 88. Julhas was suffering from dengue fever.

He breathed his last around 1:30pm at his home in Baraikhali village, said Nasreen Ahmed, a niece of the deceased.

Julhas received the Ekushey Padak in 2017 for his contribution to music.

He tested positive for dengue three days ago, his niece added.

Julhas was buried at his family graveyard in Dakkhin Baraikhali last evening after his namaz-e-janaza.

Julhas was born on November 10, 1933 at Baraikhali village. He was the youngest among four sisters and five brothers.

At the age of two and a half, he lost his sight due to smallpox. He started playing music on Bangladesh Betar in 1960.

He was accorded with many awards including Nazrul Gold Medal, Nasir Uddin Gold Medal and AB Bank-Channel I Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Alam Ara passes away

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Alam Ara Kamal Dolly, wife of late Abul Kamal, DIG of police and director of NSI, breathed her last at 2:45am on September 23 at her Eskaton Garden Road residence. She was 88.

She was suffering from old age complications, said a press release.

She left behind a daughter and son-in-law, a son and daughter-in-law, grandchildren, grand son-in-law and a great grandson.

Hailing from Burdwan, West Bengal, she studied at Sakhawat Memorial School and later obtained a diploma in Rabindra Sangeet from Dakkhini Music School in Kolkata.

She was laid to rest at Banani Graveyard. All are requested to pray for her departed soul.

FASTER DHAKA-CTG RAIL TRIP

24km dual-gauge double-line opens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujon yesterday opened a 24-kilometre dual-gauge double-line from Laksham to Cumilla for train operation.

The 24km line is part of a 72km long Akhaura-Laksham section on Dhaka-Chattoogram route, which is now being developed under a Tk 6,504.54 crore project.

This 72km section remained a bottleneck while the rest of the 321km rail corridor between the capital and the port city has already been converted into a double line.

Under the project, the existing

meter-gauge single line is being converted into dual-gauge double line.

Journeys on this route used to take additional time because of the bottleneck. But after the opening of this 24km part, travelling time between Dhaka and Chattogram will be reduced by 10 to 15 minutes, project director Shahidul Islam told The Daily Star recently.

Taking part at a programme at Cumilla Rail Station, the rail minister said the entire Dhaka-Chattoogram line would be converted into dual gauge in future.

A project approved in December 2014 for construction of a double rail

line on this section and conversion of the existing track into dual gauge was supposed to be completed between July 2014 and June 2020.

But the main construction work only commenced in November 2016, around two years after the approval, and then the project saw time extension till this June.

Later, following the revision proposal of the project authorities, the deadline of the project was extended up to June 2023.

The project -- which is being jointly funded by the government and the Asian Development Bank -- witnessed 76 percent progress till July this year.

3 killed in road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Three persons were killed and another was injured as a fish-laden pickup hit a truck in Sadar upazila of Netrakona early yesterday.

The accident happened on Mymensingh-Netrakona road in Challisha Bagra area, said police.

The deceased were identified as fish traders Rony Mia (18), and his cousin Jony Mia (20) from Gachhtola village in Dharmapasha upazila, Sunamganj; and pickup driver Abu Chand (22).

Quoting locals, Netrakona Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Khandaker Shaker Ahmed said the accident took place when the Dhaka-bound pickup from Dharmapasha hit the truck parked in the area after its driver lost control over the steering.

Rony and Jony died on the spot, said the OC, adding that driver Abu Chand succumbed to his injuries at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Will be open

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Quader yesterday said there are no fund-related problems now. Project officials said Chinese EXIM Bank approved the long-delayed loan of USD 1.2 billion, or Tk 10,226.53 crore, for the expressway in November last year, and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave the go-ahead to the draft loan agreement early this month.

Asked whether the delay would raise the cost, the minister said: "We are yet to get any cost revision proposal."

Quader directed project authorities to take necessary measures, so project work does not lead to people suffering, pointing to the scenario centring Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. The government is implementing BRT, a dedicated bus line between Dhaka airport and Gazipur, but project work has been causing severe traffic congestion.

The minister said he has cancelled the extension plan of BRT in the city, considering the possible suffering of Dhaka city dwellers.

Our rivers becoming

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He also shed light on reviving the river economy and proposed unity among the conservation organisations to press home demands to save the rivers.

During his speech, eminent Halda researcher Dr Manzoorul Kibria emphasised on rivers' health, making suggestions to make sure their water is clean so that flora, fauna, and other favourable organisms can thrive.

Sheikh Rokon, member secretary of the council, read out the keynote, placing six points including establishing the rights of river-dependent people like fishermen, farmers.

Sharif Jamil, general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon, moderated the webinar while Dr Abdul Matin, convener of the council, chaired the programme.

Various river activists of the country also spoke at the webinar.

World River Day Celebration Council is a platform formed by 71 organisations engaged in river conservation movements in the country.

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Developing

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"As seen before, in the name of building multipurpose fields, its main features get lost in the process," he said, adding that revisiting this decision is very important.

Jagannath University Proctor Dr Mostafa Kamal said their students have been using the field since 1982. "We have met with the mayor, and he assured us that we will be able to use the field," he said.

Kamal said they also issued letters to the Prime Minister's Office, education ministry and DSCC, so that they can use the field until Jagannath University gets a new campus.

Contacted, Munshi Md Abul Hashem, director of Dhupkhola Math (field) Development Project, said it is not true that two-thirds of the field will be taken up, but some parts will be used for the market, walkways and other purposes.

Everyone will get the chance to play there; no one will be deprived, he said.

As for why all these facilities are being built inside the field instead of somewhere outside it, Hashem pointed to space constraints.

About the East End Club playground, executive engineer (zone 5) Saiful Islam Joy said they will construct a structure at the place of the tin-shed structure (which is used as the club's office). He, however, did not say whether that will be used as an office for the club.

Contacted, architect Atikur Rahaman Atik of Prokalpa Upodeshta Ltd, the consultancy firm working for the project, which has a budget of around Tk 80 crore, said the development work started from September and will take a year to finish.

Atik said they are going to shift the shops and bring them into the five-storey market. Once that is done, the city corporation will be able to use the empty area for other purposes. The plan is to set up a green space, with seating arrangements.

There will be a car-parking facility for 58 vehicles in the market's basement and for 31 at certain spots of the field. A total of 0.6-acre have been reserved on the field's south-west corner for children's play-zone, where they will install slides and see-saws.

They are merging all three parts of the field into one; no structure will divide it. This will make Dhupkhola field bigger than an international one, he claimed.

DW Akademie kicks off fellowship programme

CITY DESK

With 28 journalism students from nine public universities, DW Akademie kicked off its two-year-long "Local Media Hub Fellowship" with a virtual session on Friday.

At the daylong workshop, journalist Khaled Muhiuddin said, "Everyone wants to be a journalist today... But not everyone can. At the end of the day, journalists' role is that of a watchdog, and it is a difficult task."

Priya Esselborn, programme director (Bangladesh) at DW Akademie; its senior consultant Lutfa Ahmed; Radio Bhumi station chief Shams Suman; and DW Bangla Service journalist Arafatul Islam also spoke at the workshop, said a press release.

DW Akademie --the media development wing of Germany's public broadcaster Deutsche Welle -- has been working in Bangladesh since 2014 with an aim to improve journalism education and practice to strengthen the country's free media.

A huge gap between budget

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Abu Sayeed Al Mahmood said the government is committed to fulfilling its healthcare-related election commitments, despite numerous challenges posed by the pandemic.

Several lawmakers including Dr Habibe

Millat from Sirajganj-2 constituency, Dr Samil Uddin Ahmed Shimul from Chapainawabganj-1, Gloria Jharna Sarker from reserved seats for women, and Bangladesh Medical Association President Dr Mustafa Jalal Mohiuddin were present, among others.

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