

ITALY-BOUND MIGRANT BOAT Seven deceased Bangladeshis identified

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Five of the seven Bangladeshi migrants, who died of hypothermia on the boat that was found in Italy while it was trying to crossing the Mediterranean illegally, hailed from Madaripur district.

They are Imran Hossain, Ratan alias Joy Talukdar, Safayet, Jahirul and Bappi, Bangladesh Embassy in Rome said in a press release on Saturday night.

The other two – Sajjad and Saiful – hailed from Sunamganj and Kishoreganj respectively, the document said.

A two-member team of the embassy identified the deceased after speaking with the rescued people who were on the same boat. The interviews took place at a camp in the presence of Italy police, it added.

Arfanul Haque, labour welfare counsellor at Bangladesh embassy in Rome, who headed the team, said they have talked with the family members of some of the deceased as well as local authorities in Madaripur.

The embassy will take steps to send the bodies home soon, he said over phone.

The deceased were among 273 Bangladeshi migrants found on the boat heading to Italy from Libya, with hopes for a better fortune.

Italian coastguard found the deceased and rescued the survivors during an operation off the coast of Lampedusa, an uninhabited island near Lampedusa, on January 25.

Following their rescue, the Bangladeshi survivors were taken into custody by Italian authorities. Decisions regarding their fate will be as per Italian laws.

The boat also carried Egyptian nationals.



As large vehicles carry rubble from Azimpur colony’s demolition works elsewhere, dust has spread across adjacent roads, to the point that seeing has become difficult. This is in clear violation of the mandate to cover construction materials and vehicles that carry them, which is increasing health risk in the area and the possibility of accidents. This photo was taken in front of Eden College yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Conserve Bandarban’s water and biodiversity Urge speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a consultation meeting yesterday stressed the need to conserve water resources and biodiversity in Bandarban, accommodating indigenous ways of life to better adapt to climate change.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Economic Relations Division (ERD) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) jointly organised the meeting in Bandarban.

Additional secretary of the MoEFCC and National Adaptation Plan’s (NAP) national project director Md Mizanul Haque Chowdhury was present as chief guest while Amal Krishna Mandal, joint secretary and wing chief of ERD, was special guest in the session chaired by Yasmin Parvin Tibriji, Bandarban DC.

Professor Ainun Nishat, NAP Formulation Consortium’s team leader, during his keynote speech, said, “We will incorporate locally-led adaptation practices in the NAP”. “Chattogram Hill Tracts is a heavy rainfall region and it is a major contributing factor to flash floods that wreak havoc in the region and beyond,” he added while drawing examples from changing patterns of climate.

Chief Guest Md Mizanul Haque Chowdhury said, “We are committed to implementing the Glasgow Climate Pact signed during COP26.”

A BRIDGE TOO LOW

Built only 6 years ago, Tk 7cr Khulna-Gallamary overpass faces demolition for lack of height

DIPANKAR ROY, *Khulna*

Khulna’s Mayur River has been gradually shrinking due to faulty design of a bridge on it by the Roads and Highways Department (RHD).

According to sources, RHD constructed the bridge without permission of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA). No water vessel, not even tiny boats, can move under the bridge, as it was built too low. To illustrate, even after a little rain, water starts touching its lower part.

As a result, the Tk 7 crore establishment, built 6 years ago, had to be demolished to give way to a higher bridge.

There are two bridges on the river at Gallamary, lying side by side. The route is one of the main entrances of Khulna city that buses and other vehicles of 18 districts in the region ply on.

According to RHD, the oldest bridge in Gallamary area was built during the Pakistan period. But after it got worn down, they built a new bridge next to it in 2013 for Tk 6 crore 90 lakh. It was unveiled for the public in 2015.

According to KCC, a project of Tk 823 crore has been undertaken to elevate waterlogging issues in the city. Under the project, some canals and the 12-km long Mayur river, are to be excavated.

Besides, another project is underway to upgrade the Sher-e-Bangla road, from Zero Point to Moilapota through Mayur, to four lanes at a cost of around Tk 100 crore.

The road department has made a proposal to build the road and a new bridge in Gallamary following BIWTA’s recommendation. The project proposal has already been sent to the Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges, sources said.

The new bridge, which will have no pillars in the river, will be 74 metres long and 22 metres wide. The height of the bridge will be at least 7 metres from the

water.

Khulna BIWTA Joint Director Ashraf Hossain said if RHD had taken clearance while constructing the original bridge, there wouldn’t have to be any complications or waste of public funds.

He further said in Bangladesh Gazette 2010 and 2018, it is clearly mentioned that before building a bridge over any river, one has to have the consent of BIWTA, though this was not done in this case.



The bridge is built so dangerously low that not even tiny boats can pass through. As a result, it has to be demolished to give way to a new, higher bridge, at a hefty loss of public funds.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Aliul Hossain, then executive engineer of Khulna RHD (now executive engineer of Tangail RHD), said the bridge was built following all the rules and regulations.

Asked why BIWTA clearance was not obtained, Aliul said, “There’s no obligation to get clearance from the BIWTA,” contrary

to the BIWTA official’s account.

Md Anisuzzaman Masud, incumbent executive engineer of RHD, said the new bridge will be built at an estimated cost of Tk 56 crore. “We’re building a new bridge at least 7 metres high from the river, but we have to demolish the old bridges for that,” he added.

Anwarul Kadir, educationalist and member of TIB, Khulna, noted this as a waste of public money, from which a

certain group of people benefits.

“The authorities didn’t coordinate with the Water Development Board, BIWTA and KCC for the bridge,” he said. “The incident should be investigated and disciplinary action should be taken against those involved.”

DURGA PUJA MAYHEM Stay on HC order for judicial inquiries to continue: SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld its chamber judge’s order that stayed a High Court directive issued for conducting judicial inquiries into the incidents of attacks on Hindus, their properties and places of worship across six districts during last year’s Durga Puja festival.

The chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the SC on December 21 last year had stayed the HC order following a stay petition filed by the government. Yesterday, the apex court bench headed by the chief justice extended the order.

The bench asked the HC to dispose of the petition, as early as possible or in three months, that challenged the inaction and failure of the local administrations to prevent the incidents between October 13 and 18. The six affected districts are Cumilla, Feni, Noakhali, Chattogram, Chandpur and Rangpur.

Attorney General Amin Uddin opposed the petition, saying that the government has taken appropriate steps on conducting investigations. Petitioner’s lawyer Subrata Chowdhury opposed the government’s stay petition saying that the local administrations failed to save people of Hindu community, their properties and places of worship in six districts during last year’s Durga Puja festival from attacks.

Man, son go missing while fishing in river

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*


A father and son went missing in the river Karnaphuli while they were fishing early yesterday.

The victims are Probol Das (40) and Samir Das (16), said OC Shakhawat Hossain of Sadarghat Police Station. “The two, from Kholgaon in Patiya, went missing from Anu Majhir Ghat area.”

A team including river police is working to rescue the victims, he said.

“The incident happened around 5:30am when their fishing boat overturned,” said ABM Mizanur Rahman, OC of Sadarghat River Police. “We already started a rescue operation,” he said.

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Md. Abdush Shakur (1914-2005)

On this day, the 31st January 2005, our beloved father **Haji Md. Abdush Shakur** left us at the will of Allah. With our distressed heart we pray to Almighty Allah for his eternal peace. He was a veteran police officer who joined prestigious Calcutta Police in early 1940s, under British India, joined Pakistan Police after partition in 1947, after liberation in 1971 served as SP war crime and retired as Director, Bureau of anti corruption in 1980. He hailed from village South Ballavpur, Chagalnayya of Feni, spent his school life in Jalpaiguri(WB), India and graduated from Dhaka university.

It's painful you are no more in the mundane world with us, but we are feeling your existence by remembering your endless love, dedication, responsible prudent care and sacrifice for happiness to your extended family. Your words of wisdom and teaching helped us to be educated, grow strong to face life's challenges. Your departure has made us and many of our relatives overwhelmed with grief. With our heavy heart we pray to Almighty for salvation of his departed soul and request all our relatives, friends and well wishers to pray for him from the core of heart. May Allah, the Beneficent bless him with eternal bliss of Jannatul Ferdaus. Ameen.

Bereaved sons Dr. Md. Tasleem Shakur PhD, Prof(Dr) Md. Salim Shakur PhD, Dr. Shamim Shakur PhD, Mr. Tanim Shakur, daughters Mrs. Nasima Mahmud, Mrs. Rupa Abbasi.

