

In Kulaura's Islamnagar, under Bhatara Union, hills are being razed to facilitate markets and residential buildings, flouting environmental laws and the ban by the Department of Environment.

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# ACHILLES' HILLS

Rampant hill cutting puts 200 families in Moulvibazar under risk of landslide

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Even though everything came to a halt during the pandemic, hill cutting didn't.

In the name of development work, syndicates in different areas of Moulvibazar continued this illegal activity unabated throughout the lockdowns.

Take Islamnagar of Bhatara Union in Kulaura upazila, where markets and houses are being built by razing hills. As a result, more than 200 families of the area are forced to live amid risk of landslide.

Talking to this newspaper, locals alleged that despite complaints, the local administration remained indifferent.

Visiting different areas in Islamnagar recently, this correspondent found workers employed by the syndicate busy cutting hills and loading earth onto trucks.

They said that for the last few weeks, an organised group, consisting of Bhatara union residents Rahim Uddin, Bablu Mia, Azadur Rahman, driver Nur Uddin and more, have been cutting various hills in the area.

According to locals, Bablu and Azad were cutting soil from a hill owned by a UP chairperson in Islamnagar.

For a month now, the circle has also been cutting soil from the 40-foot hill, owned by one Eden Mia, a resident of Krishnapur village at Mymensingh.

There are 10 families living within 200 metres from the foot of the hill. They fear that the hill may collapse anytime and fall on their houses due to the ceaseless cutting of soil.

Contacted, Bablu Mia admitted to cutting the hill, saying, they aren't cutting the UP chair's hill in Islamnagar, but did admit to cutting the one owned by Eden Mia.

Asked, Eden Mia said, "The six-acre

hill in Islamnagar is owned by me and my three brothers. We've planted various trees there. Azir Uddin, an influential local in Islamnagar, is behind the hill cutting as he sells our soil."

Even after multiple protests, we couldn't stop it. We've never sold hill land to anyone."

However, Azir Uddin denied this and said, "I have nothing to do with the hill cutting."

All of this is worrying environmentalists and concerned citizens, who are urging authorities to intervene.

Abdul Karim Kim, executive member of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon, said local influentials are ignoring existing environmental laws and defying the ban on hill cutting by the Department of Environment (DoE)

"Working in the shadows with government officials, they [the influentials] are involved in illegal hill

cutting," he alleged.

Saheda Akther, coordinator of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, Sylhet unit, said, "As per the Environment Conservation (Amendment) Act 2010, hill cutting is a recognised offence and no government, semi-government or autonomous organisation is allowed to cut or raze hills, without prior permission from the authorities concerned."

Dr Narayan Saha, former head of forestry and environmental science department at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, said unsustainable use of land and rampant hill-cutting are two major reasons behind the landslide vulnerability in hilly areas.

Contacted, Badrul Huda, assistant director of DoE in Moulvibazar, said "We have zero tolerance towards hill cutting. We will look into the issue and take necessary action."

## They went on a picnic, never to return

2 SSC examinees perish in road crash; 6 die across country

STAR REPORT

By this year, they would've been done with their SSC exams and become proud college students. To celebrate their last few days at school, they went to a picnic with their fellows, promising their parents to return home quickly.

But after their human haulier slipped into a roadside ditch, Ismail Hossain (16) and Saidul Mia (16) never returned home. The two SSC examinees were killed while 10 were injured from the accident that took place at Mamdamari area in Sreebordi upazila of Sherpur yesterday night.

The duo hailed from Kharla Kazir Char area.

Quoting locals, Sreebordi Police Station OC Md Abul Hashim said the picnic party of 15 school students from different institutions in Sreebordi went for the picnic at Gazni in adjacent Jhenaigati upazila in the morning.

Police seized the vehicle but its driver managed to flee. A case was lodged in this connection.

In another accident in Patuakhali, at least two people were killed and three others were seriously injured when a battery-run auto rickshaw collided head-on with a recklessly driven passenger bus at Ghutabacha area on the Patuakhali-Kuakata highway. The deceased auto-rickshaw passengers are Selim Talukder (47) and




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Mohammad Bayezid (14). The accident took place around 8:00am yesterday. Witnesses believe the accident took place due to dense fog.

In Sirajganj, a joyous occasion turned to sorrow as at least two people were killed and three were injured, all members of the same family, after a speeding truck hit their auto-rickshaw in the Hasil area in Sirajganj-Raiganj road in Raiganj upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased are Manik Haldar (50) and his nephew Dinesh Sarkar (45). The accident occurred as the duo were off to shop for Manik's sister's wedding programme.



**বাংলাদেশ মুক্তিযোদ্ধা কল্যাণ ট্রাস্ট**  
শিল্প ও বাণিজ্য বিভাগ  
স্বাধীনতা ভবন  
৮৮, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা-১০০০



**বিভিন্ন ধরনের ০৬টি একেজো গাড়ি (যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে) বিক্রয়ের পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

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০১	গাড়ির বিবরণ (১) ঢাকা মেট্রো-গ-১৪-১৯৭৮, (২) ঢাকা মেট্রো-গ-১১-২৫৭৪, (৩) চট্ট মেট্রো-গ-১১-০৭১৪, (৪) ঢাকা মেট্রো-১-১১-০১১৩, (৫) ঢাকা মেট্রো-ম-৫১-১৫৭৩, এবং (০৬) ঢাকা মেট্রো-গ-১১-০৩২৯ঃ	
০২	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য ১,০০০/- টাকা (অফেজকযোগ্য)।	
০৩	সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান অর্থ বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ মুক্তিযোদ্ধা কল্যাণ ট্রাস্ট, ৮৮, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা।	
০৪	সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ আগামী ২৭-০২-২০২২ তারিখ পর্যন্ত (অফিস চলাকালীন সময় ক্রয় করা যাবে)।	
০৫	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান শিল্প ও বাণিজ্য বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ মুক্তিযোদ্ধা কল্যাণ ট্রাস্ট, ৮৮, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা।	
০৬	দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় আগামী ২৮-০২-২০২২ তারিখ বেলা ২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।	
০৭	দরপত্র খোলার সময় আগামী ২৮-০২-২০২২ তারিখ বেলা ২-৩০ ঘটিকার দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন)।	

সকল দরপত্র আংশিক অথবা সম্পূর্ণ গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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## Roses gone, dreams dead

Virus attack leaves 1,500 flower growers of Golapgram in despair

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar

This was supposed to be their time of the year. There's Pahela Falgun, then there's Valentine's Day, both occasions where people buy flowers to give to their loved ones.

But in such a crucial time, a wave of virus attacks has left rose farmers in Savar's aptly named Golapgram in despair. Since mid-December, the majority of them has been unable to sell even a single rose from their gardens.

According to Savar upazila agriculture office, around 1,500 people from the village are involved in commercial rose cultivation, on nearly 275 hectares of land.

Rose farmer Abdul Oadud Mia (65), of Shampur area under Golapgram, said he has been unable to sell anything this year. He farms on 75 decimals of land, and has been in this profession for 20 years.

"Every year, I sell 2-3 lakhs of roses ahead of Valentine's Day. I've spent around Tk 1 lakh to take care of my rose field this year, but all of it's been wasted due to the virus attack," he said.

Talking to The Daily Star, another farmer, Umed Ali, said, they've informed the matter to local agriculture officials, but they failed to take care of the issue. "We don't know if they're even trying to solve the problem," he added.



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**Invitation for e-Tender (OTM)**  
**Tender Notice No. T-1/1578, Dated: 30.01.2022**

Tender ID:	Name of work
654399	Repair of Netrokona Town Protection work along the right bank of Mogra River from km 14.120 to km 14.200 total 80.00m in c/w NDR budget at Katli in Upazila Netrokona Sadar, Dist. Netrokona under Netrokona O&M Division, BWDB, Netrokona during the FY-2021-2022.
654398	Bank Protective work along the right bank of Mogra River from km 0.000 to km 0.050 total 50.00m in c/w NDR Budget near Atpara Thana in Upazila-Atpara, Dist. Netrokona under Netrokona O&M Division, BWDB, Netrokona during the FY-2021-2022.
654401	Repair and maintenance Work of Inspection Banglaur, Mosque, Office Building & Colony c/w NDR budget at Upazila-Netrokona Sadar, Dist. Netrokona under Netrokona O&M Division, BWDB, Netrokona during the financial year 2021-22.

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REF: DACPF/INT'L TENDER/020, 021 & 022/2021-2022  
DATED: 02-FEB-2022

**INTERNATIONAL TENDER**

S/N	TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY
01.	DACPF/INT'L TENDER/ 020/2021-2022	DISINFECTING SPRAY (SINGLE/ONE SHOT)	42,000 EA
02.	DT. 02-FEB-2022 DACPF/INT'L TENDER/ 021/2021-2022	DISPOSABLE PAPER GLASS (FOOD GRADE)	72,00,000 SETS
03.	DT. 02-FEB-2022 DACPF/INT'L TENDER/ 022/2021-2022	ALUMINIUM CASSEROLE WITH COVER/LID	27,00,000 SETS

Tender schedule with detailed specifications, terms & conditions will be available at price of BDT 2,500.00 (BDT two thousand five hundred) only or equivalent US Dollar per set (non-refundable) from Manager Accounts, Cash & Banking, Balaka, Head Office, Kurmitola, Dhaka and from Biman's outstation in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai & London on cash payment during all working days up to 27-FEB-2022. A formal application in bidder's letterhead pad mentioning Tender Number and date shall be required for purchasing the Tender schedule. Tender schedule and other related information may also be viewed at Biman's website [www.biman-airlines.com](http://www.biman-airlines.com).  
Last date for submission of tender/offer is: 28-FEB-2022 at 1100 hrs (LT).

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**Invitation for Tender (Works)**  
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Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of work	Tender closing/ opening (date & time)
1	651535	LGED/SSWR DP-2/BD-P98/2021-2022/15248 Structures	(a) Re-Construction of Gates of Bara Makim Khal WRS (4V-1.5mx1.8m), (b) Construction of WMCA Office Building (c) Electrical works of WMCA office building (d) Supply of furniture of WMCA office building (e) Documentation of WMCA office building (f) Supply of Computer (g) Construction of Embankment Protective works of Emadpur-Padmapukur Sub-project (SPID-15248). [Mithapukur, Rangpur] [OTM]	Please see e-GP website

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