

### CHILD MARRIAGE

## Parents, kazi sentenced to jail for six months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

The parents of two minors and a marriage registrar (kazi) have been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for their involvement in child marriage in Bagerhat.

Bagerhat Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Muhammad Mushabberul Islam gave the sentence after conducting a mobile court at the office of marriage registrar Ataul Bari in Nagerbazar area of Bagerhat town on Friday night.

The convicts are Ataul, Kabir Sardar, the father of a girl, and Sajib Howladar, father of a boy. They were sent to jail on Friday night.

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Dhaka-bound passengers from the country's northern regions had to go through a painful wait yesterday, as trains on Dhaka-Panchagarh route got delayed for almost six hours due to a technical glitch. Many were seen sitting on the train rooftop with umbrellas, while others stepped out of the train and waited on the platform. Railway officials blamed the disruption on the huge number of passengers, saying that they're not being able to provide better services due to the overload. This photo was taken at Chatmohor Railway Station in Pabna in the afternoon.

PHOTO: STAR

### Dhaka air quality remains 'moderate'

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka's air quality continues to be in the "moderate" zone.

With an air quality index (AQI) score of 59 at 8:56am yesterday, the metropolis ranked 23rd in the list of world cities with the worst air quality.

An AQI between 50 and 100 is considered "moderate" with an acceptable air quality.

South Africa's Johannesburg, Pakistan's Lahore and Iran's Tehran occupied the first three spots in the list, with AQI scores of 172, 160, 148, respectively.

An AQI between 101 and 200 is considered "unhealthy".

Similarly, an AQI between 201 and 300 is said to be "poor", while a reading of 301 to 400 is considered "hazardous", posing serious health risks to residents.

### RAIL TRACK OF PADMA BRIDGE

# Railway aims to finish installation by Dec

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The project authority of Padma Bridge will start handing over the structure to the railway's authority today so that the latter can start installing rail track on the lower deck of the bridge.

Now both the agency will carry out a joint survey and it may take up to one week to complete the handing over process.

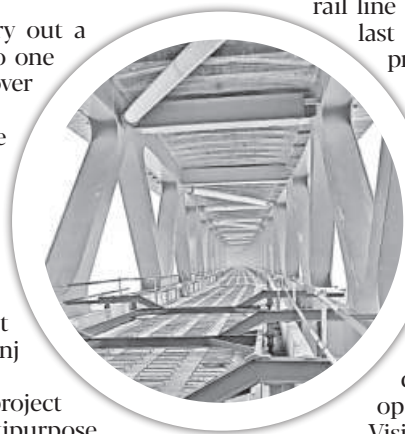
The railway authorities are expected to start installing rail track within two weeks, officials said.

The development came as officials of Bangladesh Railway (BR), Bangladesh Bridge Authority, project officials held a meeting at Mawa Service Area in Munshiganj yesterday, they said.

Md Kamruzzaman, deputy project director (technical) of Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project said they will hand over the relevant portion of the bridge to railway authorities today.

"It may take up to one week to complete the handing over process," the official told The Daily Star yesterday.

Afzal Hossain, project director of Padma Bridge Rail Link Project, said they will start a joint survey as a part of receiving the structure and it may take up to two to



start installation of track.

BR is implementing the rail link project to build a 169 km rail line from Dhaka to Jashore through the Padma Bridge at a cost of around Tk 40,000 crore.

The double-decker bridge -- roadway on the top and rail line on the bottom, was opened to traffic last month. BBA implement the bridge project but railway will install rail track on lower deck of the bridge under the rail link project.

"We will try to complete installation of rail line on around 7km length on the bridge and its connecting portion within December this year," Afzal said.

BR had a plan to launch train operation along with the road operation on Mawa-Bhanga section but later changed the decision as BBA declined to handover the bridge before opening due to "technical reasons".

Visiting the project site on Friday, Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujan said the install of track on the bridge would be started this week.

He also hoped that the train operation from Dhaka to Bhanga via the bridge would be started by June next year.

Replying to a question, the minister said a technical

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Railway is implementing the project to build a 169-km rail line from Dhaka to Jashore through the Padma Bridge at a cost of around Tk 40,000 crore.



When Daserbazar High School had to close down for the floods, it was converted into a shelter for victims in Moulvibazar's Barlekha upazila. Children were spending days with no interaction with education, as most of their houses were inundated. This is when the schoolteachers Deepak Ranjan Das and Hashim Ali took up the mantle to educate the children at the shelter, making sure they keep up with their lessons.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

# Spreading light where the sun doesn't shine

MINTU DESHWARA

For as far as the eye can see, there's floodwater. Educational institutions have been closed for days. In such a situation, Deepak Ranjan Das, headteacher of Daserbazar High School, decided to set up a shelter in the school in Moulvibazar's Barlekha upazila.

A total of 54 families from different areas took shelter there.

Deepak then took an initiative to educate the children stuck in shelter. Apart from teaching, he also arranges for free books, notebooks and pens for them.

Hashim Ali, the school's assistant teacher, has been helping him in his efforts.

The teaching programme

started on June 22, and since then, it has been running daily from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

This correspondent visited the spot last Tuesday and found Deepak teaching English to the children in a school room. There were 17 children in that room. They range from primary, high school and madrasa students.

Deepak said Hashim took the responsibility of teaching mathematics and science. He usually takes classes in the morning shift.

A student of the class said, "I had nothing to do besides being stuck here day after day. But when Deepak sir started taking classes, things felt exciting again. Sir not only teaches, but also talks to us.

We discuss many things, and I learn something new every day."

Hashim said most residents taking shelter there have waist-deep water in their homes. Students' books, notebooks and pens were washed away along with valuables when the water came in.

"In such a situation, families left their homes empty-handed and settled in shelters. In shelters, where it's difficult for families to provide two meals a day, so the thought of children studying is unimaginable. Which is why, we stepped in so that their education isn't affected in the long run."

Deepak said, "I saw that if children spend day after day in such confinement, it can have an adverse effect on their minds. It

also increases the risk of students dropping out. Since I'm in school most of the day, I thought let's do something for the children who are stuck here. Now, I see that both children and their parents are happy."

Shamim Ahmad, a parent, said they were worried that when the floodwater will recede and the schools will reopen, what will happen to their children. But now they are grateful that Deepak took this initiative.

Another guardian, Abul Hossain, said the floodwater has not completely receded yet. In this situation, they are still unable to return home. They are relieved that at least their children's education is progressing.

## Flood death toll now 121

UNB, Dhaka

The death toll from the devastating floods in the country rose to 121 with two more deaths in Sylhet district in 24 hours till yesterday morning.

The latest victims drowned in floodwater, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Of the total deceased, 94 people drowned in floodwater, 15 were killed by lightning, two died from snake bites, one from diarrhoea, and nine due to other reasons.

Of the deceased, 67 people died in Sylhet, 41 in Mymensingh, 12 in Rangpur and one in Dhaka division.

Of a total of 70 flood-hit upazilas, 33 are in Sylhet division, 16 in Rangpur division, 20 in Mymensingh division and one in Chattogram division.

Sylhet, Sunamganj, Netrokona and Kurigram are the worst-hit districts, with 13, 11, 10 and nine upazilas of the districts respectively affected by floods.

## Man stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A man was stabbed to death on Friday night in Dinajpur's Hakimpur upazila, said police.

The deceased is Bahauddin Sarkar (35) of Mathpara village.

Quoting locals, police said Bahauddin was sitting in front of a local club on Friday night. Suddenly, a youth named Md Emon appeared and locked in an altercation with him.

At one point, Emon pulled out a knife, stabbed Bahauddin and fled the spot.

Locals said the two had previous enmity.

Bahauddin passed away on way to a hospital, said Shariful Islam, inspector (Investigation) of Hakimpur police station.

He said police are looking for Emon, who is on the run. A case was filed.

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