

Five of expat family found unconscious, two die later

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Sylhet

Police recovered the unconscious bodies of five family members from a room of their house at Tazpur Bazar in Sylhet's Osmaninagar upazila around 11:00am yesterday.

Of them, the father and one of his sons were declared dead after they were taken to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

The deceased are Rafiqul Islam and his son Maikul Islam.

Rafiqul's wife Samira Islam, daughter Hosna Ara Islam and another son Sadiqul Islam are undergoing treatment at the hospital.

A total of nine family members were staying at the house, with the five living in one room.

SM Mainul Islam, officer-in-charge of Osmaninagar Police Station, said after receiving a 999 call from

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Even though Rajapur bridge over the Manu river in Moulvibazar was built to ease locals' commuting hassle, in reality, it is far from serving that purpose. The connecting road required to make the bridge functional is yet to see the light of day. As a result, people are using steep bamboo platforms on both sides of the bridge, risking their lives just to get across.

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'Withdraw DSA case against Titu'

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Patuakhali

Journalists in Patuakhali formed a human chain yesterday protesting the case filed under the Digital Security Act against Ekattor TV and Rising BD.com's Barguna correspondent Imran Hossain Titu.

The event was organised in front of Patuakhali Press Club.

The case was filed on March 1 against Titu after he reported on a local mazaar's fund collection process.

One Badal, who is in charge of the collection, filed the case, saying it was published without his permission.

At yesterday's event, speakers said they will organise stringent protests if the case against Titu is not withdrawn.

They also demanded the

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Bamboo platform to use a Tk 99cr bridge!

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

The construction of Rajapur bridge over the Manu river on the Kulaura-Prithimpasha-Hazipur-Sharifpur road in Moulvibazar was completed a year ago. But the connecting road is yet to be completed. Therefore, locals have installed a steep bamboo ladder on both sides of the bridge, risking their lives just to get across.

Roads and Highways Department (RHD) officials say there's a delay in the construction of the link road due to the "tedious" process in land acquisition.

Local resident Syed Ashfak Tanvir said there was only a ferry on the banks of Manu river in Rajapur area of Prithimpasha union. It was used by residents of Hajipur and Sharifpur unions on the opposite side of the river on a daily basis.

But the travel was a huge hassle.

Therefore, in view of their demands, RHD took the initiative to build a bridge over the river. In 2018, the construction of the 232-meter-long Rajapur bridge began, he added.

Partha Sarkar, sub-divisional engineer of

RHD's Kulaura office, said the joint contractor company of Sylhet – "Janmabhoomi-Wahiduzzaman Nirmiti" – got the bridge and connecting road's construction work at a cost of about Tk 99.17 crore and the work was completed around June 2021.

Later, an initiative was taken to build 7.5km connecting road on both sides of the bridge. However, the fate of the connecting road is yet to be seen.

RHD sources said a Sylhet-based joint contractor named "Jamil-Iqbal" got the job of constructing the connecting road at a cost of about Tk 38 crore. Work orders dictated that the contractor started the work in 2020, aimed to be finished in April this year. However, this reality seems hardly attainable.

In order to connect the road, the height of the land needs to be raised to match the bridge's before any of the construction work

can begin. Since work has not progressed, people are having to work around the situation using the slanted bamboo walkway to get across, RHD sources said.

Visiting the site recently, this correspondent saw locals crossing the bridge using a 50 feet and 30 feet high wobbly ladders on the east and west side respectively, with great difficulty and caution.

Some of the bamboo of the ladder got rotten. Locals said accidents occur frequently and they hurt themselves at times while crossing the bridge. A vast marsh land was seen where the connecting road was supposed to be.

Khalilur Rahman, chairman of Sharifpur union parishad, said locals had long been demanding bridge but the lack of connecting road has worsened their woes.

Asked, Partha Sarkar, sub-divisional

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3 killed, 35 hurt in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Three people were killed and 35 injured in road accidents in three districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents and a news agency.

In Bagerhat, two passengers were killed and at least 15 injured as a bus hit a roadside tree in Fakirhat.

The accident took place around 10:45am on Khulna-Mawa highway at Palerhat after driver of the bus of Meghna Classic Paribahan lost his control over the vehicle, said Fakirhat Model Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Alimuzzaman.

The deceased were identified as Moni Mallik (24) from Pirojpur and Anwara Begum (40) from Khagrachhari.

The injured were taken to the local health complex and clinic.

In Panchagarh, a stone trader was killed when a truck hit a motorbike he was riding on Tentulia-Banglabandha highway at Sardarpara village in Tentulia.

The victim – Raju Ahmed (35) from Dinajpur – was declared dead at Tentulia Upazila Health Complex, said police.

The trucker fled the scene with the vehicle soon after the incident.

In Munshiganj, 20 people were injured as a bus overturned near North Police Station of Padma Bridge at Mawa point, reports UNB.

The identities of the injured could not be known immediately.

The bus of Tungipara Paribahan overturned around 1:30pm after its driver lost control over the steering, said Mohammad Zia, traffic inspector of Mawa Police camp.

Of the injured, some were taken to a local hospital, he added.

3-year-old found dead at home

2 neighbours detained

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police yesterday recovered the body of a three-year-old girl with her throat slit at Ashulia in Savar.

The child was identified as Eva, daughter of Shaheen Miah of Laxmipur, said Masud Munshi, sub-inspector of Ashulia Police Station.

Both her parents are RMG workers.

The body was recovered from the bathroom of their rented tin-shed house in Kundalbagh Ghoshbagh area around 5:30pm.

Meanwhile, a team of Rab detained two neighbours for interrogation. They are Al-Amin, 35, of Sirajganj, and a 16-year-old youth.

Police said every day, when the parents went to work, Eva and her seven-year-old brother used to play in front of their house with other children.

Neighbours usually looked after the children when the parents went to work, said police, quoting them.

Yesterday, when the area's children were playing, they noticed that Eva was missing. Later, they found Eva's body lying on the bathroom floor.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot and informed Police Bureau of Investigation.

The SI said PBI recovered pieces of evidence from the spot, including blades.

The body was sent to a hospital morgue for autopsy.

SHAMBHUGANJ BAZAR

Century-old market turns into a menace

AMINUL ISLAM, M'singh

The century-old Shambhuganj Bazar in Mymensingh bears all the characteristics of a village market.

Not only does it bring together buyers and sellers from Mymensingh city and adjacent areas, it also draws in huge customers, as fresh items can be purchased at a relatively cheaper price.

The bazar gets a festive look every Thursday and Sunday, when traders and customers from all corners of the district assemble there.

According to locals, Shambhuganj Bazar is one of oldest business centres of the country.

"I've been coming here since the Pakistan era. My father and grandfather used to come here too. It's been going on since the British period," Samesh Uddin (80) told this correspondent.

"It also hosts one of the biggest cattle markets in the Mymensingh region," he added.

However, at present the market has become a menace for commuters of the adjacent areas.

Small traders and hawkers occupy footpaths, and matters get even worse on Sundays and Thursdays. Even kitchen markets are set up on pavements, blocking the movement of pedestrians and causing traffic congestion, alleged locals.

These markets are set up illegally without the Mymensingh City Corporation's approval and set up just about anywhere – obstructing movement of people and vehicles.

But city dwellers alleged that powerful quarters and law enforcers are behind occupying the pavements, who collect a hefty sum from the hawkers of these footpath markets.


The market's leaseholders also collect toll from traders selling products on footpath shops, despite it being an illegal act.

"Almost all the shopkeepers have extended their shops up to the footpath for their personal benefit, ignoring the people's sufferings," said Abdur Rouf, a customer.

Contacted, leaseholder of the bazar Md Asaduzzaman Sohel said the market has been

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2.	Invitation for	Purchase of Fire Pump with associate accessories
3.	Invitation Reference No.	Note: Detail Technical Specifications Mentioned on Schedule
4.	Procuring method	2302.1565.341.53.006.22.252 Date: 25 July 2022
5.	Submission of tender documents	Open Tender
		02 (Two) envelopes submission to be followed. Financial documents in 01 (one) envelope and Technical documents in other envelope. Both the envelopes to be sealed in covering envelope.
6.	Budget & source of funds	Own Finance of Chittagong Dry Dock Ltd.
7.	Tender last selling date (office time only)	25 July 2022 to 07 September 2022 at 12.00pm.
8.	Tender closing date and time	07 September 2022 at 12.15pm
9.	Tender opening date & time	07 September 2022 at 12.30pm
10.	Name and address of the office(s) for selling, receiving and opening of tender documents	(1) Cash Section, Accounts Department, Chittagong Dry Dock Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, East Patenga, Chattogram.
	a. Selling tender document	
	b. Receiving tender document	Purchase & Commerce Department, Chittagong Dry Dock Ltd.
	c. Opening tender document	(1) Chittagong Dry Dock Ltd. Bangladesh Navy, East Patenga, Chattogram. (2) Tenderers and their authorized representatives are allowed to attend.
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