

Dilruba Begum passes away

STAR REPORT

Dilruba Begum, mother of Refayet Ullah Mirdha, a senior reporter of The Daily Star, passed away at Shekhergaon, Monohordi in Narsingdi yesterday.



She was 75 years old. Dilruba breathed her last at around 8:30am at her home.

She left behind three sons and four daughters, grandchildren and numerous relatives.

Dilruba suffered a brain stroke in 2017 and was treated at Dhaka hospitals. Later, she was being treated at home.

Dilruba was buried at her family graveyard yesterday.

Family members have requested all to pray for the salvation of her departed soul.

Wasa project not

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connected to Sayedabad water-treatment plant's distribution lines, which have a diameter of 600 mm.

This obstructs the flow. This is one of the main reasons behind getting one-third of the water, they said.

"It is not possible to supply more than one-third of the water due to small diameter pipelines. We will get full production after setting up of the proposed 2,000-mm-diameter distribution lines from Mitford to Shyamoli via Mohammadpur," said Rafiqul Islam Khan, a contractor of Wasa.

After construction, the water will have a new route to flow freely along with the existing lines.

Contacted, AKM Shahid Uddin, director (technical) of Wasa, backed Wasa's official figures and said they could not start working on the main supply line, as they are still seeking foreign funds.

He said they could raise production from

2,700 to 2,900 mld for the plant, as they have made connections with existing lines at a minimum of five points between Mitford and English Road.

Shahidul said pipelines from Mitford to English Road are between 600 to 1000 mm in diameter. He said they are improving production by replacing old pipelines in Old Dhaka and targeting to deliver water according to actual capacity.

Adil Mohammad Khan, former general secretary of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, said many Wasa projects are highly ambitious, but residents are not getting full benefits, as authorities fail to provide necessary utility infrastructure.

Adil said the government should monitor the projects strictly to determine their necessity.

Wasa is increasing its production cost by bringing water from the Padma and Meghna rivers, even though there are four rivers just around the capital.

They will have to focus on using the water of Buriganga, Shitalakhya and other surrounding rivers. This will reduce costs, and the government will have to reduce pollution of the rivers.

He said there is a lot of corruption inside Wasa, which spill onto its projects, and so project costs are overestimated.

"The government will have to stop such corruption. This will reduce costs by 20 percent," he added.

BR, LGED asked

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involved in constructing unauthorised level crossings, with LGED having constructed the highest (516), the document shows.

Experts and campaigners accused BR's inaction in ensuring safety at level crossings for the increasing number of deaths.

THE JOINT SURVEY
"We are not sitting idle. We are also working from our side to increase safety," Rail Secretary Humayun Kabir told The Daily Star yesterday.

Following the decision of a meeting last year, BR and LGED started the joint survey to identify vulnerable spots and safety risks at level crossings.

"The survey has progressed a lot, and we have asked them to

complete it and give recommendations within September 30," he said.

He also said they will have an inter-ministerial meeting on level crossings on August 21. Apart from LGED, Roads and Highways Department and city corporations concerned were asked to join the meeting.

A similar inter-ministerial was held on January 10 last year, where authorities had decided to take several measures to ensure safety at level crossings.

The steps include constructing speed breakers on each side of a level crossing, reducing the number of illegal level crossings and erecting overpasses or underpasses in future projects.

But they remain largely unimplemented.

The farmers

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pineapple I sell from my field for Tk 30 is sold in town for Tk 70 to 80," said Toriqul Islam, a pineapple grower in Madhupur's Moter Bazar.

"Due to this reason, we've been demanding food processing industries in Madhupur, incorporating locally grown pineapple and other fruits. But nothing has been done in this regard so far," he said.

Upazila agriculture officer Al Mamun Russel said, "If the government takes steps, we can also export locally grown pineapples abroad. We've already requested the agriculture minister to set up food (fruits) processing industries in Madhupur."

Local physician Dr Anwar Sadat said, "These chemicals are used on fruits all over the world, and they're not that harmful to health if administered in the right doses."

However, he added that local farmers use the chemicals excessively, which is harmful.

According to the upazila agriculture department in Madhupur, pineapples were cultivated on 16,055 acres of land in the upazila this year, which is 1,729 acres more than last year.

The fruits were cultivated on more than 7,000 acres of land in Tangail's Ghatail upazila, Muktagachha and Fulbaria upazilas in Mymensingh and Jamalpur Sadar upazila under the Garh region, they said.

Besides pineapple, many other fruits like mango, banana, orange, guava and papaya, as well as vegetables are produced in Madhupur in large amounts.

Consequently, several hundred shops selling chemicals and pesticides sprung up in the area, profiting crores of taka yearly.

As agriculture officials hardly reach marginal farmers, poor farmers go to these shops and receive suggestions to use these chemicals, with promises of high yield and good colour, said sources.

I want to return

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"Police did not take any action to rescue my sister. SI Sukumar knew that my sister was trafficked to India," alleged the brother.

When asked about the allegations, SI Sukumar denied them and said there were no lack of sincerity on their part.

The victim secretly made a video from India and sent it to her brother on August 5, where she alleged that Tilak Chandra alias Shubo alias Nirob converted to Islam, married her and

trafficked her to India. "I have not been able to contact my sister yet. I don't know what she is going through. I humbly request the authorities to rescue her from India," said her brother.

OC Shaha Alam of Hatibandha Police Station, said, "We have come to know that the Jalpaiguri police in India have already rescued the victim and arrested the accused. We have already started the legal process to bring them back to the country."

Unauthorised

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if crossings are set up here and there without our approvals."

Executive Engineer of Brahmanbaria LGED Mohammad Shirajul Islam also blamed the lack of monitoring for poor maintenance of railway

crossings on LGED roads. "However, a joint delegation of LGED and railways conducted a survey a few days ago regarding the appointment of gateman at various unguarded railway crossings in Brahmanbaria. We are hopeful to resolve the issue soon," said Shirajul.

Another hike?

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Dhaka Wasa can increase water tariff by 5 percent after consulting with the government, as per Section 22 of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority Act, 1996. Consumer Association of Bangladesh President Ghulam Rahman said if the proposal is approved, the new hike will

further increase the burden on residents. It will increase inflation, which will make people's lives terrible. Cost of living will increase significantly. One-third of the capital's residents will seriously struggle, he said. "We will request the government to not increase the tariff," he added.

Bangladesh secures

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second-year student of the mathematics and physics department of Bracu; Mehedi Hasan Nowshad, a third-year student of the mathematics

department of DU; and Zubayer Rahman and Md Hasan Kibria, fourth-year students of the computer science and engineering department of DU.

Teacher gets life-term

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The boy will be raised with the name of the victim and the convict as his parents, the court said.

The state will bear all the expenses of the child, who is now in Sonamoni Nibash in Azimpur, until he turns 21, the judge added.

According to case statement, Raju Ahmed (30) of Wahab Colony at Sabujbagh was the home-

tutor of the girl. He had raped the victim several times since May 12, 2017.

Later, the victim gave birth to a boy.

Following the incident, the victim's mother filed a case against Raju with Sabujbagh Police Station on February 7, 2018. Police pressed charges against Raju on May 7 that year.

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Sl. no.	Tender ID	Description of works.	Package no.	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing & Opening Date & Time
1.	721893	Supply, installation, Testing & Commissioning of 100 cusec Solar Pumping System with necessary accessories including related civil works.	Goods-01/2022-23	19-Oct-2022, 16:00	20-Oct-2022, 15:00
2.	721894	Supply installation and commissioning of 30 meter head and 5 liter/second discharge of solar irrigation AC Submersible pump with solar panels including necessary accessories & related works on turnkey basis.	Goods-02/2022-23	19-Oct-2022, 16:00	20-Oct-2022, 15:15
3.	721895	Supply and Installation of Smart Card Based Pre-Paid Meter with Necessary Accessories.	Goods-03/2022-23	19-Oct-2022, 16:00	20-Oct-2022, 15:30
4.	721896	Construction of Foot Over	Works-01/2022-23		
5.	721897	Bridge in different Upazila of Natore district.	Works-02/2022-23	06-Sep-2022, 16:00	07-Sep-2022, 15:00
6.	721898		Works-03/2022-23		
7.	721899		Works-04/2022-23		
8.	721900		Works-04/2022-23		
9.	721901	Construction of RCC Cattle Cross Culvert at Khal Embankment in different Upazila of Natore district.	Works-06/2022-23	06-Sep-2022, 16:00	07-Sep-2022, 15:30
10.	721902	Construction of uPVC Burned	Works-07/2022-23		
11.	721903	Pipe Line at Natore District	Works-08/2022-23	06-Sep-2022, 16:00	07-Sep-2022, 15:35
12.	721904	Excavation of Dug well and setting of R.C.C ring part (including construction) by mechanically with necessary equipments and Construction of water distribution line.	Works-09/2022-23	06-Sep-2022, 16:00	07-Sep-2022, 15:40
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02	Periodic maintenance of Hafizabad UP -Pattanihat Road via Talma Bazar & Kuchiamorh Road at Ch. 2100m-4325m [Road ID 177733017] [Sadar], Package No. e-Tender/LGED/Pan/GOB/22-23/W-08	724124
03	Rehabilitation work on R&H at Maidandighi UP (Latapara) - Jholoy Shalshiri UP (Nahunhat) via Piramud (Borobari) Doultour, Araj-Shikerpur & Baganbari Road Ch. 5780m-6940m [Road ID 077253003] [Boda], Package No. e-Tender/LGED/Pan/GOB/22-23/W-09	724172
04	Rehabilitation of Boda GC - Boda UP Road Ch. 500m-3438m [Road ID 177253008] [Boda], Package No. e-Tender/LGED/Pan/GOB/22-23/W-10	724175
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