

Port city lost 120 hills in 4 decades

Claims Environment Forum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A total of 120 hills disappeared from Chattogram city in four decades, Bangladesh Environment Forum, an environmental organisation, claimed yesterday.

In 1976, there were 32.37 square kilometers of hills in the port city and it decreased to 14.02 square kilometers in 2008, Aliur Rahman, general secretary of the forum, said in a written statement.

He was speaking at a press conference at Chattogram Press Club.

Aliur said there were 200 hills in the port city 40 years ago and 60 percent of those have disappeared now. Of them, Chattogram Development Authority (CDA) cut 15 hills due to construction of Bayezid Link Road, he claimed.

In the written statement, he also said the total hilly area

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REACTION OVER 'PARADISE' COMMENT



At a time, when all of us are suffering... and finding it difficult to survive, the foreign minister said we're living in a paradise. It's ridiculous.

Mirza Fakhru Islam
Alamgir
BNP Secretary General



Not the people of the country, it's the MPs, ministers and Awami League men who are living in a paradise as they have made a fortune through endless corruption.

GM Quader
Jatiya Party Chairman



I urge party leaders and workers to be cautious in conduct and delivering speeches. It is not the right time to talk irresponsibly. You have to stand by the people.

Obaidul Quader
Awami League General Secretary



I mentioned heaven in comparison to other countries. However, you (media) have just focused on the heaven part. It means my comment has been twisted...

AK Abdul Momen
Foreign Minister

Five Chhatra Union men hurt in BCL attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least five leaders and activists of Chhatra Union were injured yesterday when some BCL men allegedly attacked them during a protest programme on Sir Asutosh College campus in Boalkhali area of Chattogram. The injured are Himel Chowdhury, convener of the college unit's Chhatra Union, Sajjad Hossain, a member of the unit and activists Yasin, Amit and Rashed.

Himel said protesting the shortage of teachers and drinking water crisis at the college, they formed a human chain in front of the main gate in the morning.

"Suddenly, a group of BCL activists attacked us when other students wanted to join our protest,"

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AL leader, sons sued for beating three journalists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A case was filed against a local Awami League leader and his three sons on charges of assaulting three journalists and breaking their cameras in Panchagram area of Lalmonirhat yesterday. One of the victims, Anisur Rahman, Jamuna Television's Lalmonirhat correspondent, filed the case with Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station, said OC Ershadul Alam.

The accused are Azizar Rahman Mandal (60), president of Panchagram Union unit of AL, and his three sons Sultan Mandal (37), Shahjahan Ali Mandal (28) and Saheb Ali Mandal (35).

Besides, some 20

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PRAYER TIMING

AUGUST 14

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-25	12-30	4-45	6-41	8-00
JAMAT 5-00	1-15	5-00	6-44	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

CTG-SYLHET ROUTE

No new train in 20 years

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

Although the demand for railway tickets on the Chattogram-Sylhet route has been increasing every year, the authorities of Bangladesh Railway could not add a single passenger train to the route in the last two decades.

The railway authorities said they attempted to increase the number of trains in the route earlier but failed due to a crisis of coach and engine.

According to BR officials, Paharika train was started in 1986 and Udayan Express in 1998 on Sylhet-Chattogram route.

But there have been no major changes in the trains since their inception.

According to officials, two passenger trains are running daily on the route. The seats in these trains are around 1,300. Earlier, a mail train called Jalalabad Express used to run on this route but the service stopped in 2019 due to the pandemic.

Ansar Ali, divisional traffic officer of railway in Chattogram, said second class coaches are required to run the mail train. "But we have a coach crisis in this class. Besides, due to the engine

crisis, this service has not resumed yet."

According to Chattogram Railway Station, more than 2,500 passengers travel daily on the route.

"Every day, many more visit the station for tickets but we cannot give them any due to the ongoing crisis," said Ratan Kumar Chowdhury, manager of Chattogram Railway Station.

During a recent visit to the station, this correspondent saw that many people were standing in line at the counter to buy tickets for the route.

Ripon Chandra Das came to the station to buy a ticket to travel to Sylhet for business purposes. He could not get any as all the tickets were sold out.

Mozammel Hoque Chowdhury, secretary general of Jatri Kalyan Samity, said the railway's development is not balanced. As a result, despite the demand of passengers on many routes, the authorities are not increasing the number of trains.

"We demand more train on Chattogram-Sylhet route," he added.

Contacted, Jahangir Hossain, general manager (GM) of BR Eastern

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This is not a view of a road in Dhaka or Chattogram! Gridlocks like this have become quite common in Cumilla as well due to illegal parking, unauthorised bus stops and indifference of the authorities concerned.

PHOTO: STAR

Cumilla choked by congestion

Locals blame illegal parking, lack of monitoring

KHALID BIN NAZRUL

Commuters' suffering in the sweltering heat on the roads, as most of them had to spend at least 30 minutes to an hour more than the usual time to reach their destinations due to gridlocks, has become a common situation in Cumilla city.

A large part of the congestion the city dwellers face each day is due to the illegal parking of buses, trucks and auto-rickshaws. To make things worse, buses stop in the middle of streets to take on extra passengers instead of designated bus stops.

After visiting Chawkbazar Old Chattogram road of Cumilla recently, the eastern entry and exit point of the town, this correspondent saw a huge tailback that stretched for at least a few kilometers, if not more.

"There is no limited time for traffic congestion in the



area. It starts in the morning and continues till midnight," said Jakir Hossain, a local vendor.

However, the Jangalia bus stand of the city has been expanded and developed lately, meaning the vehicles, which had to park outside the terminal a few years ago due to lack of space and poor infrastructure, can now be stationed inside.

So people get on the buses from their designated place, which has significantly reduced traffic jams in the nearby areas.

But those using the Paduarbazar Bus Stand on the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway are not so lucky. Passengers board on and off the buses from the road in front as the terminal has not been expanded for years, triggering huge traffic snarl-ups on the busy highway.

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Memo No: CMCH/Tender/2022-2023/MSR/10758

Date: 13-08-2022

Inviation For Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from experienced Importers / Contractors / Suppliers / Distributors to supply MSR goods for CMCH in the fiscal 2022-2023. As per PPA-2006 & PPR-2008 (Including all corrigendum); Terms and conditions are as follow(s):

KEY INFORMATION			
1	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.	
2	Agency	Chattogram Medical College Hospital, Chattogram.	
3	PE Name, Designation & Contact details	Brigadier General Md. Shamim Ahsan; Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital. Telephone: +88031630179 E-mail address: cmch@hospi.dghs.gov.bd	
4	Procuring Entity Code & District	GOB, Chattogram.	
5	Invitation for	Procurement of MSR goods for Chattogram Medical College Hospital in the fiscal year 2022-2023.	
6	Tender Ref. No & date	CMCH/Tender/2022-2023/MSR/10758 Dated: 13-08-2022.	
7	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (National). Item-by-item.	
8	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB, Economic code:3252105.	
9	Tender Publication Date	14-08-2022.	
10	Tender Schedule Selling Starting Date and Time	16-08-2022 During office hours.	
11	Pre-Tender Meeting	27-08-2022, 11:00 A. M.	
12	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	13-09-2022, 12:00 P. M.	
13	Tender Dropping & Closing Date and Time	Dropping date: 14-09-2022, Dropping time: from 09:00 AM to 12:00 PM Closing time: 12:01 P. M.	
14	Tender Opening Date and Time	14-09-2022 at 01:00 P.M.	
15	Name and address of the Office's		
	(a) Selling Tender Documents	Cashier, Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital.	
		Cashier, Office of the Civil Surgeon, Chattogram District.	
	(b) Receiving Tender Documents	Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital.	
		Officer In-charge, Panchlaish Model Thana, Chattogram Metropolitan Police.	
	Tender Documents Opening Place	Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital, KB Fazul Kader Road, Chattogram-4203.	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
16	Bidders Eligibility	Details in Tender Booklet.	
17	Description of Group, Price of Tender Document, Tender Security etc.		
	Name of Group	Description of Group	Price of Tender Document in BDT (Only in Cash, Non Refundable)
	A	Medicine (Including IV fluid, Dental Utensile).	2,000.00 (Two Thousand Only)
	B	Recruiting Carrying Contractor.	750.00 (Seven Hundred Fifty Only)
			Tender Security in BDT (Bank Draft / Pay Order to be submitted with the tender booklet in favor of The Director, CMCH). Bank guarantee is not acceptable.
			10,00,000.00 (Ten Lac Only)
			40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Only)
18	Description of Related Services	Details in Tender Booklet.	

Note:

- (a) Corrigendum if necessary in future will be a part of this notice. The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- (b) If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.

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