

MIRSARAI TRAGEDY

Probe body finds gateman, driver responsible

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Both the rail crossing gateman and the microbus driver are responsible for the train-microbus collision at the Mirsarai Borotakia rail crossing that killed 13 people, a probe committee has found.

The committee, led by Railway divisional traffic officer of Chattogram Ansar Ali, submitted its report on Monday with eight recommendations.

The report accused gateman Saddam Hossain -- who is currently in prison -- and deceased microbus driver Golam Mostafa of the collision and subsequent deaths.

The incident occurred on July 29, killing 11 people on the spot and injuring seven others. Of the seven injured, two died while undergoing treatment.

Railway formed two committees to investigate the accident.



The probe committee report found that the gateman of the rail crossing was not present at the time of the accident and the driver of the microbus was negligent.

The committee recommended that the gateman be punished for his negligence in duty.

The report mentioned that the gateman put up barriers on both sides of the crossing before the train's arrival and went to say his prayers.

Someone removed the barrier on one side during his absence. The microbus driver took this chance to cross through.

The committee also mentioned that according to the Railway Act, the microbus violated the rules. It was also

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2 rights bodies object to the comments by HC bench

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It said such comments brought into question whether Bangladesh has made progress in establishing women's rights.

"Freedom of women, their right to choose or take decisions, right of movement are all constitutional rights. These are also recognised by various international instruments. At the same time, in a place where a woman's dignity, rights and safety should be ensured in the best possible way without giving importance

to clothes, the woman is being harassed again through such a statement."

Naripokkho said such comments by the HC will further encourage harassers.

"The court is the last refuge of the people seeking justice. In that case, such comments of the High Court are highly insulting and totally unacceptable and in conflict with Article 32 [right to life and liberty], Article 36 [right to movement] of the constitution of Bangladesh," said the Naripokkho statement.

Besides institutional or professional obligations, what a person wears and where the person goes in that attire is entirely a matter of personal taste and preference. So, far from attacking the person, even making indecent comments or raising objections is against civil dignity.

"The girl was in an objectionable state in the platform, which is seen in the CD [containing footage of the incident]. Is it your rights? Is it your rights to dress?" the HC bench asked on Tuesday.

Challenging the bail order, the prosecutor, Assistant Attorney General Syeda Zahida Sultana, argued that Shila started the incident. Shila had asked the student why she had worn the dress and then called other people to the scene, hurled derogatory remarks and pulled the student and her friends by their clothes.

Syeda said a person is entitled to wear any dress they wish and nobody can harass them for that.

Then the court asked the prosecutor, "Are there rights

for preserving culture and tradition? Isn't the dress a part of culture? The socio-economic condition of a society where you visit is also an important issue. There are differences between Dhaka and the rural areas in terms of socio-economic conditions."

The assistant attorney general said culture was changeable.

The HC bench's remarks also touched off outrage in social media.

Yesterday, lawyer Kamal Hossain, who stood for Shila in the hearing, asked

the HC bench to take action against Facebook users who are criticising the judges.

But the bench didn't deliver any order and asked him to submit a written application before the court with relevant documents and screenshots.

Two days after the incident at the railway station, Imaidul Jahedi, in-charge of Narsingdi Railway Police Outpost, filed the case with Bhairab Railway Police Station under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

Special cell's nod must for filing case

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Bachelet said, "We have submitted our recommendations for the repeal and revision of certain provisions of the act, with a view to ensuring their compliance with international human rights laws and standards, and preventing arbitrary application or misuse."

The law allows the government to make rules for carrying out the

purposes of this act. It states, "If any difficulty arises in implementation of the provisions of this act, the government may, by notification in the official gazette, take any necessary action in this regard to remove such difficulty."

If the law ministry approves the proposal, it will be published as an official gazette under the orders of the president.

If a gazette is published

in this regard, this will be the first instance of a rule being passed to aid the implementation of the DSA.

The act has been consistently criticised for being unfairly used to silence journalists and proponents of freedom of expression, to target political opponents and to victimise minority communities.

Data from the Centre for Governance Studies and independent sources show

that between 2019 and February 2022, at least 224 journalists were prosecuted and at least 70 arrested.

At the moment, 14 of the law's 20 offence-related sections are non-bailable, while it allows for arrest without warrant. A warrant is not needed even in instances where an offence is yet to be committed but officers "suspect it will be so".

Since the beginning

of this year, Law Minister Anisul Huq had been making comments about taking steps to address the problematic implementation of the law. In January, he said the law can be amended if necessary.

In May, he said this law has been misused and abused "to some extent" and he had instructed the home ministry to ensure that cases lodged under the act go to special cells, established in

2006 under the Information Communication and Technology Act, for examination.

These cells -- separate entities from the ones proposed the by the ICT Division yesterday -- would assess the cases for primary evidence and accordingly transfer them to the court. Arrests can only be made after the cell's recommendation, Anisul had said.

Top officials asked to explain girder accident

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Sources said another loan for the project has been in discussion for some time between the government and ADB. The lender wants to ensure full safety compliance so that no such incident happens again.

The contractor was asked to resume work after ensuring full safety compliance, he added.

On Tuesday, a government probe

committee in its preliminary report blamed the contractor, China Gezhouba Group Co Ltd, its safety management team, and the crane operator, for negligence.

Although the probe committee led by additional secretary Neelima Akhter has so far not named any individual responsible for the tragedy, experts and road safety campaigners

said the project officials should be held responsible for their negligence.

**MEETING WITH MAYOR**

Dhaka North City Corporation will today meet the representatives from the agencies implementing development projects in its areas.

The issues of safety at project sites will be discussed at the meeting, expected to be chaired by

Mayor Atiqul Islam.

In another development, the High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the authorities concerned why a directive should not be issued to pay Tk 5 crore in compensation to the victims' families, reports UNB.

The HC bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Ahmed Sohail passed the order after hearing a writ

petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Zakaria Khan.


Home secretary, roads and highways secretary, inspector general of police, Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Roads and Highways Department and Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Company are respondents to the rule.

The HC also wanted to know what steps the BRT authorities took in the

last five years for people's safety while carrying out development work. The court asked them to submit a report in 60 days.

Contacted last night, RHD Chief Engineer AKM Manir Hossain Pathan said he was yet to receive any directive.

Shafiqul Islam, managing director of BRT company, could not be reached for comments.



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**Invitation for Tender Through Web**

Tender No. CSD2(EES): 22/Rajshahi/Solar/2022-40 Date: 16/08/2022


Tenders through electronic media (e-Tenders) are invited from the bonafide contractors/firms for Supply, Installation, Testing & commissioning of 13KWp on Grid/Grid-Tie Solar System at Bangladesh Bank, Rajshahi. Necessary information are given below:


01	Procuring entity	: Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
02	Source of funds	: Bangladesh Bank's own fund.
03	Invitation for Tender No.	: CSD2(EES): 22/Rajshahi/Solar/2022-40
04	Method of procurement	: Open Tendering Method (OTM).
05	Qualification of tenderer	: a) The tenderer shall have minimum 07 (seven) years overall business experience. b) Satisfactorily completed at least 01 (one) work of similar nature (Supply, Installation of on-Grid Solar Power System) worth not less than Taka 15.00 lac (Taka fifteen lac) only in a single contract, in any government/semi-government/ autonomous organization during last 03 (three) years. The tenderer shall have to furnish work completion certificate in this respect from officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer of equivalent; years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. c) Liquid asset/Credit facility shall be Tk 17.00 lac (Taka seventeen lac) only. In case of credit facilities Bank shall ensure that abovementioned credit limits will be given if the said works is awarded to the contractor. d) Tenderer shall have to fulfill the qualification criteria stipulated in the Document; failing which the Tender shall be rejected and considered as non-responsive.
06	Address of the web receiving tender document	: <a href="http://www.bangladeshbank.org.bd">www.bangladeshbank.org.bd</a> <a href="http://www.etender.bb.org.bd">www.etender.bb.org.bd</a> (e-Tender)
07	Name & address of the offices receiving tender security & other documentary evidence	: Director (Engg: Electromechanical), Common Services Department-2 (7 <sup>th</sup> floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
08	Last date and time for submission of tender document through web	: 04/09/2022 up to 2:30pm.
09	Last date and time for receiving original tender security and tender submission letter	: 04/09/2022 up to 2:30pm
10	Date, time and place for tender opening	: All tenders shall be opened at Common Services Department-2 (7 <sup>th</sup> floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka on 04/09/2022 at 3:00pm (Intending tenderer or their authorized representative are allows to attend the Tender opening). 02 (two) months from the date of issuing the Award of Contract. Tk 55,000.00 (Taka fifty five thousand) only.
11	Time for completion of the work	: i) The tenderer shall submit tender and scanned copy of documentary evidences including PG2-3 properly through Bangladesh Bank website (e-Tendering) & shall have valid e-mail address for participating e-tendering.
12	Tender security	: ii) Original PO/BD/Bank Guarantee as Tender Security along with Original Tender submission letter as per format PG2-1 shall reach at Director (Engg. Electromechanical), Common Services Department-2, within the stipulated date and time mentioned in TDS.
13	Special instructions	: iii) Tenderer shall provide all documentary evidences (original or attested whichever necessary) as per tender document, failing which the tender shall be considered as non-responsive. iv) Tenderer shall submit valid ABC Category Electrical Contractor License from Electrical Licensing Board, Bangladesh. v) PG2-1, PG2-2 and PG2-3 form shall be completed and signed by the Authorized Signatory on the Letter-Head Pad attached by Scanning during submitting tender through Web and original shall be sent to the Director (Engg. Electromechanical), Common Services Department-2 within scheduled time as per TDS. vi) Furnishing of any false, misleading documents may result in rejection of tender and may lead to action under Rules 127 of PPR 2008/Reg. 12 of BBPR 2004. vii) All sorts of safety and security measures shall be carried out by the Contractor during execution of work. viii) Bangladesh Bank reserves all right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. No claim will be entertained in this regard.

DCP: 48/2022-2723  
Date: 17-08-2022

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**UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA:** Applications in prescribed form obtainable from the office of the Registrar, are invited from the Bangladesh nationals for filling up 01(one) permanent post of Associate Professor in the Department of Clinical Psychology in the Pay Scale of TK. 50,000-71,200/- (National pay Scale -2015).

**QUALIFICATION:** Candidates must have high academic qualifications preferably a Ph.D. or equivalent degree in Clinical Psychology. They should have at least 7(seven) years teaching and research experience in a University or an Institute of Advanced research. They should have original research works published in recognized research journals. Experience and performance as a teacher as well as significant contribution to different areas of University activities especially in guiding the overall educational and co-curricular activities of the students will also be treated as qualification. In special cases the condition of period of experience may be relaxed.

Eleven copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials, mark-sheets and proof of experience along with a Pay Order/Bank Draft of the value of Tk. 1,000/-(One thousand) only, payable to the Registrar, should reach him on or before 15.09.2022 Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.

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**UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA:** Applications in prescribed form, obtainable from the office of the Registrar are invited from the Bangladeshi nationals for filling up 1(One) temporary post of **Lecturer** against study leave vacancy in the Institute of Information Technology, University of Dhaka in the pay scale of Tk. 22,000-53,060/- (National pay scale 2015)

**Qualifications:** Candidates should have first division or in case of GPA minimum 4.25 in the scale of 5.00 in S.S.C & H.S.C examinations and first class in Honors and in Master's degree or its equivalent CGPA minimum 3.50 in a scale of 4.00 in Software Engineering (SE)/ Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)/ Computer Science (CS)/Information Technology (IT) from a recognized University. One of the approved condition of S.S.C or H.S.C Examination may be relaxed to those who obtained first position/achieved highest CGPA in Honours or Master's degree. Other qualifications being equal preference may be given to those who have higher degrees.

Eight copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials, Mark sheets, photos and proof of experience along with a Pay Order/Bank Draft of the value of Tk. 750/-(seven hundred fifty) only, payable to the Registrar, University of Dhaka, should reach **Director, Institute of Information Technology, University of Dhaka** on or before **06.09.2022** Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.

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