

# For the people or businesses?

## Mymensingh city authorities building concrete road beside Brahmaputra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The construction of a concrete road near the Brahmaputra river in Mymensingh city's Kachari Ferry Ghat area has stirred protests from environmental and social activists.

"It's an unexpected and unlawful act to build a concrete road on the river bed. This small structure road might take a larger shape in the future, paving way for vested quarters to grab river land," cautioned Ali Yusuf, a social and cultural activist.

Advocate Nazrul Islam Chunnu, convener of Janoudhhogh, a citizens' forum, said when the foundation of the construction work started in the river bed in March, they protested it and submitted a memorandum to Mymensingh's deputy commissioner on March 23.

"The work was halted for a while, but then it resumed," said Chunnu. "It's clearly an attempt to grab the river's land," he added.



Advocate Shibbir Ahmed Liton, secretary of Mymensingh Poribesh Rokhha O Unnayan Andolon, said they talked about the matter on different occasions but the work hasn't stopped yet.

Nurul Amin Kalam, secretary of Mymensingh Nagorik Andolon said they urged the Mymensingh City Corporation (MCC) authorities to stop the work but to no avail.

Talking to this correspondent, locals said this move might be a motive to grab the river land gradually in the future. People with a vested interest in the road's construction will establish small and permanent shops for their profit.

Contacted, Mayor Ekramul Haque Titu said, "There

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Tea workers of Malnichhara estate in Moulvibazar shout slogans, demanding an increase in daily wages. They continued their strike for the sixth day yesterday as the garden owners proposed a daily wage hike of only Tk 20 against the demand of an increase to Tk 300 from 120.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

# Tea workers resolute

## Reject garden owners' proposal to increase wage by Tk 20, demand PM's intervention

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Workers of 167 tea gardens across the country, including 92 of Moulvibazar, continued their strike for the sixth day yesterday as the garden owners proposed a daily wage hike by only Tk 20 against the demand of an increase to Tk 300 from Tk 120.

The owners offered to increase the wage from Tk 120 to Tk 140 at a meeting with tea workers at the Dhaka office of the Labour Department on Wednesday night.

Leaders of Bangladesh Tea Association, an organisation of tea garden owners, and Bangladesh Tea Workers' Union, an organisation of tea workers, took part in the meeting.

Bijoy Hazra, organising secretary of Bangladesh Tea Workers Union, demanded the prime minister's intervention in this regard on behalf of the workers after the meeting.

Nipen Pal, central general secretary (acting) of Bangladesh Tea Workers' Union, said, "We didn't accept what the owners have

proposed. Tea workers from all over the country are looking at us. We will not compromise if we do not get a proper wage. Our movement will continue as well".

On the other hand, Shah Alam, president of Bangladesh Tea Association, said, "We discussed the issue with the worker leaders. Hopefully, we will be able to give an update on the wages later."

Khaled Mamun Chowdhury, director general of the Department of Labour, said, "Our discussions

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# 3 killed, 8 hurt in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Three people were killed and eight others injured in road accidents in two districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondent and a news agency.

In Bogura, two people were killed and four others injured as a bush hit a CNG-run auto-rickshaw on Dhaka-Bogura highway at Hamchayapur in Sherpur upazila, reports UNB.

One of the deceased was identified as driver of the three-wheeler, Abdul Based, from Birail village in Sherpur. The identity of the other deceased could not be known immediately, said police.

The accident occurred when the bus rammed into the three-wheeler while making space for a motorcycle coming from the wrong direction, they said.

The injured were undergoing treatment at Shahid Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital.

Police seized the bus but its driver and his helper managed to flee.

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# Flood death toll rises to 140

UNB, Dhaka

The death toll from this season's floods in the country rose to 140 with another death in Sylhet in 24 hours till yesterday morning.

The total deaths were recorded from May 17 to August 18, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Of the deceased, 79 were from Sylhet, 43 from Mymensingh, 17 from Rangpur and one from Dhaka division.

One hundred and eight people drowned in floodwaters, 19 died by lightning strikes, three from snake bites, one from diarrhoea, and nine others due to other reasons.

Around 33,994 people were hit by floods during the same period.

Thirty-seven upazilas, including 33 in Sylhet, three in Rangpur and one in Chattogram divisions were affected by floods.

Sylhet, Sunamganj and Moulvibazar were the worst-hit districts.

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01	724448	Supply of Unnotamaner Mashur Dal (Mota) for the period of October/2022 to March/2023	11-Aug-2022 22:30	29-Aug-2022 14:00
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# New caucus to promote Dhaka-Washington ties

UNB, Dhaka

Newly inaugurated Congressional Bangladesh Caucus will promote "continued good relations" between Bangladesh and the United States.

"We look forward to strengthening the United States-Bangladesh relationship on the basis of our shared democratic values to address major issues, including climate change, human rights, and humanitarian challenges," said Congressman Joe Wilson of South Carolina in the House of Representatives who joined with his colleagues – Congressmen Gerry Connolly, Dwight Evans and Steve Chabot as a co-chair of the Congressional Bangladesh Caucus.

Caucus members will receive periodic updates on bilateral relationship, joint efforts to combat terrorism and promote human rights, as well as opportunities for high-level visits between the two countries, including with Ambassador M Shahidul Islam as they work to "strengthen" their relationship.

The Caucus was established, in part, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and the US, which began in 1972, soon after Bangladesh secured its independence from Pakistan.

# Prevention of plastic pollution stressed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Proper waste management is necessary to prevent pollution caused by the release of toxic substances of plastic into soil, water and air, to protect humans and nature, said speakers at a meeting in Khulna on Wednesday.

The meeting on the research project "Sustainable Capacity Building to Reduce Irreversible Pollution by Plastics" was held at Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet).

Md Saiful Islam, dean of Civil Engineering Faculty of Kuet, chaired the event where Prof Md Rafizul Islam, director of the project, delivered welcome speech.

University Grants Commission member Muhammed Alamgir, a scientific expert of the project, also spoke.

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**SHAH ALAM**  
President of Tea Association

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Tender No. KU/PD-189/2017-2022/199      Date: 17.08.2022

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Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of the work	Online tender closing and opening date
724625	KU/PD-296/2022	Procurement and Installation of Scientific Equipment for KU Research Cell of Khulna University (Lot-3)	01-Sep-2022 14:40:00
724623	KU/PD-295/2022	Procurement and Installation of Scientific Equipment for KU Research Cell of Khulna University (Lot-2)	08-Sep-2022 15:30:00
724617	KU/PD-294/2022	Procurement and Installation of Scientific Equipment for KU Research Cell of Khulna University (Lot-01)	01-Sep-2022 14:20:00
724581	KU/PD-293/2022	Procurement and Installation of Scientific Equipment for Chemistry Discipline of Khulna University	01-Sep-2022 14:30:00
723358	KU/PD-256/2021	Procurement and Installation of Scientific Equipment for Forestry and Wood Technology Discipline of Khulna University	01-Sep-2022 14:00:00
722705	KU/PD-256/2021	Procurement and Installation of Scientific Equipment for Sculpture Discipline of Khulna University	01-Sep-2022 14:10:00
726314	KU/PD-270/2021	Procurement and Installation of Scientific Equipment for Soil, Water and Environment Discipline of Khulna University	01-Sep-2022 14:25:00

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Sl No.	Name of works	Last Selling Time	Tender Closing Time
01.	Construction of 22.68 m Bridge & Re-Construction of Gonogram Bridge Deck Slab at 89th km (Ch.88+300) on Joydebpur-Tangail-Jamalpur (N-4) Road under Tangail Road Division during the year 2022-2023 Invitation Reference No. 03/e-GP/JRC-Tan/PMP-Bridge/2022-2023 (ID- 725643)	18-09-2022, 17:00.	19-09-2022, 12:40.
02 .	Construction of 44.02m (1x42.68m) Long P.C Girder (Madhupur Bridge) at 106th km of Joydebpur-Tangail-Jamalpur National Highway (N-4) Road under Tangail Road Division during the year 2022-2023 Invitation Reference No. 04/e-GP/JRC-Tan/PMP-Bridge/2022-2023 (ID- 725012)	18-09-2022, 12:00.	19-09-2022, 12:00.
03	DBS Wearing Course, Strengthening by Aggregate base Type-I & Protective work of Kalihati-Ratangang-Shakipur Road (Z-4016) at Ch. 0+000 to 9+300 under Tangail Road Division during the year 2022-2023 Invitation Reference No. 06/e-GP/JRC-Tan/PMP-Road/2022-2023 (ID- 726439)	18-09-2022, 17:00.	19-09-2022, 12:40.

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