Once a source of clean water, now a dumping site

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Adjacent to the twin-temple (Shree Shree Anandamoyee Shiva and Kali Mata Mandir) in Mymensingh's Muktagachha, stands a century-old pond.

For decades, this waterbody was the biggest source of clean water for Mymensingh residents.

Sadly, as time went on, this pond has been into a garbage dumping site. Weeds and water hyacinths have completely taken over the waterbody, painting a poor picture of the once sacred pond.

Additionally, influential people have occupied a portion near the pond for commercial purposes, creating an obstacle for hundreds of devotees who regularly visit

Besides, poor people, irrespective of caste, creed and religion, once used the pond for bathing and cleaning due to shortage of clean water in the city.

"However, the pond has become unusable recently due to rampant pollution," said local Arab Ali.

Religious events including Durga Puja, Kali Puja, Kattiyani Puja and Monosha puja are held at the temples every year. Special puja during every full moon and new moon and on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh is also held here. The devotees belonging to Robidas community also celebrate "Surya Puja" in this place.

People from home and abroad throng this place during the festivals, but leave in dismay due to the putrid smell emitting from the pond.

Witnesses said a section of locals throw their household garbage into the pond every night.

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Once a source of clean water for Mymensingh locals, the pond adjacent to the twin-temple (Shree Shree Anandamoyee Shiva and Kali Mata Mandir) in Muktagachha, is now unhygienic for use. Due to encroachment, waste dumping, and lack of fund management, the century-old pond keeps getting more and more polluted despite the authority's efforts. This photo was taken recently. PHOTO: STAR

380 more hospitalised with dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 380 new dengue patients were admitted to hospitals across the country in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With this, the total number of dengue cases rose to 57,738 this year.

Total number of deaths this year is 254, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Among the cases, 155 are in Dhaka, 25 in Cox's Bazar, 33 in Chattogram, 11 in Barishal, eight in Khulna, six in Mymensingh, five in Rajshahi, two Narail and one each in Narsingdi, Kushtia, Pabna, Bagerhat, Khagrachhari, Bogura,

Madaripur and Feni. A total of 55,740 patients have already been released, of them 20,151 are from outside Dhaka.

Some 1,744 dengue patients are undergoing treatment and of them, 763 are from outside Dhaka.

High Court seeks reports on Murshedy's Gulshan house STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday sought reports on a house of ruling Awami League lawmaker and former national footballer Abdus Salam Murshedy, located in the capital's Gulshan.

Secretary to the housing and public works ministry and chairman of Rajdhani Kartripakkha (Rajuk) have been ordered to submit the reports separately before the HC by January 16 next year.

The HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Khizir Hayat Lizu passed the order while hearing a writ petition filed in this connection.

The court also asked the secretary to provide the copy of an inquiry report prepared by the ministry

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Living amidst piles of garbage

Pabna residents suffer due to poor waste management system

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU

Due to absence of government-designated dumping stations, tonnes of household, industrial and medical wastes are being dumped under the open sky on a daily basis in Pabna town, posing a serious threat to public health.

Pedestrians and students have to hustle through the putrid stench emanating from these dumping sites, besides busy walkways on their way to work and schools every day.

But it appears that the municipal authorities have turned a blind eye to this nuisance, despite repeated public demand for a proper waste management system. Around two lakh people live in Pabna

municipality, covering around 27 square kilometre area. Besides, three government and around 50 private hospitals are located

Around 45 tonnes of wastes are being produced daily in the municipal area, said Abdur Rahim, inspector of waste management section of Pabna municipality.

As per existing system, local ward councillors hire some private sweepers, who collect wastes door-to-door riding on threewheeler vans and dispose those of at 12 temporary dumping spots in the town.

Later, the municipality's waste carrying vehicles collect those from the spots and then pile those up at two other permanent dumping spots -- in Fakirpur and Pabna bus terminal area.

All these 14 waste dumping points are located in densely-populated areas, adjacent



to important streets.

"While I pass through piles of garbage, I have to stop breathing for a few moments due to the bad smell," said Md Alauddin, a librarian of Pabna Islamia Madrasa, which is near the bus terminal area

"Not just me, some four to five thousand

students of our madrasa are facing a similar

ordeal," he added. "I filed complaints multiple times with the municipality authorities. But they don't pay heed to our demand," he added.

"Wastes from households, factories and hospitals are dumped here under the open



sky every day, causing pollution. We get putrid smell even two-kilometres away," said Robiul, a resident of Fakirpur.

The situation gets worse when it rains. Murky water flows from the piles of garbage into the road, he added.

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ

পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ সেকশন-১৪, মিরপুর, ঢাকা।

উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

3.	মূহণাগয়/বিভাগ	1	খরট্রে মহলালয়, ফ্রননিরাপতা বিভাগ				
٤.	সংস্থা	1	रास्तापम भूमिम				
o.	ক্রমকারী সম্ভাব নাম	1	রেক্র, পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ				
8.	ন্যপত্ৰ আহবাদের বিষয়	1	পুলিপ সাঁহত কলেনে বছলানেপ-এ ব্যবহারের নিমিত্ত সভঁত নিস্টেমসহ আনুষ্ঠাকিক অপাতি ও সভ্যামা জহ/সরবভাহ কাজ				
ø.	দরপত্র নম্বর ও তরিখ	1	শানক ন্-৪৪.০১,০৪০০,০১২,০৭.৬০,২০২২/৪৪৩৭, জারিখ: ০১/১২/২০২২ খ্রি.				
b.	নরপত্র পদত্তি	1	উনুক দ্যপন্ন পদ্ধতি (OTM)				
9.	ৰজেট ও তহৰিলের উৎস	1	রাজহ বাজেট				
₽.	নরপত্র সিভিউল প্রস্থি, গ্রহণ উনুক্তকরণের মূদ	1	পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেন্ত বাংলাদেশ, সেকশন-১৪, মিংপুর, ঢাকা				
à.	নরপত্র সিভিউল বিভয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	1	১৯/১২/২০২২ প্র. অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত				
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33.	নরপর সিভিটল উন্ভকরণের ছান, তারিব ও সময়	1.	পুলিপ স্টাফ ৰলেজ বংলাদেশ, সেকপন-১৪, মিন্নপুর, ঢাকা ২০/১২/২০২২ প্রি. ১২:৩০ ঘটিকা				
\$2.	দরপত্র দাওর বেগ্যুতা	1	মোগাতার শর্তাবলীঃ (১) হালনাগান বৈধ ট্রেড লাইসেল এর সত্যায়িত কলি (২) হালনাগান আত্মকর পরিপোধের প্রত্যায়ন পত্রের সত্যায়িত কলি (৩) ভাট রেজিস্ট্রেশনের সত্যায়িত কলি (৪) দরপত্র বিজ্ঞবি জ্ঞারীর পূর্ববর্তী ও মাসের ব্যাংক লেনদেনের হিমাব বিবরণী (৫) সংখ্রিষ্ট কাজের ০৫ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা সন্দেদের সত্যায়িত কপি (৬) জ্ঞাতীয় পরিচয়পাত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি (৭) দরদাতার ০২ কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি সেত্যায়িত				
30.	मोरे .	1	দরপর জায়ানত দরপর দলিলের মল				

(ফেরডযোগা) (चरम्बरस्मामा) 献 পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংশাদেশ এর International Conference Center এ ব্যবহারের জন্য Public 3 90,000/-3000/-Address Sound System ত্ৰদ/সভবাহ কছ পুলিৰ স্টাফ কলেজ বংলাদেশ-এ ব্যবহারের জন্য Lawn Mower, High pressure water pump with spray gun (for vehicle wash) ত্রু/সরবরহ কাজ

১৫. বিশেষ নিদেশনা :

(ক) দরপর সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় নির্দেশন/শর্তাকণী টেন্ডার সিভিউলে উল্লেখ করা ব্যয়ছে

নরপত্র জামানত/পে-অর্ভার পরিচালক (প্রশাসন ও অর্থ), পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ এর অনুকূলে জয়া প্রদান করতে হবে

(গ) দরপত্র সম্পর্কিত সকল কার্যাদি PPA-২০০৬ ও PPR-২০০৮ এর তদীয় সংশোধনী অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হবে মাপত্রে উল্লিখিত বেকোন আইটেমের পরিমাণ বৃদ্ধি অথবা কমানোর বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষের ক্ষমতা রয়েছে

(৪) যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের হল্লাধিকারীর বাক্ষয়যুক্ত প্যাতে আবেদনপূর্বক নির্যারিত তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত দরপত্র নির্যাহিটল সংগ্রহ করা যাবে

(চ) নরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানকে কার্যদেশ প্রাপ্তির পূর্বে ৩০০/-(তিনশত) টাকার নন জুভিশিরাল স্ট্যাম্পে চুক্তি করতে হবে (হ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যাতীত যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের পূর্ণক্ষমতা সংক্রেপ করে

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RANGPUR POLLS

All 10 mayor

nomination

papers valid

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

The nomination papers

of all 10 mayor aspirants are valid for Rangpur

election, said Election

came after scrutiny at

Academy, said Abdul Baten, returning officer

of RCC polls, which is to

be held on December 27.

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EC officials said 13

Corporation

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Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha

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OURCE: **ISLAMIC FOUNDATION**

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Wastes from households. factories and hospitals are dumped here under the open sky every day, causing pollution. We get putrid smell even two-kilometres away.

> **ROBIUL** A resident of Fakirpur

POWER, GAS PRICES Ordinance issued to adjust tariff without hearing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

President Abdul Hamid issued an ordinance yesterday with a provision to allow the government to adjust the prices of gas, electricity and fuel "in special circumstances".

Officials said this has paved the way for the government to fix the tariff without holding any public hearing, which was a long-term tradition of the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission.

Public hearings create scope for the consumers and stakeholders to express their opinion regarding the price hike proposals and get access

to the reasoning and data of stateowned companies.

president issued ordinance, amending Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) Act 2003, as there is no parliament session in place now. The draft amendment was

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approved in the cabinet last Monday. About the necessity of the amendment, the

summary of the draft ordinance mentioned that adjusting electricity and gas prices by following all the procedures mentioned in the laws and regulations is a complex and lengthy process.

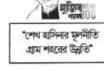
But in the current global context, to ensure an uninterrupted electricity and energy supply, the tariff needs to be adjusted "fast and regularly".

Yesterday's gazette, published by the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division, added clause

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