

CTG-COX'S BAZAR Rail line to open by June next year

Says rail minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The under-construction rail line between Chattogram and Cox's Bazar will be opened by June next year, said Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujon yesterday.

The minister announced this while talking to reporters at the under-construction Cox's Bazar railway station, after inspecting the project site.

In March last year, the minister expressed hope that Cox's Bazar will come under the rail network within December 2022.

Physical works of the project started in March 2018, around eight years after approval, and the project for laying 100 km of rail track from Chattogram's Dohazari to Cox's Bazar's Ramu saw 76 percent progress till October this year.

The project -- taken in 2010 to lay a metre-gauge rail track at a cost of Tk 1,852.35 crore -- was supposed to be finished within June 2013.

But a decision was made in 2014 to go for a dual-gauge track for better connectivity, raising the cost to Tk 18,034.47 crore.

The project's last deadline is June 2024, with one-year defect liability period.

Works of Cox's Bazar railway station are expected to be completed within April next year.

The minister said they will procure 54 modern carriages, which will be like tourist coaches.

Local Awami League lawmaker Shaimum Sarwar Kamal, new director general of Bangladesh Railway Md Kamrul Ahsan, and BR's general manager (east) Jahangir Hossain, among others, accompanied the minister during the visit.



At the break of dawn while the mist hasn't even cleared from the water's surface, a fisher throws his net into the Kirtankhola to get his first catch. This photo was taken in Barishal yesterday. PHOTO: TITU DAS

Case, arrest spree on ahead of Dec 10 rally

BNP alleges police harassing them; law enforcers claim those arrested involved in subversive activities

STAR REPORT

Failing to detain a BNP leader, police picked up his college-going son during a drive at their house in Narayanganj's Siddhirganj upazila early yesterday, claimed family members.

Hours later, the youth was shown arrested in a case under the explosives act, which was filed on December 1, and subsequently, he was sent to jail through a court in the afternoon, said police.

The arrestee is Robayet Ishfaq Pritom (20), son of Monirul Islam

Robi, joint convener of BNP's district unit.

Talking to The Daily Star over phone, Monirul alleged that a team of police went to his house in Hirajheel area around 1:00am, when his wife and younger son were asleep.

"While I was away from home fearing arrest, police vandalised the furniture and valuables and picked up my son," he said.

Monirul claimed that he is now on bail in all the cases filed against him, and his two sons are not involved in politics.

"My younger son, a second-year student of Narayanganj College, is not even accused in any cases. We [BNP men] are staying away from home following the 'ghost cases'. Now, our children are being picked up," he said.

"I've heard that he is in the custody of Siddhirganj police, but I couldn't go to the police station fearing arrest," Monirul said in the afternoon.

Contacted, Inspector (Investigation) of Siddhirganj Police Station Hafizur Rahman said, "We have found his

[Pritom] involvement in a subversive activity that took place in Mouchak area on Dhaka Chattogram highway on November 30."

"A case was filed on December 1 with Siddhirganj Police Station in connection with the subversive activity. We have shown him [Pritom] arrested in the case and produced him in court, which sent him to jail," the officer added.

According to BNP, law enforcers are arresting party men and raiding their residences

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Apex court gets three new judges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three High Court judges have been elevated to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, raising the apex court judges' number to nine.

The three judges are Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam, Justice Md Abu Zafor Siddique and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim.

President Abdul Hamid has made the appointment of apex court judges under article 95(1) of the constitution, and the law ministry issued a gazette notification to this effect yesterday.

Chief Justice Hasan Foez Siddique administered the oath at the Judges' Lounge of the SC where the judges of both the Appellate Division and High Court Division were present.



Five women to receive 'Begum Rokeya Padak'

BSS, Dhaka

Five eminent women will be honoured with the prestigious Begum Rokeya Padak 2022 today for their outstanding contributions to women empowerment and social development.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will hand over the awards to the recipients at Osmani Memorial Auditorium at 10:00am, said a press release.

The awardees are Rahima Khatun of Faridpur; Prof Kamrun Nahar Begum of Chattogram; Farida Yasmin of Satkhira; Dr Afroza Parveen of Narail and Nachima Begum of Jhenaidah.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Begum Fazilatunnesa Indira disclosed the information at a press meet in the conference room of the Press Information Department of the secretariat yesterday.

She said tomorrow (today) is "Begum Rokeya Day" (the anniversary of the birth and death of Begum Rokeya). The day is a source of endless motivation for women, she added.

Each of the recipients will be awarded a gold medal, a check for Tk 4 lakh and a certificate.

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Railway gets new DG

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Md Kamrul Ahsan, additional director general (infrastructure) of Bangladesh Railway, has been appointed as the director general of the state-run transport agency.

He will replace Dharendra Nath Mazumder.

The railways ministry issued a circular in this regard yesterday. The order will take effect on December 11, it said.

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