

A traffic police official checks the speed of buses plying on the Dhaka-Mawa highway in Keraniganj to ensure they don't cross the speed limit imposed to prevent accidents on highways. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Initiate social

FROM PAGE 3 University Teachers' Peace and Conflict Studies department Prof Md Asian Studies.

Rafiqul Islam were present at the event. The discussion general was presided over by Prof secretary Prof Zeenat Huda, Arun Kumar Goswami, director of Centre for South

HC to begin hearings

for their involvement in Rakibul Hasan Regan, the attack, terming it a disgraceful attack aimed Shariful Islam Khaled, and at assassinating the non- Mamunur Rashid Ripon. communal character of

convicts are Jahangir him not guilty.

Hossain, Aslam Hossain seven militants to death Rash, Hadisur Rahman, Md Abdus Sabur Khan,

The Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal acquitted The seven death-row one accused as it found

Contradictory

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criticism of the government is often considered to be synonymous with antistate," the rights activists

can be surmised from the the platform.

number of times phone conversations of influential persons have been leaked in the past.

"Choosing surveillance will worsen the situation also pointed of self-censorship and curb out that the abuse of freedom of expression and surveillance technology democratic practices," said

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He went on to say that

Poor planning halts shelter-home project

MUJIB KILLA

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A noble project of the government, Mujib Killa (elevated structure in flood plains), may soon erode because of poor planning and wrong selection of site.

The construction work of the project, worth Tk 2 crore, started in February 2021 by the side of Dharla river at Char Falimari in Lalmonirhat's Mogholhat union, with a deadline of August 2021.

However, after finishing 55 to 60 percent of the work, the construction company had to stop working as the Dharla was eroding land some 20 metres away from the site.

According to locals, the river was eroding around 80 to 90 metres away from the site when the construction started. The authorities then did not pay heed to it even though they had safer khas land for the project nearby.

Terming the project "unplanned", they said they requested the authorities to shift the structure to a safer place.

"The government spent crores for Mujib Killa but it brought no benefit to us," said local Nur Hossain.

Mogolhat Union Parishad Chairman Habibur Rahman said the establishment will be eroded by the river shortly.

Contacted, Mashiur Rahman, project implementation officer in Lalmonirhat Sadar, said the site was selected in 2016-17 fiscal year. The construction was stopped following orders from the higher authorities, he said.

"It is not possible to continue the construction unless the erosion is checked," he said.

Funded by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, the work of the shelter home started on February 18, 2021 at a cost of over Tk 2 crore.

Max 10yrs' jail for leaking PSC

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The penalty is one year in jail, monetary fine or both for creating obstacles to examinations and creating anarchy.

from the question paper

be punished by the mobile court.

There shall be a public service commission to be called the Bangladesh of the commission where a As per the new law, apart Public Service Commission. The number of members of

leak, other crimes will also the commission, including the chairman, shall be not less than six and not more than 20.

There will be a secretariat secretary will be appointed.

Families left with no roof

displaced, due to this river erosion. Their fates too hang in the balance with the sweat of their as most of them have lost their homes.

Mansur Ali, 62, a farmer of the same char, said, "Even though we lived amid many struggles a few months ago, we at least had a roof over our heads. Now I have to fight for even a handful of food."

have ploughed 35 decimals of land on the riverbank brows. They too fear that all their hard work will go down the river.

Mansur had already lost his 11 bighas of cultivable land and homestead. Like many, he and his family members took refuge in a relative's home in another

a local union parishad member, said pictures of gruesome hardship has become a common scenario in the chars.

He said so far government assistance in terms of food has been provided to the victims. About plans for their re-allocation, he said decisions are vet to be made in this regard.

To revolutionise sanitation

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Infrastructure Investment Bank will provide Tk 1,882 crore as loans and grants, while TK 329 crore will come from the government exchequer.

The project, which was supposed to start in October 2022, is scheduled to be completed by June 2027.

Adil Contacted. Khan, Mohammed director of executive Institute for Planning and Development (IPD), welcomed the initiative but said its implementation will be a challenge.

Adil said sanitation and waste-management systems in municipalities are still quite poor. "This initiative will be very impactful if it is implemented following policy guidelines."

every municipality will be allotted around Tk

100 crore. So, its proper of toilets is not only utilisation should be ensured. "If the project is not implemented properly, it may just be a waste of money.'

Following implementation, proper management with essential facilities over the years is also important, he said.

In the last five years, only a handful of public toilets have been built, said Adil, who is a professor of Jahangirnagar University's urban and regional planning department.

Recent media reports support Adil's claims. The city corporation areas in Dhaka have only 103 public toilets, and they are scattered across 129 wards. If that wasn't bad enough, in 36 of the new wards, there is no sign of this essential facility.

Due to this grave crisis, residents have to face many difficulties. The number

insufficient but most of

them are also unhygienic. The lack of year-round management leaves most of such facilities to deteriorate, Adil said.

Meanwhile, a projectevaluation committee of the planning ministry has asked the authorities to explain and re-fix the high costs of building public toilets, community, and household toilets.

Apart from the cost of design, supervision and reporting, purchasing and monitoring costs should be fixed logically following rediscussion, it said.

DPHE The conducted a feasibility study, titled "Implementing System in 53 District Level Municipalities [Pourashavas] and 8 City Corporations", funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Nirmul Committee to launch

fundamentalists and communal forces," he

During the oftheprogrammescentring of inaugurated by Norwegian terrorism'. folk music researcher, writer and photographer Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal

Wera Sæther.

He said a discussion meeting will be held Bangla Academy press auditorium at 10:00am special guest. conference, Shahriar Kabir on January 19 on the also announced the details theme 'Develop the culture secular humanity on the committee's 31st in the spirit of the anniversary. Liberation War against The conference will be radical fundamentalism,

Home Minister

will be present as the chief guest, while State Minister for Cultural Affairs KM Khalid will be present as a

Committee Shaheedjaya President Shyamoli Nasrin Chowdhury, eminent folk singer Farida Parveen, Jatra Artist Milon Kanti Dey and others were present at the press conference.

Ensure no one can use religion

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"Make sure that none can be used as a political mislead people using our weapon. "Our target is to religion. You can educate people to refrain from repression, using religion," getting involved in social ills that include drug addiction, child marriage, repression of women, food adulteration and corruption through your daily sermons and khutba during Jumma prayers," she said.

She said religion cannot put an end to torture and she said.

"Irrespective of political identity and opinion, we can build a developed, prosperous and 'Smart Bangladesh' – with equal respect towards every religion and with the noncommunal spirit," she said.

Following the ideals of the Father of the Nation, she said they have taken various programmes to dignify Islam that includes constructing 564 model mosques at each of the

upazilas and districts. The prime minister said that she has so far opened 100 model mosques across the country while the rest will be opened in phases.

Decentralise healthcare

for providing free medicine in rural areas, filling the posts at service centres, and spending on wages and salaries -- the burden on general people to spend their own money will significantly go down,

Atiur said if allocation is increased by that much, it will be possible to reduce Institute of Development out-of-pocket expenditure from 69 percent to 51 percent.

If the quality of health care available in big cities including Dhaka is available in other parts of the country, it is possible to reduce the pressure for Begum, people to spend out of their pocket, said M Abu Eusuf,

studies department at Dhaka University.

For this, he feels that the process of decentralisation needs to speed up. Due to the high health

expenses, relatively lowincome families often face a financial crisis, said SM Zulfiqar Ali, senior research fellow of Bangladesh Studies. He believes that if the

cost for health services

further reduced,

Bangladesh will be able to Division. move forward in poverty alleviation. Zebunnessa Kazi additional secretary in the Health Services Division, said

professor of development there is no alternative to strengthening monitoring as well as ensuring good coordination among all stakeholders to implement the government's political promise of improving the

> quality of health services. The lack of efficiency and coordination of ministries concerned in regards to budgetary expenditure is the main obstacle to increasing the allocation for the health sector, said Mamun-Al-Rashid, former secretary of the Planning

> He said therefore, attention should also be paid to improving the efficiency with which the allocation is used.

A year of unkept promises

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constantly being told the same things and promised month," he added.

and the student advisor students was withdrawn completely normal." and the bank accounts of

students were opened. Raj said, "When asked about the resignation of the vice-chancellor, Sir (Dr Zafar Iqbal) told me that the higher-ups from the government always assure on our demands every time he asks."

However, repeated attempts, this newspaper could contact Professor Zafar Igbal or his wife Professor Yasmeen Haque over the

The VC could not be contacted as well as he was out of the country while the report was being prepared.

When asked about the allegations of the students,

Tender opening date and time

the university's Director was confined to MA Wazed of Student Counselling Miah IICT Building. and Guidance Professor that our demands will Amina Parveen said, "No positions, while a case the relationship between took an anti-VC stance, against former SUST teachers and students is demanding his removal. Contacted, Professor Md

the probe body formed after the incidents of January 16, said, "We recorded the testimony of the teachers and staffers. However, the students did not cooperate. him that they are working Later the members of the changed. We were asked to submit a report and hope to submit it soon."

Residential the university's Begum Sirajunnesa Chowdhury Hall started a demonstration on January 13 this year over a few demands, which was later joined by other students on January 16.

confronted their VC, who their movement.

In a mission to rescue the VC, police charged be met in the following student has informed me truncheons, and opened of any such matter, so I rubber bullets and sound According to their other have nothing to comment grenades on the students, demands, the proctor on. There were some injuring at least 30 of abnormalities initially after them. After this move by were removed from their the movement. But now the authorities, the protest

> On January 19, 24 students started a hunger Rashed Talukder, head of strike, and later, five more

> joined in. Thestrikewaswithdrawn after being publicly assured by Prof Zafar Igbal and Prof Yasmeen Haque, both former professors of the university, that "highercommittees were also ups" in the government promised them that the demands will be fulfilled.

> > On February 11, Dipu students Moni and Mohibul Hasan went to Sylhet and met the protesting students.

assurance On fulfilling all demands in the quickest possible time and forwarding the demand of VC's removal to the president, the students On that day, the students on February 12 suspended

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