

For over a week now, authorities have blocked off an important road to build a bridge over a stream in the port city's Muradpur area. As a result, commuters have been facing many difficulties to go to Oxygen area. Many have to get off at Muradpur and go around the construction site on foot. However, as the area has no proper barriers, commuters risk falling into the ditch. This photo was taken yesterday.

REMOVAL OF TOPSOIL

## Traders ruining Habiganj cropland

MINTU DESHWARA, back from Habiganj

Cutting, selling and using topsoil from cropland for different purposes is going on unabated at many places in Habiganj's Nabiganj upazila, defying laws.

This illegal activity is not only affecting fertility of the agricultural land, but is also leaving a harmful impact on the ecology and environment, said experts.

Environmentalists have demanded that the upazila administration take immediate action in this regard.

During a recent visit to Parkul, Syedpur under Aushkandi union, Haibatpur, Sultanpur, Ratanpur, Kurshi, Bajkashara under Kurshi union, Bashdor, Bausa, Rifatpur, Rustampur under Debpara union, Sataihal of Ghaznaipur union, and Khagawra under Paniumda union, this correspondent excavators cutting topsoil in at least 50 places.

Unscrupulous traders involved in the business are mostly selling the soil to the

This correspondent also saw workers cutting soil from croplands with four to five excavators and filling up a nearby low land with those.

When asked, they said they were just workers hired to cut the topsoil.

Meanwhile, locals were also reluctant to point fingers at the perpetrators as they were politically connected.

Farmer Farhadul Islam said, "I used to get 10 maunds of paddy from my halfbigha land, but the yield has drastically fallen since I sold the topsoil to a local soil trader two years ago.



Defving rules, an excavator removes topsoil from a cropland at Bausa village in Habiganj's Nabiganj upazila.

According to Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act, cutting of naturally created soil is completely prohibited. Moreover, changing the class of agricultural land, by cutting the surface soil, is also illegal.

Bangladesh Paribesh Contacted,

### Man to die for killing two Tripura girls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chattogram court vesterday sentenced a man to death for killing two Tripura girls in Sitakunda upazila in 2018. The death row convict is Md Abul

Hossen Chattogram Speedy Trial Tribunal Judge Alim Ullah also fined Abul Tk 1 lakh and acquitted another accused

Omar Hayat Manik, said public prosecutor Iftekhar Saimul Chowdhury. The prosecutor said after the murder, the victims' families alleged that the two were raped before murder. However, the

medical report could not confirm that. That's why the court ordered the IGP to take strong departmental action against

the IO, he said. According to the case, Sukhloti Tripura, 13, daughter of Folin Tripura; and Chobi Rani Tripura, 15, daughter of Suman Tripura, were found dead at a house in Tripura Para on May 5, 2018.

The father of one of the victims then filed a murder case with Sitakunda Police Station accusing Abul, Manik and Rajib.

On May 30, police found Rajib's bulletiddled body in a Sitakunda jungle.

# Three-wheelers overrun Mymensingh city roads

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh** 

Traffic congestion has now become a nightmare for Mymensingh city dwellers, as battery-run auto-rickshaws, mostly unregistered, occupy almost all roads illegally.

While talking to this correspondent, many residents said they have to deal with severe traffic jams in Shambhuganj Bridge area and other important points even on weekends.

Abul Hashem, an apparel trader in Station Road area, said traffic congestion is now the norm due to the overwhelming number of auto-rickshaws and other vehicles, putting thousands of people in trouble.

To combat the huge pressure of traffic, Mymensingh City Corporation (MCC) had split three-wheelers into two categories -- on the basis of colour, red and green -- and instructed each category of vehicles to ply on alternate

Around two months ago, it introduced



Most of the roads in Mymensingh city remain under illegal occupation of autorickshaws every day, resulting in huge traffic congestion. PHOTO: STAR

specific registration numbers for the same purpose.

But defying the instruction, most auto-rickshaws, regardless of the colour and registration number, ply daily.

Mati Mia, a tailor in Charpara area, said a huge number of unregis

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their new posts.

Rezaul Alam.

4 cops promoted

Four police officials with the rank of deputy

inspector general have been promoted to additional

The Public Security Division of the home ministry

The promoted officials are Jamil Ahmed,

yesterday issued a circular in this regard, stating

that the order will come into effect after they join

Humayun Kabir, YM Belalur Rahman, and Mir

to additional IG

auto-rickshaws enter the city every day through different routes -- including Shambhuganj Bridge, Mymensingh-Muktagachha road, Mymensingh-Phulbaria road and Dhaka-Mymensingh highway.



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Memo No. rgc/rgcedp/325

Date: 25/01/2023

#### Corrigendum Notice-01

Due to unavoidable circumstances the amendment has issued in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for procurement of following package:

SI. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of Supply	Description	As per Tender Notice	As per Amendment Notice
1.	780525	Supply of Instruments of Physics, Botany and Zoology Labs and Related Services	Tender ID No.	682059	780525

Further information are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP Held

e-Tender Notice (OTM) No. 2/2022-23

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the

Pourashava. District: Munshiganj.

This is online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be

offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration to the National e-GP Portal

deposited online through any registered bank. Further information and guidelines are available in the

National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)

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(http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required.

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Name of the work

(A) Improvement of BC Road from Ramgopaipur Mosque to

Rikabibazar Bridge (Ch. +00 to +770) under Mirkadim

(B) Improvement of BC Road from Rikabibazar Bridge to Ayna

Cinema Hall (Ch.+770.00m to + 1340.00m) including RCC side

Drain under Mirkadim Pourashava, District: Munshigan

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procurement of:

Tender

ID No. 779291

## TK 50 LAKH EMBEZZLEMENT ACC sues three BMDA staffers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday Office of the Mirkadim Paurashava sued three officials of Barind Multipurpose Development Authority (BMDA) over cheque fraud and embezzlement of over Tk 50 lakh. District: Munshigani শেখ হাসিনার মূলমন্ত্র

The accused officials are -- GFM Hasnul Islam, 55, an assistant engineer; Matiur Rahman, 50, an assistant accountant; and Khobir Uddin, 45, a treasurer of BMDA.

Of them, only Hasnul Islam is still in service, while the other two were suspended.

ACC's Assistant Director Amir Hossain filed three cases with the commission's Rajshahi integrated

In one of the cases, GFM Hasnul Islam and Khobir Uddin have been accused of embezzling Tk 37, 67,718 through cheque fraud between 2012 and 2016. They were working at BMDA's Godagari Zone-2 office in Rajshahi at that time.

Khabir Uddin alone was accused in a case of embezzling Tk 11,39,118 between 2011 and 2016, by vanishing the registrar books of collected VAT and taxes from deep tube-well operators.

In the other case, Matiur Rahman was accused of embezzling Tk 1,21,322, He embezzleed the money the same way Khabir

Contacted, GFM Hasnul Islam, currently the assistant engineer of Mohanpur upazila, denied the allegations and claimed to be innocent.

Although the number of vehicles plying in the city has increased many folds, authorities have not undertaken extension work in the last 25 years.

SYED MAHBUBUR RAHMAN Mymensingh traffic inspector

## Government bans sucker fish

BSS, Dhaka

The government has issued the final gazette notification banning Suckermouth catfish, locally known as sucker fish.

As per the directives of the president, deputy secretary of the fisheries and livestock ministry Mrinal Kanti Dey issued the notification on January 11, banning the catfish, a handout said yesterday.

As per the notification, no one can import, culture, transport, sell, supply and conserve Suckermouth catfish.

Earlier, the ministry issued a notification on September 25, 2022 to amend Section 18 of the Protection and Conservation of Fish Act 1950, aiming to ban sucker fish.

People were asked to submit their opinion before the ministry within two months if they had any objection or suggestions to this end.

Native to South America, the fish is well known for being invasive. The species is a threat to native fishes in waterbodies, as it fights for space and

## 4 held over attack on 2 BU students

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal** 

Four people were arrested yesterday for attacking two students of Barishal University on Tuesday morning.

Three of the arrestees -- Alim Salehi, Reaz Mollah and Sheikh Refat Mahmud -- are current students of the university while the other, Shamim Shikdar, is a former student, said Md Asaduzzaman, officer-in-charge of Bandar Police Station.

Mohiuddin Ahmed Sifat, one of the injured students, filed a case against seven current and former students of the university on Tuesday night.

The trio were arrested during drives in Banglabazar and Nabagram areas of the city after the case was filed, the OC added. The complainant and arrestees are associated

with rival BCL factions, campus sources said.

A group of 10-15 people entered Sher-e-Bangla Hall of the university wearing helmets around

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#### বাংলাদেশ ডেভেলপমেন্ট ব্যাংক লিমিটেড ৮, রাজউক এভিনিউ, ঢাকা। রিয়েল এস্টেট ডিপার্টমেন্ট

#### বাণিজ্যিক স্পেস ভাড়া বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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