

# Breaking fast while catching a train

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Kaspia, a sixty-year-old woman, sat under a tree on a bench next to the platform at Kamalapur Railway Station in Dhaka, waiting for her son to return with iftar items. She had never broken her fast in a railway station before, but keeping the traffic situation in mind, she had no choice but to come early as she had to catch a return train from Dhaka shortly after iftar.

As she sat there, she noticed Syed Mahbub Alam, a man from Bogura, who was waiting with his wife and daughter to break their fast on the platform. Despite not being in the comfort of their home, they were determined to carry out their religious obligations.

Khadiza Aktar, a medical student from Bajitpur of Kishoreganj, was also waiting for her train with her father, having purchased boxes of iftar items from a nearby shop. She had been living in a hostel in Dhaka for several months for medical admission purposes and was now returning home.

The railway platform had turned into a makeshift iftar gathering, as many passengers sat on benches and waited for the azan of magrib to signal the breaking of their fast. Md Faruk Hossain, who had come to Dhaka for legal purposes with his elder brother, said that doing iftar with family members at home was a different experience altogether.

Golam Mostafa Chowdhury, a resident of Habiganj, had arrived at the station at 3:45pm, even though his train was not scheduled to leave until 8:00pm. He and his wife had just been discharged from Bangladesh Shishu Hospital with their two-year-old daughter, and they were waiting



Passengers were seen breaking their fast sitting inside the trains at Kamalapur Railway Station yesterday. They purchased iftar items from shops adjacent to the station and shared them amongst themselves, embodying the true spirit of Ramadan.

## IRREGULARITIES IN BIMAN Legal notice asks govt to investigate

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday served a legal notice asking the government to probe “irregularities” in pilot recruitment and flight operations by Biman Bangladesh Airlines through an independent committee.

Md Tanvir Ahmed sent the notice, asking the authorities concerned to form the committee in five days and inform him about it within seven days.

He sent the notice to the secretary at the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, the chairman of the civil aviation authority, the managing director and chief executive officer of Biman Bangladesh and its director (administration) and director (flight operations).

In the notice, the lawyer said he would take appropriate legal action against them if they do

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# Teacher plotted torture of father, son: police

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur**

The incident of torturing a father and his son in a Faridpur school classroom “over rape” was a teacher’s ploy to get custody of the man’s girl, said police.

Israt Zahar Lipi, 44, an assistant teacher of Aruakandi Government Primary School under Faridpur’s Madhukhali upazila, was the mastermind of the plot, said police.

“She [Lipi] incited the incident to take guardianship of the man’s girl,” said Md Shahjahan, the district’s superintendent of police (SP), in a press conference at his office.

However, Lipi denied the allegation.

The eight-year-old girl lives with her father Yamin Mridha, 40, and step brother at Majkandi area under Madhukhali upazila.

“The girl’s mother died when she was born. Lipi does not have a child. The teacher liked the girl so much since she was admitted to the school. She often took the child to her residence,” the SP added.

But the girl’s father did not like it. As a result, a feud grew between the teacher and the father.

On March 17, the teacher called the child’s father and step brother to the school. Then, some locals along with the teacher confined them inside a classroom and brought a “false” allegation that the step brother raped the girl. Then, the people brutally tortured the father and son, said the SP.

On March 20, Yamin Mridha filed two cases with Madhukhali Police Station. One was field against 13 people for torturing him and against his son

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# ‘Re-excavate Pakhimara canal’ Farmers demand at human chain

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali**

Hundreds of farmers staged a human chain yesterday demanding the re-excavation of Pakhimara canal in Patuakhali’s Kalapara upazila for agricultural purposes.

Farmer Zakir Hossain Gazi, development worker Iman Al Ahsan, farmer Quddus Hawladar and others spoke at the programme.

Farmer Zakir Hossain Gazi said about 20,000 farmers of 11 villages on both sides of the 10-kilometre-long and 500-foot-wide Pakhimara canal cultivate vegetables, aman and boro paddy, along with vegetables throughout the year by conserving fresh water. However, around half a kilometre of the Kumirmara section of the canal has been filled up.

“It is now a football field. Motorcycles run in the area. Farmers on both banks are unable to cultivate crops in their fields. This is a disastrous situation for agriculture,” said Zakir.

Farmers also said if the government permits, they can continue agricultural production by digging and conserving fresh water on their own initiative. “We don’t want relief. We just want fresh water from the canal for our work,” one demanded on behalf of others.

In this regard, Kalapara Upazila Agriculture Extension Officer ARM Saifullah said efforts are underway to dig the canal to conserve fresh water.

Contacted, Kalapara Upazila Nirbahi Officer Jahangir Hossain, said necessary measures will be taken to dig the canal for the benefit of farmers.

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