



Placing her child on her lap, a mother pours a pail of water on the little one's head amid the ongoing heatwave. This photo was taken in Malibagh area recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

'Take steps to protect hills'

Urge three green orgs after submitting memorandum to CCC mayor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), Forum for Planned Chattogram, and Association for Land Reform and Development yesterday submitted a memorandum to Chattogram City Corporation mayor to take initiative to protect hills.

Bela networking member Aliur Rahman said after submitting the memorandum at the mayor's office, they demanded that the mayor take steps to stop hill cutting and take legal action against those involved in the activity.

"The mayor assured us of meeting our demands. He will start working soon to protect the hills in coordination with other government agencies in Chattogram," he added.

Meanwhile, a hill in Beltalighona of the port city's Akbar Shah area has reportedly been razed under the direction of CCC to make way for a road. A landslide occurred at the site recently, which killed one and injured three.

Earlier in January, environmentalist Syeda Rizwana Hasan was attacked by the followers of a ward councillor while

she was trying to inspect a site to confirm hill cutting in Akbar Shah, according to eyewitnesses.

After the incident, Rizwana sued the councillor.

She alleged, "The government agencies of Chattogram -- including Chattogram City Corporation, District Administration, and the Department of Environment -- are ignoring court orders on hill protection."

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"The court had ordered in 2012 to take appropriate steps to protect the hills of Chattogram region. Then another order was given to protect the hills of the port city's Akbar Shah area in 2015. But both

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Five dead in road crashes

STAR REPORT

Five people were killed in three separate road accidents across the country yesterday, according to our correspondents.

In Pirojpur, a three-wheeler overturned in Sadar upazila, killing Jahid Sheikh, the driver, and seriously injuring three passengers.

According to witnesses, the accident happened after the iron bars the vehicle was carrying got stuck with the road, causing the vehicle to sway and eventually fall into a nearby field.

Police recovered the body and sent it for an autopsy, confirmed AJM Masuduzzaman, officer-in-charge of Pirojpur Sadar Police Station.

In Dinajpur's Birampur upazila, a bus of Nabil Enterprise collided head-on with a pickup van, killing both drivers, Md Azad and Golam Rabbani, and injuring at least 10 passengers.

Suman Kumar Mohanta, OC of Birampur police station, said the bus was heading to Dinajpur from Dhaka when the accident occurred.

Locals and fire service rescued the injured passengers and took them to nearby Phulbari Upazila Health Complex. Four of them were later transferred to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital.

In Bandar upazila of Narayanganj, a truck collided head-on with an auto-rickshaw, resulting in the deaths of two passengers, Jahirul Islam and Md Mukul, and the injury of two.

The injured were taken to a local clinic for treatment. Inspector

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Under-construction culvert brings misery

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People have been suffering for more than two months due to the delay in completing construction work of a culvert over a canal in Muradpur of Chattogram city.

Chattogram Development Authority (CDA) has been implementing the project at the city's busy Muradpur intersection since January 17, said sources.

At the site, a new culvert is replacing an old one under CDA's mega project to address waterlogging in the port city.

Project sources said there is no chance to restart vehicular movement through the intersection before July.

As the construction is ongoing in the middle of the road, the vehicles from Muradpur to Bibirhat, Hamzerbagh, Raufabad, Aturar Depot and Oxygen areas have to take an alternative route, which takes both extra time and fuel.

Commuters are the worst sufferers for this delay.

Recently, the workers were seen working to build the foundation of the culvert. Although the authority built a makeshift walking bridge over the canal



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near the construction site so that the pedestrians can cross, many -- especially women, children and the elderly -- have to struggle to do so.

Patients and pregnant women who need to go to hospitals along this road have to suffer a lot.

Abdul Hamid, an elderly man from Bibirhat, said, "During the start of the project, the officials said the works would be completed very soon."

"As work seems to be still at the primary stage, we don't know how much time it will take..." he said.

Hamid -- who was crossing the canal through the makeshift

bridge on foot -- said he will have to take another vehicle on the other side to go to his destination.

Parvin Sultana from Hamzerbagh was taking her ailing mother to a doctor by a rickshaw along Muradpur. They had to face similar difficulty to cross the canal.

Parvin said, "The sooner the construction works are completed, the better it is for the people."

Contacted, CDA chief engineer Hasan Bin Shams said as Bangladesh Army has been implementing the mega project and as the construction of the culvert is the part of that, he

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Principal suspended over Facebook post

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) yesterday temporarily suspended the principal of its women's college over a Facebook post that allegedly hurt religious sentiment.

Chattogram Bandar Mohila College Principal Salina Akhter was suspended through a letter issued by CPA Director (Admin) Md Momunir Rashid after the post's screenshot went viral.

Mominur Rashid told The Daily Star, "Considering the overall situation, the teacher was suspended over her Facebook post. Departmental action is underway. She will be served a show-cause notice seeking her explanation as to why she made the post."

The suspension letter read, "Such an act is a punishable offence under Digital Security Act and gross violation of social media user guideline 2019 and CPA service rules."

The Daily Star correspondent could not reach the teacher for comments.

Robbing people in guise of law enforcers

DB arrests 7 from Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives claimed to have arrested seven robbers who used to impersonate as members of police and Rab from the capital's Rampura area.

A team of DB's Khilgaon Zone arrested them on Friday. The gang of robbers targets Motijheel-based traders who transact large amounts of cash from banks, money exchanges, and markets, said Harun-or-Rashid, chief of the Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, at his office yesterday.

The arrestees are Jalal Uddin alias Captain Jalal, a sacked army member, his second-in-command Badal Hossain Sheikh alias Badal Majhi, Syed Monir Al Mahmud, Khokon, Shahadat Hossain, Babul, and Mahidul Islam Sheikh.

DB seized a toy pistol, seven Rab jackets, one DB jacket, one pair of handcuffs, two walkie-talkies, two batons, a police bag, a microbus used for robbery, and nine phones from their possessions.

The DB chief said that the robbers would inspect various banks, financial institutions, and markets in Motijheel before targeting individuals carrying significant sums of money.

The group then gathered information about the target's location and business before rehearsing the robbery several times by selecting a location to steal money.

Regarding the strategy, Harun explained that a group would follow the target a day before the robbery. The second group, along with a car, would station itself by high-end hotel a day before the heist.

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RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN GULSHAN, BANANI Form task force to identify their commercial use: JS body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary standing committee recommended the formation of a special task force to identify residential buildings in Gulshan, Banani, Baridhara, and Dhanmondi areas of Dhaka that are used for commercial purposes.

The meeting, chaired by chairman of committee on Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism RAM Obaidul Moktadir Chowdhury, was attended by members

of the committee, including State Minister for Civil Aviation Mahbub Ali, Mosharraf Hossain, Ashek Ullah Rafiq, Syeda Rubina Akhtar, and Kaniz Fatema Ahmed.

Additionally, Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazole Noor Taposh and Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Md Atiqul Islam participated in the meeting upon special request.

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