

# A missing bridge and sufferings of 50,000

9 villages rely on risky bamboo structure for daily commute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

As many as 50,000 people of nine villages in Rangpur's Kaunia upazila are suffering due to the absence of a concrete bridge over the Teesta river.

Despite numerous pledges made by politicians during the previous national elections, the hopes of the villagers for a bridge remains unfulfilled, leaving them relying on a 370 foot long makeshift bamboo bridge, which puts their lives at risk daily.

Among the worst affected are the residents of wards 8 and 9 in Banglabazar area of Haragachh municipality, wherely on this vulnerable



bamboo structure to cross the river on a daily basis during the rainy season.

"Once lively, the Teesta is now reduced to a lifeless stream. We can easily cross it on foot during dry seasons. However, we have no other option but to use the temporary bridge when the water level rises during monsoons," said Aynal Haq, 60, of Banglabazar area.

In 2013, Md Manik, with assistance from other locals, constructed the bridge to alleviate the suffering of the villagers. But such risky makeshift structures

cannot be the solution, said Aynal Haq, another local.

"This is

make shift bamboo bridge, although an initial relief, falls short of providing a safe and reliable passage for the residents," he added.

The consequences of the missing bridge extend far beyond mere inconvenience, affecting various aspects of daily life across the aforementioned villages.

With five rural haats, five primary and high schools, and two madrasas, the lack of concrete infrastructure hampers access to education and economic opportunities, particularly for the students and farmers, who bear the brunt of the hardships.

"These villages are mostly home to farmers and students. They cross the bridge with great risk. Some even fall off and get injured," mentioned Mozibar Rahman, another resident.

Shafiqul Islam, a farmer, shared the difficulties of transporting his produce to the local market, which

often results in financial loss for him.

Abdul Kader Sarkar, councillor of ward 8 of the municipality, said he has informed the matter to the mayor, hoping to find a solution that will put an end to the hardship faced by a large number of people in the area.

Contacted, Asaduzzaman Jemi, upazila engineer of LGED in Kaunia, said the location of the bridge is not under their purview. He suggested talking to the Haragachh municipality mayor.

Mayor Ershadul Haq could not be reached for comments despite repeated attempts.

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Local Government Engineering Department  
Office of the Executive Engineer  
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### e-Tender Notice (OTM): 07/2023-2024

Memo No. 46.02.0100.000.07.002.22-2889

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## JHALAKATHI BUS ACCIDENT Rab arrests driver

### STAR REPORT

Members of Rapid Action Battalion have arrested the bus driver accused in a case filed over the Jhalakathi bus accident that left 17 passengers dead on July 22.

Mohon Khan was arrested from Ashulia, Khandaker Al Moin, director of the legal and media wing of Rab told The Daily Star yesterday morning.

Jhalakathi Sadar Police Station Sub-inspector Shusankar Sarkar filed the case on July 23.

At least 17 people were killed and 23 others injured when the Barishal-bound bus of Bashar Smriti Paribahan plunged into a roadside waterbody in the district's Sadar upazila on Saturday morning.

Jhalakathi district administration has formed a five-member committee to investigate the incident.



### CTG-10 BY-POLLS AL on full throttle, others yet to swing into action

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the by-polls for Chattogram-10 (Double Mooring, Pahartoli, Halishahar) scheduled to take place on July 30, the candidates are busy campaigning from afternoon to midnight.

Although four candidates are contesting from different political parties, only the Awami League candidate is seen campaigning in full swing.

The local and central leaders of AL and its associate organisations

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PRAYER TIMING			
JULY 27			
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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Two dead, 3 hurt in road crash as driver falls asleep

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two people were killed and three others, including two children, injured when a SUV hit a parked car on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway early yesterday.

The deceased are cousins Mahbub, 35, and Md Mainuddin, 37. Mainuddin's wife and two sons were injured, said Md Shahadat Hossain, in charge of Kumira Highway Police. Both were in the SUV, he said.

The accident took place when a Cumilla-bound SUV hit a parked truck at Hadifakir bazar area under Mirsarai upazila around 6:30am.

"Mahbub, who was driving the SUV, fell asleep while driving, which resulted in the accident. Two people died on the spot," he added.

"On information, police and fire service officials rescued the injured," he said, adding that the bodies will be handed over to the family soon, he said.

Meanwhile, in Naogaon, a driver and his assistant were killed and two persons injured after two goods-laden pickups collided head-on in Patnitola upazila early yesterday. The accident happened around 6:00am on Patnitola-Sapahar road at Karamjai village, said police.

Driver Rafiqul Islam and his assistant Shahin Hossain died at a local health complex.



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Journalist Shahjahan Miah no more

BSS, Dhaka

Veteran journalist and trade union leader M Shahjahan Miah passed away at his Rampura residence yesterday, said family sources.

He died of old-age complications. He was 82.

Shahjahan, a freedom fighter, was former chief news editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha.

He was also the former president of undivided Dhaka Union of Journalists and former secretary general of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists.

He also served as minister (press) at the Bangladesh embassy in Washington.

He left behind his wife, a daughter, two sons and a large number of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

The family sources said they are yet to decide his burial place and funeral details.

BSS board of directors, chairperson, managing director, chief editor, journalists and officials expressed deep condolence to the bereaved family members.

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Date: 26/07/2023

### e-GP Tender Notice No. 02 (2023-2024)

1	Ministry/Division	Local Government Division
2	Implementing agency	Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE)
3	Project/program name	Water Supply Project in Coastal Areas through Rain Water Harvesting System.
4	e-Tender IDs	856238, 856239, 856240
5	Description of works	Construction of Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) Total 14230 Nos. at Different Upazila in Bagerhat District under Water Supply Project in Coastal Areas Through Rain Water Harvesting System FY-2023-2024.
6	This is online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. Interested persons/firms can see details in the website: ( <a href="http://www.eprocure.gov.bd">http://www.eprocure.gov.bd</a> ).	Jayanta Mallick Executive Engineer, DPHE Bagerhat District, Bagerhat

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