

## PATUAKHALI-KUAKATA HIGHWAY Tourists suffer due to damaged roads

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The Patuakhali Kuakata highway, which is a common route for tourists to visit Kuakata beach, has become unusable in recent times due to numerous potholes. Passenger, tourist buses and other vehicles are plying this road daily with the risk of accidents ever lurking.

Due to the high volume of tourists on this road, local businesses and tourists have asked for its immediate repair.

The 22 kilometre portion of the road from Kalapara to Kuakata is in bad condition. However, the 11 km stretch from Pakhimara Bazar to Sheikh Russell Bridge is even worse. Numerous potholes and trenches have formed in this section of the highway due to accumulation of rain water. The road is now full of mud and water, making it risky for vehicles to navigate.

Himel, a passenger bus driver for 'Mayer Doa' who travels on the Barisal-Kuakata route, said the condition of the road from Pakhimara Bazar to the toll booth of Sheikh Russell Bridge is extremely bad due following heavy rains this monsoon, making it quite risky for vehicles.

Similarly, Abdullah, the driver for Sakura Paribahan – a passenger bus plying the Dhaka-Kuakata route – said there



Farmer Matiar Rahman carries his two grandsons to a safer place as the swelling Teesta inundates his house in Gobordhan village in Lalmonirhat's Aditmari upazila. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: S DILIP ROY

## FLOOD IN NORTH Thousands marooned as five districts still under water

STAR REPORT

Rising water levels in the northern rivers have flooded vast tract of low-lying areas in five northern districts, causing thousands to suffer.

The affected districts are Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Sirajganj, Bogura and Gaibandha.

The onrush of water from the upstream since Friday night mainly contributed to the sudden flood, according to Water Development Board officials and locals.

However, water has already started to recede in some of the affected regions, said WDB sources.

Meanwhile, the rivers Teesta, Jamuna and Someswari were flowing above danger level yesterday morning, said a bulletin of Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre.

The Brahmaputra and Jamuna rivers are in rising trend, which may continue in the next 24 hours. The water level is also rising steadily in Ganges-Padma rivers and the trend may continue for the next 72 hours. The flood situation in the

lowlands of Lalmonirhat and Rangpur districts of the Teesta basin may remain steady for the next 24 hours, said the bulletin released at 9:00am yesterday.

In Lalmonirhat, around 9,000 families of low-lying areas have remained marooned since Friday, according to locals and peoples' representatives.

However, flood situation is improving in the district as water has started to recede, said Shunil Kumar, executive engineer of WDB in Lalmonirhat.

"We are facing immense sufferings with our cattle as the grazing fields have gone under water," said Sirajul Islam, 55, a farmer from Khuniagach area under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Meanwhile, a 100 metre section of a 300-metre earthen flood control dam collapsed yesterday morning due to heavy flow of Teesta at Gobordhan village of Lalmonirhat's Aditmari upazila.

"Our entire village have been inundated as water entered the area after the embankment collapsed," said

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were numerous potholes on the road. Water accumulation in these potholes has worsened its condition. It is hard for them to drive properly and they demand speedy repair of the road.

Fahim, a student of the history department of Jagannath University of Dhaka, who is visiting the area, said, Kuakata is much closer to Dhaka than Cox's Bazar. After the launch of Padma Bridge, one can visit this beach after a comparatively short journey. However, due to the condition of the road, his body was completely sore after the bus ride.

Abdul Halim, another tourist from Faridpur, said the road's condition was not this bad when he visited Kuakata last winter. "Now the road is almost impassable during the monsoon. It needs to be fixed urgently."

Abdul Motaleb Sharif, general secretary of Kuakata Hotel-Motel Owners Association, said the number of tourists in Kuakata increased after Padma Bridge was launched. Earlier, tourists would visit in winter, but now more tourists come here all year round. However, due to the condition of the road, it is causing problems for tourists. The road needs immediate renovation to continue attracting tourists.

Contacted, Patuakhali Roads and Highways Department Executive Engineer AM Atiq Ullah said a case was pending regarding the repair of 11 km road from Pakhimara Bazar to Sheikh Russell Bridge on Kalapara-Kuakata road. As a result, we could do routine repairs on that part of the road, but could not fully repair it for eight years. Recently, the court ban was withdrawn and renovation work will start soon.



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**খোলা দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি-০১/২০২৩-২৪**

তারিখঃ ২৯/০৮/২০২৩

স্মারক নং- রাঃপৌঃ/প্রকৌঃ/৬৪১

০১। মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	ঃ স্থানীয় সরকার বিভাগ, স্থানীয় সরকার, পল্লী উন্নয়ন ও সমবায় মন্ত্রণালয়।
০২। এজেন্সি/প্রতিষ্ঠান	ঃ রাজবাড়ী পৌরসভা, রাজবাড়ী।
০৩। প্রকিউরিং এনটিটির নাম	ঃ এএইচএস মোঃ আলী খান, নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, রাজবাড়ী পৌরসভা, রাজবাড়ী।
০৪। প্রকিউরিং এনটিটির কোড নং	ঃ প্রযোজ্য নহে।
০৫। প্রকিউরিং এনটিটির জেলা	ঃ রাজবাড়ী।
০৬। সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	ঃ ওটিএম (OTM) (PPR/2008 অনুযায়ী)।
০৭। কাজের নাম	ঃ ০৪ (চার) তলা ফাউন্ডেশন বিশিষ্ট পৌর মিউনিসিপ্যাল মার্কেটের (সিটি সেন্টার) ২য় তলা (Vertical Extension) নির্মাণ কাজ।
০৮। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং	ঃ ০১/২০২৩-২৪
০৯। তহবিলের উৎস	ঃ দোকান কক্ষ বরাদ্দের সেলামীর অর্থ (Cost Recovery)
১০। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের স্থানসমূহ	ঃ (ক) উপ-পরিচালক, স্থানীয় সরকার শাখা, জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, রাজবাড়ী। (খ) নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, এলজিইডি, রাজবাড়ী। (গ) নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস।
১১। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ ২৬/০৯/২০২৩ইং অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
১২। দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	ঃ নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিসে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাগে।
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১৬। প্রি-বিড মিটিং এর তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ ২০/০৯/২০২৩ইং বেলা ১১-০০ ঘটিকায় নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস কক্ষে।
১৭। দরপত্র বৈধতার মেয়াদ	ঃ দরপত্র খোলার পর হতে ৯০ (নব্বই) দিন পর্যন্ত বলবৎ থাকিবে।
১৮। দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	ঃ এএইচএস মোহাম্মদ আলী খান।
১৯। পদবী	ঃ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী।
২০। ঠিকানা	ঃ রাজবাড়ী পৌরসভা, রাজবাড়ী। মোবাইল নং-০১৭১১-৫১৮১০৩
২১। দরপত্রের সকল বিষয় রাজবাড়ী পৌরসভার প্রকৌশল বিভাগ থেকে অফিস চলাকালীন সময় জানা/দেখা যাইবে।	

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## GATCO CASE Charge framing hearing Sept 24

COURT CORRESPONDENT


A Dhaka court yesterday set September 24 for hearing on charge framing against BNP Chairperson Khakeda Zia and 14 others in the Gatco graft case filed in 2007.

Judge Muhammad Ali Hussain of the Special Judge's Court 3 adjourned the hearing and set the new date, following petitions submitted by the defence, said court sources.

Khaleda Zia, who is out of jail following an executive order from the government, is now undergoing treatment at Evercare Hospital.

Boats have become the only mode of communication as roads are still under water. We are now jobless as all the croplands are inundated.

Afsar Bhuiyan, resident of Bonnir Char in Sirajganj Sadar



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Tender ID & Ref. No.	Name of works	Tender publication date & time	Last selling/downloading date and time	Tender closing/opening date & time
865698 & 42	Supply & installation of brand new 1 No. 206000 BTU/Hr. (or more) and 1 No. 154000 BTU/Hr. (or more) capacity VRF system air-cooler and related electrical works at proposed new office area of Sonali Bank PLC., Kakrail Branch, Dhaka.	31/08/2023 at 11:30	10/09/2023 at 13:00	10/09/2023 at 15:15

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