

TUNNEL COLLAPSE

Indian army called in to rescue 41 men

AFP, Silkyara Tunnel

India's military brought in specialised equipment yesterday as efforts to free 41 trapped workers entered a third week, with digging ongoing in three directions after repeated setbacks to the operation.

The Indian air force said yesterday that they were “responding with alacrity”, as they flew in their third load since the partial collapse of the under construction Silkyara road tunnel on November 12 in the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand.

Rescue officials said they called for a superheated plasma cutter to be brought to the remote mountain location, after engineers driving a metal pipe horizontally through 57 metres (187 feet) of rock and concrete ran into metal girders and construction vehicles buried in the earth.

A giant earth-boring machine snapped just nine metres from breaking through.

The plasma cutter will be used to remove the broken giant earth-boring drill and metal blocking the horizontal route, before digging will continue by hand.

Thick metal girders in the rubble are blocking the route, and using conventional oxyacetylene cutters to clear them is tricky from inside the confined pipe, only wide enough for a man to crawl through.

The workers were seen alive for the first time on Tuesday, peering into the lens of an endoscopic camera sent by rescuers down a thin pipe through which air, food, water and electricity are being delivered.



Awami League leaders and activists in front of the party office on Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital as the names of AL nominees for 298 constituencies are being announced around 4:30pm yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Man gets death penalty for killing wife

BSS, Chandpur

A Chandpur court sentenced a man to death yesterday for killing his wife and mother-in-law in Faridganj upazila in 2020.

Additional District and Session Judge (2) Shahedul Karim handed down the verdict to Al Mamun Mohon, 32, a resident of Raiganj upazila in Lakshmipur.

According to the prosecution, in May 2020, Mamun stabbed his wife Tanjina Akter Ritu, 20, and his mother-in-law Farida Parveen, 45, to death over a domestic dispute in Faridganj upazila.

Following the incident, Ritu's uncle filed a case with Faridganj Police Station.

2 children drown in pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Two children drowned in a pond yesterday afternoon in Tangail town's Kagmara Panditpara area.

The deceased are Wasena Akter, 5, daughter of Wahab Miah, and her cousin Rihan Miah, 4, son of Jahangir Hossain.

Local Ward Councillor Saiful Islam said, “In the morning, the children went out to play in the yard in front of their house. When no one was watching them, they accidentally fell into the pond next to the yard. By the time their family members realised they had gone missing, it was too late and they were later found floating in the pond.”

LIST OF 298 AL NOMINEES

PANCHAGARH

- (1) Md Naimuzzaman Bhuiyan
- (2) Md Nurul Islam Sujan

THAKURGAON

- (1) Ramesh Chandra Sen
- (2) Mazharul Islam
- (3) Emdadul Haque

DINAJPUR

- (1) Manoranjan Shil Gopal
- (2) Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury
- (3) Iqbalur Rahim
- (4) Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali
- (5) Mostafizur Rahman
- (6) Md Shibli Sadeeq

NILPHAMARI

- (1) Md Aftab Uddin Sarker
- (2) Asaduzzaman Noor
- (3) Golam Mostofa
- (4) Zakir Hossain Babul

LALMONIRHAT

- (1) Md Motahar Hossain
- (2) Nuruzzaman Ahmed
- (3) Motiar Rahman

RANGPUR

- (1) Rezaul Karim Raju
- (2) Abul Kalam Md Ahsanul Haque Chowdhury
- (3) Tushar Kanti Mondol
- (4) Tipu Munshi
- (5) Rasheq Rahman
- (6) Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury

KURIGRAM

- (1) Md Aslam Hossain Sowdagar
- (2) Md Jafar Ali
- (3) Soumendra Prasad Pandey
- (4) Md Biplob Hasan

GAIBANDHA

- (1) Afroza Bari
- (2) Mahabub Ara Begum Gini
- (3) Umme Kulsum Smriti
- (4) Abul Kalam Azad
- (5) Mahmud Hassan

JOYPURHAT

- (1) Shamsul Alam Dudu
- (2) Abu Sayeed Al Mahmood Swapon

BOGURA

- (1) Shahadara Mannan
- (2) Touhidur Rahman Manik
- (3) Sirajul Islam Khan Raju
- (4) Helal Uddin Kabiraj
- (5) Majibur Rahman
- (6) Ragebul Ahsan Ripu
- (7) Mostafa Alam

CHAPAINAWABGANJ

- (1) Dr Samil Uddin Ahmed Shimul
- (2) Md Ziaur Rahman
- (3) Md Abdul Wadud

NAOGAON

- (1) Sadhan Chandra Majumder
- (2) Md Shahiduzzaman Sarker
- (3) Sourendra Nath Chakraborty
- (4) Md Nahid Morshed
- (5) Nizam Uddin Jalil John
- (6) Md Anwar Hossain (Helal)

RAJSHAHI

- (1) Omar Faruk Chowdhury
- (2) Mohammad Ali
- (3) Asadujjaman Asad
- (4) Md Abul Kalam Azad
- (5) Abdul Wadud
- (6) Md Shahrir Alam

NATORE

- (1) M Shahidul Islam Bakul
- (2) Md Shafiqul Islam Shimul
- (3) Zunaid Ahmed Palak
- (4) Md Siddiqur Rahman Patwari

SIRAJGANJ

- (1) Tanvir Shakil Joy
- (2) Jannat Ara Henry
- (3) Dr Abdul Aziz
- (4) Shafiqul Islam
- (5) Abdul Momin Mondol
- (6) Choyon Islam

PABNA

- (1) Md Shamsul Haque Tuku
- (2) Ahmed Firoz Kabir
- (3) Md Mokbul Hossain
- (4) Galibur Rahman Sherif
- (5) Golam Faruk Khandker Prince

MEHERPUR

- (1) Farhad Hossain
- (2) Abu Saleh Md Nazmul Haque

KUSHTIA

- (1) AKM Sarwar Jahan
- (2) **Nominee not named yet**
- (3) Md Mahbubul Alam Hanif
- (4) Selim Altaf George

CHUADANGA

- (1) Solaiman Haque Zoarder Selun
- (2) Md Ali Azgar

JHENAIDAH

- (1) Md Abdul Hye
- (2) Tahjib Alam Siddique
- (3) Salahuddin Miaji
- (4) Md Anwarul Azim Anar

JASHORE

- (1) Sk Afil Uddin
- (2) Md Touhidujjaman
- (3) Kazi Nabil Ahmed
- (4) Enamul Haque Babul
- (5) Swapan Bhattacharjee
- (6) Md Shaheen Chaklader

MAGURA

- (1) Shakib Al Hasan
- (2) Biren Shikdar

NARAIL

- (1) Kabirul Haque
- (2) Mashrafe Bin Mortaza

BAGERHAT

- (1) Sheikh Helal Uddin
- (2) Sheikh Tanmoy
- (3) Habibun Nahar
- (4) Bodiuzzaman Shohag

KHULNA

- (1) Nani Gopal Mondal
- (2) Sheikh Salahuddin
- (3) Kamal Hossain
- (4) Abdus Salam Murshedi
- (5) Narayan Chandra Chanda
- (6) Md Roshiduzzaman

SATKHIRA

- (1) Firoz Ahmed Swapan
- (2) Asaduzzaman Babu
- (3) AFM Ruhul Haque
- (4) SM Ataul Haque

BARGUNA

- (1) Dharendra Debnath Shambhu
- (2) Sultana Nadira

PATUAKHALI

- (1) Md Afzal Hossain
- (2) ASM Feroz
- (3) SM Shahjada
- (4) Md Mohibbur Rahman

BHOLA

- (1) Tofail Ahmed
- (2) Ali Azam
- (3) Nurunnabi Chowdhury
- (4) Abdullah Al Islam Jakob

BARISHAL

- (1) Abul Hasanat Abdullah
- (2) Talukder Md Yunus
- (3) Sarder Md Khaled Hossain
- (4) Shammi Ahmed
- (5) Jahid Faruk
- (6) Abdul Hafiz Mollik

JHALAKATHI

- (1) Bazul Haque Haroon
- (2) Amir Hossain Amu

PIROJPUR

- (1) SM Rezaul Karim
- (2) Kanai Lal Biswas
- (3) Ashrafur Rahman

TANGAIL

- (1) Dr Muhammad Abdur Razzaque
- (2) Tanvir Hasan Soto Monir
- (3) Kamrul Hasan Khan
- (4) Md Mozharul Islam Talukder
- (5) Md Mamun-ur-Rashid
- (6) Ahsanul Islam Titu
- (7) Khan Ahmed Shuvo
- (8) Anupam Shahjahan Joy

JAMALPUR

- (1) Nur Mohammad
- (2) Md Faridul Haque Khan
- (3) Mirza Azam
- (4) Md Mahbubur Rahman
- (5) Md Abul Kalam Azad

SHERPUR

- (1) Md Atiur Rahman Atiq
- (2) Mattia Chowdhury
- (3) ADM Shahidul Islam

MYMENSINGH

- (1) Jewel Areng
- (2) Sharif Ahmed

- (3) Nilufar Anjum
- (4) Mohit Ur Rahman
- (5) Md Abdul Hye Akand
- (6) Md Muslem Uddin
- (7) Ruhul Amin Madani
- (8) Abdus Sattar
- (9) Abdus Salam
- (10) Fahmi Gulandaz Babel
- (11) Kazim Uddin Ahmed

NETRAKONA

- (1) Mustaque Ahmed Ruhi
- (2) Ashraf Ali Khan Khasru
- (3) Asim Kumar Ukil
- (4) Sajjadul Hasan
- (5) Ahmed Hossain

KISHOREGANJ

- (1) Sayeda Zakia Noor
- (2) Abdul Kahar Akanda
- (3) Nasirul Islam Khan
- (4) Rejwan Ahammad Taufiq
- (5) Md Afzal Hossain
- (6) Nazmul Hassan

MANIKGANJ

- (1) Abdus Salam
- (2) Momotaz Begum
- (3) Zahid Maleque

MUNSHIGANJ

- (1) Mohidduim Ahmed
- (2) Sagufta Yasmin
- (3) Mrinal Kanti Das

DHAKA

- (1) Salman Fazlur Rahman
- (2) Md Qamrul Islam
- (3) Nasrul Hamid
- (4) Sanjida Khanam
- (5) Harunur Rashid Munna
- (6) Sayeed Khokon
- (7) Mohammad Solaiman Selim
- (8) AFM Bahauddin Nasim
- (9) Saber Hossain Chowdhury
- (10) Ferdous Ahmed
- (11) Wakil Uddin
- (12) Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal
- (13) Jahangir Kabir Nanak
- (14) Md Mainul Hossain Khan
- (15) Kamal Ahmed Majumdar
- (16) Md Ilias Uddin Mollah
- (17) Mohammad Ali Arafat
- (18) Habib Hasan
- (19) Dr Md Enamur Rahman
- (20) Benjir Ahmed

GAZIPUR

- (1) AKM Mozammel Huq
- (2) Md Zahid Ahsan Russel
- (3) Rumana Ali
- (4) Simin Hossain Rimi
- (5) Meher Afroz

NARSINGDI

- (1) Muhammad Nazrul Islam
- (2) Anwarul Ashraf Khan
- (3) Fazle Rabbi Khan
- (4) Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun
- (5) Rajiuddin Ahmed

NARAYANGANJ

- (1) Golam Dastagir Gazi
- (2) Md Nazrul Islam Babu
- (3) Abdullah AL Kaisar
- (4) Shamim Osman
- (5) **Nominee not named yet**

RAJBARI

- (1) Kazi Keramat Ali
- (2) Md Jillul Hakim

FARIDPUR

- (1) Md Abdur Rahman
- (2) Shahdab Akbar
- (3) Shamim Haque
- (4) Kazi Zafruliah

GOPALGANJ

- (1) Lt Col Md Faruk Khan
- (2) Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim
- (3) Sheikh Hasina

MADARIPUR

- (1) Nur E Alam Chowdhury Liton
- (2) Shahjahan Khan
- (3) Abdus Sobhan

SHARIATPUR

- (1) Iqbal Hossain Apu
- (2) Enamul Haque Shamim
- (3) Nahim Razzaq

SUNAMGANJ

- (1) Ranjit Chandra Sarkar
- (2) Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mahmud
- (3) MA Mannan

- (4) Mohammad Sadiq
- (5) Mohibur Rahman Manik

SYLHET

- (1) AKM Abdul Momen
- (2) Shafikur Rahman Chowdhury
- (3) Habibur Rahman
- (4) Imran Ahmed
- (5) Masuk Uddin Ahmed
- (6) Nurul Islam Nahid

MOULVIBAZAR

- (1) Md Shahab Uddin
- (2) Shafiul Alam Chowdhury
- (3) Md Zillur Rahman
- (4) Md Abdus Shahid

HABIGANJ

- (1) Dr Mushfique Hussain Chowdhury
 - (2) Mayez Uddin Sharif
 - (3) Md Abu Zahir
 - (4) Md Mahbub Ali
- BRAHMANBARIA**
- (1) Badrudozza Md Farhad Hossain
 - (2) Md Shahjahan Alam
 - (3) RAM Obaidul Muktadir Chowdhury
 - (4) Anisul Huq
 - (5) Faizur Rahman
 - (6) AB Tajul Islam

CUMILLA

- (1) Md Abdus Sabur
- (2) Selima Ahmad
- (3) Yussuf Abdullah Harun
- (4) Razee Mohammad Fakhrul
- (5) Abul Hashem Khan
- (6) AKM Bahauddin
- (7) Pran Gopal Datta
- (8) Abu Zafar Mohammad Shafi Uddin
- (9) Md Tajul Islam
- (10) AHM Mostofa Kamal
- (11) Md Mazibul Hoque

CHANDPUR

- (1)Salim Mahmud
- (2) Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury
- (3) Dr Dipu Moni
- (4) Muhammad Shafiqur Rahman
- (5) Rafiqul Islam

FENI

- (1) Alauddin Ahmed Chowdhury
- (2) Nizam Uddin Hazari
- (3) Abul Bashar

NOAKHALI

- (1) HM Ibrahim
- (2) Morshed Alam
- (3) Md Mamun Ur Rashid Kiron
- (4) Mohammad Ekramul Karim Chowdhury
- (5) Obaidul Quader
- (6) Mohammad Ali

LAKSHMIPUR

- (1) Anwer Hossain Khan
- (2) Nur Uddin Chowdhary Nayan
- (3) Mohammad Golam Faruque
- (4) Faridur Rahman Laily

CHATTOGRAM

- (1) Mahabub ur Rahman
- (2) Khadizatul Anwar
- (3) Mahfuzur Rahman
- (4) SM Al Mamun
- (5) Mohammad Abdus Salam
- (6) ABM Fazle Karim Chowdhury
- (7) Md Hasan Mahmud
- (8) Noman Al Mahmud
- (9) Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury
- (10) Mohiuddin Bachchu
- (11) M Abdul Latif
- (12) Motaherul Islam Chowdhury
- (13) Saifuzzaman Chowdhury
- (14) Md Nazrul Islam Chowdhury
- (15) Abu Reza Muhammad Nezamuddin
- (16) Mustafizur Rahman Chowdhury

COX'S BAZAR

- (1) Salahuddin Ahmed
- (2) Ashekullah Rafiq
- (3) Saimum Sarwar Komol
- (4) Shahin Akhtar Chowdhury

KHAGRACHHARI

- Kujendra Lal Tripura

RANGAMATI

- Dipankar Talukdar

BANDARBAN

- Bir Bahadur Ushoi Singh

AL goes for a blend of old and new

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The possible change in policy is aimed at making the polls festive and competitive, and improve turnout, said sources.

The AL supremo, while talking to party nomination seekers at the Gono Bhaban yesterday, hinted at fielding dummy candidates in the absence of opposition parties.

She even threatened punitive action against nominees who would win without any competition whatsoever, a meeting participant quoted Hasina as saying.

Hasina urged the nomination seekers, regardless of being nominated or not, to accept the AL's decision. She urged them to take initiatives to make the polls participatory and to encourage independents.

After Hasina's meeting with the nomination seekers, AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader unveiled the names of the nominees at the AL headquarters on Bangabandhu Avenue around 4:00pm.

Quader was flanked by party central leaders and a large number of nomination seekers at the press conference. Many nomination seekers and their followers were also waiting outside.

The crowd cheered, and chanted slogans when their favourite leaders' names were announced by Quader.

Three state ministers – Monnujan Sufian of labour and employment, KM Khalid of cultural affairs, and Zakir Hossen of primary education – did not get the party ticket.

Whip Shamsul Hoque Chowdhury was also denied nomination.

Former state minister for information and broadcasting Murad Hassan, who had to resign from the cabinet for his misogynistic remarks, and former minister Khandoker Mossaraf Hossain, who was dropped from all AL committees earlier, were left out.

Habibe Millat, an incumbent lawmaker from Sirajganj-2 and also the son-in-law of Khandoker Mossaraf Hossain, was also denied the party ticket.

Former ministers Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir, Abul Kalam Azad, former Bangladesh cricket team captain AM Naimur Rahman, former IGP Nur Mohammad, AL veteran Suranjit Sengupta's widow Jaya Sen Gupta, former FBCCI president Shafiul Islam, former Dhaka city AL (North) president AKM Rahmatullah, and former Swedchhasebak League general secretary Pankaj Debnath were among the lawmakers who did not get nominated.

The AL announced nominees for 298 constituencies. During the last election, it left out 60 for candidates of its allies.

Israeli strikes put Damascus airport out of service again

AFP, Beirut

Israeli air strikes yesterday made Damascus airport inoperable just hours after flights had resumed following a similar attack last month, a war monitor said, as state media also reported the attack.

“Israeli warplanes on Sunday afternoon carried out a new raid targeting Damascus international airport... putting it out of service again,” said the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

It said the raid targeted the runways, and reported the sound of an explosion from the direction of

a military airport elsewhere in the capital.

A military source said in a statement carried by state news agency SANA that at around 4:50 pm (1350 GMT), “the Zionist enemy carried out an air attack with missiles from the direction of the occupied Syrian Golan”.

The raid targeted “Damascus international airport and some points in the Damascus countryside”, putting the airport out of service and causing “some material losses”, it said.

Air defences “destroyed most” of the missiles, the statement added.