

LATHITILA RESERVE FOREST  
Tree stealing continues unabated

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Thieves have been stealing valuable trees from Lathitila Reserve Forest in Juri upazila of Moulvibazar, right under the nose of the forest officials.

At least 15 large teak trees, valued at several lakhs of taka, were felled and stolen from the forest over the past few months, but no decisive step has been taken to stop it.

Visiting Kamalchhara, Galachipa, and Daser Tila areas of the forest recently, this correspondent saw around 30 more trees of different species have been deliberately marked for felling soon.

The miscreants mark each tree with a ring around its root before cutting the trunk to let it die, and remove it from the spot soon afterwards.

The area from where the trees are being stolen is only a few minutes away from the office of Mazharul Islam, beat officer of the forest.



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Despite concerns from locals and environmental activists, over 50 big trees on the banks of the Shitalakkhya were felled for a development project in Narayanganj recently.



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Contacted, he could not provide any explanation why there has not been any steps taken to this end.

"It is deeply concerning to witness the lack of decisive action from the forest department in addressing this urgent issue. We urge the authorities to prioritise the protection of our forests and take immediate steps to apprehend those responsible," said Kamrul Hasan Noman, a member of Patharia Wildlife Conservation Team.

Juri Range officer Nazmul Hussain said he visited the spot and legal action is being taken regarding the stealing of trees from the forest.

MULTIPURPOSE TERMINAL  
BIWTA fells over 50 trees on Shitalakkhya bank

SAURAV HOSSAIN SIAM, Narayanganj

Environmental activists and Narayanganj city dwellers are concerned as the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority has been felling dozens of mature trees on the bank of Shitalakkhya river for a development project.

Protesting the action, they formed a human chain recently and called upon the BIWTA to change the plan for the sake of the environment. They have also submitted a letter to BIWTA chairman, Narayanganj City Corporation, deputy commissioner, environment ministry, and forest department, asking them to stop this menace immediately.

A two-day photo exhibition was also held as part of the protest.

According to BIWTA sources, the trees are being cut down for a World Bank-funded project to construct a multipurpose terminal with a rest house, parking space, and other structures on the river bank near the city's fish market.

It is one of the three projects under the shipping ministry for which the prime minister laid foundation stone in Narayanganj last November.

For this, BIWTA issued a notification to its contractor, Toma Construction, asking them to fell 81 trees and give Tk 17,919 after selling them, setting the price of each felled tree at around Tk

221.

Visiting the site recently, this correspondent saw at least 32 tree stumps left after being felled.

Locals said over 50 trees, mostly rain trees and bayan, have so far been felled.

"The site used to be a gathering place for people from all walks of life. It was also home to numerous bird species. They are destroying this spot to construct brick and stone structures. No responsible person can indiscriminately cut down trees and cause damage to the environment like this," said Arif Bulbul, a poet and cultural activist.

The Shitalakkhya river area is among 13 Ecologically Critical Areas identified in the country, according to Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act 1995 (amended 2010).

Tariqul Suzan, coordinator of Ganasamhati Andolon's Narayanganj unit, said, "Destroying animal and plant habitats by felling trees is one of the nine activities directly prohibited in ECAs. So, BIWTA is violating the law."

"We believe structures could have been built by keeping the trees," he added.

NCC is not happy with the BIWTA move either. "Before doing any development activity in the city area, it should be discussed with the city corporation. But BIWTA didn't inform us about their work. Felling the trees will adversely

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CUMILLA, M'SINGH CITY POLLS  
Two-way battle on the cards

STAR REPORT

Campaigning for the Cumilla and Mymensingh city polls have been going on in full swing since February 24. Voting in these two city elections will take place on March 9.

Awami League has opted not to officially nominate candidates under the "boat" symbol in the upcoming local elections, while BNP boycotted it.

Tahsin Bahar, daughter of Cumilla-6 lawmaker AKM Bahauddin Bahar, is contesting for the mayoral position with the "bus" symbol. She is also the organising secretary of the city AL.

The Cumilla city by-election will mainly be a two-way battle between Tahsin and former two-time mayor of

Cumilla city, Monirul Haque Sakku, who is campaigning door-to-door with the "table clock" symbol.

Besides, Noor-ur Rahman Mahmud Tanim, former vice-president of Cumilla Victoria Government College, is electioneering with "elephant" symbol while Nizam Uddin Kaiser, former president of Swachhhabak Dal in Cumilla city, is on the electoral field with "horse" symbol.

Sakku and Nizam have been suspended from BNP for contesting in the last city polls.

The AL vote base will split between Tahsin and Tanim, with uncertainty lingering over the turnout of BNP supporters and swing voters on election day.

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02	ADP/NKL/Sadar/2023-24/W-02	1. Improvement of South Sullakia Faral Mia Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) Under Ewazhalia Union. 2. Improvement of Khasherhat Madraha Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) Under Ewazhalia Union. 3. Improvement of Faruk Driver House Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) & Construction of Post palisading Wall on Same Road Under Newazpur Union. 5. Improvement of 7no Ward Hazi Bari Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) Under Newazpur Union. 6. Construction of Post palisading Wall at Dowlohpur School Road Under Newazpur Union, Sadar, Noakhali.	14.03.24 12:00	14.03.24 14:00	954478
03	ADP/NKL/Sadar/2023-24/W-03	1. Improvement of Chuni Khondker Road by WBM (Ashwadia Bridge Part) Under Ashwadia Union. 2. Construction of 2nos Ghatia at Ashwadia Mukimpur Assrayan Pond Under Ashwadia Union, Sadar, Noakhali.	14.03.24 12:00	14.03.24 14:00	954479
04	ADP/NKL/Sadar/2023-24/W-04	1. Improvement of Kashiapur Rowson Sarder House Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) Under Dadpur. 2. Improvement of Kashiapur Lal Moter Bager House Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) Under Dadpur Union. 3. Improvement of West Atapur Jame Mosque Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) & Construction of Post palisading Wall on Same Mosque Pond side Under Noanani Union. 4. Improvement of Shalepur Boro Mir House Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) & Construction of Post palisading Wall on Same Road side Under Noanani Union. 5. Improvement of West Shilpur Chowkidar House Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) Under Noanani Union. 6. Improvement of East Durgapur Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) Under Noanani Union, Sadar, Noakhali.	14.03.24 12:00	14.03.24 14:00	954480
05	ADP/NKL/Sadar/2023-24/W-05	1. Improvement of Char Bancaram Ibrahim Forajer Shop-Khalpur Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) Under Purbo Charmatua Union. 2. Improvement of Purbo Majchhara Nurul Hoque Secretary House Road by Cement Concrete (CC) works Under Underchar Union. 3. Improvement of Karim Hozar House-Paca Road by Cement Concrete (CC) works Under Underchar Union, Sadar, Noakhali.	14.03.24 12:00	14.03.24 14:00	954482
06	ADP/NKL/Sadar/2023-24/W-06	1. Improvement of 2no Ward BDR Luthpur Rahman Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) Under Kaladarap Union. 2. Improvement of 5no Ward Azad Member House Road by Cement Concrete (CC) Works Under Kaladarap Union. 3. Improvement of Purbo Majchhara Late Hanif Mia Road by Cement Concrete (CC) Works Under Underchar Union. 4. Construction of Culvert at West Side of Huple Naphth House Over Khal Under Dadpur Union, Sadar, Noakhali.	14.03.24 12:00	14.03.24 14:00	954481
07	ADP/NKL/Sadar/2023-24/W-07	1. Improvement of Newazer Dogi Pick Bari Connecting Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) Under Charmatua Union. 2. Improvement of 6no Ward Ramonondi Abdul Hque Bhuayan House Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) Under Charmatua Union. 3. Construction of Toilet at West Luxmipur Chowrasta (Abdul Hque Master) Jame Mosque Under Charmatua Union, Sadar, Noakhali.	14.03.24 12:00	14.03.24 14:00	954483
08	ADP/NKL/Sadar/2023-24/W-08	1. Construction of Drainage (U Drain) Culvert at Char Uria OC Kamal Road beside Chuttur Bari Under Noakhali. 2. Construction of Post palisading Wall Abdullapur Bir Muktiyadha Anar Mia Road side Under Noakhali Union. 3. Construction of Culvert at West side of Subornochar Upazila Road, Monnan Nager Bazar Under Noakhali Union. 4. Improvement of Vatarate Sadhingram School Connecting Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) Under Dharmapur Union. 5. Improvement of Purbo Sullakia Hars Mazi Mosque Connecting Road by Brick Flat Soling (BFS) Under Dharmapur Union, Sadar, Noakhali.	14.03.24 12:00	14.03.24 14:00	954484

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Transport strike called off after 9hrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Transport workers in Sylhet withdrew their indefinite strike after nine and a half hours of commuters' sufferings yesterday.

The decision came after the transport workers' leaders sat in a meeting with Sylhet's deputy commissioner and the city mayor at the district administration's conference hall in the afternoon.

They went on the strike around 6:00am to press home their five-point demand including solution to the gas crisis in CNG filling stations.

The Sylhet District Road Transport Workers Union called the transport strike in a rally on Sunday and staged a day-long campaign for the strike on Tuesday.

Till the decision, the workers did not allow any public vehicles to ply on the regional and national highways in the district. Commuters have suffered due to the strike as they were seen waiting for the transports on the roads.

Specially, the examinees of SSC (Secondary School Certificate) suffered the most to reach their exam halls.

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