



Not so long ago, many decades-old trees used to stand proud along the roadside and provide shade to commuters. However, at least 298 such trees are being felled for road expansion work at Bochaganj upazila in Dinajpur. Around 150 have already been already axed, according to locals. PHOTO: STAR

# Road expansion at the cost of 298 trees

Around 150 already axed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

While Dinajpur residents are grappling with the sweltering heat amid mercury soaring between 39 and 41 degrees Celsius, at least 298 trees, all around 35 years old, are being felled for road expansion work in Bochaganj upazila.

The move has drawn flak from locals and environmental activists.

According to them, the Bochaganj upazila parishad had planted the trees of numerous species – Mahogany, Bakail, Pakur, Kadam, Krishnachura, Jackfruit, Mango, and Kamranga – along the road adjacent to the Roads and Highways Department's office in 1990, as part of an initiative to beautify the road.

However, the upazila parishad in February auctioned off 298 trees for felling to expand the road along Puliharhat Bazar, Madhabpur, Dak Banglow Auditorium Mor, Jalgaon, and Bakultala areas, and issued order on April 16 to commence the work.

Since then, half of the trees have already been cut.

Expressing dismay, locals alleged that even the trees that were further away from the roadside have also been felled.



"These decades-old trees on the roadside have been providing much shade to the pedestrians. Why would the trees that are far from the road be considered for felling? The authorities don't pay heed to our protests, and are carrying out their mindless act," said Montajul Islam, a local resident.

Rasel Islam, another local, said so far, around 150 trees have already been cut.

Contacted, Anwar Hossain, proprietor of contractor firm Anwar Enterprise, which got the tender to fell the trees, clarified that they are doing so as per directive of the upazila

parishad for road development. Rois Uddin, assistant engineer of Roads and Highways Department in Dinajpur, said, "A letter was issued to the zilla parishad for felling the roadside trees in Bochaganj upazila to widen the road from 18 to 24 feet and construct a drain on the roadside."

Contacted, Moklesur Rahman, chief executive officer of Dinajpur zilla parishad said, "The trees are being felled after a tender was issued in this regard with approval from the forest department, deputy commissioner's office, and divisional commissioner's office."

## CTG-KAPTAL RAIL LINK Project yet to start for lack of funds

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

Despite completing a feasibility study nearly five years ago, the Chattogram-Kaptai rail link project has remained stuck due to a lack of funds.

Officials of the Bangladesh Railways said the Economic Relations Division (ERD) is yet to find donors for this project.

"We are waiting to get funds from foreign donors. But we have yet to get any confirmation from the ERD," said M Salimullah Bahar, chief planning officer of the BR.

He without foreign funds, implementation of this project can't be possible as it's a costly venture.

BR conducted a feasibility study in 2018 to bring Chattogram Hill Tracts under the rail network as the state agency's ongoing masterplan (2016-2045) proposed to establish this rail line by 2022.

According to the study, titled "Janalihat CUET-Kaptai Dual gauge Rail Tracks", the BR planned to implement the 42.17km long rail track in two phases at an estimated cost of Tk 8,926 crore by 2026.

In the first phase, Janalihat to Raozan, a 14.31km rail track will be constructed at an estimated cost of Tk Tk 4,142 crore.

In the final phase, 27.86km of tracks will be constructed, from CUET to Kaptai, at an assessed cost of Tk 4,784 crore.

To implement this project, BR needs to acquire 862

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## Petition seeks inquiry into ex-land minister's assets abroad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday filed a petition with the High Court seeking its order on the Anti-Corruption Commission and Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit to inquire into allegation against former land minister Saifuzzaman Chowdhury of amassing properties abroad.

Md Salah Uddin Reagan submitted the petition to the HC.

He lodged the petition based on news reports headlined "Saifuzzaman Chowdhury's empire in UK" and "Bangladeshi politician's £200 million empire in Britain" published on Bangla dailies on February 20.

Salah Uddin said in the affidavit, Saifuzzaman did not mention he has property in the UK, meaning he might be involved in money laundering.

## One more dengue patient dies

UNB, Dhaka

One more death was reported from dengue in 24 hours till yesterday morning, raising the number of fatalities from the mosquito-borne disease in Bangladesh to 29 this year.

During the period, 31 more patients were hospitalised with the viral fever, according to the DGHS.

A total of 128 patients are now receiving treatment at hospitals while 2,391 dengue cases have been reported since January 1, 2024.

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**Invitation for Tender**

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2	Agency: General Economics Division										
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1.	978200, 978201, 978202, 978203, 979114, 982764, 982765.	26-May-2024 11:00	26-May-2024 13:00

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