

## Appeal for help

STAR REPORT

The parents of three-year-old Suyaira Akter,



who was born with a congenital heart defect, are seeking financial assistance for her treatment, said a press release.

Suyaira needs surgery, which is costly and beyond the means of her family.

Her father, Md Shafikul Islam, a street vendor in Mirzapur Bazar, Tangail, has so far covered her medical expenses from his own income. However, the cost of the surgery is several lakhs of taka, which the family cannot afford.

He appealed to the kind-hearted people in society for donations to help cover the treatment costs.

Funds can be sent to: Md Shafikul Islam, A/C 0200022323477, Agrani Bank, Mirzapur Branch, Tangail. His bKash and Nagad account number is 01743460654.



People cross the busy Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue amid oncoming traffic, throwing caution to the wind. Disaster could strike at a moment's notice. The photo was taken near Karwan Bazar Metro Rail station recently.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

## Trees felled in name of road renovation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Around 30-35 palm and date trees were cut down in the name of road renovation in Moulvitabak village of Chakamaia union of Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila recently.

Locals alleged that the trees were cut down per the instruction of Chakamaia Union Parishad chairman Mujibar Fakir.

Locals said about 20 days ago, Mujibar Fakir had soil dumped on the 2km road of Moulvitabak village. For this, 30-35 palm and date trees were arbitrarily cut down and thrown into the nearby Jorkhali Canal.

Jamal Hossain Matubbar, a local, said, "There were some palm and date trees in front of my house on the road. Those trees were uprooted with excavator and thrown into the canal."

Sadek Hossain, of Nishanbaria village, said while the government

is encouraging planting of trees to protect the environment, many trees have been cut down.

Al-Amin Talukdar, another local, said before dumping soil on the road, the chairman asked everyone to cut down the trees in front of their houses. So, many people cut down these trees.

Contacted, Fakir said thinking about reducing the suffering of the people, he only dumped soil on the road. He did not ask them to cut trees.

Kalapara UNO Rabiul Islam said he has heard about this matter. Further action will be taken after a probe.

In May 2023, a UP chairman and UP member were suspended on the orders of the High Court as they cut down 30 palm trees at Najibpur village of Mohipur union in Kalapara upazila for road renovation.

However, the expulsion order was later revoked by an HC order.



## Passengers suffer for dilapidated bus terminal

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

The central bus terminal in Patuakhali is in a dilapidated state and in dire need of renovation.

The terminal, constructed by the Local Government Engineering Department in 2003 at a cost of Tk 1.65 crore, was later handed over to the Patuakhali Municipality for operation and maintenance.

Visiting the terminal recently, this correspondent saw local and long-haul buses parked within muddy water as the terminal became waterlogged after rainfall.

Passengers were seen compelled to tread through the muddy water to get on buses or after stepping down from those.

Other amenities at the terminal, including sitting arrangements and restrooms for passengers, were also found in a sorry state.

"The terminal has long been in a poor condition. Even the slightest of rain causes waterlogging at the terminal. Clothes become dirty as we have to tread through muddy water. Travelling in this state is difficult and uncomfortable, especially on long journeys," said Ruhul Amin, a Dhaka-bound passenger from Patuakhali Sadar upazila.

Abul Bashar, a resident of Patuakhali town,



and Abul Kalam, another passenger, echoed him. Md Shaheed, a driver of Rudra-Turya Paribahan on Patuakhali-Barisal-Kuakata route, said transport workers also have to suffer due to the terminal's present condition.

"People from all over the country come to Patuakhali town, mostly to visit Kuakata. They become surprised to witness the bus terminal's state. The terminal needs urgent renovation," said Golam Mawla, vice-president of bus owners' association in Patuakhali.

Jasim Uddin Arzoo, executive engineer of Patuakhali Municipality, said "Since Kuakata is a tourism centre, a new bus terminal with all modern facilities will be constructed soon."

## Of empty tiffin box

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a chair.

His eyes were vacant, still the sudden, unbearable pain that engulfed the 45-year-old was quite evident.

Silence hung heavy in the air, punctuated only by the occasional choked sob from a neighbour or relative.

When news of Atoshi's death had reached her elder daughter, Kanika Rani, 19, she rushed from Naogaon to see her mother one last time.

Lankeshar, a mason by trade, battled frequent illness, forcing Atoshi to take on whatever work she could find to keep the household afloat.

Sometimes, that meant sewing clothes for others in the village.

"We were all helpless without Ma," Kanika said. "None of us knew where anything was kept in the house except her. We can't even imagine a single day without her."

"How will I take care of my little sister? Will she even survive?" Kanika had more questions than answers. "I wish Ma was here," she said before starting to cry again.

Lipi Rani, a relative, said, "Due to poverty, Kanika had to get married. They spent nearly Tk 3 lakh, on the dowry and wedding itself, all borrowed from relatives. Atoshi started sewing clothes to help

repay the debt."

"Now, with her gone, that burden falls solely on the remaining family members. Atoshi's death has become a nightmare for us."

Lipi Rani then recounted the fateful day at the Ratha Yatra festival.

"We were all barefoot during the procession. Atoshi held onto the chariot with one hand and Dulki with the other. Then, in a blink, everything went wrong."

"A jolt of electricity ripped through us," Lipi continued. "Atoshi collapsed, a portion of her right hand catching fire. Her back, legs, and lower abdomen were burnt. She was unconscious."

"Dulki, thankfully, remained conscious despite burns on her hands, feet, and back. Seeing her mother lying there, lifeless, the little girl started looking for familiar faces, anyone who could help. When she couldn't find anyone, she broke down in tears. By that time locals intervened and rushed them to the hospital. But it was too late for Atoshi," said Lipi.

Meanwhile, the district administration has formed a five-member investigation team while ISKCON a three-member probe body. An unnatural death case has been filed over the incident.

## No pure water

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and rehabilitation officers of the two districts.

**HOPE FOR LALMONIRHAT, GRIM REALITY IN SIRAJGANJ**  
The situation in Lalmonirhat shows signs of improvement, with the Dharla river receding 19cm below danger level.

However, Sirajganj remains heavily affected, with the Jamuna river overflowing.

The river was flowing 30cm above danger level at Kazipur point and 46cm beyond at Sirajganj Hardinge Point at noon yesterday. The water level decreased by 11cm and 4cm respectively.

At least 336 sq km area became inundated by floodwater in the district, affecting 95,000 people, said Md Aktaruzzaman, district relief and rehabilitation officer in Sirajganj.

## Removing

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need to understand that these people have constitutionally guaranteed rights."

At the meeting, DMP Commissioner Habibur Rahman, said, "People have conceptual limitations about these communities. Incorporating such topics into the curriculum of training institutes will be beneficial."

### Visa Processing

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## Govt launches

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and Higher Secondary Education Nehal Ahmed said while younger teachers have adapted the curriculum, it remains challenging for older educators.

Addressing recent leaks of half-yearly question papers, Secretary of the Technical and Madrasa Division Farid Uddin Ahmed said, "We need to prevent such incidents."

## Cargo village

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that CAAB refused to comply.

Among the other two airlines, Regent Air announced a "temporary" shutdown of operation during the pandemic but did not start operation

Necessary measures must be taken."

Prof Md Moshuazzaman, acting chairman of NCTB, they have identified teachers involved question leak and instructed authorities to take punitive measures.

The curriculum portal <https://curriculum.gov.bd/> will contain audio-visual courses for teachers, their experiences, and guides on what and how to teach.

after the pandemic.

Meanwhile, GMG suspended its operations in 2012 due to mismanagement, absence of proper planning, shortage of money, and huge losses, aviation experts said.

## Lalmatia

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others, would be planted in the field.

A small portion of the park has been reserved for entries and exits of a metro station planned for the area in the near future.

Manifa Rehnuma, landscape architect and co-founder of And ORDEN, the consulting firm for the project, defended the design.

She said the design has been prepared in a manner so that residents of the area can use it properly. The area, once a recreational hub for football and cricket, had been lost to encroachment over the years, she added.

She said the skating zone was included following demands from local skating clubs as there are no other properly designed skating parks in the area.

## Wait for direct rail line gets longer

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through this section.

While launching a commuter train between Dhaka and Rajbari on May 4, the minister said the Bhanga-Jashore section would be opened within two months.

The minister yesterday talked with the officials concerned to know the work progress and when the line could be opened, sources said.

Project Director Afzal Hossain, who was among the participants in the meeting, said they would require two more months

to complete installation of the signalling system.

Besides, they would require more time to complete the works at Bhanga junction station and the TT Para underpass.

"We will be able to complete all physical works within October and then the line will be ready to open in the first week of November," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Asked about the previously set July deadline, he said, "We can now operate trains on the line without a signalling system. But the operation would

not be smooth. Besides, we did not get manpower for the new line."

"So, we told the minister that the section should be opened upon completion of the entire works," he added.

Replying to another question, he said the project tenure has already been extended up to June 2025.

Contacted, BR Director General Sardar Shahadat Ali said the minister wanted to know about the update of the project and the project authorities informed him in detail.

Once the works are

completed fully, the prime minister will inaugurate the line, he said.

Once the under-construction rail line becomes functional, the distance between Dhaka and Jashore will decrease by 200km, cutting the travel time in half. Currently, it takes over eight hours to reach Jashore.

The line, which will directly connect the country's two biggest seaports – Chattogram and Mongla – of the country, is estimated to boost the country's annual GDP by one percent.

### CDIP 1st Zero-coupon Bond

This is for the kind information of all concerned that the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) had accorded its consent to issue the Non-Convertible, Fully Redeemable, Unsecured CDIP 1st Zero-coupon Bond of BDT 1,710 million (face value) for 3 years of Centre for Development Innovation and Practices (CDIP) through private placement. The proceeds of the bonds will be utilized to extend financial support to its microcredit and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) through portfolio expansion via investments in both new and established initiatives. The consent has been accorded subject to compliance with the relevant laws and regulatory requirements.

Approved Information Memorandum (IM) is also available on CDIP's website  
[https://cdipbd.org/CDIP\\_1st\\_ZCB\\_IM.pdf](https://cdipbd.org/CDIP_1st_ZCB_IM.pdf)

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### Corrigendum Notice-2

Dated:09/07/2024

Tender Ref. No : T-4/Textiles Machineries Lab/2023-24 for Supply, Installation ,Testing and Commissioning of Textiles Machineries and Lab Equipment for Institute has been published on 24 June2024 in The Daily Star and The Daliy Jugantor shall be amended as follows:

Serial Number Tender Notice	Description	Written as	Amended as
7	<b>Date</b>	<b>June2024</b>	<b>23 June2024</b>
14	Tender Submission Date and Time	24 July 2024 Time-12:30 PM	29 July 2024 Time-12:30 PM
15	Tender Opening Date and Time	24 July 2024 Time- 2:00 PM	29 July 2024 Time- 2:00 PM
19	Eligibility of Tenderer	(g) Minimum liquid asset 30,00,00,000.00 (Thirty Crore)	(g) Minimum liquid asset 29,00,00,000.00 (Twenty Nine Crore)
	ITT Clause29.1 Tender Validity period shall be (Page No-28)	180 days	120 days

All other terms and condition will remain unchanged and this corrigendum notice will be part of the integral part of tender document.

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