

DHAKA AIRPORT 98pc work of third terminal completed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ninety-eight percent construction work of the third terminal at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport have been completed so far, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) Chairman Air Vice Marshal Monjur Kabir Bhuiyan said yesterday.

The CAAB chairman said this while visiting the ongoing construction work of the third terminal at the HSI.

During the visit, the CAAB boss inspected the newly constructed check-in counter, immigration, scanner, boarding bridge, arrival, departure and aircraft parking apron and road network at terminal-3 and other facilities constructed under this project.

The CAAB chairman discussed the progress of terminal work, quality of work and timely

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This rickshaw puller donates a portion of his daily earnings to students who were collecting relief for victims of the ongoing flood situation. Despite his own financial struggles, the man wants to stand by his countrymen in this moment of crisis. The photo was taken from the Sadar road in Barishal city yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Youth sent to jail for vandalising temples

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Rajshahi

A Rajshahi court has sent an 18-year-old youth to jail on charges of vandalising three temples in Bagha upazila, Rajshahi, on Friday.

Bagha Police Station Officer in Charge Abu Siddique said Rabbi Hossain, of Kaligram Miaapara, was caught red-handed by villagers while damaging idols and equipment at Kaligram Pundaripara Temple.

Rabbi confessed that his actions were driven by anger over several Facebook posts regarding the flash floods in Bangladesh, which he blamed on India's decision to open several dams.

A case was filed against Rabbi, a local madrasa student, by Arun Sarkar, the president of Kaligram Pundaripara Temple.

Sujit Kumar Panday, president of the Bagha Upazila Puja Uddjan Committee, confirmed that Rabbi also broke into and vandalised equipment at the Palapara and Ghospara temples earlier that day.

Tk 50cr embankment sinks under sand in a month

Locals allege use of low quality concrete blocks, geo-bags

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Construction of an embankment on Teesta river was completed on June 30 in Gobordhan area of Mahishkhocha union under Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat.

Bangladesh Water Development Board implemented the project, aimed at enhancing protection to the people on a 2,450-metre stretch of the riverbank from erosion, at a cost of Tk 49,34,95,000 in eight phases.

However, within just a month after completion, the embankment sank under sand.

Locals alleged of gross irregularities in implementation of the project.

Wishing anonymity, some locals alleged that the contractors had not only used inferior quality concrete blocks and geo-bags for the project, but also illegally lifted sand from the project area and sold it for around Tk 7 crore, which in turn made the embankment area vulnerable and eventually led it to sink under sand after a flash flood hit the area a few days after the project's completion.

"Earlier, in case of flash floods, water would recede in a couple of days. This time, the water is not receding even in two weeks. The embankment has become a curse to the riverside people instead of a boon as it was not implemented in a planned way," said Mazful



Islam, a local farmer.

According to sources at BWDB in Lalmonirhat, four contracting companies — M/s Rupantar, Techbay International, M/s Mostafa and Sons and MC-BC JV — were tasked with the project and a total 4,55,284

concrete blocks and 1.30 lakh sand-filled geo-bags weighing 250 kilogrammes were used to construct the embankment in eight packages.

Wishing anonymity, a BWDB official in Lalmonirhat said five of the eight packages of the

Contacted, Ershad Hossain declined to comment in this regard.

Farhad Hossain, proprietor of the contracting firm M/s Rupantar, said he did not visit the project site as the site manager took care of everything.

Since a natural calamity may cause problems to project work, the contractor firm has been given a Defect Liability Period of one year. The damaged parts of the embankment will be repaired if the authorities concerned issues a letter to the contractor in this regard, he added.

Contacted, Shunil Kumar, executive engineer of BWDB in Lalmonirhat, however, refuted the allegations of irregularities in the project.

"The project has been implemented properly in planned way. The concrete blocks were covered under sand as a huge amount of sediment was brought by the flash flood. The BWDB team tasked with the Project Completion Report will visit the project area very soon. If any defect is found, the contractor will rectify it during the DLP period," he said.

project were controlled by Ershad Hossain, younger brother of Mizanur Rahman, APS of former social welfare minister.

Due to Ershad's political influence, the BWDB officials could not supervise the project work properly, he added.

Salman, Anisul, Dipu Moni on fresh remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Salman F Rahman, private industry affairs adviser to former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, former law minister Anisul Huq, former social welfare minister Dipu Moni, former chief whip ASM Feroz and former army officer Maj Gen Ziaul Ahsan on different terms of remand for interrogation in murder cases.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Jashim passed separate orders in the cases, a sub-inspector working in the court told The Daily Star.

Salman, Anisul and Ziaul were placed on a fresh 10-day remand in two cases filed over deaths of a honours fourth year student, Sabuj Ali, 26, in the New Market area and a 11-grader, Khalid Hasan Saifullah, in the Lalbagh area of Dhaka during quota reform protests on July 16 and 18.

The three were produced before the court with a 20-day remand prayer in the cases on completion of their first phase remand.

On July 17, Nur Nabi, brother of Sabuj, filed a case with New Market Police Station against some unnamed miscreants.

In this case, the names of Salman, Anisul and Ziaul were not included in the FIR, but they were shown arrested.

On August 19, Kamrul Hasan, father of Saifullah, filed a case with Lalbagh Police Station against former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, Salman, Anisul and 49 others.

In addition, Dipu Moni was placed on a fresh four-day remand yesterday in a case filed over the death of Suman Sikdar in the city's Badda on July 19.

She was produced before the court with a fresh 10-day remand prayer in the case on completion of her first phase remand.

On August 20, Masuma, mother of the victim, filed the case with Badda Police Station against Hasina, Dipu Moni and 178 others.

Yesterday, Feroz was placed on a seven-day remand in a case filed over the death of Sohag Miah, 16, in Bhatara on July 19.

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Shama Obaid sued over murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A murder case was filed yesterday against Shama Obaid, the suspended BNP central organising secretary (Faridpur division), along with 95 others, including 35 named individuals, in Faridpur.



The case was registered at Nagarkanda Police Station around 1:00am in connection with the death of Kabir Bhuiya, who was killed during a clash between supporters of Shama Obaid and those of Shahidul Islam Babul, the suspended general secretary of the Krishak Dal's central committee, on August 21.

Monzila Begum, 44, the wife of the deceased, filed the case, according to Aminur Rahman, officer-in-charge of the police station.

As per the case statement, Shama Obaid had allegedly instructed her supporters to disrupt a road meeting organised by Babul in the Nagarkanda petrol pump area around 11:00am on August 21. Shama's supporters reportedly hacked and beat Kabir Bhuiya to death near Nagarkanda Bazar that day. Several others were also injured in the clash.

No arrests have been made yet, the OC said, adding that efforts are underway to arrest the accused.

Implement CHT accord fully

Demands CHT Accord
Implementation Movement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong Hill Tracts Accord Implementation Movement has called on the interim government to develop a clear and actionable plan with specific deadlines and mechanisms to ensure accountability in order to fully implement the CHT Accord.

Representatives of the movement made the call at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity yesterday, stressing that it was essential to implement the core elements of the accord, which remained largely unfulfilled for 26 years, to establish peace and stability in the CHT region.

They presented a seven-point demand in this regard.

The demands also include: ending military supervision in CHT region; empowering the regional councils and the CHT three district councils under the Accord, ensuring democratic, representative, and effective local governance; ensuring land rights and rehabilitation for people of CHT; integrating them into the country's mainstream economic progress; reserving special seats for indigenous people in all local government bodies in the plainland districts; and establishing a separate land commission for the indigenous people of plainlands to address their specific needs and challenges.

Khairul Chowdhury, a teacher of sociology department at Dhaka University and also joint coordinator of

the movement, presented the demands.

To implement these demands, the movement proposed five immediate actions to the government, including reconstitution of the CHT Accord Implementation Committee, urgent reform of the CHT Land Dispute Resolution Commission, initiating dialogue with the Regional Council, and reconstitution of the advisory council to the CHT affairs ministry.

The demands include ending military supervision, empowering regional councils, ensuring land rights, rehabilitation, special seats for indigenous people, and a separate land commission for plainland indigenous communities.

Prof Robaet Ferdous of DU's mass communication and journalism department, said it was time to address the oppression faced by indigenous communities in the hills.

"For the past 50 years, people in the hill areas have been living under harsh military rule. If the country's 61 other districts have democratic governance, why should three remaining districts be under military control?" he asked.

Dipayan Khisa of the Adivasi Forum and Myenthein Promila of Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum also spoke, while Jakir Hossain, joint coordinator of the movement, moderated the event.

DMP chief pledges to restore public trust

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police interrogated the arrested VIPs to know about those, who provided money, advice, and statements against the students' movement, said Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Md Mainul Hasan yesterday.

He was replying to a reporter's query at the "Commissioner's Meet the Press" at the media centre in the capital's Minto Road. Mainul provided updates on the investigation against several high profile arrestees, including former ministers, a state minister, and an adviser from the previous government.

The commissioner also addressed the issue of unprofessional behaviour of law enforcers, which he attributed to a loss of public trust.

The unprofessional

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TIMING
AUGUST 25**

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4:30 12:45 4:45 6:33 8:00
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02	1009842	RAKUB/HO/ICTD-141/2024-2025/209 Date: 22-08-2024	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of Oracle Database and its related services for Core Banking Solution in Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Banks Near Data Center (NDC).	26-Sep-2024 12:00	26-Sep-2024 17:00
03	1009843	RAKUB/HO/ICTD-142/2024-2025/208 Date: 22-08-2024	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Network Devices and its related Services in Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Banks Near Data Center (NDC).	22-Sep-2024 12:00	22-Sep-2024 16:00
04	1009844	RAKUB/HO/ICTD-142/2024-2025/207 Date: 22-08-2024	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of Web Application Firewall (WAF), Load Balancer and its related services in Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Banks Near Data Center (NDC).	19-Sep-2024 14:00	19-Sep-2024 16:00
05	1009845	RAKUB/HO/ICTD-142/2024-2025/206 Date: 22-08-2024	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of Firewall, WEB Security Appliance and its related services in Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Banks Near Data Center (NDC).	25-Sep-2024 12:00	25-Sep-2024 16:00

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