

**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 Miapara, 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 Uddhayan 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 Mahishkhoa 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

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.

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.

**Rohingyas to
observe 'Genocide
Remembrance Day'**

MOKAMMEL SHUVO, Cox's Bazar

The displaced Rohingyas from Myanmar, who are now sheltered in Bangladesh, will observe "Genocide Remembrance Day" today.

Around a million Rohingya people fled ethnic cleansing by the Myanmar junta troops to take refuge in Bangladesh following military crackdown in Rakhine State on August 25, 2017.

Since then, they have been living in camps of Ukhiya and Teknaf of Cox's Bazar.

Meanwhile, no less than 20,000 Rohingyas crossed Naf river and entered Bangladesh to take shelter in the refugee camps in Cox's Bazar in a fresh exodus amid violent clashes between Arakan Army and Myanmar troops since August 4-5 this year, said Rohingya leaders at the camps.

Kamal Hossain, chairman of the Forcibly Displaced Myanmar National Representative Committee, termed the recent attacks on the community as the second wave of genocide.

"Over 20,000 Rohingyas have come to Bangladesh after the Arakan Army launched brutal attacks on the community recently. They are now living at the camps in Cox's Bazar with their relatives or acquaintances. The previously sheltered Rohingyas are sharing food with the newcomers despite suffering from shortage due to limited rations," he said.

However, government officials have no specific data about the number of new arrivals.

Contacted, Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, Refugee, Relief and Repatriation Commissioner, said they have no specific data on how many new Rohingyas have come to the camps recently when Bangladesh was facing a troubled situation.

At present, Bangladesh's stance is not to allow any more Rohingyas in the country, Mizanur said. However, he said they are contacting their high-ups to arrange food for the new arrivals on humanitarian ground.

Rashida Begum, a Rohingya woman who arrived on August 8, said she and her family members had taken shelter at a relative's house in Rakhine's Maungdaw Township for 15 days before entering Bangladesh.

The Arakan Army had tried to stop them from

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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.

**Ex-minister
Muktadir sued
over madrasa
student murder**

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Brahmanbaria

A case has been filed against 26 identified and 300 unidentified people, including former housing and public works minister RAM Obaidul Muktadir Chowdhury, in connection with the murder of madrasa student Md Hussain Ahmed around three years back.

Mohammad Mozaffar, officer in charge of Brahmanbaria Sadar Model Police Station, confirmed that the victim's sister Tania Akter filed the case on Friday night.

Hussain, a student of Jamia Islamia Yunusia Madrasa, was killed allegedly by accomplices of the then MP RAM Obaidul Muktadir Chowdhury. Madrasa students were attacked on March 27, 2021 while protesting the visit of Indian Prime Minister

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**PRAYER
TIMING
AUGUST 25**

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-30 12-45 4-45 6-33 8-00
JAMAAT 5-05 1-15 5-00 6-36 8-30
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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SL No	e-Tender ID No	Tender Reference No.	Description of Work	Last selling Date & Time	Closing Date & Time
01	1009846	RAKUB/HO/ICTD-140/2024-2025/205 Date: 22-08-2024	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of Server, Storage, Backup system, Operating System and related services for Core Banking Solution in Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Banks' Near Data Center (NDC).	23-Sep-2024 14:00	23-Sep-2024 16:00
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

These are online tenders, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To Submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents of the tender from the e-GP System Portal have to be deposited through any registered Banks' branches up to above mentioned Date and Time.

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