

KHULNA WATERLOGGING

Tk 523cr spent, yet city drowns every time it rains

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Khulna City Corporation has spent Tk 523 crore in the last six years on a project aimed at alleviating the city's waterlogging problems.

However, the city goes under water every time there is rainfall.

The Bangladesh Meteorological Department recorded 173mm of rainfall in Khulna as of 12:00pm yesterday, and the rain is expected to continue until Monday, said Md Amirul Azad, senior meteorologist at Khulna Meteorological Office.

KCC sources said two-thirds of Khulna's 1,215 roads were waterlogged after the deluge.

Areas such as Royal Intersection, KDA Avenue, Boyra Bazar, Mujgunni Park, Bastuhara Colony, Rupsha Stand, and Channari Bazar were submerged under knee- to waist-deep water.



PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Similar scenes were seen in Rayermahal, Gallamari, Moilapota, Tutpara Jorakal Bazar, Maheshwarpasha, and Daulatpur areas.

Many locals were forced to depend on rickshaws and vans to navigate the flooded streets, though the number of vehicles was sparse.

"Even after spending Tk 4.58 crore on reconstructing drains and Tk 2.50 crore on renovating roads, the waterlogging persists. We struggle to commute after even the slightest rain," said Enamul Haque, a resident of Ahsan Ahmed Road.

Kabir Hossain, a resident of Boyra Bazar,

stressed the need for urgent measures to free the Mayur river and Khulna's 22 canals from encroachment and conduct proper excavation. "Without action, the situation will only worsen," he added.

The Tk 823 crore project, titled "Development of Drainage System to Eliminate Waterlogging in Khulna City," was approved by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council in July 2018. The project's first phase, which began in October 2020, is set to be completed by June 2025. So far, Tk 523 crore has been spent.

However, Sheikh Ashrafuzzaman,

president of the Greater Khulna Development Movement Coordination Committee, said merely constructing drains is not enough.

They must be cleaned regularly, but most of the new drains are already filled with garbage due to poor monitoring by KCC, he said.

He also highlighted that KCC lacks modern equipment to maintain the drainage system.

Anisur Rahman, chief conservancy officer of KCC, countered by stating that conservancy workers clean the drains regularly. However, many residents discard household waste inappropriately, clogging the drains and exacerbating waterlogging during rains.

"Once the project is completed, the waterlogging problem will be alleviated," he added.

RAIN DROWNS BAGERHAT

Meanwhile in Bagerhat, a heavy downpour over the last 24 hours has triggered severe waterlogging in most areas. Several key roads in the town, including Khan Jahan Ali Road and District Hospital Intersection, were submerged, causing widespread disruption.

Additionally, fish farms in Rampal, Mongla, and Morelganj have been inundated by rain and tidal water.

Abu Raihan Mohammad Al Biruni, executive engineer of the Bangladesh Water Development Board in Bagerhat, said water level of the Pashur river has crossed the danger mark and may rise further if the rain continues, raising fears of flooding.

Cop sued over rape in Jashore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A case was filed with Kotwali Police Station in Jashore against a policeman over rape on Saturday night.

A widow from Jashore Sadar upazila filed the case against Abu Bakkar Siddiqui, a policeman currently working in Dhaka Metropolitan Police, hailing from Chathuriya village under Kalaroa upazila of Satkhira.

The complainant initially filed the case with a Jashore court. Later, the court ordered Kotwali Police Station to record it as a regular case.

According to the case statement, after the woman got introduced to Abu Bakkar, he began visiting her house in Jashore town since January this year and raped her several times by intimidating her.

She alleged that she filed written complaints against Abu Bakkar with different offices, including Police Headquarters, to no avail, before filing the case with court.

Abdur Razak, officer in charge of the police station, said they are trying to arrest the accused.

Milon's body exhumed 58 days after burial

He was killed during student protests on July 19

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

The body of Muslim Uddin Milon, a goldsmith who was shot dead during the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement in Rangpur on July 19, was exhumed yesterday, 58 days after his burial.

The body has been taken to Rangpur Medical College Hospital for autopsy following a court order for investigation into his death.

During the exhumation, Ahmed Sadat, assistant commissioner (Land) and also executive magistrate, was present along with investigating officer of the case, law enforcement officials, and Milon's family members.

Ahmed Sadat told journalists that Milon's body was exhumed in accordance with the court's directive to ensure a proper investigation.

Milon, a resident of East Ganeshpur area, was killed on July 19 during clashes involving students, police and Awami League men in City Bazar area. He was buried on July 20 without an autopsy.

On August 27, Milon's wife filed a murder case accusing 17 persons, including former Rangpur-6 lawmaker and former Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury.

Two dead, seven injured as bus hits three-wheeler

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Two people were killed and seven others injured as a bus rammed into a battery-run auto-rickshaw on the Pabna-Rajshahi highway in Pabna Sadar upazila yesterday afternoon.

The deceased are Shimul Hossain, 32, and Safar Ali, 35. Both were from Pabna Sadar upazila.

Md Rawshan Ali, officer-in-charge of Pabna Sadar Police Station, said the auto-rickshaw was carrying nine passengers from Dashuria in Ishwardi upazila to Tebunia in Pabna Sadar upazila.

The collision occurred when a Ishwardi-bound Sabbir Paribahan bus hit the auto-rickshaw in the Islam Gati area, killing the two on the spot.

The injured were taken to Pabna 250 Bedded General Hospital. Four of them, who are in critical condition, were later transferred to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. The bus driver fled the scene with the vehicle, the OC said.

CASE AGAINST HASINA Court asks for probe report by October 15

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked police to submit by October 15 the probe report of a case filed against former prime minister Sheikh Hasina and six others over the death of grocery shop owner Abu Saeed in police firing in Dhaka's Mohammadpur during quota reform protests on July 19.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Zaki Al Farabi set the date after police failed to submit any report of the case yesterday.

The other accused are Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader, former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan, former inspector general of police Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun, former DB chief Harun Or Rashid, former DMP commissioner Habibur Rahman, and former DMP joint commissioner Biplob Kumar Sarker.

This is the first case lodged against Hasina after she resigned on August 5.

On August 13, SM Amir Hamza Shatil, of Mohammadpur, filed the murder case with the court of Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Rajesh Chowdhury.

In his complaint, Shatil mentioned that Saeed was killed around 4:00pm on July 19 when police were firing indiscriminately on the protesters, following the accused's directives.

Normalcy yet to return to 75 UPs in Patuakhali

Services being disrupted as most chairmen on the run

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

It has been more than a month since the fall of the Awami League government but the activities of 75 union parishads in Patuakhali district are yet to return to normalcy.

Since August 5, most of the AL-backed UP chairmen have been on the run fearing public anger, attacks and harassment for their corruption and abuse of power.

Some came under attacks and have been undergoing treatment in hospitals. As such, these public representatives have largely been absent in their workplaces, depriving service seekers.

In Sadar upazila, the chairman of Auliapur UP has fled to Italy, while those of Chhotobighai and Barabighai UPs have been removed and panel chairmen have been given their responsibilities. Allegations of corruption and abuse of power have emerged against Laukathi UP chairman. Apart from these, there is not much problem so far, said Iflat Ara Zaman, upazila nirbahi officer of Sadar upazila.

In Galachipa upazila, chairmen of 12 UPs have been performing their duties while the

rest remains absent, said Mohiuddin Al Helal, UNO of the upazila.

In Dasmina upazila, the chairman of Dasmina union parishad was removed and his responsibility was given to Wasuazzaman Chowdhury, assistant commissioner (land) in the upazila, said UNO Nafisa Naz Nira.

Shaheen Mahmud, UNO of Dumki upazila, said three government officials have been tasked with issuance of national IDs, birth and death certificates, and other responsibilities in Lebukhali, Angaria and Muradia unions.

In Kalapara upazila, most of the UP chairmen went into hiding and panel chairmen have been tasked with their responsibilities. Several chairmen of union parishads under Rangabali, Baulal and Mirzaganj upazilas have been removed and their responsibilities have been given to panel chairmen and assistant commissioners (land).

"Administrators have already been appointed in many union parishads in absence of the chairmen. In some unions, panel chairmen are performing the duties. Further action will be taken against those who are remaining absent," said Noor Qutubul Alam, DC of Patuakhali.

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e-Tender Notice (NOTM)
Tender Notice No. 13/2024-2025

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of works as stated as below:

Sl No.	Package No. & name of work	Tender ID No.	Tender submission date & time	Tender opening date & time
1	Package No.: e-Tender/PEDP4/LKS/SAD/2024-25/W15A.01627 (i) Construction of Head Teacher's room with attached toilet of Char Runita (i) Primary School under PEDP4 (ii) Construction of Head Teacher's room with attached toilet of Kaman Khola Primary School under PEDP4 (iii) Construction of Head Teacher's room with attached toilet of Porchim Nandanpur Primary School under PEDP4. ITT 30.1 The required Technical Proposal shall include the following additional information: Revised RDPP of PEDP4 is under approval process. So Contract agreement cannot be signed before RDPP approval if RDPP (2nd revision) of PEDP4 does not get approval then Tender will be cancelled.	1012908	09-Oct-2021 15:00	09-Oct-2024 15:00
2	Package No.: e-Tender/PLDP4/LKS/SAD/2024-25/W15A.01629 (i) Construction of Head Teacher's room with attached toilet of Char Monosha Primary School under PEDP4, (ii) Construction of Head Teacher's room with attached toilet of Char Shahi Primary School under PEDP4. ITT 30.1 The required Technical Proposal shall include the following additional information: Revised RDPP of PEDP4 is under approval process. So Contract agreement cannot be signed before RDPP approval if RDPP (2nd revision) of PEDP4 does not get approval then Tender will be cancelled.	1012909	09-Oct-2024 15:00	09-Oct-2024 15:00
3	Package No.: e-Tender/PEDP4/LKS/SAD/2024-25/W15A.01630 (i) Construction of Head Teacher's room with attached toilet of Kushakhali Primary School under PEDP4, (ii) Construction of Head Teacher's room with attached toilet of Uttar Pearapur Primary School under PEDP4. ITT 30.1 The required Technical Proposal shall include the following additional information: Revised RDPP of PEDP4 is under approval process. So Contract agreement cannot be signed before RDPP approval if RDPP (2nd revision) of PEDP4 does not get approval then tender will be cancelled.	1012910	09-Oct-2024 15:00	09-Oct-2024 15:00

This is on an online tender, 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 Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches upto 12:30pm on 09-Oct-2024. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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e-Tender Notice
Open Tendering Method (NCT)

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e-Tender ID No.	Package No. & procurement type	Description of goods	Last selling date & time	Closing & opening date & time
1015896	GD-19.0 (NCT)	Procurement of Equipment for 20-Bedded Isolation Units in 30 District Hospitals	14-October-2024 12:00	14-October-2024 14:00

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