



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN
The Nazimuddin road in Old Dhaka has been completely upended and in disarray as road work is underway. The result -- a path of mud, trash and sewage holes that are a danger for passersby and locals. The photo was taken yesterday.

Jashore-Jhenaidah road in a sorry state

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

The 45-kilometre road connecting Jashore and Jhenaidah districts has been in a dilapidated state for quite a while.

The road is currently under a project to upgrade it to six lanes, according to sources at the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority.

During a recent visit, this correspondent observed that the road's bitumen surface has worn off while numerous potholes have formed along almost the entire stretch, thereby making vehicular movement extremely difficult.

"The road is a very busy one as around 30,000 vehicles ply it daily between Mongla and Bhomra ports," said Md Atiar

Rahman, engineer of BRTA in Jhenaidah. "Although it is currently under a six-lane project, the road is hardly serving its purpose due to its present state, causing sluggish vehicular movement amid heightened risk of fatal accidents," he added.

Mostafa, a bus driver, said while it used to take only an hour to move between Jashore and Jhenaidah earlier, now it takes more than two hours to drive the same distance amid risk of accidents.

Azizur Rahman, a truck driver, echoed him.

Contacted, Md Mohibul Islam, additional director of Jhenaidah-Jashore Highway (N-7) Improvement Project, said the road is now undergoing repair works and the present issues will be solved once the works are completed.

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Prisoner dies at Dhaka central jail

UNB, Dhaka

A prisoner died at the Dhaka Central Jail in Keraniganj yesterday morning after falling ill.

The deceased is Mamunur Rashid, 46.

According to prison authorities, Mamunur was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital's emergency department at 9:30am. Upon arrival, the doctors declared him dead.

The body was kept at DMCH morgue for an autopsy, said Inspector Bachchu Mia, in-charge of DMCH Police Outpost.

Primary teachers demand promotions

UNB, Dhaka

The Primary Teacher Coordination Council has demanded the elevation of primary assistant teachers to the 10th grade and departmental promotions to address discrimination.

Speakers highlighted these issues during a press conference held at Jatiya Press Club yesterday, according to a press release.

In a written statement, Shahinur Akhtar, president of the National Primary Assistant Teachers Foundation, noted that the last national pay scale was announced in 2015, during which primary teachers continued to face discrimination.

Rabbi's martyrdom

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Furthermore, their attempts to file a case in court have been thwarted due to the lack of a postmortem report, a critical document they were never given.

After Rabbi's burial in Madaripur, his sisters and student movement coordinators met with the DMCH director, who denied their request for a death certificate listing the cause of death, instructing them to get one from the local government instead.

"After getting the certificate from our Panchkhola Union Parishad chairman, we returned to submit it to the hospital authorities. However, the director said that he had been directed by the newly appointed health adviser to take more time, and the certificate would be provided eventually," said Mitu Akter, Rabbi's sister. "More than a month has passed, and that time has still not come. My brother still hasn't received official recognition as a martyr," she added.

In the meantime, the family spoke with several coordinators about where to go for the enlistment process, but they simply pointed to one another, and no one seemed to know the exact place to get this done.

"Is this our responsibility? If the government requires verification, they should direct us to a specific location. Many families of martyrs like us are in the same situation; they also don't know where to turn. Many bodies have disappeared or been burned to ashes. How will they be enlisted? This independence was earned at the cost of their lives -- do their lives hold no value? Will they receive no recognition?" asked Mim.

According to Mim, Rabby was a second-semester

student at Shariatpur Polytechnic Institute.

Rabby's father, Md Miraz Talukder, a van driver by profession, lives hand to mouth. His mother, Asma Begum, teaches Arabic to students, while Mim manages daily expenses through private tutoring and sent money to Rabby to cover his living costs at the mess.

"When I found out he had joined the protest in Shariatpur, we brought him back to Sayedabad, where we live. He had even been hit by a rubber bullet on July 19 at Shahbagh," said Mim.

"By the end of July, when many students were losing their lives and social media was flooded with images and videos of injured or dead students and civilians, he refused to stay home, despite our pleas."

"On August 4, while we were at tuition, he somehow managed to unlock the door and leave. After that, I couldn't reach him by phone.

"In our last conversation on August 3, he said, 'You're worrying about me? What about Mugdha Bhai or Abu Sayed Bhai? They're already martyrs. If I die, I'll be one too.' He did become a martyr, but hasn't received that recognition yet."

On September 25, the sisters managed to meet with Information Adviser Md Nahid Islam alongside the family members of another victim -- Miraj Hossain.

The adviser assured all martyrs and injured individuals will be included in the official list.

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Justice still eludes Jonny's family

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raided a house during a wedding ceremony in Pallabi's Irani camp area and picked up Jonny, who was then 28, and his brother Imtiaz Hossain Rocky, on February 8, 2014.

Police informers Sumon and Russell called the law enforcers after Jonny slapped Sumon for harassing women at the programme. Police then tortured the brothers at the police station, according to the case statement.

After Jonny fell sick the next day, he was admitted to a local clinic. Later, he was transferred to Suhrawardy Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

On August 8, 2014, Rocky filed the case with the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka.

On September 9, 2020, a Dhaka court sentenced former SI Zahidur and former assistant sub-inspectors Qamruzzaman Mintu and Rashedul Islam of Pallabi Police Station to life imprisonment and sentenced police informers Sumon and Russell to seven years in jail.

The trial court also asked each of the former officers to pay Tk 2 lakh compensation to the complainant, Rocky, through Bangladesh Bank and fined Zahidur and Rashedul Tk 1 lakh each.

Sumon and Russell were fined Tk 20,000 each.

This was the first and sole verdict under the Torture and Custodial Death (Prevention) Act, 2013.

Since then, Mintu has been on the run, and

Russell, who had been absconding during the delivery of the trial court's judgment, surrendered to the lower court later.

Zahidur, Rashedul, Sumon and Russell filed appeals with the HC challenging the trial court verdicts.

Russell secured bail from the HC on November 22, 2022 and Zahidur, Rashedul and Sumon are now in jail, Rocky told The Daily Star on September 6.

He also said that he is yet to receive any compensation from the convicts, as the appeals of the case have not been disposed of by the HC.

On May 10 last year, the HC refused to grant bail to Zahidur, Rashedul and Sumon and also ordered the convicted accused to deposit the fines to the treasury of the state within a month.

The HC bench led by Justice SM Kuddus Zaman also asked Rashedul to prepare the case's paper book in two months.

A paper book that contains all details of a case, trial proceedings, statements, evidence, orders, verdicts and other relevant documents is necessary for the HC to hear and dispose of an appeal.

Advocate SM Rezaul Karim, principal lawyer for Rocky, said, "Though the hearing jurisdiction of the High Court bench led by Justice SM Kuddus Zaman has been reconstituted by the chief justice, we will try to move the appeals before this bench on October 23. If the bench refuses

to resume the hearing on October 23, we will pray to the chief justice to allow this High Court bench to resume hearing of the appeals, conclude the hearing and deliver a verdict in the case."

Rashedul's lawyer Md AbdurRazzak Razu claimed that all three convicted accused have deposited the compensation and fines to Bangladesh Bank while filing their appeals in accordance with the relevant provisions of the law.

Mahmudur

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government in his own way for the past 16 years.

"Political parties like BNP and Jamaat have struggled in their ways, while I have fought along with my 'Amar Desh' family. My fight has been an intellectual and cultural battle."

Jahid Chowdhury, the news editor of Amar Desh, said Mahmudur Rahman has returned to the country as his mother is very ill.

Mahmudur Rahman faced the wrath of the then AL government for publishing various news. Over 124 cases were filed against him, and in one case, both he and his wife were sentenced to seven years in prison.

He was arrested in June 2010 and again in April 2013, during which the government shut down Amar Desh. After his arrest, he was reportedly subjected to torture during remand.

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DAI Global UK has been working with the Fleming Fund Country Grant to Bangladesh (FFCGB), to strengthen the National Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and Antimicrobial Use (AMU) surveillance system in an integrated way with the One Health approach in the Human Health, Animal Health, and Aquaculture sectors in Bangladesh.

In coordination with relevant government authorities and partnership with icddr'b, CVASU and LSTM, the project is planning to carryout refurbishment/renovation of six AMR sentinel laboratories throughout Bangladesh. Assessment of these labs indicate that minor to moderate in most sites and extensive refurbishment in couple of sites will be required. The potential and/or successful construction firm that will be contracted will: a) Carryout the renovation works under a unit price contract through a competitive bidding process; b) Warranty the works for a period of at least one year from successful handover of the same.

DAI invites eligible construction firms to submit prequalification applications expressing their interest. Upon evaluation of the applications and physical verification of past works done by the construction firms, DAI will prequalify construction firms for submission of the bids (detailed technical and cost proposals) for the said renovation works anticipated to begin in November 2024. **Submission deadline** for responding to this Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) is **14 October 2024 up to 5:00 pm**. Interested construction firms are invited to collect detail REOI document at the earliest by requesting to the email address BGD_FF_Procurement_In@ dai.com. OR alternatively, the REOI document is available on www.bdjobs.com Tender/EOI section.

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