



upazila. Even though more than a year have passed since stipulated deadline of the construction work, the bridge lies unfinished. The photo was taken

PHOTO: STAR

2 killed within FISH LANDING CENTRE

Market waste pollutes Kirtankhola river

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

Barishal's Fish Landing Centre on the banks of the Kirtankhola River has been inundated with solid waste, causing severe pollution. Despite the Department of Environment claiming that the Barishal City Corporation is responsible for the mess, no concrete measures have been taken to address the situation.



A visit to the fish market on Thursday revealed piles of waste, including fish remnants, polythene, bamboo cages, and other refuse, littering the riverbank.

Around 300 fish wholesalers operate in the area, and without dustbins, approximately 50 tonnes of waste from this and nearby markets are dumped directly into the river. Over 500 feet of the riverbank has turned into a wasteland.

Md Kamal Khan, from the market management committee, said despite repeated requests for dustbins, the BCC has failed to provide any. Gazi Zahid Hossain, convener of the Sacheton Nagorik Committee, said the unchecked pollution threatens aquatic life and public health.

The BCC's Department of Sanitation admitted they struggle to manage the waste. Although 600 to 800 tonnes of garbage are collected daily across Barishal, waste removal from the river is irregular.

Md Yusuf Ali, its officer in charge, said they have a plan to install a large dustbin in the area. The city currently only has 20 dustbins, with a proposal for 80 more under review, he added.

Kamal Mehdi, assistant director of the Department of Environment, said they are monitoring the pollution and will inform the BCC.

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8hrs in Dhaka

Two people were killed in the capital's

Mohammadpur within eight hours,

Shahnemaj alias Kallu, 37, was shot

dead in the Geneva Camp area around

11:00pm on Wednesday, while Sharier

Ashik, 19, was beaten to death at Chand

Shahnemaj's sister, Nasrin Begum,

said he was returning to Geneva Camp

from work when he was shot near Jalal

Decorator Shop on Humayun Road. He was

taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors pronounced him dead.

of Mohammadpur Police Station, said

Shahnemaj was caught in a gunfight

between rival drug-dealing gangs. He

had come to the camp to visit his family.

drug trade, according to camp sources.

Since August 5, four people have been killed in Geneva Camp over control of the

On September 29, joint forces

During the operation, authorities

seized two pistols, 20 rounds of

ammunition, various sharp weapons,

12 packets of splinters, 53 petrol bombs,

CNG driver, was found critically injured

at Chand Uddyan after being beaten by

but he died around 7:00am. Police sent the

body to a city hospital morgue for autopsy.

questioning. No cases have been filed in

connection with either incident.

unknown criminals around 5:00am.

In the second incident, Sharier, a

His father, Osman Gani, took him home,

Police have detained four people for

conducted a raid in the camp, resulting

in the arrest of 35 individuals, including

several suspected drug dealers.

and 50 helmets.

Iftekhar Hasan, officer-in-charge

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ending early yesterday.

Uddyan around 5:00am.

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Razzaque and Sadhan shown held

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Former food minister Sadhan Chandra Majumder, former home secretary Jahangir Alam and agriculture former minister Abdur Razzaque were shown arrested yesterday in two cases filed with Mohammadpur and Adabor police stations. SEE PAGE 4 COL 5

49 fishers jailed in **Barishal**

STAR REPORT

At least 49 fishermen have been jailed in Barishal over the last four days for violating the ongoing 22-day ban on catching hilsa.

The crackdown began

on October 13. A total of 455 raids were carried out between October 13 and October 16, leading to the filing of 72 cases, said officials.

MADARBUNIA CANAL

Locals suffer for delay in bridge construction

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Construction work of a bridge on Madarbunia Canal in Patuakhali's Rangabali upazila is still incomplete even though more than a year passed since its stipulated deadline.

According to Local Government Engineering Department in Rangabali, construction of the 75-metre long and 10 feet wide iron bridge started in April 1, 2022 at a cost of Tk 2.13 crore.

The work was scheduled to be completed by March

EFTE-ETCL, a joint venture contractor firm in Pirojpur, got the work order for the bridge's construction. Later, the deadline was extended for two phases till June 30 this year upon request by the contractor firm. The deadline eventually got extended for a third time, for four months, but the construction has yet to complete.

Meanwhile, since there is no alternative, the locals are compelled to cross the under-construction bridge using bamboo as guardrail amid risk

The bridge connects between Madarbunia and Rasulbaria villages in the upazila.

Visiting the bridge recently, this correspondent saw that installation of its iron structure has been completed, but casting of the platform and installation of guardrails are still incomplete.

Locals installed makeshift bamboo poles for guardrails to cross the bridge for their commute two weeks ago. However, with no platform on the bridge's

structure, it is risky to use it in its present condition. Ruhul Amin, assistant teacher of Rasulbaria Govt Primary School, said people used to cross the canal

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1 killed, 2 hurt as bus hits motorcycle, roadside shop

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A motorcyclist was killed and two others were injured when a bus hit a motorcycle and a roadside shop in the Balshabari area of Ullapara upazila in Sirajganj yesterday morning.

The deceased is identified as Md Nazrul Islam, 35, of Durgapur village in Shahzadpur upazila of

Sirajganj. Police the bus, but its driver and helper managed to flee from the scene. "The Dhaka-

bound Shyamoli Paribahan moving fast when suddenly a battery-run three-wheeler appeared in front of it, causing the bus

driver to lose control. Subsequently, the bus hit the motorcycle and a roadside shop," said Md Jakir Hossain, officer-in-charge of Hatikumrul Highway Police Station.

Nazrul died on the spot, while two people who were inside the shop were injured.

The injured were taken to the Ullapara Upazila Health Complex for treatment.

Traffic movement was halted for some time on the Dhaka-Pabna highway following the accident. Later, police brought the situation under control.

