

## Kalurghat Bridge reopens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The authorities opened Kalurghat Bridge to traffic from 10:00am yesterday after the completion of repair works.

"We have officially opened the bridge to traffic," said Zishan Dutta, bridge engineer of the Bangladesh Railways (BR) eastern zone.

The BR kept the bridge — a major crossing across the Karnaphuli river — closed for traffic since the renovation work started in August last year, at the cost of Tk 43 crore.

The Roads and Highways Department had launched a ferry service next to the bridge for vehicles to cross the river as people from the port city and Chattogram's three southern upazilas — Boalkhali, Rangunia, and Patiya — have no alternative to crossing the river without using the bridge.

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After being closed for renovation work for over a year, the Kalurghat Bridge over the Karnaphuli river was opened to traffic yesterday. The bridge was renovated at a cost of Tk 43 crore. According to the RHD, around 22,000–25,000 commuters cross the bridge every working day.

## JULY UPRISING

### 32 injured get Tk 1 lakh each

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Thirty-two individuals injured during the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement and currently receiving treatment at the Center for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) in Savar have been provided with financial assistance of Tk 1 lakh each.

This financial assistance was provided by the July Shaheed Smriti Foundation yesterday evening.

On this occasion, Mir Mahbubur Rahman Snigdha, executive officer of the Foundation, Nahida Bushra Ity, convener of the Health Affairs Subcommittee of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, and Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, executive director of the Savar CRP, were present.

Snigdha said the Foundation has committed to providing a maximum of Tk 1 lakh to each injured individual and Tk 5 lakh to the families of the martyrs. "I came to the CRP to fulfill this promise," he added.

A total of Tk 32 lakh has been distributed, with 27 people receiving funds via bKash and 5 through cheques, he said.

In response to a question from journalists about whether the Foundation has taken or will take any initiatives for those injured and currently at home, he replied, "We have a form that needs to be filled out properly. If other injured individuals contact us using the hotline number and website, we will take the necessary action."

"This one-time financial assistance is not the end; we will take all necessary steps to rehabilitate the injured," he added.

## LOWER COURT

### HC questions legality of presidential control

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule questioning the legality of Article 116 of the constitution that gives the powers of control and discipline of the lower court judges to the president.

Article 116 says, "The control (including the power of posting, promotion and grant of leave) and discipline of persons employed in the judicial service and magistrates exercising judicial functions shall vest in the President and shall be exercised by him in consultation with the Supreme Court."

In the rule, the HC asked the respondents to explain in four weeks why the provisions of Article 116 of the Constitution and the Bangladesh Judicial Service (Disciplinary) Rules, 2017 should not be declared contradictory to the constitution.

The court also asked the respondents to show causes why they shall not be directed to establish a separate judicial secretariat at Supreme Court premises.

The SC registrar general was ordered to submit a report on the progress of establishing a separate secretariat to the HC in 60 days. Secretary at the ministry of law and SC registrar general have been made respondents to the rule.

The HC bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Debashish Roy Chowdhury came up with the rule and order following a petition filed by 10 SC lawyers in this regard.

The law ministry on December 11, 2017 issued a gazette notification on

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## GOVT CANAL IN HABIGANJ

### In grabbers' clutches



MINTU DESHWARA, Moubibazar

Local influential persons have encroached upon and filled up a government canal in Lakhai upazila of Habiganj to construct different structures including shops and houses.

This in turn prevents the canal from providing adequate drainage, thereby causing waterlogging on the adjacent lands in the area after rains. The local agriculture is also being adversely affected as croplands remain submerged. Visiting the area recently, this correspondent observed that numerous structures have been constructed encroaching on the canal between Bekiteka and Bamoi Tinpool areas along Habiganj-Lakhai regional highway.

Some influential people have also been using the canal land for cultivation and fish farming.

Locals alleged that Awami League leaders, led by Lakhai

upazila AL president and former upazila parishad chairman Mushfiul Alam Azad, allegedly grabbed the canal land.

They alleged that Azad, who is on the run after the fall of the AL government on August 5, held significant influence in the area, and had encroached on a large part of the canal, including filling up a portion to enable vehicles enter his house there.

Contacted, Azad's younger brother Saiful Islam Sumon claimed that Azad had sold the property.

Besides, Bulla union parishad chairman and local AL leader Khokon Chandra Gop, a close associate of Azad, allegedly built a market on the grabbed land, while some other local AL men set up mills.

Contacted, Khokon claimed he set up market on his ancestral land.

Another local AL leader built a market and bus stand on the western side of Bulla

Bazar by grabbing the canal, while two local BNP men and their relatives have shops in Bamai Bazar area along the canal, alleged locals.

"There are several markets built grabbing the canal's land. There are also numerous houses, depots and other businesses. Also, all garbage produced in the locality is being discarded in the canal. All these led to the canal being filled up and causing waterlogging," said Salim Ahmed, a local trader.

Azad Hossain Faruk, chairman of Bamoi UP, said, "Since there is no political influence in the area at present, it is high time to take steps to save the canal." Tofazzal Sohel, general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon's Habiganj unit, echoed him.

Contacted, Nahida Sultana, upazila nirbahi officer of Lakhai, said measures will be taken to reclaim the government canal.

## Polybag ban to be imposed from Nov 1

Says Rizwana

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, adviser to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Climate Change, has announced strict monitoring to end the use of polythene shopping bags from November 1.

She threatened legal action against supermarkets that use polythene shopping bags and warned of potential actions against the manufacturers of this banned product.

Rizwana made the announcement while attending a special meeting as chief guest held at the Ministry of Textiles and Jute in the Secretariat yesterday.

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## Kundubari Fair shortened to 3 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Shariatpur

This year, the over 200-year-old traditional Kundubari Fair in Kalkini upazila of Madaripur will be held for three days, instead of seven days.

The district administration has opted to shorten the fair's duration following demands from a group of locals who cited concerns over various "anti-social activities" occurring during the event.

The decision was taken yesterday. The fair is scheduled to commence on October 30 in Bhurghata village, coinciding with the Kali Puja festivities. The fair, named after the Kundu clan, is organised on the premises of Kundubari temple.

"We have given permission for a three-day fair following an application from the Kundu family," said Md Nazmul Islam, additional deputy commissioner (ADC) of Madaripur.

"In previous years, outsiders used to arrange the fair by taking lease from local upazila administration. But this year, the Kundu family will arrange the fair," he said.

"As they do not have the experience to organise the fair, they have sought permission for a three-day fair. Subsequently, we have given the permission," he added.

"We will provide all necessary security for holding the fair and the puja peacefully," he added.

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**JAMUNA OIL COMPANY LIMITED**  
(A subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)  
Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad, Chattogram.

**e-Tender Notice No-05/2024-25**

Memo No : 28.24.0000.653.18.02.24 Date : 23.10.2024

This is notify to all concerned that the following tender has been published through e-GP Portal.

Sl.	Tender ID, Reference No. & Date of Publishing	Name Of Goods	Tender Document Last selling, Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time	Tender Opening Date & Time
01.	Tender ID: 1023180 Reference No: AGMP/E-GP-02/24-25 Publishing Date :23-10-2024	Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Testing of Dedicated data connectivity and Broadband Internet connection for different depots/offices of JOCL for using Web Based Application software at JOCL. (on quarterly rental basis for five years)	13. 11. 2024 16.00 hrs	14.11.2024 15.00 hrs	14.11.2024 15.00 hrs

The interested bidders may visit the website [www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for further details.

(Mohammed Helal Uddin)  
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## PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 28

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
AZAN 4-50	12-45	4-00	5-32	7-15	
JAMAAT 5-25	1-15	4-15	5-35	7-45	
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION					

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Memo No. 35.01.1933.410.07.001.24-6733 Date: 27/10/2024

### e-Tender Notice (Re-Tender)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal in Bangladesh (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following work mentioned in the table below:-

SL No.	Tender ID & Package No.	Name of Works	Tender Document last selling Date and Time	Tender Closing Date and Time	Tender Opening Date and Time
01	1027796, e-GP/CRD/ADP/ 4 Nos District Highway/WD-03	Construction of 38 nos (92.00 m) RCC Box Culvert with other ancillary works for Road Pavement into appropriate standard & width from ch. 0+000 k.m to ch. 35+000 k.m of Cumilla (Balutupa)-Koneshtola-Suagazi-Bijoypur-Adinamura-Amratoli (Z-1024) Road under Road Division Cumilla, during the year 2022-2023 (for WD-03 of the DPP).	12-Nov-2024 16:00	13-Nov-2024 12:00	13-Nov-2024 12:00

**(Sunjiti Chakma)**  
ID No. 602147  
Executive Engineer, RHD  
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Memo No. 27.22.4785.010.74.004.24/2742 Date: 24.10.2024

### e-Tender Notice (NCT)

e-Tender for the office of the Chief Engineer (O&M) invites in the National e-GP System Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)) for the procurement of following goods:

Sl	Tender ID	Name of tender	Last selling and closing date & time
1	1026557	Supply of Manpower for the Position of 100 Nos. CA (Complain attendant) in WZPDCL area for two year.	27-Nov-2024 14:00 BST 27-Nov-2024 16:00 BST

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.  
To submit e-Tender, registration required in the National e-GP System Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)).  
The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank.  
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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