

Residential students, JCD clash at CU hall

STAR REPORT

A clash broke out between residential students and Chhatra Dal activists at Shahjalal Hall of Chittagong University on Thursday night over a community feast.

Chhatra Dal alleged that members of Chhatra Shibir, disguised as regular students, launched an attack on them. On the other hand, residential students claimed the opposite.

The incident occurred shortly after a community feast began at 10:30pm. Around 11:00pm, general residential students started protesting against Chhatra Dal, chanting slogans such as “We do not accept outsiders, we will not tolerate” and “No to parasitic politics.”

The situation at Shahjalal Hall quickly escalated into a clash.

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Residents rely on dinghies to cross the canal for commuting between Ghazalia and Dakua unions in Patuakhali as the construction of a bridge over the waterbody has remained unfinished for two years. The photo was taken recently.

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GHAZALIA CANAL

Locals suffer as bridge work stalled for 2yrs

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

The construction of a bridge over the Ghazalia canal in Patuakhali's Galachipa upazila has remained halted for the past two years, causing significant inconvenience to locals.

Following the collapse of the old iron bridge in 2015, residents have been forced to rely on dinghies to cross the canal, despite the risks, for commuting between Ghazalia and Dakua unions.

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) initiated a project to build a 72 meter-long, 3 meter-wide iron girder bridge at a cost of Tk 5.91 crore.

The contract was awarded to Haji Enterprise, a Barishal-based contractor, on January 18, 2021, with a completion deadline of January 24, 2022.

However, after completing just 30 percent of the work, the contractor withdrew Tk 1.94 crore in bills and sought an extension.

Although the deadline was extended to June 30, 2024, the construction has

yet to resume, alleged locals.

They said some residents still use the remains of the old bridge at great risk, while others depend on dinghies.

“No vehicles can travel between the two unions, making transportation costly and time consuming. It's especially difficult for moving goods,” said Alam Sikder, a resident of Hogla Bunia village in Dakua union.

Lokman Gazi, a resident of Char Chandrail village in Ghazalia union, said students are forced to use the old bridge to cross the canal to attend schools in Ghazalia union.

Contacted, contractor Kabir Sikder cited changes to the bridge's design and the ongoing revision of the construction estimate as reasons for the delay. He said the work would resume once the revised estimate is approved.

Md Jahangir Hossain, upazila engineer of LGED in Galachipa, said, “A letter will be sent to the contractor to expedite construction once the revised estimate is finalised.”

Shawl makers struggle amid high production costs

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Even though sales of Tangail's iconic shawl, produced in both handlooms and powerlooms, have increased this winter, weavers and artisans are struggling to make expected profits due to the rising cost of production, especially the high price of yarn.

While demand has increased compared to last year, the higher costs of materials mean that shawls cannot be sold at higher prices, leaving weavers with narrow profit margins.

Tangail is known for its craftsmanship in producing fashionable shawls in various colours and designs. Popular types include Manipuri, Bangshal and Nanyantara. The production of these shawls involves around 5,000 artisans from Delduar, Basail, and Nagarpur upazilas. Despite the demand, many artisans are finding it increasingly difficult to sustain themselves financially.

Artisans like Abdus Salam shared

that while this year's sales are better due to the earlier onset of winter, profits remain low due to increased yarn prices.

Similarly, Shahar Ali, who has been in the profession for many years, said wages for making shawls have not risen in line with the increased



cost of living, making it hard for artisans to support their families.

The rise of powerloom machines has further impacted traditional handloom weavers. While a powerloom machine can produce 10-20 shawls daily, an artisan working on a handloom can only

produce 4-5, leading to reduced competitiveness.

Craftsman Moinal Hossain said many artisans are now forced to seek alternative livelihoods during the off season.

On average, producing a single shawl costs Tk 250-350, and wholesalers add a profit margin of Tk 50-100. However, weavers often rely on loans to cover production costs. After repaying loans and interest, little profit remains, leaving many artisans in financial distress, they said.

Rabiul Islam, liaison officer of Tangail Basic Center of Bangladesh Tant Board, said the board is working for the development of the local handloom industry.

“On behalf of the board, the marginal weavers are given loan assistance from Tk 30,000 to Tk 1.5 lakh at five percent interest and powerloom machine weavers from Tk 50,000 to Tk 2.5 lakh without any deposit. They have to repay this loan in three years,” he added.



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Date: 16.01.2025

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/ Division	Ministry of Social Welfare			
2	Agency/ Department	Department of Social Services (DSS), Agargaon, Dhaka-1207			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Director (Admin & Finance), Department of Social Services (DSS), E-8/B-1, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207			
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not Applicable			
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
6	Invitation for	GR:28 Stationary, Toiletries & Others Items of the Department of social Service Head Quarter, Dhaka-1207.			
7	Invitation Ref No	41.01.0000.013.07. 1011.24-79			
8	Date	16/01/2025			
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget, GOB			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
11	Tender Package No.	GR28/FY: 24-25			
12	Tender Package Name	GR:28 Stationary, Toiletries & Others Items of the Department of social Service Head Quarter, Dhaka-1207.			
13	Tender Publication Date	18/01/2025			
14	Start of Tender Document Selling Date	20/01/2025			
15	Tender Last Selling Date	02/2/2025 (Within Office Working Time)			
16	Tender Closing Date and Time	03/02/2025Time: 12:00 PM			
17	Tender Opening Date and Time	03/02/2025 Time: 02.00 PM			
18	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address:			
- Selling Tender Document (Principal)		Deputy Director (Admin & Finance), Department of Social Services (DSS), E-8/B-1, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.			
- Selling Tender Document (Others)		Social Service Officer (Audit), 2 nd Floor, Department of Social Services, E-8/B-1, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.			
19 NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS					
- Receiving Tender Document		1. 1 st Floor, Department of Social Services (DSS), E-8/B-1, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. 2. Office of the Divisional Director, Department of Social Services, 3/20, Humayun Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka.			
- Opening Tender Document		Meeting Room of MEGNA, 1 st Floor, Department of Social Services (DSS), E-8/B-1, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
20	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	As specified in the Tender Document.			
21	Brief Description of Goods	GR:28 Stationary, Toiletries & Others Items of the Department of social Service Head Quarter, Dhaka-1207.			
22	Brief Description of Related Services	As specified in the Tender Document.			
23	Price of Tender Document (Tk) (Each Lot)	২০০০/- টাকার (অফারযোগ্য) নিম্নবর্ণিত কোড নম্বরে ট্রেজারি চালানের মাধ্যমে জমা দিতে হবে ১ ০ ৭ ৬ ১ ০ ০ ০ ০ ২ ৩ ৬ ৬			
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24	Name of Official Inviting Tender			Shahed Parvez	
25	Designation of Official Inviting Tender			Director (Administration and Finance)	
26	Address of Official Inviting Tender			Head Office, Department of Social Services, E-8/B-1, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.	
27	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender			Phone: 8802 55007022 (Office Working Time).	
28	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings				

Shahed Parvez
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