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PHOTO: STAR

Bridge built without approach roads

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Jamalpur*

Due to a lack of approach roads, a bridge over a canal in Kachihar village of Jamalpur's Islampur upazila remains unusable.

With no connecting roads, locals are unable to benefit from the structure. Instead of serving its purpose, the bridge has blocked the drainage system, causing flooding in nearby farmland and disrupting cultivation.

The Islampur municipality authority spent Tk 37 lakh to construct the 10-foot-long and five-

foot-wide bridge in 2022. However, a field visit shows that it stands isolated between paddy fields, without any access roads.

"This bridge was built without proper planning. Now, our lands are submerged and we can't farm," said 75-year-old local resident Gazi Abdul Hamid.

Islam Khan, another resident of Kachihar village, said, "We don't understand why the municipality built this bridge in the canal when we never asked for it. Even if approach roads are constructed, it will still be of no use to us."

Locals consider the project unnecessary and a waste of public funds. They urge authorities to ensure better planning in future projects.

The mayor of Islampur municipality could not be reached for comment.

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Date: February 12, 2025

Invitation for Bid (IFB)

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges/ Road Transport and Highway Division			
2. Agency	Roads and Highways Department (RHD)			
3. Procuring Entity Name	Project Director (SE, RHD), Nalua-Baherchar Bridge Construction Project			
4. Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present			
5. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
6. Invitation for	Construction of Nalua-Baherchar Bridge over the river Pandab-Paira including Approach Road, Service Road, River Training Works, Toll Plaza, Electro-Mechanical and Ancillary Works at 27 th km of Barishal (Dinerarpool)-Laxmipasha-Dumki Road (Z-8044).			
7. Invitation Ref No.	35.01.0000.273.07.007.2024-858			
8. Date	12 February 2025			
KEY INFORMATION				
9. Procurement Method	International Open Competitive Bidding and "One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method (OSTETM)" Selection Procedure			
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10. Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget	The OPEC Fund for International Development (The OPEC Fund) and Government of Bangladesh (GoB)		
11. Development Partners (If applicable)	The OPEC Fund for International Development (The OPEC Fund) (Loan no. 14212P)			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12. Project Code	224344500			
13. Project Name	Construction of Nalua-Baherchar Bridge over the river Pandab-Paira at 27 th km of Barishal (Dinerarpool)-Laxmipasha-Dumki road (Z-8044)			
14. Proposed Bid Package No.	PW-01			
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16. Bid Publication Date	12 February 2025	Time		
17. Bid Last Selling date	08 April 2025	During office hour		
18. Bid Submission Closing Date and Time	09 April 2025	12:00 hrs. (Bangladesh Standard Time)		
19. Bid Opening Date and Time	09 April 2025	12:30 hrs. (Bangladesh Standard Time)		
20. Name & Address of the office(s)	Selling of Bid Document Office of the Project Director (SE, RHD), Nalua-Baherchar Bridge Construction Project, DTCA Building (RHD Tower), Room-404, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.			
Receiving Bid Document	Office of the Project Director (SE, RHD), Nalua-Baherchar Bridge Construction Project, DTCA Building (RHD Tower), Room-404, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.			
Opening Bid Document	Office of the Project Director (SE, RHD), Nalua-Baherchar Bridge Construction Project, DTCA Building (RHD Tower), Room-404, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.			
21. Place/Date/Time of Pre-Bid qualification Meeting	Place	Date		
	Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Bridge Management Wing, Conference room # 410, Level-4, Part-A, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka 1208, Bangladesh	10 March 2025		
		11.00 hrs. (BST)		
INFORMATION FOR Bidder				
22. Eligibility of Bidder	The complete eligibility and qualification requirements are stipulated in Section III: Evaluation and Qualification Criteria of Vol. 1 of 7 of Bid Document.			
23. Brief Description of Works	Construction of Nalua-Baherchar bridge with approach road and associated structures which includes, but not limited to the following works: (i) Steel Tied Arch Bridge, (ii) Viaduct bridge (PSC Girder), (iii) Culvert- 07 nos., (iv) Underpass-3 nos., (v) Rigid pavement works, (vi) RE wall, (vii) Earthwork in Road Embankment and slope protection, (viii) Subsoil improvement works, (ix) River Training works, (x) Bridge Health Monitoring System (xi) Toll plaza (xii) Weigh scale (xiii) Landscape works (xiv) Misc. works items of Drainage, lighting, safety works etc.			
24. Brief Description of Related Services	As described in Bid documents			
25. Price of Bid Document	BDT 20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand only) (Non-refundable)			
26. Lot no.	Identification of Lot	Location	Bid security Amount	Completion Time
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27. Name of Official Inviting Application	Mr. Abu Ehtesham Rashed			
28. Designation of Official Inviting Application	Project Director (SE, RHD)			
29. Address of Official Inviting Application	DTCA Building (RHD Tower), Room-404, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.			
30. Contact details of Official Inviting Application	Cell: +8801321168583 Email: pd.nalua@gmail.com			
31. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject any or all the Applications or annul the Application proceeding.				

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Two journos sued over theft in Kurigram

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Lalmonirhat*

Two local journalists have been made accused in a case filed over a shoplifting and looting incident in Kurigram that took place in 2017.

They are: Abdul Khalek Faruk, district correspondent for Independent Television and Daily Kaler Kantha, and general secretary of Kurigram Press Club, and Humayun Kabir Surjo, district correspondent for News24 Television and Daily Sangbad, as well as sports affairs secretary of Kurigram Press Club.

The case, which names 13 named and 30-35 unidentified individuals, was recorded at Kurigram Sadar Police Station on Saturday, said Md Habibullah, officer-in-charge of the station.

Police will arrest those involved in the incident, the OC added.

Complainant of the case, Mahfuzar Rahman, a resident of Balakandi village under Kurigram's Rajbari upazila, said in the complaint that he had run an establishment called Chula Ghar in the Zila Parishad Market in Kurigram town a few years ago.

The accused, including local Awami League men led by Ruhul Amin Dulal, convener of district Jubo League unit, arrived at the complainant's shop on December 12, 2017, armed with locally-made weapons, and demanded extortion money. They tied Mahfuzar up with ropes, beat him, took away Tk 1 lakh from his possession, as well as goods from his shop, including gas stoves and cylinders, causing a total loss of approximately Tk 27 lakh, according to the complaint.

In the complaint, Mahfuzar explained that while he did not know Abdul Khalek Faruk or Humayun Kabir

One killed, 10 hurt in Jhenaidah clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Benapole*

A man was killed and 10 others were injured in a clash between two rival groups in Hakimpur village under Harinakundu upazila of Jhenaidah yesterday morning.

The deceased is Mosharraf Hossain, 45, general secretary of the village mosque committee.

Police and locals said there has been a long-standing dispute between Mosharraf and Dabir Mandal, both residents of the same village.

Over the dispute, the two men and their associates locked into an altercation on Monday during a meeting on organising a religious gathering in the village, said MA Rouf Khan, officer-in-charge of Harinakundu Police Station.

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Man's throat-slit body found in Narayanganj flat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Narayanganj*

A 65-year-old man was found dead in his residence in Narayanganj city on Monday night.

The police recovered his body from the fourth-floor apartment of a seven-storey building in Tanbari Sahapara area. His throat was slit when he was found.

Utpal Roy, a retired employee of a local flour mill, used to live with his son in the rented flat

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