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STAR REPORT

At least nine people were killed and 23 injured in road accidents in Rangpur, Habiganj, Brahmanbaria, Gopalganj, Chattogram, Pirojpur and Narayanganj districts yesterday.

In Rangpur, Darul Jannat Dina, 10, a fifth grader at Amtola Bidyapith and College, sustained critical injuries after being hit by a battery-run three-wheeler in Mahiganj area as she was crossing the road while returning home from school.

Locals rushed her to Rangpur Medical College Hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries an hour after admission.

Abdul Kuddus, officer in charge of Mahiganj Police Station, said locals and students blocked the road for an hour in protest, demanding immediate action against reckless driving.

Police are trying to arrest the driver, the OC added.

In Brahmanbaria, Omar Faruq, 18, a second-year student of Bangladesh Gas Fields School and College, and Mokaddes Mia, 70, a former army member from

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two more persons, who allegedly carried out an attack on a couple with sharp weapons in the capital's Uttara on Monday, were arrested early yesterday.

Sajib, 22, was arrested from Konabari area, and Mehedi Hasan Saif, 24, from Tongi in Gazipur, said Rawnak Jahan, deputy commissioner of Uttara Division Police.

Two sharp weapons used during the attack were recovered from the bank of the Turag river, he said.

With them, Uttara police so far have arrested five persons in connection with the attack.

The three other arrestees are Alfaz Mia, Mobarak Hossain, 25, and Robi Ray, 22.

According to police, the incident began around 9:00pm when a motorcycle, driving recklessly, hit a rickshaw on Road-9, Sector-7 of Uttara.

The rickshaw driver protested the incident, and a couple riding another motorcycle also joined in. This led to an altercation, with the riders of the first motorcycle becoming aggressive and issuing threats. They then made a

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DIPANKAR ROY, *Khulna*

Years of neglect and a lack of maintenance have left the Bir Shrestha Ruhul Amin Road in Khulna in urgent need of renovation.

The road was last repaired in 2015, and over the past decade, it has lost its paving and turned into a dusty, uneven surface, causing significant misery for thousands of commuters each day.

Stretching for seven kilometres from Rupsha Ferry Ghat to Zabusa Bazar via Char Rupsha, Bagmara, and the Rupsha Bridge, the road is a crucial thoroughfare for the local community, businesses, and institutions. At least 15 shrimp processing factories, 150 shrimp buyers, several ice mills, three primary schools, a Coast Guard office, a police camp, and numerous other



important establishments are located along this busy route.

The current condition of the road is adversely affecting local businesses, education, healthcare, and daily life.

During a recent visit to the area, it was observed that the road has caved in at various points, with exposed bricks and stones making it hazardous.

In the dry season, dust from the road surface fills the air, choking pedestrians and commuters. During the monsoon, deep mud forms, making it nearly impassable for both people and vehicles.

"Every day, I have to commute using the road amid risk," said Mita Dey, a schoolteacher and local resident.

Obaidul Haque, a pick-up driver who regularly carries goods along the road, said it has become unfit for vehicular movement and called for immediate steps to repair and renovate it.

"It is a matter of shame that the road named after a national hero has become dilapidated like this," remarked Alamgir Hossain Sharabon, a member of Noihati Union Parishad under Rupsha upazila.

"Large goods-laden trucks use the road every day, but it was never meant to handle such massive loads. If urgent measures are not taken, this road may completely collapse," he added.

Mahbubur Rahman Munna, general secretary of Nirapad Sarak Chai's Khulna city unit, demanded the implementation of a proper renovation plan instead of temporary repairs.

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The Anti-Corruption Commission has filed two separate cases against former minister of housing and public works SM Rezaul Karim, and his wife Firoya Parveen on charges of illegally acquiring assets worth nearly Tk 12 crore and suspicious transactions amounting to Tk 7 crore.

ACC Director General Md Akhtar Hossain confirmed the matter at the commission's headquarters in Dhaka's Segunbagicha yesterday.

According to the case, SM Rezaul Karim, also former MP from Pirojpur-1 constituency, misused his power to amass Tk 8.86 crore beyond his known sources of income.

In the second case, Rezaul and his wife Firoya misused their power while serving as public officials and acquired illegal assets worth Tk 3.05 crore.

SIFAYET ULLAH, *Ctg*

Water supply has been disrupted for over 10,000 consumers in Chattogram city for the second consecutive day following damage to a major pipeline during construction work for a waterlogging mitigation project.

This has also affected at least 35,000 additional consumers, prompting Chattogram Wasa to implement a rationing system to address the escalating crisis.

The damaged pipeline, which extends over 25 kilometres, is crucial for supplying water from Wasa's Karnaphuli Water Treatment Plant (Phase-I) in Rangunia to the city.

The break occurred on Monday in the Oxygen area due to ongoing construction for a canal project, resulting in a crack in the pipeline that halted water flow to several key areas.

Nizam Uddin, a resident of Halishahar, said, "Water supply to my residence has been cut off since Monday. I now have to buy bottled water just to carry out household chores."

Chattogram Wasa operates two plants in Rangunia with a combined production capacity of 28 crore litres of water. However, one plant, with a capacity of 18 crore litres, has been forced to suspend production due to the damage.

Mahbubul Alam, the superintendent engineer of Chattogram Wasa, said the supply disruption has impacted areas including Halishahar, Agrabad, Jamalkhan, Lalkhan Bazar, Madarbari, GEC, Muradpur, Kadamtali, Chawkbazar and Nandan Kanan.

Affected residents reported severe shortages, with some areas receiving water only once every three days and experiencing low water pressure.

Istiaq Ahmed, a resident of Agrabad, said, "Water arrived just once in the last three days, and the pressure was so low that it was nearly impossible to use."

Similarly, residents of Patenga reported that they typically receive water only two to three times a week, and the latest disruption has exacerbated their struggles.

Maksud Alam, the chief engineer of

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Invitation for Tenders

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH				
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited, represented by Senior Manager (Procurement)		
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present		
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Substation at Gazipur & Bethunia Ground Station of Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited (BSCL) (Retender)		
7	Invitation Ref No	14.39.0000.012.07.006.23-48(T)		
8	Date	19/02/2025		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement Method	Open Tender		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Company's Own Fund		
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	Not Applicable		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project / Program Code (if applicable)	Not Applicable		
13	Project Name (if applicable)	Not Applicable		
14	Tender Package No.	BSCL/2024-25/PS-8		
15	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Substation at Gazipur & Bethunia Ground Station of Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited (BSCL) (Retender)		
16	Tender Publication Date	Date		
		20/02/2025		
17	Tender Last Selling Date	Date		Time: 05:00 PM
		09/03/2025		
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date		Time: 12:00 PM
		10/03/2025		
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date		Time: 12:20 PM
		10/03/2025		
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address		
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Head office		
	- Selling Tender Document (Others)	Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited		
	- Receiving Tender Document	SEL Rose-N-Dale, Level-07, 116 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1000.		
	- Opening Tender Document			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
21	Eligibility of Tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract under the Applicable Law. The minimum number of years of general experience of the tenderer in contracting industries in public sector as Prime Contractor shall be 3 years. The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor in providing non-Consultant Service of at least ONE contract of similar nature, complexity and methods/technology completed over a period of three (3) years each with a value of at least of Tk 7,50,000/- (Seven Lac fifty Thousand) shall be required. Contract for providing Service will be treated as similar nature. Contractor must have the adequate 5 years relevant experienced manpower (Technician and Engineer must have ABC licence) to perform this work and manufacturing facilities such as Transformer, HT/LT panel etc. (Related certificate need to be submitted) Contractor must have the 5 years' experience to supply and maintenance the switchgear equipment of ABB and Schneider Electric (accreditation/authorized certificate need to be submitted). Contractor must have the ABC licence (Institutional). 		
22	Brief Description of Services	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Substation at Gazipur & Bethunia Ground Station of Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited (BSCL) (Retender)		
23	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	1000/-		
	Package No	Identification of Package	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)
24	1	Name: Procurement of Annual Maintenance Services (AMC) for Substation at Gazipur & Bethunia Ground Station of Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited (BSCL) (Retender); No: BSCL/2024-25/PS-8	BSCL Ground Stations	Tk. 25,000/-
				Completion Time in Weeks / Months As Per the Tender Document
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
25	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Rehenuma Tarannum		
26	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Senior Manager (Procurement)		
27	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited SEL Rose-N-Dale, Level-07, 116 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1000		
28	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	0241030091-93, procurement@bscl.com.bd		
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.			

(Signed)

Rehenuma Tarannum

Senior Manager, Procurement (Additional Charge)

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