



The iron bridge over a canal on the Old Dhaka-Tangail Road lies in a derelict state and could collapse at any moment, leading to a fatal accident. The bridge was constructed around 1952, but has been worn out over the years due to a lack of maintenance and the pressure of hundreds of heavy vehicles crossing it daily. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

Four held for extortion while posing as DB men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police detained four persons who were impersonating members of the Detective Branch (DB) during an attempt to extort money in Khulna on Thursday night.

Locals caught them in the city's Boyra Aziz Mor area and then handed them over to the police.

The detainees are Md Masud Rana, Md Faisal Mahmud, Md Salauddin, and Rifat Parvez Rafi.

Sonadanga Model Police Station Sub-inspector Abdul Hai said the house where the incident happened has been rented by one Suman, who is reportedly involved in online gambling.

These four persons raided the house around 8:30pm, claiming to be DB members, and demanded Tk 2 lakh from Suman, threatening to detain him and take him to the DB office if he failed to pay.

When the news of the extortion spread in the neighbourhood, locals caught the suspects and informed the police. Law

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‘Everything’s gone’
Jamuna erosion devours homes, land in 3 upazilas of Jamalpur

SAHIDUL ISLAM NIRAB, Jamalpur

Severe erosion by the Jamuna river has suddenly struck three upazilas in Jamalpur -- Dewanganj, Islampur, and Madarganj -- despite it being the dry season.

Locals are shocked, as such erosion usually occurs during the monsoon. So far, hundreds of homes and vast areas of farmland have been washed away, they said.

Residents believe the damage could have been avoided if a permanent protection system had been in place. Despite facing erosion every year, authorities have not constructed any long-term embankments, they alleged.

In Islampur's Sapdhari Union, at least 15 villages are badly affected. Even though water pressure is low, erosion has intensified in the past few days. More than 100 homes have already been swallowed by the river, and several schools are now at risk of collapse.

"Just four short bamboo barriers could have saved five villages," said local resident Azizur Rahman Chowdhury. "But no one came to help."

Alamach Ali, who lost his home, said, "Everything's gone."

Ayesha Begum, another victim, added, "We lost everything once before. Now it's happening again. Still, no one has come to help."

Union Parishad Chairman Shah Alam Mondol said, "Our union is surrounded by the Jamuna. We were used to floods in the rainy season, but this year, erosion has started even in the dry months. Immediate steps are needed."

Contacted, Islampur UNO Md Touhidur Rahman said, "We're aware of the situation and have informed higher authorities."

In Dewanganj, erosion is spreading over five kilometres, from Kholabari to Char Dakatia. Villages like Hazari, Magurihat, Majhipara, and Dakatia have been heavily affected. Thousands of people have lost their homes and farmland.

"A few years ago, the river was far from our home. Now it flows right through it," said Shoaib Hossain from Char Dakatia. "On March 29, we lost our house."



In Madarganj's Pakrul village, over 600 homes and 500 bighas of farmland have disappeared in the past year. A clinic, school, mosque, graveyard, paved road, electricity poles, and government housing projects are also at risk.

"The river has taken everything -- our homes, land, roads, and schools," said local resident Momin Mia.

Md Nakibuzzaman Khan, executive engineer at the Water Development Board in Jamalpur, said, "We have visited the areas and asked for funding, but didn't receive it. Still, we plan to take some emergency steps."

Teacher forced to resign amid BNP-Jamaat rift

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The acting headteacher of Bhatiyari Haji Tobarak Ali Chowdhury (IAC) High School in Chattogram's Sitakunda was allegedly forced to resign on Wednesday due to a rift between local leaders of the BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami.

Kanti Lal Acharya, the acting headteacher, claimed he was compelled to sign a resignation letter after the newly formed ad hoc school committee appointed a Jamaat-backed individual as chairman.

He alleged that over a hundred BNP activists, led by Nurul Anwar, president of the BNP's Bhatiyari union unit, came to the school and harassed him.

On Thursday, his daughter Bhavna Acharya posted a video of the incident on Facebook, triggering widespread criticism against BNP.

In response, local BNP leaders held a press conference, denouncing the incident as a conspiracy by Jamaat. They accused the acting headteacher of corruption and demanded his resignation.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Kanti Lal said the education board approved an ad hoc committee on April 6, and he was informed on April 10.

"Based on recommendations from local leaders of BNP and Jamaat, and guardians, I forwarded three

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Six killed, 4 hurt in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Six people were killed and four persons injured in road accidents in three districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Chuadanga, two people were killed as a bus hit a rickshaw-van on the Chuadanga-Jhenaidah highway in Chuadanga's Sadar upazila.

The deceased are Abdur Razzak, 60, the rickshaw-van puller, and Golam Sarwar, 62, a rice trader, said police.

Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Khaledur Rahman said Razzak and Sarwar were traveling from Mohammadjuma village to Sarojganj Bazar for trading purposes.

On their way, the bus heading from Chuadanga town to Dhaka hit the van from behind, leaving them dead on the spot, he added.

The bodies were recovered and kept at the Chuadanga Sadar Hospital.

Legal proceedings were being taken, the OC said.

In Sirajganj, at least two people were killed and another was injured when a truck collided head-on with a microbus on Bogura-Nagarbari highway in Noyangati area.

The deceased were identified as Manik Chandra Sheel, 42, a passenger of the microbus, and Monsurul Alom Babul, 40, the driver. They were from Harinathpur in Aminpur, Pabna.

Hatikumrul Highway Police Station OC Md Abdur Rouf said the accident took place around 6:00am when a cement-laden truck hit a Kashinathpur-bound microbus in the area.

Both the drivers lost control over their vehicles. The truck fell into a roadside ditch.

Police and firefighters rushed to the spot and rescued the victims from the spot.

They were taken to Ullapara Upazila Health Complex where Babul and Manik succumbed to their injuries, the OC said.

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31kg venison, deer parts seized in Mongla

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

The Bangladesh Coast Guard (West Zone) has seized 31 kilogrammes of venison, including a deer's head and legs, from the Joymonirghol silo jetty area in Mongla upazila of Bagerhat.

The illegal wildlife parts were recovered during a special operation conducted on Thursday based on a tip-off, said Lt Commander Siyam-ul-Haque, media officer of the Coast Guard, yesterday.

During the operation, coast guard members discovered the venison stashed inside an abandoned sack. The contents included 31 kilogrammes of meat, one deer head, and four legs.

However, the hunters managed to flee the scene before law enforcement could apprehend anyone.

The seized items were later handed over to the Chandpai Range Forest Office for further legal procedures.

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e-Tender Notice

e-Tenders are invited through the national e-GP portal for the following procurement of works/goods.

e-Tender ID	Name of Works	Closing & Opening Date & Time	Procuring Entity/ Contact Persons
1098841	Construction of necessary toilets, tea rooms, installation of Thai partitions, addition of working cubicles, addition of false ceilings, installation of new AC on the 5th floor of the proposed English Road 132/33 KV Substation building for setting up the Executive Engineer, NOCS Bangshal office under DPDC.	30-Apr-2025 12:00	(Md. Rakhibul Hasan) Superintending Engineer Civil Works, DPDC BSMMU 33/11Kv Sub-Station (5 th Floor), Mymensingh Road, Shahabag, Dhaka. Phone # +880 244863102 Email # secw@dpdc.gov.bd
1098628	Supply of Uniform and Liveries for office of the NOCS Kazla, DPDC.	05/05/2025 14:00 pm	(Engr. Md. Feroze Kabir) Superintending Engineer NOCS Circle Kazla, DPDC. 132/3311kv GIS Building (2 nd floor) 318/1/Ka/1, South Jatrabari Tel: 7541764, E-mail: sekazla@dpdc.gov.bd

The interested persons/firms/organizations may visit website (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) to get the details.

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e-Tender Notice (OTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following goods under revenue budget. Details are given below:

Sl No.	Description of the goods & package	Tender Id No.	Tender closing date & time	Tender security submission date & time
1	58.03.0000.014.36.001.23.2091. dated 17/02/25 Procurement of Lentil/Masur Dal (High Quality Dashi Small grain) for the months of January/25 to March/25 for Chattogram Fire Service and Civil Defence, Agrabad, Chittagong, Divisional Ration in financial year 2024-2025	1099286	05-May-2025 12.00.00	05-May-2025 11.00.00
2	58.03.0000.014.36.001.23.2091. dated 17/02/25 Procurement of edible Soyabean Oil (enriched in Vitamin-A) for the months of January/25 to March/25 for Chattogram Fire Service and Civil Defence, Agrabad, Chittagong, Divisional Ration in financial year 2024-2025	1099224	05-May-2025 12.00.00	05-May-2025 11.00.00

- This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
- To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).
- The fees for the downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches up to selling 04-May-2025.
- Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Date : 17.04.2025

e-Tender Notice (LTM) No-07/2024-25

e-Tender is invited from the Enlisted Tenderers under Benapole Pourashava in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of works as mentioned in the following table:

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of Works	On-line(e-GP System) tender publication date & time	On-line(e-GP System) tender closing date & time
1099769	BENA/ADP/2024-25/W-01	a). Construction of Poura Store Room near Poura Bhaban under Benapole Pourashavab) Sanitary works at Kagmari Non-Register Primary School under Benapole Pourashava.	20-April-2025 10:00:00	07-May-2025 13:00:00
1099797	BENA/ADP/2024-25/W-02	Construction, Installation & Supplying LED Street Light (12Nos) at Jashore - Kolikata Road under Benapole Pourashava	20-April-2025 10:00:00	07-May-2025 13:00:00

There are an online tender, where only, e-tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no off line/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-tendering documents from the national e-GP Portal have to be deposited on line through any registered banks branches up to 07-05-2025at 12.00 AM.

Further information and guideline in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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