

Locals step in to repair road in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Local residents of Rupospur village under Kamalganj upazila in Moulvibazar have stepped in to repair a vital rural road that has long been in a deplorable state, causing suffering to thousands of people.

The locals took up the task themselves, as no steps had been taken by the authorities concerned to repair the dilapidated road and alleviate their prolonged suffering.

During a recent visit to the area, this correspondent saw villagers working to lay bricks to improve the road. Patches of mud and potholes were still visible throughout the one-kilometre stretch.

Following recent rains, the dirt road became impassable, locals said. Even a slight drizzle would turn the road into a mess of knee-deep mud, making it difficult for people and light vehicles to pass through, they added.

As such, on June 10, villagers voluntarily initiated urgent repair work on the road.

"This road is important for us to commute within the locality, including to Rupospur Bandar Bazar. Many students of Rupospur Government Primary School from the village also have to use the road to reach their school and attend classes," said Md Durud Mia, a resident of Madhya Rupospur. Saddam Hossain, another villager, echoed his sentiment.

Shadekul Islam of the same area said several thousand residents use the road daily, despite the inconvenience. "We have repeatedly requested public representatives over the last 10 years to repair and upgrade the road. However, our pleas have been ignored," he added.

Engineer Nahid Ahmed Tarafdar, chairman of Munshibazar Union Parishad, said the road had previously undergone temporary repairs using soil and brick chips, but those did not last. Efforts are underway to pave the road, he added.

Md Rakib Hasan, deputy assistant engineer of the Local Government Engineering Department in Kamalganj upazila, said they are aware of the road's current condition. "A proposal has been submitted to higher authorities to pave the road. Work will begin once we receive approval," he said.



The 21st graduation ceremony of Sunnysdale was held at the Sheraton Dhaka on June 14. Prof Ainun Nishat, professor emeritus at BRAC University, attended the event as the chief guest and conferred certificates on 139 graduates. Sunnysdale Chairman Dr Tanvir Ahmed Khan and Head of School Tazeen Ahmed were also present at the ceremony.

PHOTO: COURTESY

Bamboo mat weavers struggle to thrive

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

In the remote Tilagaon area under Moulvibazar's Kamalganj upazila, mat weaving using bamboo fibres is a traditional handicraft that has been passed down through generations, helping countless rural families make a sustained living over the years.

However, with changing times, the mat weavers, most of them women, are now struggling to thrive amid myriads of challenges, including being at the mercy of moneylenders who control the product's raw materials as well as



distribution.

While working on a half-finished mat, Mariam Bibi reminisced the years of her involvement in the craft.

"After my husband passed away 17 years ago, I started weaving mats to support my children. Selling these

mats became my only means of survival," she said.

Mariam shared that despite weaving up to 25 mats every week, her earnings are barely enough to sustain her family.

"I have to borrow money from a local moneylender to purchase bamboo, paying Tk 400 for six pieces. Fibres produced from each bamboo can be woven into one or one-and-a-half mats. After completing them, I sell each mat back to the moneylender for Tk 75 taka. As such, from six bamboos, I make only around Tk 200 in profit.

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ABRAR MURDER CASE

Ten convicts challenge High Court verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 10 convicts in Buet student Abrar Fahad murder case have so far filed 10 separate appeals with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court challenging the High Court verdict on them.

On March 16 this year, the High Court upheld a trial court verdict sentencing 20 Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) students to death and five others to life imprisonment for killing Abrar Fahad in 2019.

Among the 10 convicted appellants, nine were sentenced to death and one was sentenced to life imprisonment in this case.

They submitted the appeals to the office concerned of the Appellate Division through their lawyers on different days in May and June seeking acquittal from the charges.

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Two murdered in 2 districts

STAR REPORT

At least two persons were hacked to death in Pabna and Jashore yesterday and the day before, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Pabna, a youth was hacked to death allegedly by his relatives over prior feud in Jafarabad village under Sadar upazila early yesterday, said police.

The victim, Md Russel, 31, had an enmity with one of his cousins.

After a mobile phone went missing from Mokbul's house, they put the blame on Russel and allegedly hacked him indiscriminately at around 12:30am, leaving him dead on the spot.

On information, police went to the spot and recovered the body. The body has been sent to Pabna General Hospital morgue for autopsy, said Sadar OC Md Abdus Salam.

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| Bangladesh Association of Construction Industry (BACI) Nahar Green Summit (3rd Floor), House No. 43, Road No. 16 (Old 27), Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209 SICIP-BACI Program, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, GoB Ref. No.: SICIP-BACI/NS-1/2025-100 Date: 16 June 2025 | | | | |
| Invitation for Tender for Hiring Vehicle for SICIP-BACI PIU Office Sealed tenders are hereby invited from all eligible Suppliers/Tenderers in accordance with PPR-2008 for the undermentioned work. | | | | |
| 1 | Agency | SICIP-BACI Program | | |
| 2 | Procuring entity name | Chief Coordinator, SICIP-BACI Program | | |
| 3 | Invitation for | Hiring Vehicle for SICIP-BACI PIU Office | | |
| 4 | Procurement method | Open Tendering Method (National) | | |
| 5 | Tender publication date | 16.06.2025 | | |
| 6 | Last date and time for selling tender document | 01.07.2025 by 4:00pm | | |
| 7 | Last date and time for submitting the Tender | 02.07.2025 by 2:00pm | | |
| 8 | Tender opening date and time | 02.07.2025 at 2:30pm | | |
| 9 | Selling, receiving & opening of tender document | SICIP-BACI PIU Office, Nahar Green Summit (3rd Floor), House No. 43, Road No. 16 (Old 27), Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209 | | |
| 10 | Eligibility of tenderer | As per the Tender document | | |
| 11 | Price of tender document (Taka) | 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand only) (Cash Only) | | |
| | Package No. | Identification of package | Location | Tender security amount (Tk) |
| | 12 | Hiring Vehicle for the SICIP-BACI PIU Office | Dhaka City | BDT 75,000.00 (Taka seventy-five thousand only) in favor of the Chief Coordinator, SICIP-BACI Program |
| | | | | 24 months (Contract period may be extended if performance is satisfactory) |
| 13 | The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings | | | |
| Engr. Md. Mushfiqur Rahman Chief Coordinator, SICIP-BACI Program | | | | |

Disclose Yunus-Tarique meeting minutes: IAB chief

STAR REPORT

The recent meeting between Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus and BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman, while instrumental in easing certain political tensions, has also sparked unease within the country's political landscape, said Islami Andolan Bangladesh Ameer Syed Muhammad Rezaul Karim yesterday.

"The closed door meeting between the two leaders, following a discussion that included representatives from both sides, has raised some questions in political circles," he said while speaking at a meeting with senior party leaders at the IAB's Purana Paltan office.

"We believe, for political transparency and to dispel unease among political parties, the discussions and decisions made during the private meeting should be presented to the nation," he added.

The IAB chief said politics in Bangladesh is based on a multi-party system.

Many political organisations took part in the "anti-fascist" movement in the past, risking their lives, he said.

"It is a moral responsibility to give equal importance and dignity to all in building the future of Bangladesh," he added.

The IAB chief noted that the nature of the London meeting has left many political parties feeling sidelined.

He particularly criticised the unilateral announcement of a shortened election timeline by the chief adviser in his Eid address, despite repeated calls from political groups regarding the timing of the election.

Two cops stabbed by criminal in Bogura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Two policemen were stabbed allegedly by a drug trader while they were trying to arrest him in Bogura Sadar upazila yesterday.

The incident occurred at 11:00am in Shikarpur village under the upazila.

The injured are Jahangir Alam, 42, assistant town sub-inspector, and Manikuzzaman, 45, a constable, both from Bagura Sadar Police Outpost.

Both are currently being treated in Bogura Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital. Of them, Assistant Sub-Inspector Jahangir

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Political climate reassuring

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Yunus and Tarique met for 90 minutes in London, during which they reportedly agreed to hold the next general election in the week preceding Ramadan next year, instead of early April, subject to the completion of necessary preparations.

A joint statement issued after the meeting described the discussion as a breakthrough that could help dispel political deadlock and improve relations between the

interim administration and the country's largest political party.

The environmental adviser made the remarks while speaking to reporters at the Secretariat on the first working day after the Eid holidays.

Our staff correspondent adds, government offices reopened yesterday following what officials described as the longest Eid holiday in recent memory, with the central administrative hub -- the

Secretariat -- resuming operations after nearly 10 consecutive days of closure.

Despite the extended break, essential government services continued nationwide under special arrangements.

Staff at the Secretariat reported that while post-Eid attendance is often low, yesterday saw a strong return to work as the prolonged leave allowed employees to fully enjoy the break without needing extra days off.

Ready to assist EC in holding

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Asked about the recent border pushbacks from India, Jahangir said, "We've raised the issue several times with the foreign ministry and the Indian High Commission. If any of our citizens are in India, we will bring them back -- but only through proper channels. Dropping them in forests, rivers, or lakes is inhumane. No civilised country should act this way."

He urged the media to continue highlighting the issue and said that Bangladesh has already lodged formal protests through diplomatic channels.

Regarding reports of crimes committed by individuals wearing Rapid Action Battalion's uniforms, the adviser said, "We are very concerned about the recent incident. We are making every effort to bring those involved

to justice as quickly as possible. Even if someone is wearing a Rab uniform, they will not be spared."

| PRAYER TIMING | | | | | |
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| JUNE 16 | | | | | |
| Fajr | Zohr | Asr | Maghrib | Esha | |
| 4:05 | 12:45 | 5:00 | 6:50 | 8:15 | |
| JAMAAT 4:40 | 1:15 | 5:15 | 6:55 | 8:45 | |
| SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION | | | | | |

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| Bangladesh Red Crescent Society National Head Quarter (NHQ) 684-686, Red Crescent Sarak, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka 1217. PARX: +88-02-48310188-9, Ext: 222, 258, Direct: +88-02-8333430, web: www.bdracs.org | |
| INVITATION FOR TENDER | |
| 1. Invitation Reference, Tender ID No, and Date | Pro. (Log.) 171/2025, Tender ID: 32/2025 Date: 29/05/2025. |
| 2. Procuring Entity Name | Secretary General, NHQ, BDRCS |
| 3. Name of Requisition Department | Myanmar Refugee Relief Operation (MRRO), BDRCS, Motel Road, Cox's Bazar District. Telephone Numbers: Tel. +88-031-63257, Mobile Numbers: Tel. +88-01714-019064. |
| 4. Implemented by | DR Department, NHQ, BDRCS. |
| 5. Invitation for | Construction of Central Warehouse at Cox's Bazar. |
| 6. Procurement Method | Open Tendering Method (OTM), One stage two envelopes. |
| 7. Budget and Source of Funds | UNHCR |
| 8. Work Details | LOT-A: Sand Filling/Land Filling, LOT-B: Civil Work at Retaining Wall, Brick Road, Warehouse Boundary Fence & Office Construction works. LOT-C: Rub Hall set-up. |
| 9. Purchase of Tender document | Tender documents and schedules with detailed information are available at the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) website: www.bdracs.org . Tender Schedule Download Link: https://bdracs.org/tender/ Important Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested bidders are requested to collect the tender documents within the stipulated timeframe from the mentioned link/BDRCS website. A Tender Schedule purchase fee for LOT-A for BDT 2,050.00 LOT-B for BDT 2,050.00 and LOT-C for BDT 1,020.00 is applicable. This fee is non-refundable. The purchase fee should be paid through bKash number 01894-806393 (BDRCS Merchant Account). Please mention the bKash transaction reference number on top of the tender schedule. Failure to include the bKash transaction reference number may result in the disqualification of your bid. |
| 10. Tender Schedule available from website/link | 16-06-2025 |
| 11. Tender Closing Date and Time | 03-07-2025 at 3:00 PM |
| 12. Tender Opening Date and Time | 03-07-2025 at 3:15 PM |
| 13. Address of Tender Submission & Opening | Logistics Department, National Headquarters, BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka-1217. |
| 14. Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting | 22-06-2025 at 11:00 am in the Logistics Meeting Room, National Headquarters, BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka-1217. |
| 15. Eligibility of Tenderer | As per Tender Documents. |
| 16. Submission Criteria | Tender will be evaluated LOT-BY-LOT. A bidder may submit all LOTs or any individual LOT. |
| 17. Tender Security Amount | 2.5 % of the Total quoted value of LOT wise. |
| 18. Completion Time in months | As per Tender Documents. |
| The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender or split the order without assigning any reason and will not be bound to accept the lowest bid. | |
| Size: 3 col x 6" | Dr. Kabir M. Ashraf Alam ndc Secretary General |

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| ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED 395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area Dhaka-1208 Local Press Tender Notice | | | |
| Tender Ref.: EDCL (Gopalganj)/PUR/PT/2025/216 | | Dated: 15/06/2025 | |
| Sealed tenders are hereby invited from Genuine Importers/ Suppliers/ Authorised dealers for Supply of different types of HPLC Columns for QC Deptt. at EDCL, 3 rd Plant Gopalganj on urgent basis: | | | |
| Name of Item Supply of different types of Columns for QC Deptt. at EDCL, 3 rd Plant Gopalganj (Details as per Tender Schedule) | Earnest Money TK. 2.5% of quoted amount | Cost of Tender Schedule TK. 1000.00 set (Non-Refundable) | Last Date of Closing & Opening Closing : 01/07/2025 at 12.00 PM Opening : 01/07/2025 at 12.30 PM |
| Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender. | | | |
| The Tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money mentioned above in the from of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Company Ltd." without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive. | | | |
| EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. | | | |
| Deputy General Manager (CC) Procurement Department For: Managing Director | | | |
| Size : 5 Inchi x 4 Culmn | | | |