

Thousands suffer as bridge collapses in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A 34-foot bridge over the Ayman river in Multagacha upazila of Mymensingh collapsed recently, leaving thousands of people in severe hardship.

The collapse cut off communication between the two banks, forcing people to cross on foot.

Locals said several days of heavy rainfall increased the river's water pressure, while soil erosion at both ends of the bridge contributed to the collapse.

Built in 2001, the bridge was located at Amodpur Kandigoan village on Muktagacha Natun Bazar to Dapuria Road.

Residents alleged that recent excavation work by the Water Development Board (WDB) in the river, carried out without protective measures, weakened the structure's foundation and hastened its collapse.

Imam Uddin Mukta, a veteran journalist, said the bridge had been the only means of communication for thousands of people from several villages, including



students travelling to educational institutions.

Shamsul Islam of Kandigoan village said the bridge was built in response to long-standing demands from local residents and had brought economic self-sufficiency to the area. Its sudden collapse, he added, has left farmers devastated as they are unable to transport their produce smoothly.

Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, upazila engineer of LGED

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117 acres reclaimed, but encroachers creep back in

Freed WDB land in Ctg occupied again

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

Just a month after a major eviction drive, land reclaimed by the Water Development Board (WDB) has once again come under fresh encroachment, raising concerns over the sustainability of the operation.

Several plots, part of the more than one hundred acres of land cleared during the July 13-15 drive, have reportedly seen the return of former occupiers. Makeshift structures have already been set up in some areas, while in others

vehicles are once again being parked on WDB property.

The eviction drive, conducted from Halishahar to Kattali in the port city, had recovered valuable government land after many years of illegal occupation. The operation cost around Tk 20 lakh. With fresh encroachment already underway, locals said the effort and resources spent have effectively gone in vain.

During a visit yesterday, this correspondent observed that grabbers have once again started constructing structures on the reclaimed land.

In Alif Corporation area near Outer Ring Road of North Kattali, around a hundred vehicles were found parked on the reclaimed land, while at least two makeshift tea stalls had been set up. In the Khejurtola area, previously demolished structures had been rebuilt and fishing nets stored.

Lokman Hakim, a local resident, said, "The public money spent on the eviction drive has gone to waste, as the authorities have failed to prevent the encroachers from returning."

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Mob violence persists in some parts

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August 15, the adviser said, "There was no directive from the home ministry specifically prohibiting people from offering flowers. What we instructed was that no untoward incident should occur."

On whether police acted beyond instructions, he said any such allegations should be verified. "If police obstructed without instruction, it will be looked into. But our priority was to avoid any unwanted situation," he added.

Turning to election preparedness, the adviser dismissed concerns that no new forces had been appointed. Jahangir said so far 15,851 policemen have been recruited, along with 4,469 BGB members, 5,551 Ansar personnel, 1,558 for the department of prisons, and 208 for fire service. In addition, new personnel have joined Rab and the coast guard.

He explained that police recruitment covered constables and sub-inspectors, while in BGB and Ansar most posts were at constable level. "This is the first round of large-scale recruitment under the current government," he said.

Asked about mass lawsuits and allegations of harassment through false cases, Jahangir said police were not the only ones filing cases, as members of the public were also lodging complaints. "To prevent innocent people from suffering, we are forming another committee. The principle is clear: the guilty will not escape, and the innocent will not be punished," he explained.

Yesterday's meeting also reviewed preparations for the upcoming national election, discussions on the Police Reform Commission, progress in the July killing cases, law and order in rural areas, extortion, snatching and cyber propaganda, violence against women and children, narcotics abuse, bail of top criminals, unrest in the garments sector, recovery of illegal arms, border and hill tract situations, and conditions in Rohingya camps.

means the arrest was not baseless," he added.

The adviser acknowledged criticism that law enforcers often target only "small fry." "We often catch minor offenders, while the big ones escape. I would urge you [journalists] to highlight the real facts -- not only when big fish are caught, but also when the innocent is wrongfully harassed," he said.

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EC to unveil polls action plan this

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Regarding political parties' registration, Akhtar said letters are being sent to 22 parties whose applications were sent for field verification. "Those whose applications were rejected or deemed not eligible are being informed with specific reasons. The rejection letters clearly state which conditions were not fulfilled," he explained.

Meanwhile, the EC said it will hold hearings on the delimitation of parliamentary constituencies from August 24 to 27. Over these four days, the commission will hear a total of 1,760 applications and objections.

The hearings will take place at the EC building under the chairmanship of Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin, with four election commissioners and the EC secretary. The EC issued a circular in this regard, signed by Deputy Secretary Mahbub Alam Shah.

According to the EC circular, on Sunday hearings will be held on 683 claims and objections concerning 18 constituencies in the Cumilla region. The following day, hearings will cover 98 claims from the Khulna region, 381 from Barishal, and 20 from Chattogram.

On August 26, the EC will hear 316 claims from the Dhaka region. Finally, on Wednesday, August 27, hearings will cover seven claims from Rangpur, 232 from Rajshahi, three from Mymensingh, 18 from Faridpur, and two from the Sylhet region.

A total of 1,760 applications were submitted for changes in 83 constituencies, according to the EC.

STATUTORY NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION, DHAKA
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

COMPANY MATTER NO. 1323 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF: An application under section 81(2) read with section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994.

AND

Mr. Nur-E-Ahsan Sazib

—Petitioner.

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC) and another. —Respondents. Notice is hereby given in the effect that an application under section 81(2) read with section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994, was moved before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for condoning the delay of holding the Annual General Meeting for the 2023 and 2024 of the company named "Brother Knit Composite Ltd" The Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel has admitted the said application on 28.07.2025 and Hon'ble Court directed the petitioner to publish notices within 03 (Three) weeks and to submit affidavit in compliance with 15th August, 2025 from publishing the said notices. Any person interested in the said application may appear before the Hon'ble Court. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges.

Mohammad Jamil Khan, Advocate

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Five killed as pickup crashes into van in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Five fish traders were killed after a pickup van rammed into a covered van parked beside a road in Chattogram city early yesterday.

Four others were injured in the accident that occurred around 5:15am in the City Gate area.

Three of the deceased were identified as Kala Das, 30; Akash Das, 28; and Ajit Das, 30.

A total of 10 fish traders were on their way to the Fishery Ghat in Chattogram to buy fish, said Alamgir Hossain, deputy assistant director of Chattogram Fire Service and Civil Defence.

Upon receiving the information, a firefighting unit from the Agrabad station reached the spot and conducted rescue operations, he added.

Sajjad Saikat, a sub-inspector of Akbarshah Police Station, said according to a preliminary investigation, a mini pickup coming from the



PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Family members mourn the deceased at CMCH. Faujdarhat area towards AK Khan lost control and rammed into the rear of a large covered van parked beside the road.

Five people were killed on the spot and four others were injured, he said.

The injured were admitted to Chattogram Medical College Hospital, while the bodies of the victims were kept at the hospital morgue for autopsy, the SI added.

STATUTORY NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION, DHAKA
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

COMPANY MATTER NO. 1324 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF: An application under section 59 read with section 60 of the Companies Act, 1994.

AND

Lama Rubber Industries Limited represented by its Managing Director, Mr. Hasan Adil

—Petitioner.

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC) and another. —Respondents. Notice is hereby given in the effect that an application under section 59 read with section 60 of the Companies Act, 1994, was moved before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for the reduction of shares and share capital of the company named "Lama Rubber Industries Limited" The Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel has admitted the said application on 14.08.2025 and Hon'ble Court directed the petitioner to publish notices within 03 (Three) weeks and to submit affidavit in compliance with 19th October, 2025 from publishing the said notices. Any person interested in the said application may appear before the Hon'ble Court. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges.

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Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)

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Commercial Section

Invitation For Tender (International) for Purchase of

(a) 5,000 M. Ton of Brown Color Chickpea & (b) 1,100 M. Tons of Dates

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce
2	Agency	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Additional Director (Commercial), TCB, Dhaka.
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not applicable
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	a) Brown Color Chickpea & b) Dates
7	Invitation Ref. No.	a) 26.05.0000.016.10.568.25.2191, b) 26.05.0000.016.10.568.25.2192.
8	Date	18-08-2025
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) (International)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	TCB's Own Fund.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
11	Package No.	a) TCB/Imp-02/Chickpea/2025-26, b) TCB/Imp-02/Dates/2025-26.
12	Package Name	a) Brown Color Chickpea, b) Dates.
13	Tender Invitation/Publication Date	19-08-2025
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
14	Tender Documents Last Selling Date and Time	02-09-2025
15	Tender Closing Date and Time	03-09-2025
16	Tender Opening Date and Time	03-09-2025
17	Name & Address of the office(s)	<p>(1) Sonali Bank Ltd. Kawran Bazar Branch, TCB Bhaban, Dhaka. (2) Trust Bank Ltd. Kawran Bazar Branch, and (3) Accounts & Finance Division, TCB's Principal Office at Dhaka.</p> <p>- Selling Tender Document of each item can be purchased from banks & offices as mentioned in right column.</p> <p>- Receiving Tender Document</p> <p>- Opening Tender Document</p>
18	Eligibility of Tenderer	Bonafide Suppliers. Details conditions will be mentioned in the Tender documents.
19	Brief Description of goods	<p>Import of</p> <p>a) 5,000 (Five Thousand) M.Tons of Brown Color Chickpea packed in 25/50 (Twenty Five/Fifty) kg bag. [Partial Quantity is acceptable but not less than 2,500 M. Ton.]</p> <p>b) 1,100 (One Thousand One Hundred) M.Tons of Dates packed in 10 (Ten) kg Paper Carton [Partial Quantity is acceptable but not less than 550 M. Ton.]</p>
20	Price of Tender Document	Price of (a) Brown Color Chickpea tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand) & b) Dates tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand).
21	Lot No	Identification of Lot
21	1.	<p>a) Brown Color Chickpea</p> <p>Offers are to be made on CFR (C) Chatogram (Previous name Chittagong) Mongla Port by Sea or CPT Benapole/ Bangla Hill/Darshana/ Sonamasjid/ Bhowmra/ Teknaf by rail/ truck</p> <p>b) Dates.</p>
21		<p>Tender is to be submitted along with Tender Security amounting to:</p> <p>a) USD 85,000 (US Dollar Eighty-Five Thousand) or BDT 1,03,27,500 (BDT One Crore Three Lac Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred) Only</p> <p>b) USD 18,000 (US Dollar Eighteen Thousand) or BDT 21,87,000 (BDT Twenty-One Lac Eighty- Seven Thousand) Only</p> <p>In the form of Pay-Order/ Bank Draft must be issued from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh or Bank Guarantee from a foreign Bank must be endorsed by any local scheduled Bank. The Successful Tenderer is to submit 5% (Five Percent) Performance Security in the form of Bank Guarantee.</p>
21		<p>[N. B: In case of partial quantity, tender security will be fixed proportionate to the offered quantity.]</p>
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
22	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Golam Khorshed
23	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Additional Director (Commercial), TCB Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
24	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Principal Office, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
25	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone No. 02-8180960 Fax No. 880-2-818057 E-mail: tcb@tcb.gov.bd, tcbimp@tcb.gov.bd
26	Special Instructions:	<p>a. All terms and conditions related to the tender and product details are mentioned in the tender document.</p> <p>b. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender in whole/ in part without assigning any reason.</p>

18-08-25

(Md. Golam Khorshed)
Additional Director (Commercial)
Trading Corporation of Bangladesh