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## 'Water too dirty, smelly'

Residents accuse Chandpur municipality of supplying foul, contaminated water

ALAMPALASH, Chandpur

Chandpur town dwellers have long been enduring foul-smelling and adulterated water supplied by the municipality.

A visit to the surface-water treatment plant in the New Market area showed that water is pumped directly from the nearby Dakatia river into the facility. Drain water from municipal drains also mixes with the river before entering the plant.

After minimal filtration using alum and bleaching powder, the contaminated water is supplied to thousands of households.

Pump operator Mintu Bepari said, "We treat the water with alum and bleaching before supplying it. There is no major issue in that part. However, households with reserve tanks may face dirt accumulation, which worsens water quality."

Resident Jahanara Jerin said people have been drinking polluted water for a long time without any action from the authorities. "We don't get a proper water supply, yet the bills keep increasing. This feels like harassment," she said.

Nasima Akhter, a homemaker from Taltola, said, "We often have to use alum at home to filter impurities before drinking water."

Several political leaders also voiced frustration. Sheikh Farid Ahmed Manik, president of Chandpur district BNP, said, "We repeatedly informed the municipality, but nothing has changed."

Advocate Md Shahjahan Mia, secretary of Chandpur District Jamaat-e-Islami, said, "The town's residents are forced to drink filthy water, and on top of that, water bills have been increased. We have already protested and demanded the withdrawal of the increased bills."

Chandpur Municipal Administrator Md Golam Zakaria said the municipality has four water treatment plants.

"Three of these functioning surface-water plants are located in New Market and Old Market areas, while one underground plant in Biponibag is currently non-functional," he said.

He acknowledged complaints regarding the New Market plant, where dirty drain water has reportedly been mixing with the supply line. "We have assigned engineers and will attempt to fix the issue within 15 days," he said.

Established on October 1, 1896, across 26.82 square kilometres along the Dakatia river, Chandpur municipality is one of the oldest in the region.



## ACC files cases against customs official, wife

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Anti-Corruption Commission has filed two cases against customs official Uttam Kumar and his wife, Shilpi Rani Sarkar, on charges of amassing illegal wealth and providing false information in their wealth statements.

Sayed Mohammad Imran Hossain, assistant director of the ACC's Chattogram-1 district office, lodged the cases on Wednesday.

According to the ACC, Shilpi Rani amassed wealth worth Tk 79.5 lakh in her name using illicit income allegedly earned by her husband.

The amount could not be justified by any legitimate source, the commission said.

In the wealth statement she submitted to the ACC on November 19, 2023, Shilpi declared movable and immovable assets worth Tk 1.46 crore. However, ACC verification found her actual holdings to be Tk 1.19 crore. After deducting liabilities, her net wealth stood at around Tk 1.01 crore.

## JOWARI CANAL IN COX'S BAZAR Five years on, bridge still unfinished

MOKAMMEL SHUVO, Cox's Bazar

An unfinished bridge over the nine-kilometre Jowari Canal has left nearly 50,000 residents of Varuakhali union in Cox's Bazar Sadar struggling to cross the area for almost five years.

Their only alternative is a 36-kilometre detour through Ramu, which takes around two hours and requires two to three vehicle changes.

During natural disasters or after sunset, when boats stop operating on the canal, the detour becomes their only route.

"Many residents often fall victim to robberies at Ramu's Rashidnagar point at night," said Fazlul Haque, ward-9 member of Varuakhali union.

He said locals were overjoyed when the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council approved a bridge over the canal in 2017. Construction began in 2020, raising hopes that years of hardship would finally end. "But five years have passed, and the bridge is still unfinished," he said.

Despite two deadline extensions, the project remains incomplete. Critically ill patients, students, and office-goers continue to take risks

crossing the canal every day.

According to the Local Government Engineering Department, the 392-metre Varuakhali-Khureshkul bridge received ECNEC approval in 2017. After two rounds of tender invitations, Toma Construction and MA Zaher Ltd (JV) secured the contract.

LGED signed an agreement with the contractors on January 12, 2020, to build the bridge at a cost of Tk 36.28 crore. Construction was scheduled to be completed in January 2023.

Md Saiduzzaman Sadek, executive engineer of LGED in Cox's Bazar, said the contractor - former Cumilla-5 MP MA Zaher - has been untraceable since the fall of the Awami League government on August 5, 2024.

He said land acquisition on both sides of the canal is also pending, further slowing progress.

He said eight spans on both ends of the bridge have been added, but the span work in the middle has yet to begin.

"The contractor has only four to five labourers stationed, preventing LGED from legally cancelling the contract," he added.



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## 'Confucius Centre' to be set up at CU



CU CORRESPONDENT

A "Confucius Centre" will be established at Chittagong University with financial support from China. The centre is expected to be built beside the old Faculty of Arts, with a target to open by next October, said Vice-Chancellor Prof Yeahia Akhter yesterday.

Dhaka University has also been operating such an institute.

## Bangla debate competition ends at Presidency school



STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The concluding ceremony of the month-long Bengali Debate Competition, organised by the middle school section of Presidency International School in Chattogram, was held yesterday.

The event featured final rounds involving Group A (grades 4 and 5) and Group B (grades 6 and 7).

## Cuet observes town planning day



STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology yesterday observed "World Town Planning Day 2025", organised by the Urban and Regional Planning Department at the Cuet Central Auditorium.

Professor Mahmud Abdul Matin Bhuiyan, vice-chancellor of Cuet, spoke at the programme, among others.

**ফারিস্ট ইসলামী লাইফ ইস্যুরেন্স কোম্পানী লি.**

প্রধান কার্যালয়ঃ ফারিস্ট টাওয়ার, ৩৫ তোপখানা রোড, ঢাকা-১০০০

**সম্পত্তি বিক্রয়ের দরপত্র আহবান**

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ফারিস্ট ইসলামী লাইফ ইস্যুরেন্স কোম্পানী লিমিটেড-এর মালিকানাধীন নিম্ন তফসিল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি বিক্রয়ের জন্য আগামী ক্রেতাদের (ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান) নিকট থেকে সীল মোহরকৃত খামে আগামী ০৭/১২/২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ০৩.০০ টার মধ্যে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্র বাস্তব ঐ দিনই বিকাল ০৪.০০ টায় দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে খোলা হবে। দরপত্রের সিডিউল আগামী ২২/১১/২০২৫ তারিখ থেকে ০৭/১২/২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ০২.০০ টা পর্যন্ত বিক্রি করা হবে। দরপত্রের সিডিউল ফরম মূল্য ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)। সিডিউল প্রধান কার্যালয়ের রিয়েল এস্টেট ডিপার্টমেন্ট (লেভেল-১৮) হতে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। উল্লেখ্য, সকল শর্তাবলী সিডিউল ফরমে উল্লেখ আছে এবং বিবর্তিত তথ্যের জন্য ০১৭১২ ৮৭৯৩৮৩ ও ০১৭৪২ ৯৮৮৪৩০ নাম্বারে যোগাযোগ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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১	১৫.০০ শতাংশ	হোল্ডিং নং-০০২৫-০০, ২৫ শহীদ শহীদুল্লাহ কায়সার রোড, সদর, ফেনী। দুইতলা বিশিষ্ট বিল্ডিং আছে।
২	৩৩.০০ শতাংশ	প্লট-০২, রাস্তা নং-৫০, ব্লক-NW(K), গুলশান-২, (গুলশান ক্লাবের পশ্চিম পার্শে)। একতলা বিশিষ্ট বিল্ডিং আছে।
৩	৩২.০০ শতাংশ	৭২ কাকরাইল, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা-১০০০। চারতলা বিশিষ্ট বিল্ডিং আছে।

মুখ্য নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা

## DoE team attacked during drive against illegal kilns

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

A team of Department of Environment officials and law enforcers came under attack yesterday while conducting an operation against illegal brick kilns in the hilly areas of Paglir Aga, Yangcha and Chakaria under Faitong union in Lama upazila, Bandarban.

The attack took place around 1:00pm in the Pahartali area along the Chakaria-Manikpur road.

Md Nuruddin, inspector of the DoE, said the team was carrying out regular drives against illegal brick kilns when they were suddenly attacked.

"Seven BGB and police members were injured, and six of our vehicles, including those of the executive magistrate, police, BGB and the DoE, were vandalised," he said.

The special drive was led by Executive Magistrate Rezuhan Ul Islam from the DoE's central office and included Major Hafiz, deputy commander of Alikadam Army Zone; Rubayet Ahmed, Lama Assistant Commissioner (Land); Tofazzal Hossain, OC of Lama Police Station; along with personnel from the army, police, BGB, fire service, and DoE.

Rubayet Ahmed said such drives will continue in line with the High Court's directives.

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3. **Project & Change Management** - Strong track record in complex projects and digital transformation.
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The job offers a competitive remuneration and benefit package. The position is intended to be filled up at the earliest.

If you think you are the right fit for this role, then please forward your resume mentioning the position in subject of the email to [humanresources.ubl@unilever.com](mailto:humanresources.ubl@unilever.com) or send your resume to **Talent Partner, Unilever Bangladesh Limited**, Shanta Forum, 11th Floor, 187-188/B, Bir Uttam Mir Shawkat Sarak, Dhaka-1208 by **24th November 2025**.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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Payroll Software	27/11/2025; 11 AM	07/12/2025; 6 PM
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Procurement Software	27/11/2025; 12 PM	14/12/2025; 6 PM

All pre-bid meetings will be conducted via Zoom. The meeting link will be provided in the Instruction to Bidder (ITB) section of the respective RFQ.

A Technical Request for Quotation (RFQ) is hereby issued for this purpose. The RFQ, along with details of the bidding process, can be found on the bank's website: <https://bracbank.com/en/page/e-tender>

**Interested eligible bidders are requested to submit their technical offers as per Instruction to Bidder (ITB) outlined in the bidding process.**

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