

NETRAKONA SADAR Bridge without approach roads unused for 2yrs

JAYDUL ISLAM, Netrakona

A 40-metre girder bridge built over Nariyapara canal in Netrakona Sadar has remained unused for two years as approach roads on both ends are yet to be constructed.

The bridge was built by the Local Government Engineering Department at a cost of Tk 3.44 crore to connect the road between Kaliyara Gabragati Union Parishad and Kumarpur ferry ghat. The road is the only route for around 12,000 residents of some 12 to 14 nearby villages.

The bridge was commissioned in 2021 and its work was awarded to MS Mirza Construction and Mamun Construction with a deadline in August 2022. The



deadline was extended twice, first to December 2023 and then to June 2024.

"We waited three years for this bridge, but it has brought us no benefit," said Mojibur Rahman, a local.

LGED officials said the project did not include any allocation for land acquisition, which has halted construction of the approach roads.

Attempts to contact the owners of the contracting firms were unsuccessful.

LGED Executive Engineer Md Wahiduzzaman said, "There was no allocation for land acquisition. We have informed the higher authorities. If the landowners agree to provide the land, we can construct the approach roads and open the bridge quickly."

Six killed in road crashes in 3 districts

STAR REPORT

At least six persons were killed in road accidents in Jhenaidah, Madaripur and Narsingdi districts in the last two days.

In Jhenaidah, a constable named Anisur Rahman Anis, 45, died after a truck hit his motorcycle in Kotchandpur yesterday morning.

"The truck was seized by its driver managed to flee," said OC Kabir Hossain of Kotchandpur Model Police Station.

In Madaripur, a Khulna bound bus hit a truck around 9:30am on Arial Khan Bridge in Madaripur, killing three people and injuring eight others. The identities of the deceased could not be known immediately.

In Narsingdi, two persons were killed as a motorcycle collided with an auto-rickshaw in Shibpur on Monday night.

The deceased were bike rider Mahmudul Hasan Raj, 22, and Shafiq, 21, his pillion.



Workers move in a long line carrying sacks of fish, caught in the deep sea, from boats to cold storage along the Karnaphuli river in Chattogram. After the fishing trawlers return, the fish are offloaded onto small boats and taken to storage facilities before being sent across the country. The photo was taken at Karnaphuli ghat recently.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

BANSHBARIA-SANDWIP ROUTE

Sunken pontoon disrupts ferry service

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Ferry service on the Banshbaria-Sandwip route has been disrupted for the past six months after one of the two pontoons at Banshbaria ghat sank in the Sandwip Channel.

The route connects Sandwip Island, an upazila of Chattogram, with the mainland, and residents are heavily dependent on waterway transport.

At present, ferries can operate only one round during high tide instead of two, relying on a single pontoon.

Ferry service on the route was launched in March this year, allowing all types of vehicles and passengers to travel directly between the mainland and the island.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority had installed two pontoons, a

low-water and a mid-water, at Banshbaria ghat. Tidal surges in May caused the low-water pontoon and its adjoining road to subside and sink.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw goods-

low-water and a mid-water, at high tide, sometimes for as long as five to six hours," said Mohammed Sobahan, a truck driver.

"The ferry service has transformed our connectivity, allowing direct vehicular

and teacher from Sandwip.

Md Yusuf, pontoon-in-charge at Banshbaria ferry ghat, said they can now operate only one trip during high tide.

Currently, a ferry named Kapotakkho makes one round trip on the route. According to BIWTA, each trip carries around 20 to 25 vehicles of various sizes and 60 to 70 passengers.

Contacted, Selim Reza, assistant engineer of BIWTA, said physical work has begun to recover the pontoon. "Construction has also started for an additional pontoon at Banshbaria ghat. We hope to complete these works during the dry season," he said.

Adverse weather and excessive silt accumulation on the route are the biggest challenges to maintaining regular ferry operations, he added.



laden trucks waiting for high tide for the ferry to resume operations.

"Ferry cannot dock during low tide, so we have to wait for

access to the mainland. However, due to the sunken pontoon, we are unable to reap the benefits fully," said Shahidul Islam, a resident

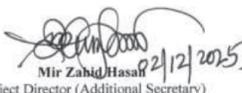
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Corrigendum of REQUEST FOR BIDS (Package No: CP-GD-34)

| Assignment Title | Last Date of Submission (Original) | Last Date of Submission (Updated) |
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| Supply, installation and commissioning of Full Mission Engine Room Simulator, Liquid Cargo Handling Simulator & High Voltage Simulator for Ship Building and Marine Technology of Institute of Marine Technologies | 14:30 hour BST (GMT+6:00), 15 December 2025 | 14:30 hour BST (GMT+6:00), 15 January 2026 |

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 09:00 to 17:00 hours (GMT+06:00).


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GD-2632

'An attack on freedom of expression'

Nagorik Coalition slams Shadik Kayem over case against Earki, meme pages, content creators

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Nagorik Coalition has expressed deep concern over the "misuse" of defamation and harassment cases against satire and social media platforms.

In a statement yesterday, the coalition said police had recently accepted several cases filed by Ducsu VP Abu Shadik Kayem. The complaints targeted Earki, a political satire outlet, along with meme pages, cartoonists, and individual content creators.

"These cases amount to a direct attack on freedom of expression and violate fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution," the coalition said.

It argued that satire, cartoons, criticism, and opinion cannot be treated as crimes in a democratic society unless they incite violence. "Using the law to instill fear or suppress dissent undermines civic dignity and democratic principles," the statement added.

The coalition criticised the Ducsu VP's move as "ill-considered, intolerant and immature," saying it harmed not only the student body but also the broader reputation of Dhaka University.

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Invitation for e-Tender
Reference: 42.01.6400.405.07.001.25-2010 Dated: 02/12/2025 (N-1; O&M)

The following e-Tenders under O&M budget of Naogaon WD Division, BWDB, Naogaon during the FY: 2025-26 have been invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following work under OTM method.

| SI No. | e-GP ID | Package No. & description/name of works | Work location |
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| 01 | 1185657 | Package No. Naogaon/OM/EMBK/25-26/W-2 Protective work (Precautionary) on the Left Bank of the Little Jamuna River from Km. 15.980 to Km. 16.080 = 100.00m at Krishnapur in Upazila: Ratinagar, District: Naogaon in C/W "Raktadaha-Lohachura Beel Drainage Scheme" Project under Naogaon WD Division, BWDB, Naogaon during the FY 2025-2026. | Area: Krishnapur Upazila: Ratinagar District: Naogaon |

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 (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (16575, +8809677016575) (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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TENDER NOTICE

1. Sealed tender is hereby invited by Trust Bank PLC. from bonafide tenderers/suppliers/firms for following tender:
Construction and Supply of Fit-Out Items Works for Trust Bank PLC., Radisson Blu Chattogram Bay View Hotel Branch, Chattogram (Relocation).

2. Interested bidders may collect Tender schedule after depositing tender schedule fee from Trust Bank PLC., Purchase & Procurement Department, Head Office, Shadinata Tower (Level # 05), Bir Srestha Shaheed Jahangir Gate, Dhaka Cantonment, Dhaka.

Note: TBL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders, in part or full.

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Memo No: 25.36.7200.130.17.002.23.1045 Date: 01/12/2025

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the Procurement of:

| SI No. | Tender ID | Name of the work | Tender Opening & Closing Date |
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| 1 | 1188240 | Establishment of 560 nos Model Mosque and Islamic Cultural Center in Zila & Upazila of Bangladesh (2 nd Revised), Sub-Head: Supply of bedding to the Sadar Upazila Model Mosque and Islamic Cultural Center in Netrokona District. (FY-2025-2026) | 15/12/2025 |
| 2. | 1183210 | Establishment of 560 nos Model Mosque and Islamic Cultural Center in Zila & Upazila of Bangladesh (2 nd Revised), Sub-Head: Supply of bedding to the Apara Upazila Model Mosque and Islamic Cultural Center in Netrokona District. (FY-2025-2026) | 15/12/2025 |

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. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches according to tender notice. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).


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| SI No. | Tender ID | Last selling date & time | Closing and opening date & time |
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| 1 | 1188761 | 21/12/2025 17.00pm | 22/12/2025 14.00pm |

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GD-2622

2 found dead in Ctg

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Two persons were found dead in separate incidents in Fatikhhari and Boalkhali upazilas of Chattogram yesterday.

In Fatikhhari, Md Sohel Mia, 17, an auto-rickshaw driver, was found dead in the morning with his hands and throat tied to a tree in Madina Tila area under ward-3 of Nazirhat Municipality. Sohel hailed from Lalmonirhat.

On information, police went to the spot and recovered the body, said Joutish Chandra Deb, in-charge of Udalia Police Beat. "Legal steps are underway in this connection," he added.

In Boalkhali, Farhad Hossain Raju, 30, a microbus driver, was found dead in his residence in Sreepur Kharandwip union.

Lutfur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Boalkhali Police Station, said Raju's family members found him hanging from the ceiling of his room around midnight, and informed police. Police later recovered the body in the morning and sent it to Chattogram Medical College morgue for autopsy, the OC said.

An unnatural death case has been filed in this connection.

CJ forms 9-member team to create posts for SC Secretariat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed has formed a nine-member committee to create posts for the newly-established Supreme Court Secretariat and make it functional.

The committee, led by Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam, the senior most judge of the Appellate Division, is set to hold its first meeting on December 7. Mohammad Habibur Rahman Siddiquee, registrar general of the SC and acting senior secretary of the SC secretariat, told The Daily Star.

He said the SC secretariat, from now on, will deal with the posting, promotion, and transfer of lower court judges -- which were earlier carried out by the law ministry.

On December 1, a notification was issued, mentioning that a high-level committee has been formed to oversee the creation, abolition, and reorganisation of posts across the SC registry, SC secretariat, administrative tribunals, and subordinate judiciary.

The committee has been constituted under Article 17 of the Supreme Court Secretariat Ordinance, 2025.

Dengue claims two more lives

UNB, Dhaka

Two more deaths were reported from dengue in 24 hours till yesterday morning, raising the number of fatalities from the mosquito-borne disease to 386 this year.

During the period, 565 more patients were hospitalised with the viral fever, raising the total infected case to 95,577 this year, according to the DGHS. Last year, dengue claimed the lives of 575 people.

In 2023, 1,705 people lost their lives due to dengue, making it the deadliest year on record.