

NETRAKONA SADAR Bridge without approach roads unused for 2yrs

JAYDUL ISLAM, Netrakona

A 40-metre girder bridge built over the Nariapara canal in Netrakona Sadar upazila 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 to travel to destinations in the union parishad and district town.

Without the approach roads, the bridge serves no purpose. As a result, many people have been suffering during their daily commute.

According to the Netrakona LGED office, the bridge was commissioned in 2021 and its construction work was awarded to Kishoreganj based contractors MS Mirza Construction and Mamun Construction JV 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. "We urge the authorities to build the approach roads soon to mitigate our sufferings."

Many other locals echoed him. They also said school-going children and the elderly are the worst sufferer of the situation.

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

Netrakona Sadar Upazila Engineer Md Soyab Imran said elevated approach roads must be built on both ends from a distance.

He said locals had initially promised to provide the required land, but are now demanding that the government acquire it. Since the project has no allocation for land acquisition, the work is in limbo.

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

Netrakona LGED Executive Engineer Md Wahiduzzaman said, "There was no allocation in the project for land acquisition for the approach roads. 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."



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

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



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

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

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.

COUNTRY

2 found dead in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chattogram

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

In Fatikchhari, 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-Kharandip 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.

Six killed in road accidents in three districts

STAR REPORT

At least six persons were killed and several others injured 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 and ran him over in Kotchandpur town yesterday morning.

Locals rushed him to Kotchandpur Health Complex, where doctors declared him dead. Anis was a wireless operator at Kotchandpur Model Police Station.

"The truck was seized but its driver managed to flee," said OC Kabir Hossain Matubbar 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 and two others injured as a motorcycle collided with an auto rickshaw in Shibpur on Monday night.

The deceased were bike rider Mahmudul Hasan Raj, 22, and Shafik, 21, his pillion. The two injured were admitted to Shibpur Health Complex.

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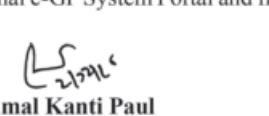
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