

Man stabbed to death by 'muggers'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A man was stabbed to death allegedly by muggers on the staircase of the Tongi flyover on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway yesterday morning.

The victim was identified as Siddiqur Rahman, 55, of Babuganj upazila in Barishal. He had been working as a store officer at an electricity transformer manufacturing factory in Keraniganj.

The incident took place around 8:00am near the Bata Gate area of Tongi, said Md. Wahiduzzaman, officer-in-charge of Tongi Police Station.

According to police, Siddiqur was on his way to work when he was intercepted by muggers. They stabbed him several times before fleeing with his valuables.

Police later took him to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

Inspector (Investigation) Atikur Rahman of Tongi East Police Station said the body was sent to a morgue for autopsy. "We are working to identify those involved in the incident and will take legal action. The investigation is ongoing," he added.

Siddiqur's younger brother, Idrisur Rahman, demanded justice for the murder.

Delay in bridge work puts locals at risk in Magura



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For nearly one lakh residents of Shreepur upazila in Magura, the absence of a bridge over the Kumar river has turned daily life into a test of endurance. People from more than 20 villages still rely on small, fragile boats to cross the river for schooling, healthcare, marketing and trade.

Villagers on the north bank, including Bartala, Goyeshpur, Algapur, Sabinagar, Joka and Chandikhali, must travel to Hat Shreepur for essential services, while those from Shreepur, Saroingar, Khorddorahua, Daribila, Dairpol, Ramnagar and Baraipara depend on Langolbandh Bazar on the opposite side.

With no bridge in sight, residents say livelihoods, education and safety remain at constant risk.

"During monsoon, the water rises and it becomes extremely risky to cross. Sometimes we can't reach school at all," said student Hasibul Islam of Goyeshpur.

Farmers face similar hardship. "Boats can't carry heavy loads. We have to take long detours via Shreepur or Fajilpur bridges, which increases cost and trouble," said Hossain Ali, a farmer.

Wasmine Biswas, general secretary of the Shreepur Bazar Committee, said, "A bridge would boost business on both sides and ease movement for everyone."

"A bridge is vital for improving communication," said Abu Sayeed Molla, headteacher of Shreepur High School. "LGED officials visited the site on October 15 and gave us hope that approval for a bridge may come soon."

Upazila Engineer Prasenjit Chakraborty said a formal proposal has already been submitted and reviewed by senior officials. Hopefully, the work for a bridge would begin soon.



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The convocation of Atish Dipankar University of Science and Technology was held at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday. University Grants Commission Chairman Prof SMA Faiz was present as the chief guest. Former state minister for education Dr ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milan was the convocation speaker. UGC member Prof Mohammed Anwar Hossain attended as special guest. The university Chairman M Shamsul Alam Liton and Vice-Chancellor Prof Md Jahangir Alam also spoke.

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BANGLADESH RAILWAY

Container revenue falls to 9-year low

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Bangladesh Railway's revenue from container transportation, long regarded as its only reliably profitable operation, has fallen to its lowest level in nine years, raising concern among officials and service users.

According to data from the Railway's Transportation and Commercial Department, the segment earned Tk 77 crore in FY 2024-25. The last time earnings dipped this low was in FY 2015-16, when revenue stood at just over Tk 73 crore.

This marks the fourth consecutive year of decline. Revenue peaked at Tk 135 crore in FY 2021-22 before sliding steadily

to this year's level.

Cargo volume has dropped even more sharply. The railway transported 15.6 lakh tonnes of goods in FY 2021-22, but the figure fell by around half to 7.3 lakh tonnes in the last fiscal year.

Officials attribute the downturn mainly to a shortage of locomotives, which has crippled container services on the Dhaka-Chittagong route, introduced in FY 1986-87 to boost freight earnings.

Four pairs of container trains are scheduled to run daily between Chattogram and Kamalapur ICD in Dhaka, but only two pairs operate on most days, said Nazrul Islam, chief master of the Chattogram Goods

Port Yard.

"We need 13 locomotives, but we regularly receive only five to six. Because of this, we cannot operate the scheduled trains," he said.

During a visit to the yard last week, three fully loaded rakes were seen waiting for departure, stalled due to the lack of engines.

Despite delays, many users continue relying on container trains for two key advantages: cargo security and the convenience of completing customs and clearance procedures at Kamalapur ICD, where all relevant agencies are stationed together.

Mohammad Nabi, who represents a Narayanganj-



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Revenue drops to Tk 77cr, lowest in 9 years

Cargo volume falls from 15.6 lakh tonnes to 7.3 lakh tonnes in 3 years

Locomotive shortage leaves loaded rakes stranded

Users report delays of 18 to 20 days, up from 5 to 7 days earlier

Majority of East Zone locomotives over 20 years old

based garment manufacturer, said delays have worsened significantly.

"We now receive containers 18 to 20 days after they are unloaded from ships. Earlier it never took more than 5 to 7 days," he said.

Tariq Imran, deputy chief operating superintendent of BR (East Zone), said, "We are not getting locomotives on time. As a result, we cannot run trains according to schedule, and revenue automatically drops."

Moreover, 82 of the 140 locomotives assigned to the East Zone are more than 20 years old, exceeding their standard lifespan. The zone requires 118 to 120 engines daily to maintain full operations but can use only 78 to 80, according to railway data.

East Zone General Manager Md Sabuktageen said, "We are trying to repair several locomotives on a fast-track basis. The government is also moving ahead with the purchase of new engines."

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the Turkish Coast Guard, are now returning home by flight, he said.

Two oil tankers came under attack by the Ukrainian navy off the coast of Turkey on November 28. Four of the 25 crew members on the MT Kairos were Bangladeshis. The ship was empty at the time and was crossing the Bosphorus en route to the Russian port of Novorossiysk from Egypt's Suez port to load crude oil for China.

All 25 crewmen were taken to Turkey immediately after the attack. Ten later returned to the damaged tanker about 30 nautical miles off the Turkish coast on November 30 for inspection and salvage work.

Plabon said they recovered documents, including passports and certificates, and handed them to the tugboat crew before the ship was towed to Istanbul outer anchorage.

After the vessel drifted near Bulgaria, the stranded mariners contacted the Bulgarian coast guard, but they refused to rescue them. The crew eventually managed to drop anchor in Bulgarian waters.

Most of their food stock was damaged in heavy rain, forcing the 10 crewmen to take shelter in a small cabin of the burnt-out ship. Plabon has contacted leaders of the Bangladesh Merchant Marine Officers Association in Chattogram.

BMMOA General Secretary Md Shakawat Hossain said they have contacted the International Transport Federation in Turkey and Bulgaria to rescue the stranded mariners.

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