

Bulkhead sinks after collision with launch in Buriganga

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A sand-laden bulkhead sank in the Buriganga river near Narayanganj's Fatullah launch terminal following a head-on collision with a launch yesterday.

Sub-Inspector Jahangir Hossain of Pagla River Police Outpost said five workers onboard the bulkhead managed to swim ashore safely. Besides, the launch also anchored at a nearby ghat, and all its passengers disembarked safely.

According to police and eyewitnesses, the Bholi-bound launch Bogdadiya-13, which had departed from Dhaka's Sadarghat, collided with the Sadarghat-bound bulkhead from Munshiganj. Subsequently, the bulkhead capsized.

Meanwhile, videos of the incident have gone viral on social media, showing workers jumping into the river to save their lives.

"I was crossing the river at that time. From a distance, it was clear that a collision was imminent as both vessels were moving along the same line," said Saddam Hossain, a witness who recorded a video.

SI Jahangir said necessary steps would be taken to recover the sunken bulkhead.

Vulture rescued in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A rare Himalayan griffon vulture was rescued in the Amlapara area of Sirajganj municipality yesterday.

According to local sources, the vulture was found near the Jamuna river by a local resident, Pappu Sheikh.

Pappu said the bird was unable to fly, prompting some young men from neighbouring shoal areas to catch it and keep it confined.

Mamun Biswas, chairman of Bird Safety House, said they later rescued the vulture from the house.

"The vulture fell to the ground due to exhaustion after flying a long distance. We are providing it with food and medicine," Mamun said.

He added that officials of the Bangladesh Biodiversity Conservation Federation and the Rajshahi divisional office of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation have been informed. "We will take steps according to their directions," he said.



A farmer tends to vegetables grown across about 400 acres of land in the Halishahar Anandabazar area of Chattogram. The photo was taken recently.

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Stop sand extraction from Sandwip Channel

Demand locals at human chain

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Residents of Alokdia village in Sitakunda upazila of Chattogram yesterday formed a human chain demanding an immediate stop to illegal sand extraction from the Sandwip Channel of the Bay of Bengal.

More than 200 villagers participated in the hour-long demonstration on the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway in front of the upazila headquarters around noon.

Addressing the event, Mohammad Yousuf, a villager, said illegal sand extraction has already caused severe erosion and damaged parts of the embankment in the village, causing inundation to croplands and homesteads during

high tides.

"Our properties and belongings are getting destroyed, while intrusion of saline water throughout the year makes cultivation impossible in our farmland," he added.

Speakers at the programme also demanded withdrawal of a case filed over the burning of a dredger and a bulkhead, and called for construction of a sustainable and durable embankment along the Kumira coastline.

After the demonstration, protesters submitted a memorandum to Sitakunda Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Fakhru Islam, urging administrative measures to stop illegal sand lifting and ensure protection of the coastal embankment.

Earlier, Alokdia residents set fire to a dredger and bulkhead after those were brought near the coastal area for sand extraction on December 5. The owner of the machines later filed a case accusing 10 named and 50 unnamed persons with Sitakunda Police Station.

Police later arrested one local resident, triggering fear of further arrests among villagers.

Meanwhile, River Police conducted a drive along the Sitakunda coastline on Saturday to stop illegal sand extraction, seized four dredgers and seven bulkheads, and filed cases against those involved, said Mohammad Wali Uddin Akbar, inspector of Kumira River Police.

"Regular drives will continue," he added.

2 die in Sitakunda road accident

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At least two persons were killed and another was injured as their goods-laden pick-up van lost control and hit the road divider on the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway in Chattogram's Sitakunda upazila early yesterday.

The deceased were identified as betel leaf traders Komol Chowdhury, 53, of Patiya upazila and Samir Chowdhury, 54, of Hathazari upazila.

The injured is trader Ujjal Chowdhury, 49, of Sitakunda upazila.

The incident occurred around 12:30am, said Abdul Momin, officer-in-charge of Baro Aulia Highway Police Station. "A tyre of the van was found punctured. It is suspected that the van's driver lost control over steering as the tyre punctured and hit the road divider. Three passengers were injured while the driver fled the scene," the OC said.

Locals rushed the victims to Chattogram Medical College Hospital where doctors declared Komol and Samir dead, said Md Nasir, a sub-inspector of the police station.

Fake soap factory busted in Ctg



STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-7) personnel yesterday busted an illegal factory that had been manufacturing adulterated soap inside a rickshaw garage in Shikhabara area of Karnaphuli upazila in Chattogram.

During the operation, two workers were detained and a stash of soaps, soap-making and packaging materials were seized.

The illegal factory had long been producing adulterated soaps using unauthorised raw materials and selling those using counterfeit packaging of different brands such as "Dettol", said Rab officials.

"Without BSTI licences and certificates, the factory had been operating at night inside a rickshaw garage. Acting on a tip off, Rab raided the factory and found a huge quantity of adulterated soap ready for packaging with counterfeit branding," said Lt Col Hafizur Rahman, commanding officer of Rab-7.

Three arrested for killing tea vendor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three persons were arrested yesterday in connection with the killing of a tea vendor in Chattogram city on November 28.

Among them, Rab arrested Rubel Baidya, 31, and Raju Nath, 38, while police held Md Monir, 38.

A knife and a motorcycle were seized from their possession, said Rab-7 Media Officer RAM Mozaffar Hossen. "They were later handed over to Kotwali Police Station."

"So far, four of the five accused have been arrested in connection with the murder, while police are trying to track down the other accused," said Abdul Karim, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station.

Earlier, tea vendor Ismail Hossen, 33, was stabbed by unidentified assailants in Lal Dighi area near the police station on November 28. Ismail died at Chattogram Medical College Hospital.

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