

### Ten muggers sentenced to life term for killing cop

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A Chattogram court yesterday sentenced 10 muggers to life term imprisonment for killing a constable of the Chattogram Metropolitan Police 12 years ago.

Chattogram Divisional Special Court Judge Mizanur Rahman delivered the verdict after examining all records and testimonies, court sources said.

Among the convicts, Tapan Chandra Sarkar, Arsal alias Rasel, and Md Babul are behind bars while Md Javed, Nurul Alam, Sumon Molla, Harun-ur-Rashid, Mintu Das, Faruq alias Bullet Faruq, and Md Sohel are on the run.

According to the case statement, the muggers stabbed police constable Abdul Kaium to death while he was chasing them in the port city's Batali Hill area on November 3, 2013.

Three other police constables - Ariful Islam, Sahabuddin and Salauddin - were also injured in the incident.

Following the incident, police filed a case with Khulshi Police Station accusing 11 people.



Nazrul Islam casts his net in the Bhairab River to catch local species such as baillah, dagri and shrimp to meet his family's food needs. He sells the surplus at local markets for extra income. The photo was taken at Shiromoni Cable Kheyaghat in Khulna yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

### 3 killed, 10 hurt as train hits pickup van in Faridpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Three jute mill workers, including two brothers, were killed and 10 others injured when a train hit a pickup van carrying workers in Faridpur's Boalmari upazila yesterday.

The accident occurred around 3:00pm at an unguarded level crossing in the Sotashi area of Boalmari municipality on the Kalukhali-Bhatiapara rail line.

The deceased are brothers Md Jabbar Molla and Md Musa Molla of Bilkairail village in Moyna union, and Jahanara Begum, wife of Abul Kalam of the same village. All three were workers at Janata Jute Mill.

The injured were admitted to local hospitals.

According to railway police and local sources, a pickup van carrying around 15 workers was heading towards the Boalmari upazila headquarters after finishing work at Janata Jute Mill in the Dobra area of Satair union.

As the vehicle crossed the unguarded Sotashi level crossing, a local passenger train travelling from Kalukhali to Bhatiapara collided with it, killing three workers on the spot.

Mizanur Rahman, officer in charge of Rajbari Railway Police Station, said he had been informed that a local train hit a pickup van at the unguarded Sotashi crossing while travelling from Kalukhali to Bhatiapara.

He said legal proceedings were under way.

Boalmari UNO SM Rakibul Hasan and Boalmari Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Anwar Hossain also visited the scene, he said.

## Locals suffer as bridge work stalled for 9 months

JAYDUL ISLAM, Netrakona

Residents are facing severe hardship as construction of the 52-metre-long Kaunai Bridge in Barhatta upazila of Netrakona has remained suspended for nearly nine months.

The road is the only vital route connecting the Barhatta upazila headquarters with Netrakona district town, with around 8,000 to 10,000 people using it daily.

According to sources at the local LGED office, the estimated cost of the bridge is Tk 4.30 crore. Construction began on September 12, 2024, and the project was awarded to a joint venture contractor, Pritom Enterprise and Golam Ershadur Rahman JB.

However, although work stopped in March last year, it has not yet resumed.

As an alternative, the contractor built a temporary bamboo bridge, but it collapsed within two to three months. Currently, as the riverbed has dried up, locals are commuting underneath with auto-rickshaws and motorcycles.

Raihan Quaraishi, a resident of Choygaon village, said, "There are several schools and madrasas on both sides of this road. Students have to cross this river every day. The suffering is even greater for patients and elderly people. Accidents often occur while travelling by auto-rickshaw."

Barhatta upazila Engineer Md Abdul Baten said the contractor had been served a notice to complete the work within the stipulated time. "There is a shortage of some equipment on the contractor's side. They have informed us that they will collect the equipment and complete the

other areas has increased costs several times. Work was also suspended during the monsoon season. Construction will resume very soon."

Netrakona LGED Senior Engineer Md Rafikul Islam said, "We are monitoring the situation to ensure that the contractor



work quickly. We are conducting regular supervision," he said.

One of the owners of the contracting firm, Md Jewel Ahmed Khan, said, "All sand quarries in Netrakona have been shut down by the government, creating a serious sand crisis. Bringing sand from

does not carry out standard work. They have been instructed to complete the project according to proper rules. They informed us that some machinery needs to be brought from Chattogram, which is why the work has been delayed somewhat."

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### 2 bodies recovered from river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Police recovered the bodies of two men from the Atrai River near Lakkhitala bridge in Chirirbandar upazila in Dinajpur yesterday.

The deceased were wearing trousers, black shirts and jackets, said police.

Md Mahamudun Nabi, officer in charge of Chirirbandar Police Station, told The Daily Star that several locals who went for fishing, spotted the bodies floating in the river around 10:30am and informed the police.

The OC said they were trying to identify the deceased and determine the cause of death.

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