

Kangsha gasps for survival

Siltation, illegal grabbing choke once-mighty river in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The Kangsha River in Mymensingh's Dhobaura upazila, once a key lifeline for local people, has long been gasping for survival.

The once-mighty river supported irrigation, fisheries, goods transportation and riverine communication with other areas of Mymensingh, Netrokona and neighbouring districts.

But years of siltation and grabbing by influential quarters have left the river on its deathbed, choking its natural flow and reducing it to a narrow channel amid vast sandy stretches during the dry season.

Locals alleged that vested groups have long been encroaching on the river and obstructing its flow for different purposes, including fish farming, while the authorities concerned have turned a blind eye to the menace.

Like the Kangsha, other rivers in the upazila, including the Satar Khali, Ghaghatia, Taraboi, Sutia, Gdaira and Pachai, are also facing a similar plight.

"Earlier, the river provided water for irrigation round the year. Now it is barely clinging to life," said Mahmud Hossain, a resident of Taraikandi village.

Zakirul Islam Talukdar, chairman of



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Goatola Union Parishad, said the river can no longer drain excess water during the monsoon due to siltation, often resulting in flash floods and damage to crops.

SM Abid Hossain, sub-divisional engineer of the Bangladesh Water Development Board in Mymensingh, said the river is located in a floodplain area, where onrush of upstream water brings in a huge amount of silt every season.

As such, dredging would not be sustainable in the river's context, he said.

"We are considering expansion of the floodplain so that the floodwaters can spread to adjacent areas and reduce the extent of river erosion," he added.

Dhobaura UNO Md Mosharrif Hossain said they are working on proposals for proper management of the rivers in the upazila.

Gas blast leaves five of family burnt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Five members of a family, including three children, suffered burn injuries in a suspected gas explosion at a flat in Narayanganj's Fatullah early yesterday.

The incident took place at a ground-floor apartment of an eight-storey building in Uttar Bhuigar Girdhara, according to the Fire Service and Civil Defence.

The injured are Md Kalam, 45, his wife Sayma, 40, and their children - Munna, 12, Munni, 10, and Kotha, 7. They are tenants of the apartment.

All five were taken to the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery in Dhaka in critical condition.

Kalam sustained 95 percent burns, Sayma 60 percent, Munna 30 percent, Munni 35 percent, and Kotha suffered 52 percent burns, said Resident Surgeon Shawon Bin Rahman.

Narayanganj FSCD Deputy Assistant Director Abdullah Al Arifin said preliminary findings suggest gas leaked from a kitchen pipeline and accumulated inside the closed flat.

A neighbour named Rakib, who helped take them to the hospital, said the blast took place when Kalam went to the kitchen and attempted to light the stove.

Court orders DNA test in Netrokona child rape case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrokona

A Netrokona court yesterday ordered a DNA test in the widely-discussed rape case in Madan upazila, where a child became pregnant.

The order was issued after police submitted an application seeking the test, said Netrokona Court Inspector Mohammad Riyad Mahmud.

Earlier in the day, police produced accused Amanullah Mahmud Sagar before the court after the end of his remand period. The court later ordered that he be sent to prison, Riyad said. He added Amanullah did not make any confessional statement during remand.

One held over rape of 10-year-old

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Police have arrested a man accused of raping a 10-year-old girl in Kashiani upazila of Gopalganj.

The arrestee, Morsalin Sheikh alias Raju, 20, of Nizamkandi village, was arrested in Keraniganj early yesterday. The child's grandmother filed a case with Kashiani Police Station, said Inspector (Investigation) Sheikh Taj Uddin Ahmed.

According to the case statement, on April 7, when the girl was visiting her aunt in Kashiani upazila, Morsalin, a neighbour of the aunt, took the child to a nearby forest and raped her. Later, she informed family members.

She was admitted to a hospital in Gopalganj.

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e-GP Tender Notice No. 39/2025-26

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

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of Work	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing and Opening Date & Time	Tendering Method
1260002	GRRIP/LAL/KAL/VRB/W-06	Improvement of Taluk Shakati-Velaguri UP Border Road from Ch.: 00m 993m by BC (Road ID No.: 152395015) under Kaliganj Upazila, District: Lalmonirhat	02-06-26 16:00	03-06-26 13:30	OTM

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DSCC launches

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Communicable Disease Control branch of the Directorate General of Health Services are taking part in the survey.

To ensure accuracy in data collection, the survey teams are using the digital platform KoboToolbox.

The survey findings will be analysed through the Breteau Index, House Index, Container Index and Pupa Index, which are

expected to help identify future dengue hotspots in the city.

Abdus Salam said dengue has become a major threat to public life and that DSCC has undertaken the scientific initiative to protect city residents from the growing risk. "If the breeding sources can be identified properly, outbreaks can be prevented before they spread widely," he said.

Trial of Taposh

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Md Nahid Hasan, were seriously injured on July 18, 2024.

The second charge concerns the killings of Mahin Mia and Md Rony and the serious injury of several protesters on the same day.

The third charge relates to the killing of six people, including Al Shahriar Hossain alias Rokon, on July 19. The prosecution also alleged that at least eight people, including

Md Nahid Hasan, were seriously injured in an attempt to kill them.

Speaking to journalists yesterday, Chief Prosecutor Md Aminul Islam cited part of a conversation allegedly held on the evening of July 18, 2024, between the then prime minister and Taposh, the then mayor of Dhaka South City Corporation.

"Now I have given direct instructions; now they will use lethal weapons. Wherever they [state forces] find them [protesters], they will shoot directly," Hasina allegedly said, to which Taposh responded, "Yes, yes."

NCP demands

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Asif also said NCP was observing "attacks and bulldozer actions against Muslims in West Bengal" after the state election and strongly condemned such incidents.

He also described remarks by the Assam chief minister regarding "push back" as offensive and sensitive. "The government is failing to take a clear diplomatic stand. It must raise its voice to protect Bangladesh's interests," he said.

Asif also demanded that Sheikh Hasina be repatriated from India since she is now a death row convict in Bangladesh. Expressing concern over the measles outbreak, he called for declaring it a national crisis and demanded an investigation into negligence in the vaccination programme.

Earlier, NCP Chief Organiser (northern region) Sarjis Alam announced the names of 100 candidates.

"We hope to announce another 100 names in the second phase before Eid-ul-Azha, on May 20. The announcement process will continue," he said.

EDCL ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED
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PRESS TENDER NOTICE

Tender Ref. no.: EDCL (Dhaka)/PUR/PT/2026/155 Date: 10/05/2026

Sealed Tender are hereby invited from genuine Importer/ Reputed Suppliers/Authorized Dealers for Supply with Registration of following Vehicles at EDCL, Dhaka, Bogura & Khulna on urgent basis:

Name of the Item	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & Opening
Procurement of Following Vehicles For Dhaka Plant 01. Jeep = 01(One) no. (Toyota Prado, Toyota-2026) 02. Private Car = 05 (Five) nos. (Non-Hybrid, HONDA-2023) 03. Covered Van, 07 Ton = 02 (Two) nos. (ASHOK LEYLAND-2026)	TK.2.5% of quoted amount	Tk.5,550.00/set (Non-Refundable)	Closing: 10/06/2026 at 3.00PM Opening: 10/06/2026 at 3.15PM
For Bogura Plant 01. Microbus, HIACE = 02 (Two) nos. (Toyota-2026) 02. Private Car = 01 (One) no. (Non-Hybrid HONDA-2023)			
For Khulna Plant 01. Microbus, HIACE = 01(One) no. (Toyota-2026)			

(Details as per Tender Schedule)

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited (EDCL), Dhaka Plant on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

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N.B: This Information is also available at our Website: www.edcl.gov.bd

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Office of the Sub-Project Manager
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Memo No. CVASU/HEAT/SP-11041/IFT-3 Date: 10/05/2026

e-Tender Notice

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Tender ID No.	Package Name	Tender Closing Date	Tender Notice Publication Date
1273325	Procurement of ICT Equipment for the One Health Institute laboratory at CVASU Research and Farm-Based Campus, Hathazari, Chattogram.	21-May-2026 13:40	
1273326	Procurement of chemicals for the One Health Institute laboratory at CVASU Research and Farm-Based Campus, Hathazari, Chattogram (Phase-I).	21-May-2026 13:45	11-May-2026 11:00:00
1273328	Procurement of chemicals for the One Health Institute laboratory at CVASU Research and Farm-Based Campus, Hathazari, Chattogram (Phase-II).	21-May-2026 13:50	

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