

## *Bailey bridge collapses at Muladi*

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A STEEL bailey bridge over Peayadar Hut canal under Kazirchar Union of Muladi upazila broke down on Saturday when a rice-laden truck tried to cross the bridge in the morning. The truck was going to Muladi from Khulna. No causality was reported. Road communication between parts of Muladi Upazila with Barisal, Hizla, Babuganj and Mehendiganj Upazila was disrupted. Md Atahar Mia, upazila nirbahi officer of Muladi, said they asked the high officials of Roads and Highways Department to repair the bridge as soon as possible. A temporary diversion for pedestrians started immediately, he added. Witnesses said the steel plates of the bridge collapsed when the over-loaded truck tried to cross the bridge around 9:30am. The 33 meter bridge was constructed over the canal about 15 years ago by the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) Barisal, said Khaled Shaheed, executive engineer of Barisal RHD.