

Bangabandhu tunnel to open in September

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Online Desk: Bangabandhu tunnel under the Karnaphuli river is likely to open to traffic in September this year. Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader told reporters of the development after exchanging views with officials of the Bridges Division at the capital's Setu Bhaban today.

The tunnel is being constructed at a depth of 18 to 31 metres under the Karnaphuli and the length of the main tunnel is 3.32km. The length of each of the two tubes, having four lanes, is 2.45km. There will be 5.35km connecting roads at the western and eastern ends of the main tunnel and a 727m flyover at the Anwara end.

In the latest revision, the project duration was extended till December 30, 2023, and the cost was increased by Tk 164 crore.