

Flood situation worsens in three districts

Diarrhoea breaks out in many areas due to scarcity of pure drinking water

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Flood situation deteriorated in five upazilas of Netrakona, two upazilas in Moulvibazar and four upazilas of Sylhet yesterday.

Our Netrakona Correspondent reports: About two lakh people were marooned in 200 villages of Durgapur, Kalmakanda, Mohongonj, Madan and Khaliajuri upazilas, sources in the Water Development Board (WDB) said.

Water coming from the hills of the neighbouring India and heavy rain during last four days have aggravated the situation.

Water level in the Sumeshowary, Mogra, Kongsha and Dhanu marked a sharp rise. Water is flowing above the danger level resulting in overflowing of the river banks at different places.

Kalmakanda, Khaliajuri and Mohongonj upazila headquarters have been inundated and gone under four to five feet water. Most of the houses in the upazila headquarters were flooded.

Aman seedling and vegetables on hundreds of acres of land have been damaged. About 2000 ponds overflowed in Kalmakanda, Durgapur, Madan, Mohongonj and Khaliajuri upazilas. As a result,

fishes worth about Tk 20 crore have been washed away, sources in the district fisheries office said.

Road communication from Netrakona town to Durgapur upazila Sadar, Kalmakanda upazila Sadar, Kendua upazila Sadar and Madan upazila headquarter has been snapped due to submergence of roads.

A large number of people took shelter on higher lands.

Scarcity of drinking water is prevailing in the affected areas.

Our Moulvibazar Correspondent reports: Flood situation deteriorated further in Baralekha and Juri upazilas as the low-lying areas went under water. More than, one lakh 20 thousand people remained still marooned since Friday.

Scarcity of dry food and pure drinking water is prevailing in the flood affected areas. Diarrhoea has been broken out in Juri and Baralekha areas.

Ten out of 16 unions of Juri and Baralekha upazilas were inundated by flood. About 70 villages in Juri upazila and 50 villages in Baralekha upazila were affected by flood.

Poschim Juri, Jayfanagar, Dokkinbagh, Jayfanagar, Hakaluki, Daserbazar, Talimpur,

Gazurtek, Borni and Kataloti unions were flooded.

Flood victims alleged that no relief goods or medical teams reached the affected areas as yet. Although Juri Upazila Nirbahi Officer announced allocation of four metric ton of rice to the each flood victim, but they did not receive rice even after three days of announcement.

Roadside earth collapsed stretching 42-kilometre areas on the Baralekha-Changram regional highway. Road communication in Baralekha and Juri upazilas still remain disrupted. Juri-Fultala, Juri-Latila and Baralekha-Kulaura roads are still now under water.

Most of the primary and high schools in Juri and Baralekha upazilas remained closed for the third consecutive day. Most of the growth centres were inundated resulting stoppage in trade and commercial activities.

Our Staff Correspondent reports from Sylhet: New areas have been inundated in Jakiganj, Golapganj, Balaganj and Rajnagar.

Gushing waters continued to enter the villages through six breaches along the Surma dyke and Kushiara dyke in Jakiganj upazila yesterday afternoon.

All the rivers are still flowing above the danger level till yesterday afternoon, said WDB officials.

Sylhet WDB superintending engineer said the situation is yet to be improved due to onrush of water from the upper catchment of the Indian states of Assam and Meghalaya.

WDB personnel are working round the clock to repair two damaged dykes.

In Golapganj upazila, 10 families were rendered homeless due to erosion by the Kushiara. The Upazila Nirbahi Officer visited some of the affected areas. But, no food was allocated for the flood victims.

The low-lying areas in the Beanibazar, Gowainghat, Jaintapur, Kanaighat, Compagniganj, Jakiganj and Sylhet Sadar upazilas are still under water. Road link between Gowainghat upazila and the district headquarters remained snapped for the 7th day yesterday due to submergence of the Sari-Gowainghat Road.

Stone collection from the quarries remained suspended for the 8th day yesterday in Compagniganj and Gowainghat upazilas.

'Birds coming back to forest'

The population of Jungle Fowl and Puff Throated Babbler, two key indicator bird species, is increasing in the protected forest areas of Moulavibazar and Habiganj.

This was confirmed from a report of Dr Monirul Khan, a teacher of Zoology Department in Jahangirnagar University (JU) recently, says a press release.

Dr Khan's report was based on visits to multiple geo-referenced transects within each of the national parks and sanctuaries by himself and the Bangladesh Bird Club members.

Both Jungle Fowl and Puff Throated Babbler live near the forest floor and are among the first animals to benefit from a co-management effort of Nishorgo Programme and local stakeholders.

This has resulted in reduction of disturbance of forests to a great extent.

Nishorgo Programme is receiving assistance from USAID through Nishorgo Support Project.

The sites where the indicator bird populations increased are Lawachara National Park in Moulavibazar and Rema-Kalenga Wildlife Sanctuary and Satchuri National Park in Habiganj.

It indicates success of the co-management efforts under Nishorgo Programme.

Increased population levels of the two indicator birds strongly suggests that the forest floor is less disturbed, allowing the birds to lay and hatch their eggs and to forage for food more successfully, said Dr Khan.

The two birds along with six other birds were chosen by the Forest Department as indicators of the forest's health.

If the conditions at the lower strata of the forest improve for these birds, then it is reasonable to assume that conditions would improve also for other species found there.



A large number of landless people gathered in front of the Sathkira SP office and submitted a memorandum to him yesterday containing their 4-point demand.

Punishment to killers of landless demanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkira

Hundreds of landless people including a large number of women yesterday brought out a procession here protesting killing of Abul Hossain Sardar, a landless man, by a group of miscreants on June 3.

The processionists paraded the main streets of the town and submitted a memorandum to the

Superintendent of Police (SP) to press home their 4-point demand.

The demands include arrest and punishment to the killers, compensation to the deceased and the injured, withdrawal of Kaliganj Police Station officer-in-charge (OC) Ansar Uddin and sub-inspector (SI) Akkaj for their negligence of duties and rehabilitation of evicted landless people.

The procession was preceded by a meeting held at Shaheed Abdur Razzak Park. Organised by Sathkira Landless Eviction Resistance Struggle Co-ordination Committee, the meeting was chaired by its convener Advocate Abdur Rahim.

Speakers demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to the killers. They threatened a tougher agitation against the gov-

ernment if their demands are not fulfilled within seven days of its announcement.

They called upon the people of all walks of life to build up a joint agitation against the land grabbers.

They urged the political parties to incorporate the issue of the landless into the party manifesto.

They also demanded of the government to rehabilitate the landless evicted from their houses at Bairagirchak, Bosukhali, Chingrikhali, Gava, Shimulbaria and other areas.

Among others, Prof Abu Ahmed, Advocate Mustafa Lutfulah, Saifullah Laskar, Obaidus Sultan Bablu, Abul Khair, Obah Ali Sardar, Abdul Bari, Faizul Islam, Mafizul Haque Zahangir, Kazi Akhter Hossain and Advocate Fahimul Haque Kistul addressed.

Creating awareness about neem tree

A fair with a difference at Jaldhaka

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A fair at Jaldhaka has created awareness among people about the medicinal and environmental benefits of jaat neem (Azadirachta indica).

Plan International, an international NGO organised the development fair at Jaldhaka upazila ground to exhibit people's achievements in health, agricultural, educational and environmental sectors.

In the fair, people became aware about the versatile tree and its fascinating story in treatment of various diseases.

Modern day uses of various parts of the wonder tree has created a great enthusiasm among the people. There were altogether 12 stalls in the fair.

Plan International, in collaboration with its partner organisation, Lamb, has been using the bark, seeds, leaves, fruit, gum and oils for dozens of internal and external medical treatments.

Plan International community health co-ordinator Dr Razaqul Alam told this correspondent that Neem treatment is being implemented through eight rural community clinics and two satellite clinics.

Lamb field co-ordinator Ronald Barman said to this correspondent they are using neem leaves, roots, seeds and oil widely as antiseptic, insecticide, blood purifier and pain reliever. It is also used in treatment of skin diseases, scabies, eczema, high fever, critical wounds and pox. He said the most common historical uses of neem were for treatment

of skin diseases. In conclusion, he said Neem tree has enormous potential to benefit entire mankind.

To popularise Neem as herbal medicine, Plan has prepared a list of rural physicians (Kabiraj).

Kabiraj Alimuddin said he had treated hundreds of patients with jaat neem. The chairman of Koirmai

union under Jaldhaka upazila said that people are now planting jaat neem trees in greater number.

In the fair, there was a stall of school dropout children of 12-18 age group. They produced candles, book-binding wooden furniture, small engineering items, block, butique and other things which they produced after taking technical training from Plan International in co-operation with local NGO, CMES.

However, the most attractive stall was the agricultural stall where different high breed vegetables and mushroom were displayed. Farmers produced those following the crops diversification, anti-tobacco campaigns. A 38 kg sweet gourd, 47 inches pumpkin, 4 kg cucumber gave much pleasure to the visitors. The stall was always full of crowd. Local NGO, Brif is implementing the agricultural programme of Plan International.



Neem, the 'tree of the 21st century.'

Brif project co-ordinator Shahidul Islam Robin said the programme has changed the agricultural pattern in Jaldhaka upazila.

Twelve stalls were erected to make people aware about sanitation, education and agriculture.

While addressing as the chief guest,

Nilphamari Deputy Commissioner (DC) Robindra Nath Roy Chowdhury said Plan is co-operating to government to achieve the millennium goal.

In his presidential address, Plan country director Edward Thomas Espay said Plan is working in 10 developed and 46 developing countries in the Caribbean and Scandinavian countries besides the continents of Asia and Europe. Plan International is working in three unions of the upazila with other partners since 1996.

Mentionably, Neem tree has been dubbed by the United Nations (UN) as the "tree of the 21st century."

A school for underprivileged children

A lofty mission of a freedom fighter at a remote village in Dinajpur

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This is the remarkable story of a valiant freedom fighter and idealistic orthopaedic surgeon who decide to open a residential model school at a remote village of Chirir Bander upazila in Dinajpur, his lofty mission is to prepare underprivileged kids to succeed in real life.

The Amena Baki Residential Model School has been in existence since 2000. The people of Chirir Bander lead a very simple life and many of them have had no access to education any time in their life. Prof Dr M Amjad Hossain, Head of the Department of Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery, Dhaka Medical College and Hospital started the school in the remote area as part of a project of AB Foundation named after his parents. It aimed at kindling the light of education among underprivileged rural children. The project has grown leaps and bounds ever since. The school that started with only 45 students has a current strength of 650 students in

morning and day shifts now. For the last six years its founder has toiled selflessly to develop the school into its current state.

Thirteen students sat for the Junior Scholarship Examination-2005. Of them, Masudul Huq topped the list and five others obtained talent pool scholarship. Five students got scholarship in ordinary grade.

Last year, 16 students got scholarship in primary scholarship examination while 26 others obtained scholarship at kindergarten level.

AB Foundation director of education Prof Dr Shamsul Huq, also former vice-principal of Dhaka Residential Model College, hoped that the students would turn into the best national resources.

People of the area did not even know education until this school started. It took Dr Amjad a lot of effort to convince the parents to send their children to school. He had to fight many odds. He deserves appreciation for his

courage and determination to work for uplifting the lives of the most downtrodden people of the society.

Every year the school gives all the necessary day-to-day items to children for free. Apart from their academic curriculum, the children are imparted regular physical training. They participate actively in extra-curriculum activities like games and sports including cultural activities. They took part in the Independence Day programme in Dinajpur town on March 26 and were adjudged the best performers.

Elite of the upazila town and high officials of government and non-government organisations depend on the school for their children's education where computer education has been made compulsory for all students.

All 25 teachers of the school are fully committed to their noble profession.

The food that the children used to eat at their home was very unhealthy. Now all the children

live in the school and they are fed nutritious food three times a day. The students living in the school, eating healthy food and getting good quality education—something that they could have never dreamt of few years ago. This is amazing social transformation in action. A lot of social awakening happened among the rural people.

Day-to-day school activities included mock-trial competitions against much larger schools.

Delegates of international organisations and missions visited the school and highly praised its activities.

A road towards the school was in bad shape. It was developed due to the efforts of the school.

Dr Amjad felt a great need for extension of the school's 20-acre fish and animal farms. Right now he is busy making plans for turning the school into a full-fledged educational project. But if this project is going to become a reality, then he needs support from some large donors.

নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ব্র্যাক-ট্রাঙ্কপোর্ট সার্ভিসেস অফিসার' পদে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করছে

শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা: স্বীকৃত কোন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় থেকে যে কোন বিষয়ে সন্মানসহ স্নাতক/স্নাতকোত্তর পাশ। সব পরীক্ষার কমপক্ষে ২য় বিভাগ থাকতে হবে।

অটোমোবাইলস-এ ডিপ্লোমাদারীদের ক্ষেত্রে শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার শর্ত শিথিল করা হবে।

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- যানবাহন বিভাগের সামগ্রিক ব্যবস্থাপনায় বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা
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- গাড়িদ্রুটিনা পরবর্তী কার্যক্রম সুষ্ঠুভাবে সম্পাদনে দক্ষতা এবং এ-সংক্রান্ত রিপোর্ট তৈরির কাজে অভিজ্ঞতা
- কম্পিউটার ব্যবহারে দক্ষতা

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সাক্ষরিত যোগদানের পর হতে বীমা (ইস্যুরেন্স) সুবিধা ও স্থায়ী হওয়ার পর আনুষ্ঠানিক (গ্র্যাচুইটি) ও ভবিষ্যনিধির (প্রভিডেন্ট ফান্ড) সুবিধা আছে।

পূর্ণ জীবনকাল, সকল শিক্ষাগত ও অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রের ফটোকপি, টেলিফোন নম্বর এবং সম্পত্তি তোলা দুই কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ফটোকপি, আলাদা আলাদা জুন ২৮, ২০০৬-এর মধ্যে ডিরেক্টর হিউম্যান রিসোর্সেস, ব্র্যাক-এইচআরডি, ব্র্যাক সেন্টার, ৭৫ মহাশালা, ঢাকা-১২১২ এই ঠিকানায় আবেদন করতে হবে। নামের উপর আবেদনকৃত পদের নাম উল্লেখ থাকতে হবে।

কর্মী নিয়োগে ব্র্যাক নারী, আদিবাসী ও প্রতিবন্ধী প্রার্থীদের অগ্রাধিকার দিয়ে থাকে।

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Tender Notice
Purchase of 60 KVA Diesel Generator

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) invites sealed tenders from authorized dealers / distributors for supply & installation of 60 (Sixty) KVA Brand New Diesel Generator.

Tender schedule giving full details and specifications will be available at a cost of Tk. 500/= (Non refundable) at the BCCB Management Office, Navana Tower (5th Floor), 45 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh between 10 am to 4 pm from 18th June until 26th June 2006 (Except Friday, Saturday & public holidays).

Tender documents will be received at the BCCB Management Office between 10 am to 3 pm from 19th June to 26th June 2006 (Except Friday, Saturday & public holidays) and must be accompanied by the entire requirement as detailed in the tender document. Tender will be opened on 26th June 2006 at 4:00 pm at the BCCB Management Office and bidders may be present if they so wish.

The BCB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সরকার জরিমানা ব্যতিরেকে শুধুমাত্র মূল কর ও ফি জমা নিয়ে মোটরযানের কাগজপত্র, ড্রাইভিং লাইসেন্স হালনাগাদ/নবায়নের সময়সীমা আগামী ৩০-০৬-২০০৬ তারিখ পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করেছে।

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নির্ধারিত সময়সীমার পর মেয়াদ অতিক্রান্ত কাগজপত্র নিয়ে রাস্তায় যানবাহন চালানো হলে মোটরযান অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৩ এর বিধান অনুযায়ী আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা নেয়া হবে।

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