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FLOOD AFTERMATH Diseases break out in northern districts

STAR REPORT

People in the flood-hit northern and northeastern region of the country are now suffering from different waterborne diseases.

Those affected by the flood also feared that the situation would turn worse as there was a shortage of medical facilities.

Over 55 lakh people in 162 upazilas of 53 districts fell victim to the flood this year, read the latest report of the National Disaster Response Coordination Centre (NDRCC).

Meanwhile, the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) reported that the floodwaters started receding as water level in 14 major rivers -- including the Padma, the Jamuna, the Meghna, and the Brahmaputra -- was lowering.

Our correspondents stationed in the affected regions reported on the flood situation.

In Kurigram and Lalmonirhat districts, flood victims were suffering from itch, sore, diarrhoea, dysentery, vomiting, headache and other waterborne diseases.

Most of them were compelled to drink floodwater without purification.

Safeda Bewa, 60, a flood victim of Chara Nayarhat village under Chilmari upazila of Kurigram, said, "I have been suffering from dysentery for the last four days. We used to drink floodwater as we have no alternative."

Another victim Mobarak Hossain, 55, a resident of Char Gokunda village in Lalmonirhat Sadar, said, "Two of my family members are suffering from dysentery and headache. But no health workers visited us."

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The approach road to the ferry pontoon-4 at Shimulia of Munshiganj went under water due to the erosion by the Padma yesterday morning. Geo-bags are being dumped there to stop the erosion. Another road to a pontoon was devoured by the river before Eid. The erosion of the bank is disrupting ferry services.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

SHIMULIA GHAT Ferry service disrupted as erosion hits terminal

STAR REPORT

Another approach road to a ferry pontoon at Shimulia terminal in Munshiganj went into the Padma yesterday morning, severely disrupting ferry services on the Shimulia-Kathalbari route.

The erosion began at 3:00am and continued till 9:00am at the pontoon-4, also known as VIP Ferry Ghat. Shops near the pontoon were shifted elsewhere, said a BIWTA official.

This is the second ferry pontoon put out of service by the Padma within nine days at Shimulia.

The BIWTA authorities also suspended operations of ferry pontoon-2 as it became risky due to erosion.

Currently, only one ferry pontoon is under operation, and the resultant long queue of vehicles is causing sufferings to people returning to the capital

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AL JAZEERA INTERVIEW Malaysian court puts Rayhan on 13-day remand

SHARIFUL HASAN

A Malaysian court has granted a 13-day remand for Rayhan Kabir, the Bangladeshi youth arrested for talking to the media about the Malaysian government's treatment of migrants during the Covid-19 pandemic, after he was brought to a court yesterday morning.

Rayhan's lawyer Sumita Santini Kisna told The Daily Star that on Wednesday night they received information that Rayhan would be produced in court on Thursday.

Both of Rayhan's lawyers were present in court. But they did not see any representative from the Bangladesh High Commission in Malaysia.

Sumita said that police sought a remand of 14 days and opposed the court order of a 13-day remand -- till August 19 from today. Till now, no charges have been filed against Rayhan. Rayhan remains firm on his position that what he said was his personal view and his reaction to what he saw of persons being arrested during the pandemic, but he had no intention of hurting the feelings of Malaysians and the Malaysian authorities.

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Bangabandhu making speedy recovery

August 7, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU ACCEPTS SWISS INVITATION

Bangladesh Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman accepts an invitation of the Swiss government for convalescence in that country. The prime minister's doctors also recommend that he go to Switzerland for recuperation. They advise Bangabandhu not to undertake too much travel. Bangabandhu, after his recovery, may hold a conference of Bangladesh envoys in Europe.

The prime minister is making a speedy recovery, informs a health bulletin issued by Bangabandhu's personal physician Dr Nurul Islam.

CABINET REVIEWS LATEST FLOOD SITUATION

The Cabinet today reviews the overall flood situation, particularly the erosion of river banks. The meeting presided over by acting Prime Minister Syed Nazrul Islam decides to face the challenge of erosion with whatever limited resources the country has. The Cabinet takes up the work on protection schemes for towns and cities threatened by erosion, particularly Sirajganj and Chandpur, on a "war footing". The government has already allocated Tk 1 crore as an immediate measure to save the affected areas of Chandpur town.

COLLABORATORS ORDER MAY BE AMENDED

The Collaborators Order is likely to be amended soon by the

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ATTACK BY LAND GRABBERS

Injured forest officer dies at Ctg hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A forester who was critically injured in an attack by land grabbers last week, died yesterday morning in Chattogram.

Sultanul Ahmed Chowdhury, range officer in Maheshkhali under the Chattogram Coastal Forest Division, confirmed the news to The Daily Star.

Md Yousuf Uddin, 30, a forester at Maheshkhali range, was undergoing treatment at the ICU in Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH), the range officer said.

On July 30, a team of forest officials rushed to Korobunia area of Keruntholi beat in Maheshkhali, based on a tip-off that land grabbers were damaging a

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Scientists find way to track space junk in daylight



AFP, Paris

Scientists said Tuesday they had discovered a way to detect space debris even in daylight hours, potentially helping satellites to avoid the ever-growing cloud of junk orbiting the planet.

Defunct rockets, satellites and spacecraft parts continue to orbit Earth after they are discarded.

The estimated 500,000 objects circling the globe range in size from a single screw to an entire rocket fuel tank.

Travelling at thousands of miles an hour, they pose a huge and rising collision risk to satellites.

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CRICKET COACH'S DEATH Private clinic sealed over allegations of malpractice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A private clinic in Jashore town has been sealed off following the death of a celebrated female cricket coach allegedly due to negligence and medical malpractice.

Jashore Civil Surgeon Sheikh Abu Shaheen said they shuttered Labzone Hospital on Tuesday for not having the necessary licence to provide medical services.

He said they also formed a committee, headed by himself, to investigate into the death of Suraiya Jannati Tinni, 26, who had died after being transferred to Jashore General Hospital as Labzone Hospital authorities were negligent in ensuring urgent treatment to save her life, her relatives said.

The committee has been directed to submit its report within seven working days.

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7 more die with Covid symptoms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Seven people died with coronavirus symptoms at Cumilla Medical College Hospital (CuMCH) in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

Of them, three were of the district's Burichang upazila, two of Debidwar upazila, one of Muradnagar upazila, and one of Sadar upazila, said CuMCH Director Muzibur Rahman.

Four of the dead breathed their last at the hospital's ICU whereas three others at the isolation unit. All of them got admitted to the hospital with cold, cough and breathing difficulties, he added.

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A Bengal monitor is spotted while searching for food at Bangladesh National Zoo in Mirpur. This large lizard, which had been common in rural areas, is now barely seen due to loss of habitat.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

VIRUS MISINFORMATION

Facebook, Twitter pull Trump posts

REUTERS, Washington

Facebook Inc on Wednesday took down a post by US President Donald Trump, which the company said violated its rules against sharing misinformation about the coronavirus.

The post contained a video clip, from an interview with Fox & Friends earlier in the day, in which Trump claimed that children are "almost immune" to Covid-19.

"This video includes false claims that a group of people is immune from Covid-19, which is a violation of our policies around harmful Covid misinformation," a Facebook spokesman said.

A tweet containing the video that was posted by the Trump campaign's @TeamTrump account and shared by the president was also later hidden by Twitter Inc for breaking its Covid-19 misinformation rules.

A Twitter spokesman said the @TeamTrump account owner would be required to remove the tweet before they could tweet again.

YouTube, through a spokesman, said it had also pulled down the video for violating its Covid-19 misinformation policies. However, the original interview remains available on the Fox News page on the platform. YouTube did not immediately respond to requests to clarify which videos were taken down.

The Trump campaign accused the companies of bias against the president, saying Trump had stated a fact. "Social media companies are not the arbiters of truth," said Courtney Parella, a spokeswoman with the campaign.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has said that while adults make up most of the known Covid-19 cases to date, some children and infants have been sick with the disease and they can also transmit it to others.

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PRAYER TIMING AUGUST 7

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JAMAAT 4:55 1:15 5:15 6:50 8:45

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