

Floods damage 788 edn institutions in Tangail

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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The recent prolonged flood and river erosion have caused extensive damage to over 700 educational institutions in Tangail.

According to sources at the department concerned, total 788 schools, madrasas and colleges have been destroyed. Especially the buildings, playgrounds and furniture of the institutions have been damaged. The total damage has been estimated at Tk 13.41 crore.

Total 566 primary schools in 10 upazilas out of 12 upazilas were destroyed by floodwater and the total damage has been estimated at Tk 8.39 crore, said sources at the district primary education office.

On the other hand, the flood has damaged 142 high schools and the damages has been estimated at Tk 2.47 crore. Total 68 madrasas got damaged and the damage has been estimated Tk 1.47 crore. Twelve colleges have been destroyed and the damage has been estimated at Tk 34 lakh, sources at the education engineering department said.

The floods have damaged 100 primary schools, 20 high schools and three colleges in Tangail Sadar upazila and 81 primary schools, two high schools and two madrasas in Delduar; 73 primary schools, six high schools and four madrasas in Kalihati; 39 primary schools, 18 high schools, two colleges and seven madrasas in Nagarpur; seven primary schools, three high schools, one college and one madrasa in Sakhipur; 86 primary schools, 31 high schools and five madrasas in Mirzapur; 61 primary schools, 15 high schools, one college and 14 madrasas in Bhuapur; 43 primary schools, 10 high schools and six madrasas in Ghatail; 56 primary schools, 16 high schools, two colleges and five madrasas in Gopalpur; and 20 primary schools, 21 high schools, three colleges and 11 madrasas in Basail upazila.

Meanwhile, two primary schools--Govindapur Government Primary School and Paishka Majihail Government Primary School-- in Solimabad union of Nagarpur upazila have been fully devoured by erosion of the Jamuna river.

The upazila administration, however,



Flood-affected Mirzapur High School in Tangail's Mirzapur upazila.

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constructed a temporary tin-roof structure for the Govindapur Government Primary School at a nearby place. New building will be constructed for the school after selection of a new site for it, district primary education office sources said.

The district primary education office has already sent a letter to the primary education directorate seeking allocation for reconstructing the Paishka Majihail Government Primary School.

Local people said acute erosion started in the area last year and Paishka Majihail

Government faced erosion threat at that time. The deputy minister of water resources ministry along with local lawmaker visited the erosion affected area then and promised to take steps to check the erosion. However, nothing was done in this regard later and the school went into the river on June 14.

Meanwhile, nine more government primary schools in Bhuapur upazila and two others in Kalihati upazila are now under threat of erosion.

Md Abdul Azaiz, district primary

education officer in Tangail, said they have already conducted an assessment of the primary schools damaged by floods and sent the report to the higher authorities. The repairing works of the damaged institutions will start after getting the allocation.

On the other hand, Laila Khanom, district secondary education officer in Tangail, said they have already sent a report of the flood-damaged educational institutions in the district to the Education Engineering Department in Dhaka. The repair work will start after getting allocation.

Lightning kills 1, injures 4 others

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

An elderly farmer was killed and four others, including two women, were injured in separate incidents of lightning strikes in Sarishabari upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased, Babar Ali, 60, was a resident of Purbo Sataria village under Satpua union in the upazila.

Deceased's family members said a streak of thunderbolt hit Babar while he was working at a farmland near his house amid rain around 10:00am, killing him instantly on the spot.

Meanwhile, at least four people were injured in separate lightning strikes the same morning.

Injured Jahurul Islam, 35, of Sataria village, Marium Begum, 60, and Liakat Hossain, 55, of Char Rowha village, and Hashi Begum, 45, of Digribanda village, were admitted to Sarishabari Upazila Health Complex, Officer in Charge of Sarishabari Police Station Fazlul Karim quoted locals as saying.

Explosion kills 1

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

An auto-rickshaw mechanic was killed and another injured in an explosion at a scrap shop in Durgapur upazila of Netrakona on Sunday night.

The victim was identified as Sabuj Mia, 40, son of late Yead Ali of Chalitapara village in the upazila.

Quoting locals, Officer in Charge of Durgapur Police Station Shahnoor Alam said Sabuj, a mechanic, was waiting at a scrap shop owned by Kanchan Mia at Masjid Market in Shibganj area around 10:30pm on Sunday when suddenly something kept in the shop exploded with a big bang, killing Sabuj on the spot and injuring Nahid Mia, 25.

Being informed, police recovered the body and sent it to Netrakona General Hospital for autopsy.

Critically injured Nahid was taken to Durgapur Upazila Health Complex, from where he was shifted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital as his condition deteriorated.

Nahid sustained 25 percent burn injuries during the incident, the OC added.

Police said some old batteries along with scrap items were kept at the shop, but they were yet to find out the real cause behind the explosion.

2 siblings drown

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Two minor siblings drowned in a pond in Haripur upazila of the district on Monday.

The victims, Farzana, 04, and Fahima, 03, were daughters of Farukh Hossain of Barampur Pirhat village.

Local union parishad Chairman Abul Hossain said the minor girls accidentally slipped into a pond near their house while playing beside it on Monday afternoon and went missing.

Family members and villagers later found their bodies floating in the pond water and recovered those.

BENAPOLE LAND PORT

Workers' union extorting money from freight trucks

Vehicle owners demand action against extortionists, threaten to enforce strike at the port in failure

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Jashore district owners' association of freight vehicles, which transport goods to and from India via Benapole land port, has threatened to cease trade activities at the port unless the authorities put a stop to extorting money from outbound trucks at the port.

On numerous occasions, they had complained about the extortion to the authorities of Benapole port, country's largest land port from which the government earns Tk 5,500 crore in revenue every year, said the association officials.

But without any action against the criminals, the money is being extorted under names of several workers' organisations including Jhikargachha Truck Motor Workers' Union, said Musa Mahmud, general secretary of the association that represents owners of trucks, tankers (non-flammable liquid), tractor trailers and covered vans that transport goods through Benapole, Jhikargachha and Sharsha land ports.

The members of the workers' organisations are openly collecting Tk 150 from each vehicle that enters Benapole port, on way to India with



Freight trucks on way to the departure gate of Benapole land port.

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export goods.

The extortionists are clearly violating a government directive that prohibits such collection of money from freight trucks or passenger buses, Musa said, warning that the owners' association would be compelled to stop movement of all export and import freight trucks at the port if the authorities fail to take action against the violators.

During a visit to the port, this correspondent came across workers, belonging to Jashore (Jhikargachha,

Sharsha and Benapole) truck, tanker, (non-flammable) tractors and covered van motor workers union, who were collecting Tk 100 from each vehicle entering the port with freight to be exported to India.

They were also collecting Tk 50 from each of the same vehicle "on behalf of India's Petrapole customs authorities".

As to why they are complying with the demands of the extortionists, Esrafil Hossain, a trucker arriving from Dhaka, said they have no other

choice as a syndicate in Benapole port area would not let them enter India without them paying the extortion money.

Some people, claiming to be members of Jhikargachha Motor Workers' Union, are collecting Tk 150 from export trucks and out of which, Tk 50 is being collected in the name of Petrapole customs authorities in India, he also said.

Alamgir Hossain, general secretary of the Benapole branch of the workers' union, claimed that they have been collecting only Tk 100 from the trucks carrying export goods since August 27.

The collected money would be used for jobless members of the union, he further claimed.

Contacted, Mamun Khan, officer-in-charge of Benapole Land Port Police Station, said they were unable to take action against the extortionists as no one filed any formal complaint with the police station.

After his attention was drawn to the accusation against the workers' union, Pulak Kumar Mandal, upazila nirbahi officer of Sharsha, said action would be taken against any member of the union who are found involved in the extortion.



People of Sagarghat village in Lalmonirhat's Aditmari upazila use small boats to cross the Sati river for want of a permanent bridge for long. The photo was taken on Sunday.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	
Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE	
Natore District, Natore	
Email: ee.natore@dph.gov.bd	
Invitation for Tender Notice	
Memo No. 46.03.6900.061.18.001.20-1155	Date: 24.08.2020
1. Ministry/Division	Local Government Division.
2. Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering.
3. Project name	Preferential Rural Water Supply Project (PRWSP).
4. Procurement nature	Works.
5. e-Tender ID	486019, 486020, 486021, 486022, 486023 & 486024.
6. Description of work	Installation of Shallow Tube well (75mm x 38mm) with 1.0HP capacity Submersible Pump at Different Upazila in Natore District under Preferential Rural Water Supply Project (PRWSP) during the year 2020-2021.
7. Tender closing date and time	8-Sep-2020 12:00pm.
This is online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. Interested persons/firms can see details in the website www.eprocure.gov.bd .	
Md. Alamgir Miah Executive Engineer, DPHE Natore District, Natore	
GD-1365	

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha	
RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka	
www.rajuk.dhaka.gov.bd	
Invitation for Enlistment	
1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works.
2. Agency	Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha, (RAJUK).
3. Procuring entity name	Chief Engineer (Project & Design).
4. Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6. Invitation for	Enlistment and Renewal.
7. Invitation Ref. No.	Rajuk/Xen/Design-1/Enlistment-01/2020-2021
8. Date	31-08-2020
9. Procurement method	Limited Tendering Method.
10. Application selling start date and time	08-09-2020 during banking hour.
11. Application last selling date and time	07-10-2020 during banking hour.
12. Application last submission date and time	08-10-2020 at 4.00pm.
13. Name & address of the office(s)	
Selling application form	Manager-Agrani Bank Ltd. Rajuk, Building Branch, Dhaka.
Receiving application form	Chief Engineer (Project & Design), Superintending Engineer (Design/Electrical/Mechanical), Executive Engineer-Design-1/2 (Rajuk) Division, Dhaka-1000.
14. Eligibility of applicant	Applicant should be competent in terms of legal, financial and technical capacity and must fulfill the requirement as set forth in the Application Form.
15. Price of application form (Tk)	a) Tk 300/- (non-refundable).
16. Enlistment fee	Tk 5,000/- (Excluding VAT).
17. Name of official inviting application	A.S.M. Raihanul Ferdous.
18. Designation of official inviting application	Chief Engineer (Project & Design), Rajuk.
19. Address of official inviting application	4th Floor, Rajuk Building, Rajuk, Dhaka-1000.
20. Contact details of official inviting application	Telephone: 02-9569070
21. Special Instruction For Renewal: Enlisted contractor of Rajuk will have to collect Application Form from Design (Rajuk) Division office and submit with registration book, trade licence (up-to-date), TIN/E-TIN, VAT & bank solvency certificate within the time of 08-09-2020 to 28-10-2020 at working hour with renewal fee Tk 2000/- (Excluding VAT) for renewal of 2020-2021 financial year only and renewal fee for previous financial year (if any) will be decided as per rules. Price of Application Form is Tk 300/-.	
22. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.	
23. If it is not possible to receive the application on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances the same will be received on the next working day in the same time & same venue.	
A.S.M. Raihanul Ferdous Chief Engineer (Project & Design) Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha, Dhaka	
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