

# No end to sufferings of flood victims in Pabna

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Aug 29: Thousands of flood affected people in the district were still found marooned as flood water still remained submerging huge areas. This correspondent visited the affected Faridpur thana of the district last Thursday to find out the latest situation there. Following is a report sent to us yesterday.

Almost the entire area of Beel Chandak was found submerged in three to five feet deep water. Most of the thatched houses were found empty as the inhabitants left for safer shelter in the nearby embankment. On the embankment the picture was very chaotic as thousands of affected people gathered crowding the whole of the shelter on the embankment.

An old man, Ahmed Ali Mollah, in his late fifties of village Beel Chandak Under Punguli union of Faridpur thana said, I had four huts all of which were submerged. I had no alternative but to seek shelter here on this embankment. With my family members of four I have built a temporary home here. My sons, both married, earn on an average Tk 50 a day working as boatmen. So far we received 10 kg of rice and another 10 kg of wheat as relief. This is obviously a very poor amount for my family of four. But I am not the only sufferer, my neighbours also suffer the same way, said Mollah.

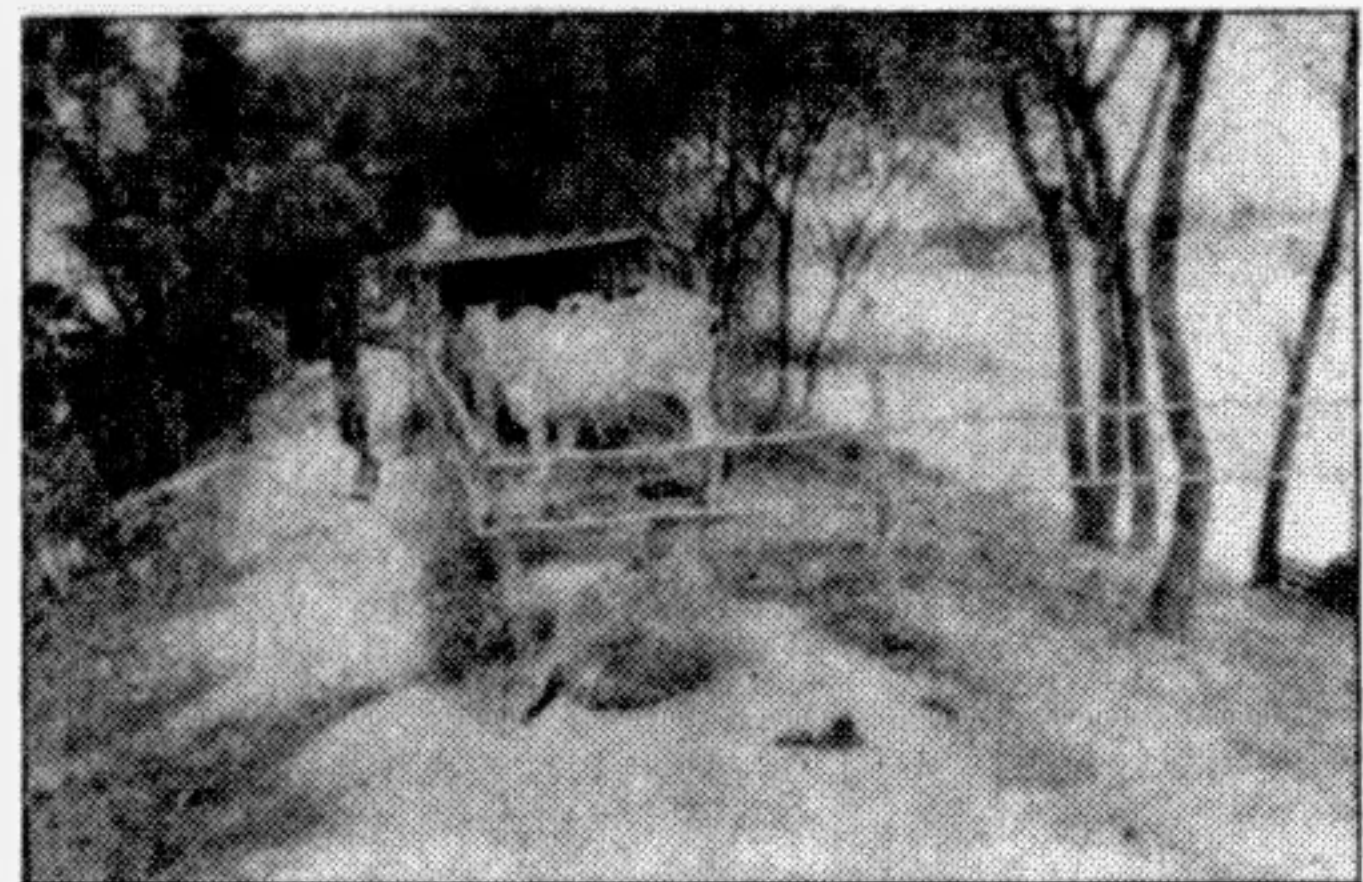
"I have no agricultural land. My sons earn too little. I can not afford to work. In this situation I am totally helpless. I don't know what am I going to do after the flood water recedes," says Mollah in a gloomy mood.

Mollah's wife asked, showing her widowed daughter, what would happen to my daughter now. How would she maintain her life as she has no work. My daughter used to work as a weaver. She was paid on - no work no pay.

Nafura Khatun, age 41, another flood victim informed this correspondent that she did not receive any relief material so far. She has been on this embankment since last 15 days. She cooks one meal a day to feed herself and her young son. The rest of the day she goes to beg for food leaving her only son under someone else's care. "My husband used to send me money from Chittagong working there as a day labourer. Following the flood



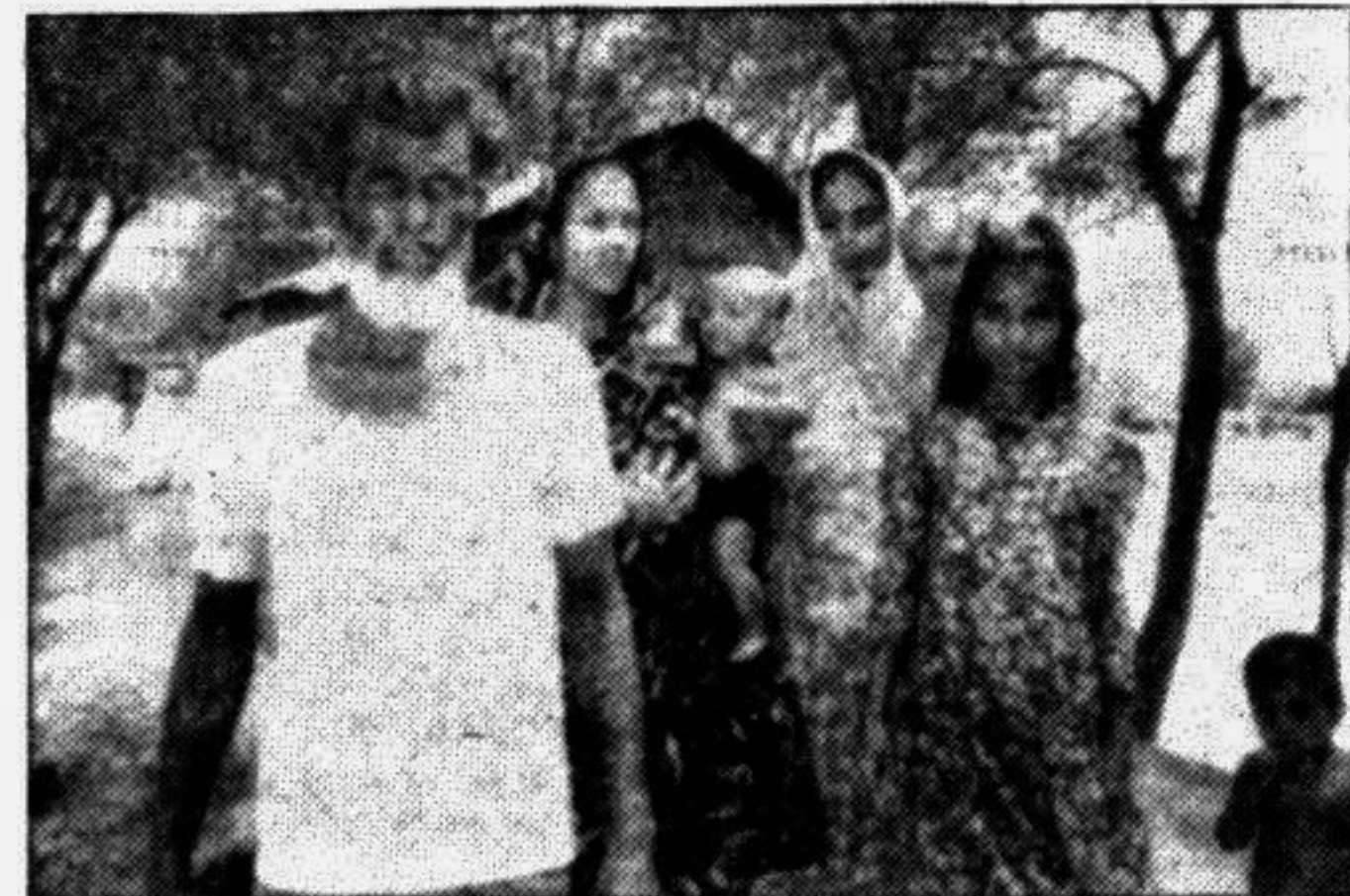
Ahmed Ali's wife with her grand son. — Star photo.



PABNA: Cattle have been given shelter under a shade over an embankment in Faridpur thana. — Star photo



Nafura Begum with her children took shelter on the Pabna Project embankment following the devastating flood. She received only 10 kilograms on wheat as relief in last two months. — Star photo.



Ahmed Ali with his family members on the embankment. — Star photo.

I have no contact with him. So, I am virtually dependent on begging for food now.

Abul Hossain, 52, faces similar situation living on the temporary shelter on the embankment. He said, I came to this embankment few weeks back following the devastating flood. I used to work as a day labourer in my village Dighalia. But flood has suspended my source of income. On an average I used to earn 80 taka a day. With four children still depending on me and of course, my I can hardly imagine surviving the rest of the days ahead. My family did not receive any relief yet. God knows how will I and my family survive.

Tomen Ali of Dutta Punguli village used to work as a day labourer. Following the flood he and his family of nine



PABNA: A big grave-yard in Faridpur thana still under water causing burial problems. — Star photo



PABNA: Entire area, with standing crops in Faridpur thana still lies under water. — Star photo



Day labourer Abul Hossain with his children and wife waits for relief to arrive. — Star photo.



Amena Khatun narrates her story of miserable days. — Star photo.



PABNA: Vast tract of land with standing crops damaged due to inundation by flood. — Star photo

members came to take shelter here on the embankment. With no job Ali said, we hardly enjoy a meal a day. We virtually starved first few until my eldest son managed to get some relief. I have never faced this situation before, said Ali adding. Flood hit us twice this year destroying the entire standing crop in my village. Many of my colleagues suffer the same way. No one came to help us, we are simply on our own battling this uncertain war.

Amena Khatun in her thirties was found working in her thatched house inundated in knee deep water. Her husband works in a nearby handloom factory earning between Tk 40 and 50 a day. Amena's husband now has no work as the factory area too was inundated. Amena's family now survives on a very tight ration of relief goods.

There is no end to the sufferings of the refugees. The flood victims would not be able to return to their damaged homes until at least 20 days. But when they return they would require necessary house building materials prices of which reported a sharp rise very recently. At the same time prices of grains have shot up in the district as supply was poor.

In the meantime, agency reports say water borne diseases have broken out in many affected area, particularly in the areas where there were no arrangements for supply of drinking water. But there were no report on attack of any particular diseases like diarrhoea and dysentery. It would be very difficult to rehabilitate the victims as grains, house building materials and other essentials were scarce in the district.

## News from Jhenidah

### Two crushed to death

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Aug 29: Two unidentified oldmen were crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck near Garaganj bus stand, about five kilometres from Saikupa town of the district recently, it was learnt.

According to reports, two unknown beggars were gossiping by the roadside when an unidentified truck reportedly crushed both of them to death.

A case was lodged with Saikupa thana in this connection and the bodies were sent to morgue for autopsy. Police as yet could not arrest anybody in this connection, it was reported.

### School students protest irregular power supply

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Aug 29: Hundreds of school students of different educational institutions of Kaliganj thana of the district demonstrated in front of the office of the Resident Engineer (RE) and chanted slogans in protest of irregular power supply in the town recently.

The agitated boys also ransacked the office of the RE, it was learnt.

It may be mentioned here that irregular power supply has become a regular feature in Kaliganj thana of the district for last few months which threw the people specially school and college students in great trouble.

When contacted Executive Engineer, Power Development Board (PDB), Jhenidah admitted the fact and told that they are trying to remove the crisis as early as possible.

### Four commit suicide in 72 hours

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Aug 29: Four women including a minor girl committed suicide within 72 hours in the district recently, it is learnt.

According to reports, Rasada Khatun, 14, of village Nadpara in Saikupa thana of the district committed suicide by taking pesticides on Sunday.

Another report says, Sarathi Rani (Saru), 24, of village Protapnagar in Saikupa thana and Minu Khatun, 20, a housewife of village Ghorasing in Kaliganj thana committed suicide by taking pesticides on Saturday. Both of them died at hospitals, police sources said.

According to another report, Adarini, 10, a minor girl of village Charbakharba in Saikupa thana committed suicide in the same way. The sensitive girl took pesticides when her mother abused her following a negligible issue on Thursday, it was learnt. Family troubles might be the causes for their suicide.

Separate Unnatural Death (UD) cases were filed with respective police stations, it was reported.

### Tk 50,000 robbed

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Aug 29: A dacoity was committed in the house of Bajlur Rahman at village Narayanpur in Harinakundu thana of the district recently, it was learnt.

According to reports, a gang of miscreants numbering around 25 to 30 entered the house and tied everybody with ropes on gun point. They looted valuables worth at least Taka 50,000, it was alleged.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Facilities Department Cox's Bazar Zone Tender Notice

No.06/GEP/EE/FD/Cox's-Zone/95-96

Dated: 23-8-95

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No.2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of Facilities Department for construction of two storied pucca school building including water supply, sanitary and electrification work under "General Education Project." Interested contractors of ADB member countries may also participate in the tender.

Gr No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Taka)	Earnest Money (Taka)	Cost of Tender Document (Taka)	Category of Contractor	Time for Completion (Month)	Remarks
1	Construction of two storied building at Shahid Iqbal Primary School at Cox's Bazar Sadar Thana, Dist. Cox's Bazar.	16,07,176/00	32,200/00	750/00	A&A-1	06(Six)	2nd Call.
2	Construction of two storied building at Baytus Sharf Primary School at Cox's Bazar Sadar Thana, Dist. Cox's Bazar.	16,07,176/00	32,200/00	750/00	A&A-1	06(Six)	2nd Call
3	Construction of two storied building at Shahid Earshad Smriti Primary School at Cox's Bazar Sadar Thana, Dist. Cox's Bazar.	16,07,176/00	32,200/00	750/00	A&A-1	06(Six)	2nd Call
4	Construction of two storied building at Ultran Primary School at Cox's Bazar Sadar Thana, Dist. Cox's Bazar.	16,07,176/00	32,200/00	750/00	A&A-1	06(Six)	2nd Call

Last date for purchase of tender documents

11-09-95

Last date and time for submission tender

12-09-95 up to 12:00 Noon.

Tender document and other collected papers may be obtained from the Head Office of the Facilities Department, Shikha Bhaban, Dhaka and from the Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Cox's Bazar/Chittagong/Noakhali/Comilla/Sylhet/ Moulvibazar Zone office on all working days during office hours on cash payment (non-refundable) as mentioned above in col. 5 for each set of tender document.

Permission for purchasing of tender schedule may also be obtained from the Superintendent Engineer, Facilities Department, Chittagong Circle, Chittagong. The contractors duly permitted only may also purchase tender documents from Zone Office of Facilities Department under Chittagong Circle, Chittagong.

Tender will be received by the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Cox's Bazar/Chittagong/Noakhali/Comilla/Sylhet/Moulavi Bazar Zone Office and by the Director, Facilities Department, Shikha Bhaban, Dhaka on date and time mentioned above and will be opened on the same date of 12:30 PM in presence of the tenderers (if there be any). No tender will be entertained after expiry of receiving time as mentioned in the tender notice.

Each tender must accompany a Bank Draft/Pay-Order from any Nationalised/Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh for an amount as mentioned above as earnest money in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Cox's Bazar Zone, Cox's Bazar.

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

### Instructions:

- If the quoted amount exceeds 5% (five per cent) below than the over all estimated cost the tender of the tenderer will be summarily rejected.
- In case of quoting rate at less than the total estimated cost, the contractor shall have to submit with the tender an additional earnest money @ 8% (Eight per cent) of the tendered amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Cox's Bazar Zone, Cox's Bazar.
- The successful tenderer will have to be deposited security money including earnest money @ 10% (Ten per cent) of the tendered amount at the time of agreement through Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Cox's Bazar Zone, Cox's Bazar.
- The contractors shall have to produce their enlistment/registration book and VAT registration certificate before purchasing tender document.

All other instruction to contractors are stated in the tender document.

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Md. Mizanur Rahman

Executive Engineer

Facilities Department

Cox's Bazar Zone.

## Office of the Chief Engineer Project-IV BWDB, Alamnagar, Rangpur Corrigendum Notice

International Tender Notice No. 1/1995-96 issued vide this office Memo. No. Teesta/IT-11/1544(230) dated 15-7-95 for "Supply of 12" (306mm) Cutter suction dredger of dismantable, transportable multi-pontoon non-self propelled type with piper and floaters and work boat, multi-pontoon dismantable and transportable self propelled type for Teesta Barrage Project under Loan from Saudi Fund for Development." The technical specification is partly corrected as follows:

- In "APPENDIX-'A' (Technical Specification and Bid Schedule of Dredger & work boat) Sl. No. 2 (i) (Principal dimension and particulars) the spud dimension is corrected as 2 Nos. of max. 16.00 Metre length instead of 2 Nos. of max. 16.00 mm length.

All other terms & conditions technical specifications laid down in the tender Notice will remain unchanged.

Ghulam Mustafa

Chief Engineer

Project-IV

BWDB, Alamnagar, Rangpur.

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## Development work of Islamic varsity reviewed

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Aug 29: Annual Development Works of Islamic University were reviewed in a meeting held recently at the chamber of Vice-Chancellor Prof Enamul Huq with Prof Yeazuddin Ahmed, Chairman University grant commission in chair.

The meeting discussed the different aspects of the development works now undergoing in the Islamic University vis-a-vis the situation arising out of students politics which has been banned for a certain period of time for bringing congenial atmosphere in the campus.

In his presidential speech Prof Yeazuddin Ahmed said that in every university we are observing physical development while academic development is not satisfactory. He laid emphasis on improvement of library in every university and there should be adequate facilities for the teachers to learn from the library. He also advocated for rapid construction of academic buildings, residential

halls, central mosque and personal initiative on the part of Vice-Chancellor for appointment of necessary teachers and other employees and assured all kinds of help from his end in this respect. He later visited every corner of the university and expressed his satisfaction and praised for the development so far achieved in the Islamic University.

Meanwhile construction of various buildings and other infrastructure facilities work of Islamic University for the first phase have been completed at a cost of Taka 40 crores, it was learnt.

With the construction of administrative building two class rooms buildings, two halls for students and one hall for female students one Central Mosque, one Central Library, dormitory of teachers and employees, the first phase work of residential purpose have been completed.

In the current fiscal year Taka 60 crores and fifty lakh taka have been allocated.

## Students politics banned

FARIDPUR, Aug 29: Students politics in the Bir Sherstha Abdur Rahman Degree College, the largest non-government degree college of the district, has been banned upto the year 2000 to maintain congenial atmosphere in the campus, reports UNB.

The decision on prohibition of politics will come into effect from November next after the expiry of the tenure of the current students union.

The governing body of the college, local elite, political leaders, guardians, teachers and students in a joint meeting held at college premises on Sunday unanimously decided to ban student politics in the college.

The college, established in 1970 at Kamarkhali in Madhukhali thana has now about 3000 students in different classes.

Teachers of the college said that the decision would protect the students from being exploited by different political leaders for their personal interest.