

Fish worth Tk 25cr lost during recent floods in Rajshahi, Naogaon

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Oct 23: Fish worth about Taka 25 crore were lost in the recent devastating floods in Rajshahi and Naogaon districts, officials sources estimated. Fifty four unions of seven thanas in Rajshahi and all 99 unions of 11 thanas in Naogaon districts were inundated by flood waters.

Ponds, beels and all kind of ditches and water reservoirs were overflowed by strong current of turbulent flood waters allowing all sizes of fish to swim out in open flood plains. As a result, thousands of fish farmer have faced a great loss this year.

Bagmara, Tanore and Mohanpur thanas of Rajshahi district, well-known for fish production were seriously affected by recent floods. According to the local fisheries

department, there are 4,164 ponds in private ownership and government owned 1678 khas ponds in these three thanas. In addition to it, there are also 48 small and large beels in this area. About 75 per cent of these waterbodies were overflooded suffering a loss of fish worth about Taka 8 crore. Another additional amount of Taka three crore loss was estimated for damage of fishing instruments and infrastructural establishments in these three thanas. One thousand 23 private owned, 385 government-owned khas ponds and 21 beels of Mohanpur thana were completely overflooded. 60 lakh fish fry were released in Kasba-Hilna beel of Mohanpur thana under the Third Fish Development Project in last July to

September this year. All fish fry were washed away by the floods. The loss from this beel was primarily estimated to about Taka three crore. All ponds, dighis and small waterbodies of 112 villages of Raighati, Ghasigram, Jahanabad and Dhuroil unions were overflooded. The loss of fish was estimated to about Taka five crore in Bagmara thana, all 16 unions of which were completely overflooded. Fish of 1525 private-owned and 725 government owned khas ponds and 17 beels were washed away in this thana. Sixty metric tons of fish fry were released in the beels of Bagmara thana in last September which are apprehended to be washed away by the floods.

In Tanore thana, fish of 1616 private-owned and 577

government-owned ponds and one beel were carried away by strong current of turbulent flood waters amounting the loss to about Taka one and a half crore.

Fisheries department released 65 metric tons of fish fry in Uthral, Hilna, Andharmura and Mohanagar beels of Manda Thana and 20 metric tons of fish fry in beel Monsoon of Raninagar thana in Naogaon district in last September few days before the devastating flood. All fish were apprehended to be washed away by the floods.

Fish fry worth about Taka one and a half lakh were washed away from the hatcheries of the Fisheries Department at the sadar thana, Patnitola and Dhamoirhat thanas of Naogaon district.

Besides, cultivated fish of 33,000 private-owned and 800 government-owned khas ponds were carried away by strong current of flood waters. Total loss of fish and fish fry in Naogaon district was estimated about Taka 15 crore.

Due to heavy damage of fish by the recent floods the small and marginal fish farmers and partner farmers have fallen into serious troubles. They are waiting to find ways how to repay the bank loans.

An official of local fisheries department suggested to write-off whole or a part of the loans and interests to facilitate the rehabilitation of the suffering farmers and issue fresh loans to enable them to cultivate fish in future.

Fake manpower agent flees with Tk 10 lakh

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Oct 23: Eighteen unemployed youths were cheated by a fake manpower agent recently.

It is reported that the fake manpower agent, Rabiul Islam of village Jughikhal under Kalaroa thana with the help of his wife, China Khatun and his brother-in-law, Habibur Rahman took Taka 60,000 each from eighteen unemployed youths of Kalaroa, Tala and Assassuni thanas of Satkhira district assuring them of providing with jobs in Malaysia. Since early February this year Islam and his partners, did not take any step to send them to Malaysia. Even after repeated appeals, he did not refund Taka 10 lakh 80 thousand, the amount he took from eighteen unemployed youths.

Failing to recover their money, out of the eighteen victims, Abdur Rouf, Shahinor Rahman and Eyakub Ali filed three separate cases against Rabiul Islam, his wife, China Khatun and his brother-in-law Habibur Rahman.

Diarrhoea claims 14 lives in 7 days

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Oct 23: The diarrhoeal situation in the flood hit areas of Assassuni thana of Satkhira district took a serious turn as the water borne disease claimed 14 lives and attacked about 500 people in the last seven days.

According to official sources, about 1000 people have been attacked with diarrhoea in three flood affected areas of Assassuni thana in the last 20 days. The worst affected areas are Assassuni sadar, Sreela and Pratapnagar unions of the thana.

It was learnt that Oral Salines (ORS) are available here but Inter Venous (IV) saline were less compared to the need.

Assassuni thana health complex is finding it very hard to cope with the rush of diarrhoea patients, it was further learnt.

One to suffer 7 years RI

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Oct 23: Israil Hossain, Assistant Session Judge Satkhira, sentenced Abdul Khaleq of village Katia Methopara to seven years rigorous imprisonment (RI) and to pay a fine of Tk 3000.

Acting on a secret information Shahjahan Talukdar Inspector, Narcotics and Liquor Department Satkhira circle arrested Abdul Khaleq from Palashpole area of the town and recovered 30 bottles of Phenidyl syrup from his possession on November 3, 1991 last.

Housewife commits suicide

From Our Correspondent

MOULVI BAZAR, Oct 23: A housewife, Rani Bunar, 25, wife of one Suresh Bunar of Bhugli Chhara tea garden under Srimongal thana of the district allegedly committed suicide by taking poison.

Family feud was the reasons behind her alleged suicide, it is learnt.

A case was registered.

Kidnapped girl rescued at last

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Oct 23: Brahmanbaria police rescued an abducted girl, Nuroon Nahar, 13, from her step grand father's house at Baul village under Akawra thana of the district on last October 7.

According to police sources, acting on a tip off, a contingent of police of Akawra thana and Brahmanbaria sadar thana raided the house of late Abdul Goni's house and rescued the abducted girl Nuroon Nahar. Nuroon Nahar is the daughter of Abdus Subhan of Vtpara village under Brahmanbaria paurasava. She along with her brother was returning home from Akawra. When they reached at Batpara Batory area some miscreants kidnapped her at gun point.

Young man dies in road mishap in Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, Oct 23: A young man died on the spot in a road mishap at Nagarbarhan on Jhenidah-Harinakundu road on Saturday last, reports UNB.

Police said, the victim Ayub Ali, 25, a helper of a passenger bus, fell down from the rooftop of the Jhenidah-bound bus while collecting fare from the passengers.

Witnesses said, dacoits swopped on the passengers of the launch when it came to Gokhali river sailing from Patuakhali at 2-30 pm yesterday. Dacoits boarded the launch in guise of passengers from Galachipa river port.

Electricity bills worth Tk 8 cr lying outstanding in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 23: About Tk 8 crore electricity bills have been lying outstanding in four thanas of the district, official sources said, reports UNB.

Consumers including mills and factories of these thanas — sadar, Belkuchi, Kazipur and Kamarkhand — are not paying their outstanding bills for a long time, the sources said.

Sirajganj Spinning and Cotton Mills, Goumi Jute Mills and Sirajganj pourashabha are among the main defaulters. A huge amount of bills are also outstanding in irrigation sector.

It is learnt that no special drive has yet been taken to realise the outstanding bills.

Bus dacoity near Dholaipar

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 23: A group of about eight to ten dacoits, in the disguise of passengers looted the belongings of fellow passengers in a Narayanganj-bound bus near Dholaipar under Demra thana recently.

Boarding the bus from the Gulistan terminal, the dacoits robbed the passengers of their belongings worth about Tk 50 thousand at pistol point and got off at Dholaipar, police said.

The passengers later took the driver, along with the bus (Dhaka Ba 271) to the police station suspecting that the driver, Kamal, might be associated with the dacoits. Police put the driver under custody.

One dies in road accident

From Our Correspondent

MOULVI BAZAR, Oct 23: One person was killed when he was run over by a 'Mishuk' on a village road near 'Marokuna' village under sadar thana recently.

It was reported that, Anil Chandra Debnath, 33, was returning to his village, Fazlipur, for Natun bazar. The victim died on the spot.

The Mishuk driver has been arrested and the vehicle was seized by Moulvibazar police. The body of the victim was sent to Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital for postmortem.

A case has been started at Moulvibazar police in this connection.

Wanted criminals arrested

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Oct 23: Two accused and wanted persons were nabbed by Jhenidah and Magura thana police recently, it was learnt.

According to reports, acting on a secret information Jhenidah police raided local Judge Court area and arrested accused Yusuf Ali of village Hiradanga in sadar thana. He was convicted for five years.

Speakers urge to appoint dist judge

From CHT Correspondent

KHAGRACHHARI, Oct 23: The speakers urged the government to appoint a district and session judge in Khagrachhari hill district at an early date towards the establishment of rule of justice.

The meeting observed that the building which was constructed at a cost of more than Taka 50 lakh two years ago to house the district and session judge court was kept abandoned due to lack of government initiative causing much inconvenience to the people of this district in getting proper justice.

Attended by the elites of the town and leaders of different political parties as well as social organisations, the meeting unanimously resolved to launch a movement to press home the demand.

Meeting condemning murder of Yasmin held

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Oct 23: A meeting under the auspices of Sammilita Nari Samaj condemning the brutal repression and killing of Yasmin was held at Faridpur Press Club premises on October 12 with Shahana Khatun in the chair.

Among others Shahjahan Mondal, Rokeya Begum, Shahnaj Hasan, I V Masud and Abdul Ali Sikder, president, Faridpur Press Club spoke on the occasion.

The speakers urged upon the government to take stern measures against the culprits responsible. They called upon the womenfolk to unitedly come forward to realise their rights.

The meeting was followed by a procession participated by five hundred women.



RAJSHAHI: Family members of the government and NGO officials donated blood in a simple function organised by Rotaract Club of Rajshahi Medical College at the UNICEF divisional office in the city on October 19 last. AFM Y Chowdhury, Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi, AT Siddique, Residential Director of UNICEF Rajshahi Divisional Office, Prof. Sirajul Islam, their wives and others are seen in the picture. — Star photo

Wanted criminals arrested

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SATKHIRA, Oct 23: Tala thana police arrested two absconding accused from different areas of the thana recently.

Acting on a secret information, Tala thana police led by Officer in Charge Ali Akbar Gazi arrested comrade Abu Bakar Siddique of the village Rahimabad under Tala thana from his residence. He was wanted in connection with the killing of Muktiyoddha Commander Nurul Islam and teacher Alauddin who were slaughtered by the outlawed Sarbahara Party men near the village Ghona of the thana on October 4 last.

In the other drive Tala thana police arrested Nurul Islam of village Atarai under Tala thana in connection with the killing of Gahar Sardar, 60, of village Khesra, who was shot dead by the outlawed party men on October 4 last.

Only 20,671 MT of wheat, rice & Tk 32 lakh relief given among 80 lakh flood victims

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Oct 23: Lakhs of people in the 13 northern districts of the country stricken by the recent devastating floods are passing days half-fed or sometimes without food, as the amount of relief materials already distributed were said to be too little to meet their demands.

The army took the charge of distributing relief but insufficient amount of relief materials cannot satisfy the actual need. Only 12 kilograms of rice per family, irrespective of the number of members, is being distributed now for one month which is very little in comparison with the need and a good number of flood-hit families did not receive any relief, it was alleged.

According to the official sources, only 2,062 metric tons of wheat, 18,609 metric tons of rice and Taka 32 lakh cash money have been distributed so far among the 16,93,836 flood-hit families.

That is, only 2.61 kg of wheat and rice and Taka 1.91 cash money per head have been distributed among about 80 lakh people.

In Rajshahi, 1,093 metric tons of rice and Taka one lakh have been distributed among 1,04,665 families. A total of 2,80,091 families of Naogaon, the worst affected district, received only 4,286 metric tons of rice, 200 metric tons of wheat and Taka three lakh cash money. One hundred metric tons of wheat, 690 metric tons of rice and Taka one lakh cash money have been distributed among 29,395 flood-hit families.

One lakh 14,608 families of Bogra have got 100 metric tons of wheat, 1000 metric tons of rice and Taka three lakh cash money. Another allocation of Taka two and Taka half lakh cash money have also been spent in Bogra for other means. In Joypurhat district, 100 metric tons of

wheat, 1065 metric tons of rice and Taka four lakh cash money have been distributed among 63,140 flood-stricken families.

One lakh 68,783 families affected by floods in Dinajpur district have got 487 metric tons of wheat, 3100 metric tons of rice and Taka five lakh cash money. 1500 flood-hit families of Panchagarh district have got 200 metric tons of wheat, 390 metric tons of rice and Taka 2 lakh cash money.

In Thakurgaon district 200 metric tons of wheat, 600 metric tons of rice and taka two and a half lakh cash money have been distributed among 4,325 families.

One lakh 56,127 flood-hit families of Rangpur received only 125 metric tons of wheat, 2475 metric tons of rice and Taka 3.5 lakh cash money. In Gaibandha district, 200 metric tons of wheat, 1500 metric tons of rice and Taka 4 lakh cash money have

been distributed. 34,800 flood-hit families of Nilphamari district have got 100 metric tons of wheat, 600 metric tons of rice and cash money of Taka one lakh.

In Sirajganj, 3,52,777 families have been stricken by floods. They got only 200 metric tons of wheat, 700 metric tons of rice and cash money of Taka two lakh. And 54,000 flood-hit families of Natore district have got 50 metric tons of wheat, 310 metric tons of rice and cash money of Taka one and a half lakh.

On the other hand, house-building and repairing assistance for rehabilitation of 10 lakh 30 thousand damaged houses are yet to be distributed. The government has decided to allocate Taka 1,000 for a completely damaged house and Taka 500 for rehabilitation of a partially damaged house, which is considered too little to fulfil the necessity. However, the allocations have not yet been finalised. Lakhs of homeless people are still living under the open sky though flood waters have started to recede.

According to official sources, Taka 10 lakh each has been allocated for rehabilitation of 30,000 damaged houses in Panchagarh and 1,08,700 damaged houses in

Gaibandha districts. No house-building assistance has yet been allocated for rehabilitation of 55,291 houses in Rajshahi, 1,94,550 houses in Naogaon, 25,679 houses in Chapai Nawabganj, 32,985 houses in Bogra, 63,250 houses in Joypurhat, 237,281 houses in Dinajpur, 24,050 houses in Thakurgaon, 42,836 houses in Rangpur, 19,855 houses in Nilphamari, 1,62,956 houses in Sirajganj and 7841 houses in Natore damaged, completely or partially, by the recent devastating floods.

According to official sources, about 50 lakh people have been rendered homeless this year by the recent floods.

Meanwhile, there are allegations that the members and chairmen of the union parishads, who are making the list of the flood-hit families and damaged houses, are adopting unfair means in making the list. Maqbul Hussain, teacher of Mosmol Girls' High School of Bagmara thana under Rajshahi district alleged that the actual affected people had been discarded from the list of flood-hit families and damaged houses of his ward no 3 under Huehpara union. Allegations have been reported from some other places also.

30,000 children suffer from malnutrition

PATUAKHALI, Oct 23: About 30,000 children in six thanas of the district have been suffering from malnutrition, reports UNB.

According to a survey conducted by a social welfare organisation, a large number of children died of various diseases in the district during the last few years.

Moreover, a large number of people are suffering from diarrhoea, dysentery, pneumonia, malaria and hooping cough following recurrent floods, drought and other natural calamities in most of the thanas of the district.

Acute scarcity of balanced diet is another factor that leads to the premature death of the poor children every year. Those who survive have to lead a miserable life. The unfed or half-fed mothers find it difficult for breast feeding which is the only diet for the children of the distressed and have nots.

The ignorance of the parents is also greatly responsible.

ble for the malnutrition of the children. They are not aware of the use the locally available edible herbs and vegetables.

According to the report, due to saline water, the children of the coastal areas of the district always suffer from various diseases.

Immediate steps are needed to save the children who are suffering from malnutrition caused diseases, particularly in the coastal areas, the survey report added.

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শর্তাবলীসহ দরপত্র দাখিল উপস্থাপিত নগদ মূল্যে ০৮-১১-৯৫ ইং তারিখ সকল কার্যদিবসে বেলা ১৩-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নিম্নোক্ত আফিসসমূহ হইতে জমা করা যাইবে এক একই অফিসে ০৯-১১-৯৫ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত রক্তিত দরপত্র বাজে গ্রহণ করা হইবে এক একদিন ১২-০০ ঘটিকার যথাস্থানে বেলা হইবে।

(ক) প্রধান প্রকৌশলী (সিঃ ও হাঃ) এর দপ্তর, মবক, মংলা।
(খ) নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, বিভাগ-৪ এর দপ্তর, মবক, বাগিশপুর, ফুলনা।
(গ) সিনিয়র অফিস, মংলা বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের গ্রেট হাউজ, ৯০, নয়াপল্টন (নিচতলা), ঢাকা।

টিকাদার নিজে দরপত্র দাখিল জমা করিতে পারিবেন অথবা প্রতিনিধির স্বাক্ষর টিকাদার কর্তৃক যথাযথভাবে সত্যায়িত অনুমতিপত্র জমা দিয়া প্রতিনিধি দরপত্র দাখিল জমা করিতে পারিবেন। দরপত্র দাখিল করণের সময় হালনাগাদ পর্যন্ত নবায়নকৃত লাইসেন্স বহিঃগমন করাইতে হইবে এবং হালনাগাদ পর্যন্ত ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কটেকপি দাখিল করিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় কাছাকাছি নিকট কোন দরপত্র দাখিল বিজ্ঞান করা হইবে না।

বিস্তারিত শর্তাবলী দরপত্র দাখিলের সহিত পাওয়া যাইবে।

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Prog to fight malaria to be implemented

From CHT Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Oct 23: To contain the outbreak of deadly disease malaria, CARITAS, a Non-Government Organization (NGO) has undertaken a package of programme to be implemented in the sadar thana of the district shortly, the concerned sources said.

Besides, distribution of 500 medicated mosquito-nets among the poor families in the worst malaria affected areas of the sadar thana, a team consisting of two staff nurses and two health workers headed by a medical officer will work to implement the programme.

The team of the NGO will carry out collection of blood sample of the affected people and provide them with medical assistance. It will also execute consultancy services towards prevention of malaria, sources said.

CARTAS is the first international NGO which has shown their interest to serve the suffering humanity in the district. The NGOs, national or international, were found reluctant for working in Chittagong Hill Tracts due to on-going insurgency apprehending security. The apprehension was intensified following the abduction of two engineers of international Shell Oil Company from Shimutang Gas Field at Manikchhari in Khagrachhari hill district by the tribal insurgents in late 1988.

The abducted engineers were later freed on realisation of a large amount of ransom in cash and gold negotiated and dealt by Upendra Lal Chakma, an ex-MP and advisor on Tribal affairs.



RAJSHAHI: The Bangladesh Rifles personnel seized 165 Kg of silk yarn worth about Taka 3 lakh and a private car. The alleged smugglers (sitting) were arrested from Sultanganj border check-post of the district recently. — Star photo