

## National

# Third-time flood cripples farmers' life in Chandpur

From Shirin Akhter

CHANDPUR, Sept 16: Three times flood in the district affected fifty-six unions out of eighty-nine in five thanas.

According to Chandpur Agriculture Extension office sources, crops worth about Taka nine crore were damaged by the consecutive flood. About four lakh people of Chandpur, sadar, Haimchar, Matlab, Kuchia, Haziganj thanas were badly affected by flood, many of whom were displaced and need to be rehabilitated.

Seed beds on one thousand hectares of land have been completely damaged in different areas of the district. The heavy damage of seed beds may affect grain and other important crop production in the coming season.

A vast areas of land re-

mained uncultivated due to lack of seedlings. Many cultivators cannot cultivate seedlings in time. So, late cultivation of aman crops will not produce expected crops. Crops on about two thousand hectares of land were badly affected by flood.

Besides, the extensive damage done to agriculture sector, bridges roads, culverts estimated value of which stands at Taka five crore were damaged.

According to Chandpur Municipal office sources roads, lanes, bridges and houses of municipality worth Tk about four crore were damaged.

About fifty medical teams are working in the affected areas. Water borne diseases especially diarrhoea have broken out in the flood affected areas. Cattle, poultry farms were also

affected by the flood. Fodder problems become extremely acute in the flood affected areas. Relief materials are very insufficient in comparison to requirements.

According to a flood victim who along with his 5 family members took shelter on an embankment, many farmers expected bumper grain production after the first flood. But second and third flood crippled everything. The affected farmers have to depend entirely on loan for rehabilitation or most of them are likely to face severe hardship.

Some farmers said, there is still time to grow grain but who would take the risk? We already witnessed flood in the area for the third time.

Most of the farmers said it would be risky to invest more money. If flood occurs again most of us will turn to begging for living.

## River erosion intensifies in Barisal

# 25 shops, huge cropland devoured in a day

From Aroop Talukdar



BARISAL: Partial view of an erosion affected village by the bank of river Sandhya.

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sadar thana of the district.

Meanwhile, the ferryghat bazar, 4 education institutions, more than 50 shops and dwelling houses were devoured into the river during the last one month. People of Charkhia union staged demonstrations,

handed over memorandum to the district administration, brought out processes urging to take immediate measure to control this almost non-stop erosion. WDB authority, meanwhile, took some steps in this regard but that helped a little.

On last Thursday night, five dwelling houses of Char Abdan were devoured into the Kirtankhola river, local source said Friday.

They said, erosion suddenly intensified since last Thursday night.

## 250 cubic feet of timber seized in Rangamati forest

From CHT Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Sept 16: Forest officials have here recovered 250 cubic feet of valuable timber worth about Tk 1.7 lakh from the gateway of RKMM road today in the early morning in a raid conducted on a tip off, officials said.

M Shaheduzzaman, the Divisional Forest Officer of Rangamati Unclassified State Forest Division sent his officials to RKMM road who found a stock of illegal timber ready to be loaded in the truck for smuggling onward near Manikchhari brickfield, 10

## No action taken against them

# Many unauthorised pathological labs doing business in Rajshahi city

From Abdul Wadood

RAJSHAHI, Sept 16: Pathological laboratories, under different names like diagnostic clinic and centres are increasing in an alarming manner in Rajshahi city.

Most of these laboratories and clinics were found to operate without having necessary equipment and skilled technicians. It is alleged that most of these clinics give baseless, wrong and imaginary reports which often misguide the doctors in diagnosing diseases.

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medicine in Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, on condition of anonymity, said, we often fall in embarrassed position with these reports.

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Other laboratories bigger in size and operation which perform X-rays, electrocardiography, ultrasonography etc along with the common investigations. These laboratories, usually under names like diagnostic centre or clinic are run

mostly by non-medical persons on completely commercial basis, it is alleged.

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Meanwhile, there are also allegations that some doctors involved with these clinics give only signature on the report in exchange of money without performing or seeing the investigations.

These clinics usually engage doctors, technicians and especially hospital workers to bring patients. They have rickshaw-pullers on commission basis who manage patients coming from outside the town at the railway stations and bus terminals and bring them to the clinics.

It was alleged that there are some pathological clinics which even give reports without performing any investigations. Unnecessary investigations are also advised and done only for earning money. Some laboratories also realise a higher rate of fees from illiterate patients, it was alleged.

Just a few days ago, Boalia thana police rescued a patient from a clinic from whom Tk 4000 was claimed for investigation purposes.

## Decomposed body found in sewage tank in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Sept 16: Mirpur thana police recovered here a decomposed body covered in a gummy substance from a sewage tank of Ramnagar Primary School under Mirpur thana on Saturday last after two months 17 days of murder. According to police sources the body was identified as of Anwar Hossain, 65, of village Kursa under the thana. Wife of late Anwar after identifying her husband's body by seeing red shirt and green lunges said that her husband was allegedly kidnapped on June 26 last by a terrorist group and demanded Taka 30 thousand as ransom money.

As she failed to pay the money the terrorists allegedly killed her husband and put the body into the septic tank. Meanwhile, smell from the decomposed body prompted local people to look into the said sewage tank and found the body.

On getting information Mirpur thana police recovered the body and sent it to Kushtia General Hospital for post-mortem. A case has been registered with Mirpur police station.



SYLHET: Divisional Commissioner of Sylhet, Habibur Rahman, speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the Rotary Club of Sylhet Central held recently.

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AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh): Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Shah Muhammed Farouk delivering his speech at the inaugural function at a seminar on development of high yielding fish varieties and their management in aquaculture, Organised by the Fisheries Research Institute.

# Medical service in Pabna paints a gloomy picture

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Sept 16: The health facilities

in Pabna became extremely inadequate, ineffective and uncared to the utter miseries of over 18 lakh people of the district. The Pabna General Hospital, set up in the sixties with a capacity of 100 beds, is reportedly not capable of meeting the requirements of the patients. All sections of the people have been demanding upgrading the 100-bed general hospital to a 250-bed

vacant. No bedding is available for the patients admitted — not even mosquito-nets despite the fact that mosquito-menace was extremely acute in and around the hospital. Saline is also not available here. Several nurses are allegedly conducting illegal abortion in lieu of high amounts of money. It was also alleged that after 11 pm, no doctor is found on duty here.

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## টেক্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নং-৭খ/১৪ (৪খ বার)

বিজ্ঞপ্তি'র নিম্নোক্ত ধর্মসমূহের মালামাল/সম্পর্ক যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে তিতিতে বিক্রয়ের জন্য নিম্নব্যাকরণীয় কর্তৃত এন্ডোর আবহাও করা যাচ্ছে। আগস্টী ২১/৯/৯৬ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত নিম্নব্যাকরণীয় দস্তর অবস্থা বিজেসি'র প্রধান কার্যালয় (আগস্টী কোর্ট এন্ডোর ভবন-২, ১১৯-১২০, মতিবাল বা/এ, ঢাকা) হতে দস্তর প্রদর্শন এবং প্রতিবেশ নির্মাণ করা হচ্ছে। দস্তর প্রদর্শন এবং প্রতিবেশ নির্মাণের সময় মতিবাল বা/এ এন্ডোর কর্তৃত এন্ডোর কর্তৃত প্রতিবেশ নির্মাণ করা হচ্ছে। দস্তর প্রদর্শন এবং প্রতিবেশ নির্মাণের সময় মতিবাল বা/এ এন্ডোর কর্তৃত এন্ডোর কর্তৃত প্রতিবেশ নির্মাণ করা হচ্ছে।

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