

# 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, Kachua, 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 specially 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.

A farmer of Haimchar informed this correspondent that he had invested about Tk 60,000. All his investment were washed away. Part of his investment was high interest loan

from a local money lender.

He now has to sell off his wife's last piece of ornament to repay the loan.

A fellow farmer narrated similar story. Thousands of farmers have put into miseries beyond imagination.

It was also reported from a few char areas that some of the farmers have shifted to new areas with their make-shift houses to escape harassment by the money lenders.

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.



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, in-effective 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 hospital.

When contacted over telephone, Dr AKM Fazlul Huque, Civil Surgeon, Pabna, told The Daily Star that in fact the rush of patients in Pabna General Hospital was heavy. The hospital actually needs to be upgraded to a 500-bed hospital with a number of specialists. The approved scheme of the Ministry of Health in this regard needs an immediate implementation.

Meanwhile, the number of patients in the hospital having a capacity of 100 patients only, is never found to go below 200 although, according to the doctors, many patients are refused admission and many others are released earlier than the patients' necessity.

It may be recalled here in this connection that due to the existence of a vast road-communication network running through Pabna road accidents are very frequent in the district. Patients requiring surgery are getting admitted day and night in the hospital along with an increasing number of patients attacked with various other diseases.

Getting no scope for beds to take admission in this hospital, patients are being compelled to shift to the clinics which were also growing in unusually large numbers. Doctors and their agents were also allegedly advising them to go to the clinics. As these clinics were also dependent solely upon the doctors of the general hospital, the hospitals are not getting adequate and sincere services from them, it is being widely alleged.

There is no X-ray machine in seven out of eight thana hospitals of the district.

At Ishurdi, there is a 50-bed hospital for about 2 lakh 10 thousand people. There is no bedding available in the beds. Most important of all is the question of security of the patients — specially of the female patients and nurses. A young female patient was lifted from her bed at midnight last year, gang-raped by the alleged armed mastaans and then brought back to her bed. All these could happen amid utter helplessness of the patients, the nurses, doctors and the night guards. The subsequent GD Entry made at the concerned thana yielded no result what so ever.

The condition of the Faridpur Thana Health Complex is also extremely miserable. On January 14 at midnight, fire broke out in store-room mysteriously and it was shown that lakhs of taka worth medicines were burnt. The mystery of the incident was not known through a proper investigation despite strong demand of the people of all sides.

In yet another incident, nurses and doctors on duty of the hospital were found busy in witnessing TV show on one night and meanwhile, reportedly due to lack of care, one patient died beyond the knowledge of all concerned. The X-ray machine of this health complex is lying out of order.

The posts of six physicians out of nine were lying vacant for years and hence the patients here were not getting proper attention at all. No proper arrangement for water-supply as per requirement is there. The store-keeper resides in Pabna town, about 25 miles from Bhangoora. Supply of medicines at the time of need is also not available, it is widely alleged. Most of the doctors and employees of the Health Complex, for reasons best known to

them, reside in similar manner in Pabna town causing sufferings to the patients. Out of the 21 flat of this health complex only two flats are occupied.

In Chatmahar Thana Health Complex also, there is a shortage of five doctors for long. The X-ray machine is also lying out of order. No medicine is supplied to the out-door patients, it is alleged. On May 9, the pharmacist of this hospital was caught red-handed while removing a huge quantity of valuable medicines and other equipment. He was handed over to the police but the RMO, reportedly arranged for his release from the thana. Since then, removal of medicine turned into a regular feature in this Health Complex.

In Athgharia Thana Health Complex, no X-ray machine was supplied as yet. Facilities for treatment of patients in this hospital were extremely meagre.

In Santhia Thana, for 1,62,000 people, there is a 31-bed thana health complex. Posts of six doctors were lying

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.

The Bera thana health complex situated beside the North Bengal Highways, have got 31 beds. All the wards remain over-crowded. Over 200 patients infected with kalaazar also took admission in this hospital last year but they suffered for want of medicine. The X-ray machine of this thana health complex is allegedly kept most of the time out of order.

The X-ray machine of Sanjanagar Thana Health Complex is, however, found always in order and the doctors and nurses in this hospital have earned a good reputation for their sincerity. But still for want of medicines etc. patients have to suffer.

## River erosion intensifies in Barisal 25 shops, huge cropland devoured in a day

From Aroop Talukdar

BARISAL, Sept 16: Continuous erosion of Sandhya river at Shikarpur Bandar area recently eroded a huge area along the Shikarpur ferryghat some 15 kilometres from Barisal town.

According to local people, during last week, one day in the afternoon suddenly a huge area was devoured in the Sandhya river with 25 business establishments, one jute godown, one leather godown including some dwelling houses. The mishap took only two hours time, witnesses said.

The business establishments included 8 hotel and restaurants, 2 stationary shops, local sources added. They also said that the erosion incident was so sudden that almost none could save valuables from their shops and houses.

It is to be mentioned here that, erosion of Sandhya river has been going on almost unabated for years. The Shikarpur Degree College and the principal quarter are still on the verge of abolition. Besides, erosion of Kirtan Khola river flowing along the Barisal town area, is still continuing its menace from both the sides.

Along the town side, meantime, it engulfed a huge portion of launch ghat and BWTA ghat areas. On the other side, huge areas of cropland have already been eroded into the river along the Char Kaua union under the



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

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 Charkaua union staged demonstrations,

handed over memorandum to the district administration, brought out processions 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 Abdari were devoured into the Kirtankhola river, local source said Friday.

They said, erosion suddenly intensified since last Thursday night.

## 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.

None of the office of the Civil Surgeon, Divisional Office of Health Directorate and the City Corporation authorities could inform of the exact number of pathological laboratories functioning in the city. But the number will probably exceed one hundred, it is informed.

There are some categories of the laboratories. Some pathological laboratories are run individually by the doctors — including the pathologists and other MBBS doctors. These are of very small scales, performing mostly the common investigations of urine, blood and stool.

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.

They also arrange chambers for doctors in their clinics and centres free of cost with a view to get clients for pathological investigations.

Barring a few exceptions, most of these diagnostic clinics and centres lack experienced and skilled technicians and doctors and that is why reports given by them often proved baseless, or wrong.

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

He said that the reports often showed they are not correctly investigated and the results give wrong findings.

An associate professor of surgery informed that he got a report of ultrasonography of lower abdomen of a woman last week which said that her prostate was normal, though a woman never carries a prostate.

An assistant professor of gynecology and obstetrics stated more interesting and serious story on these types of reports.

She said that a month ago she had to perform a caesarean section of a mother. According to the ultrasonogram, she was carrying two children. But after

the section they got only one child.

They alleged that the other child, out of two was stolen by the doctors. After a long two hours, attempts they could at last be convinced that the report was wrong meaning the mother was carrying only one child.

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 rickshaws-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.



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

## 250 cubic feet of timber seized in Rangamati forest

From CHT Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Sept 16: Forest officials have 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

## 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 gunny bag 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 lungie 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.

## IU VC address students

### 'Refrain from any sort of terrorist act'

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Sept 16: Prof Md Enamul Huq, Vice-Chancellor of Islamic University said that the word 'Islam' means peace and as such peaceful atmosphere is to be maintained in the campus at any cost to make this university as an ideal one and meaningful institution in the country. He urged upon the students to refrain from any kind of terrorist activities and identify the university as terrorism free university.

He was speaking as chief guest in a prize giving function of indoor games, literary and cultural competition of Shahid Ziaur Rahman Hall of the university and first publication of Annual Hall Magazine.

The function began with recitation from Holy Quran and was addressed by Harun ar-Rashid Askari, Assistant Prof.

The function was attended by Faiz Md. Serajul Huq, Prof. Ekinuddin, Deen Tahiruddin, Dr. Md Ashraf Ali, Dr. Md. Mamun, Proctor Md. Mosharraf Hossain, S. M. Solaiman, Provost Md. Mizanur Rahman Asrafi, Md. Emraz Hossain and Md. Atiar Rahman. Function was presided over by Provost Md. Alinoor Rahman.

A cultural function was held after the publication ceremony and prizegiving.

## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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### টেডার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নং-৭খ/৯৪ (৪র্থ বার)

বিলুপ্ত বিজেসিবি'র নিম্নোক্ত গুপ্তসমূহের মালিকানা/সম্পত্তি যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে তদ্বিধিত বিক্রয়ের জন্য নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী কর্তৃক প্রত্যক্ষ দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। আগামী ২৯/৯/৯৬ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর অথবা বিজেসিবি'র প্রধান কার্যালয় (আদমজী কোর্ট এনেক্স ভবন-২, ১১৯-১২০, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা) হতে দরপত্র সিডিউল এবং শর্তাবলী পাট মন্ত্রণালয়ের সচিব বরাবরে যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক হতে ১০০/= (একশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) ডিডি/পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ডাফট এর বিনিময়ে জমা করতে হবে। দরপত্র প্রদত্ত মালিকদের/সম্পত্তির পরিমাণ কম/বেশী হতে পারে। সিডিউলে বর্ণিত শর্তমোতাবেক ৫% হারে আর্নেস্টমনি জমা দিতে হবে। আগামী ৩০/৯/৯৬ ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২-৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত পাট মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাতিল (ভবন-৬, কক্ষ নং-৭০৮ ও ৭১০) দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে। একই দিন বেলা ১ (এক) ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্রাদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) প্রাপ্ত দরপত্রসমূহ খোলা হবে।

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