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Erosion renders 500 families homeless
RANGPUR, Aug 22: Erosion in the river Teesta has taken a serious turn devouring a vast tract of land during the last few days, reports UNB.
Official sources said at least 500 families have been rendered homeless in Shongkardhaha and Mohipur villages of Gangachhara thana during the period. They have taken shelter on the embankment and high lands. Mohipur Hat, a famous tobacco business and commercial centre, has also been threatened due to the erosion.

Dacoity in 9 houses in Jessore
JESSORE, Aug 22: A gang of dacoits committed dacoities in nine houses at Bagutia and Madhyapur villages under Avaynagar thana on Thursday night, reports BSS.
Avaynagar police said the gang of about 10 to 12 dacoits stormed into the houses and looted money, ornaments and valuables worth about Tk 2.5 lakh. Two villagers — Pradip Kumar and Sheikh Nawsher Ali — were also injured while they tried to resist the dacoits. Separate cases were lodged with Avaynagar thana.

200 youths receive credit
PATUAKHALI, Aug 22: State Minister for Textiles A K M Jahangir Hossain yesterday said that the credit programme to engage the members of youth community in various self-employment ventures could make a great contribution to building 'Sonar Bangla' as dreamt by the Bangabandhu, reports BSS.
He was speaking as the chief guest at a discussion meeting in observance of the National Mourning Day at Galachipa Thana parishad. The state minister also distributed cheques for Taka eight lakh and seventy-five thousand as credit among 200 youths on the occasion. The credit programme is aimed at making about 160 families of the area self-reliant. Later, the state minister held a meeting to review the law and order situation of the thana.

Six agri dev projects in Sherpur
SHERPUR, Aug 22: The Agriculture Training Institute here has taken up six development projects including tree plantation, fish farming and poultry, reports UNB.
The projects, jointly financed by the institute and the Agriculture Extension Department, will cost Tk 4.30 lakh. Officials said the authorities have already started implementing the projects from last July. Under the projects, seven ponds have been brought under pisciculture and 24 acres of land was allocated for a flower nursery, said the officials.

41514 hectares for aman cultivation
MADARIPUR, Aug 22: A total of 41,514 hectares of land have been brought under transplanted Aman cultivation in five districts of greater Faridpur during the current season, reports UNB.
The districts are: Madaripur, Shariatpur, Gopalganj, Faridur and Rajbari. Of the total land, 2133 hectares are in Madaripur, 5018 hectares in Shariatpur, 1791 in Gopalganj, 7676 in Faridpur and 24896 hectares in Rajbari district. Another source said the government has sanctioned over Tk one crore for the farmers of Madaripur and Rajbari districts under post-flood agriculture rehabilitation programme.

3 held with 225 phensidyl bottles
TANGAIL, Aug 22: Detective Branch of police arrested three people with 225 bottles of phensidyl syrup at Adalatpara of the city on Wednesday, reports UNB.
The arrested were identified as Anisul Islam Raja and Shahidul Islam and Rashid Miah. Acting on a tip, police raided a private car and recovered phensidyl bottles from the arrested people.
A case was filed with Sadar police in this connection.

Tree plantation programme in Pabna
PABNA, Aug 22: The Agriculture Extension Department has been continuing a three-month tree plantation programme in nine thanas of the district during the current season, reports UNB.
Officials said about 32,000 saplings of various local varieties of fruit will be planted during the drive. Saplings are being planted beside the roads and in around the rural houses and farmlands. The drive started in July and will continue till the end of September, said the officials adding that the nurseries in the district have been supplying saplings to the intending growers.

Relief distributed among flood victims
NARAYANGANJ, Aug 22: The government has sanctioned Taka 21 lakh 75 thousand and 1,350 metric tons of rice to mitigate sufferings of the flood affected people in the district, reports BSS.
According to district flood control room sources, 1,500 sa-rees, 800 lungis and 100 tins of biscuit have also been allotted for the district.

Minister opens bridge over Sonai
MADHABPUR (Habiganj), Aug 22: Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria on Wednesday inaugurated the newly constructed 80-metre-long bridge over the Sonai river, reports UNB.
The bridge on Madhabpur-Horoshpur road was constructed by Local Government Engineering Directorate at a cost of Tk 63 lakh. Earlier the Finance Minister handed over the possession documents to some homeless families in Sadar thana under the Madhabhata Asrayan Project. He also distributed relief materials among the flood affected people in Syed Saiduddin College centre and loans to some poor and unemployed youths. Kibria also inaugurated a newly constructed building of Choumohoni Khurshid High School in the thana and addressed a public meeting.

Property worth Tk 50 lakh gutted
NARSINGDI, Aug 22: Property worth over Tk 50 lakh was gutted in a fire at Munshi Niaz Market adjoining to the district railway station, reports UNB.
Police apprehended that the fire originated from an electric short-circuit, burning down 14 tailoring and ready-made cloth shops in the market. Firefighters put out the flame with the help of local people after an hour of hectic efforts.

Woman beaten to death
MAGURA, Aug 22: A young woman was beaten to death allegedly by her husband for dowry at Monokhali village in Shalaha thana on Saturday, reports UNB.
Harun Mollah beat his wife Taslima Khatun, 22, mercilessly picking up a quarrel over her failure to collect money from her father's home on the day. She died on the spot. Family sources said Harun who often tortured Taslima for dowry also put poison into her mouth to prove the killing as suicide. Taslima's brother Moshur Rahman filed a case with district Criminal Court as he failed to lodge case with Shalikhah police.

Tk 62 lakh uplift projects being implemented
MEHERPUR, Aug 22: District council of Meherpur is implementing 13 projects in this financial year, reports BSS.
The projects cost Taka 62 lakh. According to official sources, eight roads will be developed and two bridges and three roadside shades will be constructed under the projects.

T-aman farming scheme in Chuadanga
CHUADANGA, Aug 22: The Chuadanga district agriculture extension department has taken up a programme to cultivate Transplanted Aman paddy in all the four thanas of Chuadanga district in the current season, reports BSS.
According to an official source under the programme the cultivation target of Transplanted Aman paddy in all the four thanas of Chuadanga district during the current season has been fixed at 28,000 hectares. Of the total land 6,300 hectares will be brought under cultivation in Chuadanga sadar thana, 11,000 hectares in Alamdanga thana, 6,300 hectares in Damurhuda thana and 4,400 hectares in Jibannagar thana.

Afforestation programme in Satkhira
SATKHIRA, Aug 22: The district forest department has taken up an extensive afforestation programme in the district in the current season, reports BSS.
According to official sources, 14 kilometre roads will be brought under afforestation programme and 54,000 saplings will be distributed among the people free of cost in the district under different projects in the current season, forest office sources said. Under the afforestation project, seven kilometre of roads from 48 kilometre post to 53-kilometre post of Satkhira-Khulna road and seven kilometre of rural connecting roads, of them three kilometres in Kaliganj, two kilometres in Debhata and two kilometres in Kalaroa thana are taken under afforestation programme in the current season. The sources added, about 10,500 saplings for each thana will be distributed free of cost among the meritorious school students of different educational institutions in seven thanas of the district. Besides, about 3,500 saplings will be distributed through the government and non-government offices of the district for planting in their office premises under the afforestation programme.



WAITING FOR RELIEF: When relief goods are being distributed to the flood-affected households nearby, a family waiting their turn near their house in Louhajang thana under Munshiganj district braving all odds. — Star photo by AK M Mohsin

Rivers continue to rise, fresh areas inundated

From our correspondent
The overall flood situation in different districts has worsened in the last two days with flood waters inundating fresh areas. Most of the major rivers continued to rise due to rains and onrush of waters from the upstream.

Our Jamalpur correspondent reports: The flood situation in the district has taken a serious turn as water level of Jamuna and Brahmaputra has continued to rise. The two rivers were flowing 92 and 79 cm above the danger mark at Bahadurabad ghat and Dewanganj point on Friday evening, according to the Bangladesh water development Board.

The flood situation in Dewanganj, Islampur, Melandah and Madarganj thanas is grim and a total of 58 unions in the district have been affected. Jamalpur town is now under knee- to waist-deep water. Many houses in the town have gone under water. Incessant rains, price-hike of essentials and scarcity of fodder added to the sufferings of the flood victims of Jamalpur district.

According to officials, 43,000 houses were completely damaged and 32,340 more houses partially, rendering 10 lakh people of 2.5 lakh families badly affected. The flood victims urged the government to provide adequate relief to mitigate their sufferings.

Rural communication was also badly affected. All the kutcha roads in the rural areas have been completely damaged. The flood victims with their cattle have taken shelter on the high lands, and embankments. Most of them are living under the open sky.

A total 150 cattle were perished in the floods and due to various diseases. Meanwhile, the government has sanctioned Taka ten lakh and 41 metric tons of rice, 120 tin biscuits, 500 sarees, and 300 lungis for the flood victims.

According to the local government engineering department (LGED) sources said a total of 125 culverts, 21 bridges, 21 km pucca road were completely damaged. According to the Agriculture department sources, standing crops on two lakh acres of land were totally destroyed by the flood. And one lakh acres of newly planted aman crops has gone under deep water.

A total 153 educational institutions were completely damaged and 200 others partially by



A primary school in Comilla district submerged by flood water. As a result, students could not attend their school for a long time. — Star photo

Floods damage 322 pry schools in Habiganj

HABIGANJ, Aug 22: Some 322 primary schools of six thanas in the district have been damaged completely or partially in the current floods, reports UNB.

Of them, 224 are government primary schools, 63 non-government, 10 satellite and five community schools, according to the District Primary Education officials.
They said 205 government primary schools were damaged completely. These include nine in Bahubal thana, 22 in Lakhai, 34 in Sadar, 100 in Ajmiriganj and 40 in Madhabpur thana.

Besides, the non-government schools include 30 in Sadar, 16 in Baniachang and 11 in Lakhai.
Academic activities in these schools remained suspended following the damage, officials said.

Our Kushtia correspondent adds: The flood situation in Kushtia district is alarming. River Mathabaha, a tributary of the river Ganges, has also overflowed its banks and inundated 800 dwellings of Daulatpur thana.

Ahsanul Huq Molla MP visited the flood-affected places of Daulatpur thana on Wednesday and expressed his grave concern over the loss of properties and sufferings of the people. He said that over 5000 people have taken shelter on high lands. He demanded of the government to allocate adequate relief materials for their areas.

The affected areas include 40 villages of Adabaria, Pragpur, Khalishakundi, Ramkrishnapur, Chilimari, Philipnagar, Maricha unoins of Daulatpur thana.
Water-borne diseases have broken out in the flood-affected areas but no medical team has so far visited the places.

And the affected institutions are Ramkrishnapur union parishad office, health centre, 6 kilometres road and one culvert. The total affected area is 46 square kilometers.

In Kumarkhali, vast areas of crop land including dwelling houses have gone under flood water and main canal of G K Project at Chapra is threatened. About 300 dwelling houses at Jayanabad village under Kumarkhali thana are threatened as breaches may develop in the town protection embankment due to high pressure of flood waters.

Surging tide of the river Padma has intensified the erosion of the river in Daulatpur thana.

Father, son get life term for murder

SATKHIRA, Aug 22: A court here awarded a man and his father life imprisonment on Thursday in a murder case, reports UNB.

They were also fined Tk 5,000 each, in default to suffer six months more rigorous imprisonment.
The convicted were Sajahan Molla and his father Sahara Ali of Kashipur in Sadar thana.

According to the case, Nurunnahar, 22, wife of Sajahan Molla was killed by her husband and father-in-law for dowry on November 14, 1993.
Mother of Nurunnahar filed a case and later police charge-sheeted them after an investigation.

Additional Sessions Judge S K Ramnukul Islam gave the verdict after examining 13 witnesses.

PANSI integrated project hangs in the balance

NATORE, Aug 22: The fate of the Pabna, Natore and Sirajganj (PANSI) Integrated Area Development Project has become uncertain due to alleged bureaucratic tangle, reports UNB.

The five-year project, supposed to begin in 1997, may be abandoned if it is not okayed by the ECNEC, sources said.
The PANSI integrated project is aimed at poverty alleviation through augmentation of agricultural production in the area by ensuring irrigation and use of modern technology.

BADC experts prepared the project in the light of the report of Sismedohald and partners, MPO of BADC, following the success of Barind Multi-purpose Project.

The proposal was sent to the Agriculture Ministry with recommendations of all the ministers and MPs of the project area.
After the approval of the irrigation wing of the Agriculture Ministry, the proposal was sent to Planning Commission. The Commission included the project in ADP and primarily sanctioned Tk 50 lakh subject to approval of the ECNEC.

The project profile includes repair and reinstallation of 493 inoperative deep tube-wells to irrigate 29,550 hectares of land for producing additional 40,370 metric tons of crops.
Power connection to 250 diesel-driven deep tube-wells, supply of 250 power tillers, 500 thrashing machines, HYV seeds, fertilisers, pesticides and easy-term credit are the other major components of the project.

The total cost of the project is estimated at Tk 15 crore. Besides, Tk 32 crore will be spent for pisciculture in 1,500 ponds and construction of 100 km of roads.

Flood death toll rises to 27 in Natore

NATORE, Aug 22: Floods claimed three more lives in the district on Friday rising the death toll to 27, reports UNB.
The overall flood situation worsened further with fresh areas being submerged due to heavy rain and onrush of waters from the upper catchment areas.

Diarrhoea has broken out in an epidemic form in the affected areas of Shingra, Gurudaspur and Lalpur thanas. About 180 people were attacked by the disease in last three days.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Rajbari
Notice Inviting Tender
No Raj 11 (Eleven) of 1998-99

- Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are hereby invited from enlisted contractors/firms under PWD according to their eligibility and financial limit for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division's Faridpur/Magura/Kushtia/Narail/Jhenidha/Meherpur/Chuadanga and Jessore up to 12.00 Noon of 15.9.98 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM in presence of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it. The tender form will be sold up to 14.9.98.
Name of : Repairs & re-construction of different item of works of modernised Sadar Hospital at Rajbari.
- Estimated cost: a) Re-construction of deep drain and outlet drain Tk 4,32,303/-
b) Repairs & re-construction of boundary wall and providing barbed wire fencing Tk 4,92,467/-
Total Tk 9,24,770/-
- Earnest money : Tk 18,500/-
- Time allowed : 3 (three) months from the date of issue of work order for completion of the work
- Tender papers and other documents can be purchased during the office hours at the office of the U/S and all the Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Jessore on cash payment of usual charges (non-refundable) up to 14.9.98.

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Re-Tender Notice
No. 4/98-99
Memo. No. LGED/EE-P/D-226/98/3456
Dated: 12/8/98

- The Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Patuakhali now invites sealed tenders in the prescribed form for construction and completion of the works mentioned below from pre-qualified contractors under Rural Development Project-16/4/7/18 and enlisted contractors of LGED (renewed up to 1998-99) as mentioned below.
- Tenderers may obtain further information on the tender form and inspect the tender documents at the office of the undersigned/Project Director, Rural Development Project-16, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207/Executive Engineer, LGED, Barguna and Thana Engineer, LGED, Bauphal.
- A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by interested eligible tenderers upon payment of non-refundable fee of schedule from the abovementioned offices only on or before 6/9/98 during office hours.
- All tenders must be accompanied by a tender security of 2.5% (two point five per cent) of the total tender price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Patuakhali.
- Contractors having three on-going contracts or two contracts with average progress less than 15% of the planned progress of works under LGED, Patuakhali will not be eligible for award of work even if such a contractor has purchased tender document and stood lowest in that work.
- Tenderer shall have to provide photocopies of renewed licence document of 1998-99 and other valid documents and papers regarding the registration for VAT and TIN (Tax Identification Number) along with tender.
- The tenders will be received at the offices mentioned above on 7/9/98 before 1-00 PM and the tenders will be opened at the same offices at 1-30 PM on the same date.
- According to the tender notice tender may be registered with AD for submission and the tender must reach the concerned offices before the last time of receipt of tender, otherwise the tender will not be accepted.
- The undersigned shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by tenderers in connection with the preparation or delivery of tenders, including costs and expenses related to visits to the site.

Contract No.	Name of work	Cost of schedule (Taka)	Completion of time	Class of contractor
W1. 02. 03. 12	Palasiding work at Kalaiya Hat from Ch 0.0m to 750m under Bauphal thana.	300/=	60 days	Pre-qualified under RDP-16/4/7/18 & LGED special class/A

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