

National

Flood victims pass miserable days

From Abdul Wadood

RAJSHAHI, Sept 30: More than three lakh flood-affected people in the district are passing miserable days, although overall flood situation slightly improved till Friday with the major rivers flowing below danger marks.

Diarrhoea has broken out in the flood-affected areas, claiming at least three lives. On Friday at least 168 patients were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital and 12 health centres. Scarce of food and drinking water was also prevailing.

Most of the flood victims have no shelter and medicine.

Floodwaters entered all the nine upazilas and six municipalities of the district. According to the District Relief and Rehabilitation Office, about 695 square kilometres area in 62 unions, out of the total 71, have been submerged in floodwaters, affecting some 3.15 lakh people of 63,124 families and damaging standing crops on about 13,500 hectares of lands.

48,90 families have become shelter-less as their houses collapsed. A total of 14,203 houses have been destroyed completely. Kutcha roads in rural areas have been washed away by strong currents. 234-kilometre roads have been damaged completely and 495-kilometre roads, including pucca roads, partially. The flood also destroyed 15 bridges and culverts completely and 41 partially. 12 educational and religious establishments completely and 74 partially.

Pabu and Godagari upazilas are worst affected areas. While visiting some areas of the two upazilas on board an engine-boat last week a group of journalist, including this correspondent, saw thousands of marooned people passing hard days. No relief material was supplied to them.

"We are almost fasting for three days," said Sultan Ali of Karnahar Guchchagram in Hujuripara union of Pabu upazila. "Nobody is yet come to us with food except this group," he added, referring to a team headed by Jatiya Party Rajshahi city unit General Secretary Moshtaque Ahmed Labu. The JP leader had arrived there the same day with 570 kilograms of rice just a few minutes before the group of journalists arrived there.

Several thousand people have taken shelter in Hujuripara High School, Karnahar High School, and Karnahar Madrassah. Some others have somehow stayed in their houses.

Former chairman of Hujuripara union Zaidur Rahman said that most the villages of the union went under water as the Barabila-Karnahar



Flood has multiplied the woes of villagers in JESSORE district. Photo shows the flood victims going to safer places walking through the railway track near Benapole. -Star photo

Flood Control Embankment, that was severely damaged by the previous year's floods, had broken down. "I myself repeatedly wrote to the Water Development Board and the upazila administration for repairing and renovation of the embankment before the monsoon came, but they had not heard my appeal," he said.

About 90 per cent houses, mainly thatched houses, have collapsed in Vimer Daing village in Damkura union. The other worst affected villages are Kaipara, Damkura, Govindapur, Alakchatra, Madhupur, Khorshor Tikola and Shital.

Journalist found many flood victims in Damkura High School, Damkura Dakkhil Madrasa, Shital High School and Shital Madrasa. Several hundred people took shelter in makeshift houses along Shital Road.

In Godagari upazila, Hatpara, Sharengpur, Mahishalbari, Madarpur, Achua Rail Market, Baganpara, Kella Baruipara, Srimontapur in municipality, Char Naoshera, Manikchak, Kanapara and Hathaipara in Char Ashariabada union, Basudevpur, Kashimpur, Kamarpura, Avoya and Ballaghata in Basudevpur union, Premtoli, Dumuria, Ujanpara Sarkar Para, Hatupara, Pijipuri and Harishandpur in Matikata union and Faradpur, Alipur, Kumarpur and Nimtola in Gogram union have been badly affected.



A special campaign was launched in Kishoreganj recently to register birth of all children under five years. Photo shows one woman worker collecting data in the haor area.

Meet on child rights

JHENIDAH, Sept 30: An advocacy meeting on child rights, organised by action in Development (AID), was held here recently at the conference room of the local AID office, reports BSS.

Advocate Sk Salim, Assistant Public Prosecutor of Jhenidah, presided over the meeting, while Kamru Haque, Additional District Magistrate (ADM), Jhenidah, was the chief guest.

The district has established an intersectoral District Birth Registration Committee which skillfully managed the preparations of this campaign, and will ensure that it continues through regular field visits to all upazilas of the district. Orientation meetings were held in all union Parishads and field health workers were meticulously prepared for their task.

To increase visibility, the district administration distributed stickers folders and carry-bags with the national birth registration logo.

NOAKHALI, Sept 30: Accusing their male counterparts of non-cooperation, female UP members of the district alleged that they can hardly take part in development programmes of the government, reports BSS.

Talking to the news agency, a number of female UP members in Sadar upazila said their male colleagues hardly accept their opinions and their chairmen hesitate to assign them important jobs.

Three female members were elected from each union in direct balloting in 1997 UP election.

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HBFC Building (4th Floor)
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Dated: 27.09.2000

Invitation for International Bids

01. Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Co Limited (BAPEX), a company of Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla) invites sealed offers (Bid) under International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures for supply of equipment/spares, repair/rehabilitation, installation, servicing, testing, commissioning of IDECO H-1700 rig on turnkey basis and conducting repair & maintenance of rig & rig equipment during drilling operation at Srikail drilling project site under district Comilla, Bangladesh. The contractor shall be required to provide necessary equipment for replacement & spares for repair, tools required for repairing, job, personnel and conduct rehabilitation, repairing, installation, servicing, testing, commissioning of rig equipment and other relevant components and conduct the repair & maintenance job of rig equipment during drilling operation of one well of depth approximately 4000M.

02. MAJOR WORKS PLANNED ARE:

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B) Installation of replaceable equipment and repairing of the listed equipment.
C) Servicing, testing and commissioning of the relevant equipment of the rig.
D) Conducting repair/maintenance job of rig equipment during drilling operation of 1 (one) well (4000 M approximately).

03. The invitation for bids will be under two envelopes (Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal) in two separate sealed covers. The covers of the two proposals (Technical and Financial) should be marked as 'Technical Proposal' and 'Financial Proposal'. Both technical and financial proposals shall be submitted in a single sealed envelope.

04. The invitation for bids is open to all internationally reputed & technically proficient bidders who have performed similar jobs.

05. Price of bid document Taka 25,000/- or US\$ 450.00 per set (non-refundable).

06. Bid security US\$ 75,000/- (seventy five thousand US dollar) in the form of Bank Guarantee, Bank Draft/Pay Order from a scheduled bank operating in Dhaka in favour of Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Ltd.

07. Selling date & time of bid documents From 09.10.2000 to 18.12.2000 on all working days from 10.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs.

08. Selling places of bids documents Accounts Division, BAPEX, 11, Ibrahim Manson, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.

Bangladesh Diplomatic Missions in (i) Berlin (ii) London (iii) Ottawa (iv) Paris (v) Rome (vi) Singapore (vii) Tokyo and (viii) Washington DC.

09. Last date & time of receiving of bids On 19.12.2000 till 11.00 hrs. If this day happens to fall on a holiday last receiving date will be shifted on the next working days.

10. Date & time of opening of bids On 19.12.2000 at 11:30 hrs in presence of the bidder(s) if any. If this day happens to fall on a holiday bids will be opened on the next working days.

11. Place of receiving & opening of bids BAPEX BOARD ROOM, HBFC BUILDING (4TH FLOOR), 22, PURANA PALTAN, DHAKA-1000, BANGLADESH.

12. Bids must accompany all documents specified in clause 12 of Section III of bid document.

13. No bid document will be sold on the date of opening of bid.

14. Bidders may obtain any information if required from the office of the undersigned at 22, Purana Paltan, HBFC Building (9th Floor), Dhaka, Bangladesh before submission of bid.

15. The company reserves the right to accept or to reject any bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the company's action.

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Erratic power supply hampers normal life

Erratic power supply and frequent outage in Brahmanbaria and Magura have been causing immense suffering to residents, report agencies.

In Brahmanbaria, power goes off eight to ten times a day, paralysing normal life of the people living in the district town, upazila headquarters and villages.

The owners of industrial units are incurring heavy losses due to frequent power failure.

Students are the worst sufferers, as they can not pay attention to their studies due to erratic supply.

Frequent power failure has been hampering smooth supply of water, causing immense suffering to the people, particularly the housewives and patients in hospitals and clinics.

Due to power failure, most of the roads in the town plunge into darkness after dusk, hampering smooth movement of pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

Besides, anti-social elements take advantage of the darkness in the town and engage themselves in various crimes.

Frequent fluctuation of voltage is another problem faced by the power consumers.

In Magura, subscribers alleged that the power goes off three to four times a day, hampering

production in mills and factories adversely.

Sometimes, electricity remains off during whole night without any prior notice and it is being increased day by day, they said.

When contacted, an official of local electricity department said the unavoidable situation has been created due to short supply of power supply in the district from Jhenidah grid.

Meanwhile, another report from Madaripur says: Work on electrification has been progressing fast costing Tk 38.27 crore in four upazilas of the district.

Fally Bidyut Samity (PBS) started the project with the financial assistance from the World Bank in 1985, which included Rajoir, Kalkini, Shubchar and sadar upazilas.

The Samity has given electricity connections to 39,463 subscribers installing 1611 km lines in 434 villages in four upazilas of the district.

The total of 3,218 connections were given to residences, 4,129 to commercial installations, 2,068 to irrigation machines and 44 to different factories.

General Manager of the PBS said they would supply electricity to 500 subscribers of 12 village by installing 100 km new lines in the current fiscal year.

News snaps

Contraband seized

COMILLA, Sept 30: BDR Jawans seized smuggled goods worth about Tk 12.61 crore in last eight months till August, reports UNB.

Some 3,360 cases were filed and 84 people arrested on charges of smuggling during the period. Month-wise breakup of the contraband in terms of value: Jan-Tk 98.16 lakh, Feb-Tk 1.44 crore, March-Tk 76.89 lakh, April-Tk 1.47 crore, May-Tk 1.59 crore, June-Tk 1.65 crore, July-Tk 2.52 crore and August-Tk 2.16 crore.

Man electrocuted

TANGAIL, Sept 30: A man was electrocuted at Sundergram village in Gopalpur upazila on Monday, reports UNB.

Family sources said Akbar Ali, 60, met the tragic end of his life when came in touch of a live wire while collecting grass from a ditch.

Workshop for farmers

MADRIPUR, Sept 30: A day-long workshop on modern methods of cultivation for farmers was held at Kulfardi village under Sadar upazila recently, reports BSS.

The workshop was organised by Agriculture Extension Directorate (AED). About 50 farmers participated in the workshop. The participants were imparted training on modern methods of cultivation of paddy and winter crops and protection of crops from pest attack.

Seven robbers held

BOGRA, Sept 30: In a predawn raid on Wednesday, police arrested seven inter-district robbers along with some arms and ammunition from Domonpukur village in Sadar upazila, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house of one Delwar Hossain to nab the robbers. But sensing the presence of police, the gang opened fire and the law enforcers encountered the attack. After the exchange of gunshots, police cordoned off the house and nabbed seven of the gang while three others managed to escape. Two pistols, six rounds of ammunition and five cocktails were also recovered from their possessions. The arrested dacoits are Ismail alias Gundus, Shamim, Liton, Shafiqul, Shahidul Islam, Shahadat and Salif.

Training on disaster management

NARSINGDI, Sept 30: A day-long training on disaster management organised jointly by the district administration and Disaster Management Bureau was held at the conference room of Deputy Commissioner on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Presided over by Rafiqul Islam, Deputy Commissioner, the training course was attended Professor Saifur Rahman, of Disaster Management Bureau as the chief guest. Mohsina Ferdous, Deputy Director, and Mohaimen Khan, Assistant Director of Disaster Management Bureau were the resource persons in the training course. A total of 100 people including Union Parishad chairmen, upazila project implementation officers and Upazila Nirbahi Officers took part in the training course.

2,655 tons of wheat allocated

NARSINGDI, Sept 30: A total of 2,655 tons of wheat have been allocated for test relief and Food for Works Programme for Narsingdi district during the current season, reports BSS.

Seven hundred and fourteen tons of wheat have been allocated for Test Relief, and 1,941 tons for Food for Works Programme. The sources said the programme includes reconstruction of roads, excavation of derelict ponds and earthwork in the premises of mosques, schools and colleges.

Woman killed in road accident

NAOGAON, Sept 30: A woman was killed and six were seriously injured in a road accident recently, reports BSS.

The accident occurred at Nazirpur bus stand under Patnitopu upazila when a bus was over-taking a truck. The bus turned turtle and fell into a ditch. The unfortunate victim, a woman, mother of two children of Mohadevpur upazila, died on the spot. She was the wife of Azahar Ali. The injured persons were admitted to upazila hospital.

177 bottles of phenisidyl seized

BOGRA, Sept 30: Police recovered 177 bottles of phenisidyl syrup from a coach bound for Dhaka on Sunday, reports BSS.

Acting on a secret information, police raided the bus and recovered the contraband. Police arrested Ashiqur Rahman, 25, son of Afzal Hossain of village Khagakunder Dimla upazila in Nilphamari district and Kuddus Miah, 20, son of Bachchu Miah of village Ali Nagar under Raypura in Dhaka in this connection. A case was filed in this connection.

Clash leaves 16 hurt

BAGERHAT, Sept 30: Bloody clash over a piece of land left 16 people injured in village Kalikabri of Moralganj upazila on Saturday, reports UNB.

Informed sources said the clash with lethal weapons ensued when Waizuddin along with his supporters went to take possession of the land held by Nesaruddin. Of the injured, Nesaruddin, 50, Rezaul 10, Mosharrif 40, and Aminur Rahman, 25, were rushed to Khulna Medical College Hospital.



Renowned freedom fighter Major Gen (Retd) S A Bhuiyan handing over a check amounting to Taka Two lakh to the nominee of group insurance holder of Delta Life late Mustafizur Rahman recently at Gouripur under Daukandi upazila in Comilla district.

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