

## National

# Flood victims need support for agri-rehabilitation

From Delwar Kabir

JHENIDAH, Oct 22: Flood-hit people of Mohespur and Kotchandpur upazilas are in urgent need of financial assistance to start their agriculture rehabilitation programme immediately.

The affected people of 12 unions and a municipality of Mohespur upazila and five unions and a municipality in Kotchandpur upazila are in need of financial assistance for agricultural rehabilitation.

Otherwise, experts of Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) fear, the affected 251,686 people of Mohespur and 50,290 people of Kotchandpur upazila will be in much trouble.

During the deluge, 95587 metric tones of crop including seedling Aman, T-Aman, vegetables and other crops of 57,860 acres of land in Mohespur upazila and 2734 metric tonnes of crops on 4,890 acres of land in Kotchandpur upazila were damaged partially or fully recently.



Ballavpur Government Free Primary School under Sukpuria union of Chougachha upazila in Jessor district remained submerged in flood waters for a long time. Now the flood victims need to be rehabilitated

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The flood-loss was estimated at Tk 77.89 crore and 286.30 crore respectively.

A highly placed source at the Cotton Development Board and some other departments said that the loss might be more than the figure assessed by DAE.

Flood-affected people informed that most of them were farmers, day labourers and small traders who had been running their families in hardship. But the deluge which they did not imagine at all, shattered their dreams. The deluge razed all their belongings to the ground.

Flood-affected farmers thought that they would be able to make up the loss partially by cultivating winter crops there. But their hopes were far from reality. The croplands became barren due to water logging. The water may remain stagnant in the area for another couple of months, they said.

When this correspondent visited Jinnanagar, Samanta, Bhairoba, Kazirber, Padmapukur and some other parts on Thurs-

day last the farmers alleged that they were assured of post-flood rehabilitation and that all of them would get Tk 1,000 for house building, but they were not given a single coin.

Agricultural Extension (DAE) has taken up an initiative as part of their rehabilitation programme for 88,500 farmers who were severely affected by the flood. A total 17,950 hectares of land would be brought under the rehabilitation programme at a cost of Tk 10.66 crore to cultivate Boro, wheat, hybrid maize, groundnut, lentil, betel leaf and vegetables. But the initiative was not adequate, some sources said.

When contacted, Shoyebur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, said that they had distributed 1,275 mt rice, Tk 6,28,800; 565 tins of biscuits, 18 mt of flattened rice, about 5 metric tonnes of molasses, 2,000 pieces of saree, 1,750 pieces of lungi, 500 pieces of old clothes, 70 rolls of plastic, 1,800 pieces of hurricane, 1,500 pieces of glass, 1,200 pieces utensil, 1,360 water jug, baby food and other materials to ease the sufferings of the flood-hit people of Mohespur and Kotchandpur upazilas.

However, some of them lauded the activities of some non-government and private initiatives.

Meanwhile, the Department of

## Literacy drive 50 hurt as examinees clash in Shahjadpur

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 22: At least 50 people including male and female examinees of literacy centres were injured, nine of them critically, when the candidates of Purantepri and Baroitepri villages clashed at Baroitepri literacy centre under Shahjadpur upazila at 2 pm yesterday.

Police and witnesses said Shahjadpur upazila administration launched the literacy centre under a programme titled 'Prodiplo Sirajganj' at Baroitepri Primary School. Some 400 male and female students aged between 10 to 46 appeared in the examination held yesterday.

The clash erupted when students of Purantepri village had altercations with the students of village Baroitepri over seating arrangement at the examination centre. At one stage the people of Purantepri attacked villagers of Baroitepri with ram dao, axe and other sharp weapons. Some fifty people including 9 male and female students were seriously injured.

A case was lodged with Shahjadpur thana in this connection but none arrested.

**Clash over land**

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAH, Oct 20: At least 15 people were injured, three seriously, in a clash over a disputed land between two groups of people in Ramchandrapur area under Mathbar police station in the city on Friday night.

Seriously injured Saduddin, 50, his wife Saar Banu, 47, and their son Asadul Islam, 26, were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

## News snaps



The open space in front of Islamia Government College in Sirajganj town is being polluted by human excreta, manure, garbage and other things posing a serious threat to public health. The municipal authorities seem to be indifferent to clean the residential area where Sirajganj General Hospital is also situated. Local elite have appealed for checking the unhealthy trend.

--Star photo

## Concern over environmental pollution

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 22: Environmental pollution is causing a serious health hazard to people living in rural and urban areas of Sirajganj district.

In the municipality areas night soils are piled on open places like road sides, canals, ponds and bushes causing environmental pollution. The cultivators store cow dung adjacent to their dwelling houses and use kutchi latrines, polluting the atmosphere by spreading bad smell. Washing rotten jute plants in the ponds, tanks and pools adjacent to their homesteads also causes air pollution. Villagers have been suffering from various disease, like malaria, enteric fever and various kinds of skin diseases due to pollution. A large number of people including women and children die of these diseases for want of proper treatment. Sirajganj town is now a town of wastes and garbages. Garbages are dumped in unhygienic condition in drains throughout the municipal area. Blood, bones and remains of slaughtered animals are thrown at a close distance of the market making the whole area polluted with germs and bacteria. Polythene bags are left here and there after use which block drains. This bags cause water logging in the town areas.

## 348 pending cases settled

COMILLA, Oct 22: A total of 348 cases, out of 551 filed with the Women and Children Repression Prevention Court were settled during the last four years, reports UNB.

Court sources said of the settled cases, death penalties were given in two cases and life terms in several other cases. Special public prosecutor of the court Mujibur Rahman said settlement of the cases delayed due to transfer of four judges during the period. Explaining the other reasons for delay in disposing the cases he said despite issuance of summons witnesses failed to appear before the court. Besides, investigating officers, doctors examining the victims and even the Magistrates dealing with the cases were found irregular.

## Five arrested

SHERPUR, Oct 22: Five people were arrested in separate raids in Sadar upazila, police said on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip of a contingent of police led by Sadar thana OC Nur Mohammad raided a gambling den at Mitrabari ground in Gouripur area in the town on Oct 11 and arrested Fazil, Rafiq, Amzad and Abdus Salam. Police also seized gambling equipment, playing cards and Tk 1200 in cash from the spot. Earlier, on the previous night local people caught red-handed Zakir Hossain, 20, with a dagger while snatching money from a pedestrian after stabbing him on Bakarkanda-Dhalakanda road in the upazila. Zakir's accomplice Khokan managed to flee the scene. The pedestrian identified as Shahed Ali was rushed to the Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. Later the snatcher was handed over to the police.

## Acid attack on housewife

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 22: A housewife received head injuries when her brother-in-law Tuhin poured acid on her in the evening on Thursday.

The victim identified as Ayesha Begum, mother of two children and wife of a petty shopowner Ishaque Ali of Gokul Nagar Mahallah in Ishurdi Upazila under Pabna district. Police said, Tuhin offered bad proposal, but she refused. Then Tuhin became angry and on Thursday evening called his sister-in-law from her house and poured acid on her head. Locals recovered her and sent her to Ishurdi Health Complex. A case has been lodged with Ishurdi PS. None was arrested in this connection.

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## Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are invited from this project pre-qualified 1999-2000 financial year renewed contractors for completion of civil works of internal road & garden of Jamalpur Youth Training Centre under the Project titled "Establishment of Eleven New Youth Training Centres including development & completion of unfinished works of existing centres" of the Directorate of Youth Development. Tenders will be received at the office chamber of the undersigned, Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, 1' 12-storey Govt Building, Segunbagicha, Dhaka & consultant firm Engineers' Consortium Ltd, 64/B, Green Road, Dhaka on 29-10-2000/14-07-1407 BS up to 12-00 Noon and the tenders received will be opened on the same day at 12-15 hours in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers. Earnest money at the rate 2% of the estimated cost should be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order from any schedule bank in favour of Project Director, Youth Training Centre establishment project, Directorate of Youth Development, Dhaka. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright. Time limit for the work is 90 (ninety) days. Terms & conditions and schedule of tender can be purchased by the contractor himself or his authorised representative (with signature of the representative attested by the contractor) on production of prequalification register during office hours by depositing Tk 900/- (nine hundred) only through Bangladeshi Bank/Treasury Challan under code No 1/364/5130/2681 & submitting the original copy of the challan to the office of the undersigned, Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, 1' 12-storey Govt Building, Segunbagicha, Dhaka & consultant firm 64/B, Green Road, Dhaka. No tender form will be sold on the date of opening tender. Attested copy of 1999-2000 financial year renewed prequalification trade licence should be submitted with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or accept or reject tender in full or part without assigning any reason and is not bound to accept the lowest tender. The amount of work & money may increase or decrease.

For Director General

Md Mosharraf Hossain

Project Director

## Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

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Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st class civil contractors for the undermentioned works.

Name of work	Amount of estimated cost	Date & time of receiving tender
1. Construction of officers' quarters on Tk 47,99,770/- WASA land at Dhamondi Road No 24, Bldg No 1		6-11-2000 up to 12.00 Noon
2. -do- -do- Bldg No 2 Tk 78,05,761/-		-do-
3. Construction of staff quarters on Tk 47,16,111/- WASA land at Dhamondi Road No. 24, Bldg No 3		-do-

Tenders will be opened on the same day of receiving tender at 2.00 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Tender schedule will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka & all MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed descriptions will be available at the office of the undersigned.

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