

Flood tightens grip

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Kamal Ibne Yusuf yesterday visited Fulchira, Gaibandha Sadar and Sunderganj areas and distributed relief goods among the distressed people.

Our Barisal correspondent adds: Flooding and river erosion gathered pace in the northern and western regions of the district.

According to local leaders, the situation in at least 80 villages in Hiza, Muladi and Uzirpur upazilas deteriorated further, swamping scores of villages.

According to the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC), the situation in Manikganj, Munsiganj, Madaripur, Sharjebari, Narsingdi, Narayanganj and Kishoreganj are likely to remain unchanged but improve in Pabna, Tangail, Rajbari, Faridpur, Gaibandha, Bogra, Sirajganj, Jamalpur, Kurigram and Naogaon.

Flooding in the Meghna basin is also likely to improve further, it added.

The overall flood situation in the country is improving as water levels in major rivers, including the Brahmaputra, Jamuna, Meghna and Padma are dwindling although some of them are still flowing above danger level," a weather forecaster said.

The Brahmaputra-Jamuna marked further fall at all points and is likely to continue to fall, while the Padma observed fall at all points except at Rajshahi.

The rivers around Dhaka city are flowing close to danger levels and

Canberra

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paid a courtesy call on him yesterday. Khan described Australia as a land of cultural diversities, where migrants have had a marked influence on all aspects of its society.

Mentioning the impressive performance of Bangladeshi students studying in Australian universities, the foreign minister hoped the Australian government would consider further liberalisation of visa procedure for Bangladeshi students.

He thanked the Australian government for granting duty- and quota-free access of Bangladeshi products to Australian market.

Foreign Secretary Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury was present at the meeting.

Earlier, the visiting Australian minister also called on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Reaz Rahman at his office.

Reaz Rahman urged Australian investors to avail of the existing facilities for investment in Bangladesh.

Spy report

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declassified material.

The administration released the documents - a sanitised version of the top-secret National Intelligence Estimate prepared for the president - on Friday as it sought to shield Bush from rising criticism that he misled the public in making his case for war with Iraq.

Administration aides suggested that the eight pages of excerpts, out of 90 in the document, demonstrate the notion that Saddam was trying to reconstitute a nuclear weapons program permeated the U.S. intelligence community - and was not just based on a suspect British report that relied on forged documents.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the documents show "the clear and compelling case we had for confronting the threat that Saddam Hussein posed."

Nasrin

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According to a local administration source, around 110 dead bodies have so far been recovered from the offshore areas of Chandpur, Barisal, Laxmipur and Bhola.

About 230 passengers have been rescued and 199 are still missing, says a government statistic.

The government is yet to declare any compensation for the victims of the MV Nasrin-1 tragedy.

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Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'Changing Lanes'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Science film show

National Science and Technology Museum will screen a special film on Apollo-11 mission on the occasion of the 34th anniversary of man's landing on the moon. Venue: Museum auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 3.00pm.

Discussion

A discussion on 'Poverty alleviation through the rearing of merit: Role of business community', organised jointly by Shikkhabchitra and Khan-daker Tea Company, will be held with Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk as chief guest. Venue: Shaheed Zia Auditorium, National Museum. Time: 4.30pm.

Workshop

The inaugural session of a workshop titled 'Opportunities under clean development mechanism in Bangladesh', organised by Waste Concern in collaboration with the environment and forest ministry, will be held with Minister Shahjahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: IDB Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 10.00am.

Journalist Mizan passes away

BSS, Dhaka

are likely to rise further, it added.

The FFWC bulletin said the Brahmaputra-Jamuna continued to fall and is flowing below danger level at all points except at Sirajganj and Aricha. The Ganges-Padma registered fall at all points except at Rajshahi where it remains steady and is still flowing above danger level at Goalundo and Bhagyaluk.

Of 85 monitoring points, 23 recorded rise, 39 recorded fall and seven remained steady. Of the points, 15 were flowing above danger marks yesterday.

The current flood, triggered by torrential monsoon rains and cascading down waters from upstream, has inundated over 1.5 million hectares of cropland in a month-long fury.

Mizan is survived by two sons and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Mizan also worked as editor and administrator of now defunct Bangladesh Press International (BPI) and chief reporter of the Daily Ittefaq.

He also worked as a stringer for Pakistan Times in 1967-68.

His namaj-e-janazas were held at Wari, on BSS premises and at the Jatiya Press Club.

Journalists, politicians and people from all walks of life attended the janazas.

He will be buried at his village Gazupur in Tongi.

Qulkhani will be held at his 28-Bonogram Lane residence at Wari on July 22.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina expressed shock at the death of Mizanur Rahman.

Fiki Hasan Hilmi



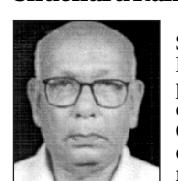
Fiki Hasan Hilmi, general manager (Administration) of Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation, died of heart attack at his residence.

Habansiri Apartment at Indira Road in the city on Friday night at the age of 51, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters to mourn his death. He was buried at Shaheed Intellectual graveyard at Mirpur.

His qulkhani will be held at his residence after Maghrib prayers on July 22.

Shucharanjan Barua



Shucharanjan Barua, a retired police officer, died of cancer in Chittagong on Friday, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and three sons to mourn his death.

His funeral was held at his birth place at Raozan the same day.

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