

Flood worsens in Barisal

Sea level up by 3-4 feet: Recession to start after full moon: 4 drown, 2.5 lakh marooned

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The flood situation turned alarming in 71 unions in nine upazilas in Barisal district as water rolling from the central districts can not flow into the sea due to high tide under the influence of the coming full moon.

Reports received from shore areas yesterday said the sea level was 3-4 feet higher than normal due to influence of the full moon.

The flood level in the district will continue to rise at least for three days and then start receding after the full moon, likely on August one, Meteorological Department officials here said.

Moderate to heavy rain at places since Tuesday aggravated the situation, they said.

Four persons drowned in boat capsized in the last two days while moving to safety, as the flood affected over 6.5 lakh people and marooned at least two lakh in about 716 square kilometer areas, officials said.

Those drowned are Mamun, 5, of Betal village in Banaripara; Moslem Bhuiyan, 70, of Batamara and Rakib, 4, of Gachhua Krishnapur in Muladi; and Tennat, 4, of Ghoser Hut in Gournadi upazila, sources at the district control room said. With this the flood death toll rose to 12 in the district.

The affected people have taken shelter on embankments, high lands and educational institutions.

The district administration has opened --- flood shelters in the district.

According to a preliminary estimate made by the district administration, the flood damage is worth at least Tk 32 crore in different sectors.

These include Tk 21.86 crore crop damage on 20,840 hectares of land, Tk 51.41 lakh fishes in 3,661 farms and Tk 1.5 crore shrimps in over 150 farms.



Boat replaced vehicles on the premises of Agailjhara Upazila Parishad as flood situation deteriorated in Barisal.

About 680 kilometre roads are now under water that have damaged at least 30 kilometre dams and embankments, 147 educational institutions and 287 religious institutions, they said.

The officials said so far they got 450 metric tonnes rice and Tk 4.25 lakh as flood relief from government. Out of this, 390 tonnes of rice and Tk 3.67 lakh have been distributed, they said.

Meanwhile it was reported that the Union Parishad chairman of badly affected Khanzapur and Barhi unions in Gournadi upazila refused to accept five and three tonnes of rice for their respective unions, saying the supplies were too inadequate to the needs.

They alleged that the local administration, influenced by the Gournadi municipal chairman and local BNP leaders allocated more relief to less

affected municipal areas.

Barisal City Corporation mayor Majibur Rahman Sarwar MP, who is also the minister-in-charge of the district, visited Gournadi and Agailjhara upazilas on Wednesday and distributed relief among the affected people. He also held a meeting with local body leaders.

Hundreds of people who have taken shelter on cross-dams and embankments in Gournadi, Agailjhara and Uzirpur upazilas are now guarding those.

They have taken the measure after 22 villages in Ratnapur, Bagdha, Satla, Harta and Jalla unions in Agailjhara and Uzirpur upazilas were inundated when the WAPDA dam was cut at Taler Bazar and Rahutkati points allegedly by outsiders to release flood water from their areas, sources said.

Flood unchanged in Chandpur

BSS, Chandpur: The flood situation in Chandpur remained unchanged on Friday.

The Meghna at Chandpur is flowing 135cm above danger level. The entire Chandpur town is under three to four feet water.

All eight upazilas of the district are affected by flood that killed eight people so far.

Diarrhoea: 20 killed, over 5,000 attacked in 3 dists

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Diarrhoea so far claimed 20 lives and attacked over 5,000 people in flood affected areas of Comilla, Gaibandha and Brahmanbaria.

Our Comilla Correspondent reports: Diarrhoea and other water borne diseases are spreading as cries for food and drinking water deepened in flood affected areas and flood shelters.

Till Thursday, diarrhoea claimed 12 lives and attacked 3182 people in the four affected upazilas of Muradnagar, Brahmanpara, Homna and Daudkandi.

About 292 diarrhoea patients were brought to local health centres in the last 24 hours, officials at the Civil Surgeon's office told at this correspondent Thursday afternoon.

But they could not specify whether any of the patients were from any flood shelter.

They said 90 medical teams are working in the affected areas. During a visit to some flood shelters, many of the inmates said they are virtually starving and are afraid of intestinal diseases due to drinking water crisis.

There is hardly any dry place in the four upazilas.

A total of 2,02,586 families have been sheltered in 129 flood shelters in the four upazilas where 96 unions have been flooded. Around 40 flood sheltered opened at pri-

mary schools are inundated, administration officials said.

Our Gaibandha Correspondent reports: Diarrhoea and other water borne intestinal diseases claimed eight lives and attacked over 14,000 in the last three days in the flood affected five upazilas of the district.

The Civil Surgeon's office however admitted two deaths from diarrhoea.

One Sirajul Islam, 50, of Dhanghara in Gaibandha Sadar drowned in floodwater on Monday. Sources at the Civil Surgeon's office said 106 medical teams are working in the flood affected areas.

This correspondent visited some remote areas of Fulchari upazila on Tuesday. Local people said they did not see any government medical team in the last few days. An army medical team is working there, they said.

The Gaibandha district administration said they asked for Tk 10 lakh, 3000 tonnes of rice, 5000 bundles of CI sheets as relief but got only 1000 tonnes of rice, Tk ten lakh grant and Tk two lakh house building grant.

The Water Development Board Executive Engineer told this correspondent that flood damaged over 90 kilometres of embankments in the district and Tk 12 crore would be needed for their renovation.

The Fulchari upazila headquarter is now isolated from rest of the district as over one kilometre

stretch of a road has been virtually demolished by the surging water from the Jamuna river.

The local people held a rally and brought out a procession at Fulchari upazila headquarter on Tuesday demanding re-shifting of the upazila headquarters to its original place from Kanchibari, 20 kilometres away.

The Fulchari UNO shifted his office to Kanchipara on July 15 as it was threatened with erosion. 2313 attacked from diarrhoea in B'baria.

Our Brahmanbaria Correspondent reports: At least 2313 people have been attacked by diarrhoea in eight flood affected upazilas in the district, 444 of them in the last 24 hours, Rana Nurul Sams, RMO of Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital said yesterday.

Diarrhoea has also been reported from some flood shelters, he said.

But few of them are coming to hospitals because health workers are visiting the areas and advising the affected people, he said. "Diarrhoea can be treated with a Tk 9 saline. Why should they come to hospital spending Tk 70 to 100?", he said.

Eating 'Khichuri' (a food prepared with water, pulse and rice) for consecutive days is one of the causes of diarrhoea, said Dr Bazlur Rahman.

Relief operation in dists

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Major non-government organisations (NGOs) like Oxfam and CARITAS have launched relief operation in flood affected areas.

Some smaller local NGOs, socio-cultural bodies and individuals have also come up to stand by the affected people in different areas.

Our Gaibandha Correspondent reports: Oxfam has started distributing relief packages to flood affected people in shoal areas of Teesta and Brahmaputra basins in the district.

The package includes 64 kg rice, 8 kg pulse, 5 litre edible oil, 4 kg salt, soap, saree, laungi, mosquito net and bucket, worth over Tk two thousand for each family.

Its programme, launched on Wednesday, will cover 8000 families. A total 1500 flood affected families in different shoals got relief packages on the first day.

This is part of a Tk 1.6 crore emergency relief programme, jointly sponsored by the European Commission for Humanitarian Office (ECHO) for survival of the flood affected people of Gaibandha.

The distribution will continue till August 8 through its partner organisations Gano Unnayan Kendro, Samaj Kallan Sangstha, Akoto and Samokal, all local NGOs.

The programme was inaugurated by Rajshahi Divisional Commissioner Mosley Uddin at Chowmohan flood shelter in Fazlupur in Fulchari upazila.

Gaibandha Deputy Commissioner Tapan Chandra Majumder, Oxfam representatives Flora Ferdoushi and Kabita Bosh and Gano Unnayan Kendro Chief Executive Abdus Salam also spoke on the occasion.

The Divisional Commissioner told the distressed people that the government will rehabilitate the flood affected people.

"We must face the situation through united efforts of the district administration, NGOs and donor agencies", he said and appreciated Oxfam's help in time of need.

Kabita Bosh said Oxfam is always with destitute people and will extend all possible help to that they can stand on their feet.

"It is a right of distressed people to have relief", said Flora Ferdoushi.

Oxfam has been working for the distressed people in Gaibandha since 1987 and helping them fight natural disasters like flood, drought and monsoon. It has also introduced a large scale programme for development of shoal people.

Our Netrakona Correspondent reports: Different non-government organisation are distributing relief

among flood affected people in the district.

CARITAS has distributed 15 kg rice, 3 kg pulses, one kg salt, 10 litre soyabean to each of 4500 families in 14 upazilas in greater Mymensingh and one upazila in Sunamganj district.

The upazilas are Durgapur, Kalmakanda and Purbadhala in Netrokona district; Dubaura, Fulpur and Haluaghat in Mymensingh; Nolthabari, Jinaigathi, Shreebardi and Sherpur Sadar in Sherpur; Moudhupur in Tangail; Nikli in Kishoreganj; Dewanganj and Mathusganj in Jamalpur and Dharmapasha upazila in Sunamganj district, according to Chitta Rangan Sangma, its Regional Director in Mymensingh.

BRAC distributed relief materials worth Tk 14 lakh in ten upazilas in Netrokona. The relief included flattened rice, molasses and biscuits.

The World Vision, Bangladesh distributed 5 kg wheat, one kg sugar, 125 gm powder milk, one kg salt and three packet oral saline to each of 4,000 families in Durgapur upazila in Netrakona.

Our Bogra Correspondent reports: World Vision (WV) distributed 12,000 kg rice, 200 kg pulse, 100 kg salt, 200 kg flattened rice (chira), 100 kg molasses and 1,000 saline pack-

ets among 100 flood affected families in the town on July 25, sources said yesterday.

Shiper-Al-Bakhtier, Ward Commissioner distributed the relief materials in presence of WV Area Development Project (ADP) Manager Pintu Aring and other officials of World Vision Bogra unit were also present.

The Bogra Foundation also distributed relief packages including five kg rice, saree and lungi each among 500 families in flood-hit Shariakandi, Upazila, its chairman Anis Ahmed said. Nishindara Fakir Uddin School and College authorities give Tk 10,000 to the Prime Minister's relief fund.

Our RU Correspondent reports: Rajshahi University Pharmacy Department on Thursday started preparing oral saline packets at its laboratory for distribution among flood affected people.

RU Vice Chancellor Prof Faisal Islam Faruki inaugurated the work by making a saline while Science Faculty Dean Prof Nurul Absar also present.

The students prepared 1500 saline packets on the first day and distributed those among affected people in Bagmara.

Every day, they will make 15,000 packets, department's chairman Dr Aslam Hossain told this correspondent.

The students also collected medicine and distributed those among flood victims.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Bangladesh Chhatra Federation (BCF) and Samajtrantik Chhatra Front (SCF) also set up camps on the campus to collect relief.

Our Manikganj Correspondent reports: Manik Plaza Shop Owners Welfare Association in Dhaka has distributed 3,000 kg rice, 700 kg flattened rice, 80 kg sugar and 800 candles among 600 flood affected families in the Daulatpur upazila.

BRAC also distributed flattened rice, sugar, bread and biscuits worth about Tk 12 lakh among 42,753 families in the district.

Basundhara Group and Monno Group also distributed relief in the affected areas.

A BSMU press release says: Prof Dr M A Hadi, Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) distributed five tonnes of rice among about 1,000 flood-affected families in Gaforgaon upazila in Mymensingh.



RU Vice-Chancellor Professor Faisal Islam Faruki inaugurating saline packet making at the Pharmacy Department on Thursday.

7 yr girl married to 13 yr boy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Local people were shocked on Thursday when they learnt about a child marriage at Kachia village in Borhanuddin upazila, Bhola on July 21.

The bride is Laiju, a seven-year-old girl and the bridegroom is Ershad, a 13-year-old boy of the same village.

Laiju's mother Bakul Bibi told this correspondent she arranged the marriage of her minor daughter in absence of her husband due to poverty. She gave her consent to the marriage after getting a promise of financial assistance from her son-in-law's guardians.

Imam Lokman of Keramatia Jame-mosque conducted the marriage ceremony, according to local people.

On return from Dhaka Laiju's father Hasan Mia told this correspondent his daughter's marriage took place without his permission.

Demand for daily Dhaka-Barisal flight

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A human chain and a rally were formed in front of the Biman office in the city on Thursday demanding daily Biman flight in its Barisal-Dhakaroute.

Barisal Nagorik Samaj organised the programmes following a rumor in the city that Biman flights would be slashed to once a week from twice a week now or could be closed.

The rally was addressed by representatives of various professional groups. They included businessman Abul Kalam Shahin; bankers Abdul Halim and Abdul Rahman; telecommunication official, Abdur Jabbar; doctors Altaf Uddin and Mizanur Rahman and teacher Shamsuddin Khan.

After the programmes, Nagorik Samaj handed over a memorandum to Biman's Regional Manager at his office for daily flight to and from Dhaka and connecting flights to Jessore and Chittagong.

Declare flood a national disaster: Menon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Saikhira

Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon on Thursday called upon the government to declare the devastating flood as a national disaster.

He told this while addressing a citizens' condolence meeting organised by the party's district unit in memory of late communist leader Dr Keshab Chandra Samajdar as

chief guest. The meeting was held at local pourasabha auditorium.

Condemning Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for her reluctance to stand by the flood victims, he suggested formation of an All-party National Disaster Management Committee to tackle flood.

Chaired by advocate Mustafa Lutfullah, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Saikhira Bar Association President

advocate Abdur Rahim, Workers Party central leader Azizur Rahman, journalist Prof Abu Ahmed, Kalyan Banerjee, Prof Mainul Hasan, chairman Sabir Ahmed, Kazem Ali and Kudrat-e-Khoda.

Late Dr Keshab who was exiled in the Andaman islands in 1932 for his revolutionary role in the independence struggle of Indian subcontinent died here at the age of 91 on July 7.

BNP leader dies in Rab custody

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A BNP leader died in custody of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) here on Wednesday.

The deceased is Anwar Hossain alias Kan Kata Ranju, 32, General Secretary of the party's Ward No 5 unit under Jagati union in Sadar upazila.

Rab officials said Ranju died of his ailment.

Ranju was an addict who was suffering from various diseases.

An accused of five different cases, Ranju was arrested by Rab at his house at Chechua village on Tuesday.

Rab recovered arms and ammunition from his possession.

Rab interrogated him for recovery of firearms.

As he fell sick critically during interrogation, he was hurriedly rushed to Kushtia General Hospital where he died on Wednesday night.

However, Ranju's family members claimed he was tortured to death by the Rab team.

Earlier, two more alleged criminals died in Rab custody here.

5 'outlaws' held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Five 'outlaws' were arrested by Daulatpur Thana police from Saikhira road on Tuesday.

The arrested persons are Monir, 30, Shumon, 28, Lalon, 27, Karim Molla, 30, and Mizan Fakir, 30. All are armed cadres of outlawed Puro Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-Janajuddho).

Police also recovered two powerful hand bombs from Shumon's possession.



SAMP, a company supplying agro-chemicals to farmers, opened its Khulna divisional office in Jhenidah town recently. Photo shows Hakim Uddin, Deputy Director, DAE, opening the office. Masuda Nargis Anam, Chairperson and Md Shoaib Chowdhury Managing Director of SAMP are seen on his left.

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2 suspects held for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police on Monday arrested two listed criminals in connection with Pabna Paurashabha ward commissioner Rabiul Islam Kawsar murder, according to sources in District Special Branch (DSB).

The arrested persons are Rupam of Dilaipur area and Kanan of Gopalpur area in the town.

Acting on a tip off, Supernagar Thana police arrested them from Sujanager.

Outlaws finally kill him

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

An employee of Khulna City Corporation (KCC) could not save his life even after going into hiding for the last four months.

The dead victim is Akunji Masud Alam, 32, son of late Wazed Ali of Pabla ward in Daulatpur thana here.

Outlaws gunned down him at Mukhtarkati village in Sadar thana, Pirojpur on Tuesday. He was buried at Goalkhali graveyard on Wednesday.

His wife Jolly Begum told this correspondent on receipt of death threat from outlawed Puro Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-Janajuddho) in April, her husband went into hiding. The threat came for his failure to pay their demanded illegal toll amounting to Tk 10 lakh. Moreover, her husband resisted

illegal toll collection by PBCP armed cadres residing in different places of Daulatpur thana.

Masud used to come to Khulna from Dhaka twice a month. Riding a motorcycle he was coming to Khulna from Dhaka via Pirojpur on Tuesday.

Pirojpur Sadar Thana Officer-in-Charge (OC) Anwar Hossain told this correspondent Masud's head was completely smashed by bullets fired by outlaws. The same night his motor cycle was recovered from Nazirpur busstand in Pirojpur town.

Daulatpur Thana OC Makhbul Hossain disclosed that Masud had filed two general diaries in March and April seeking security of his life from PBCP cadres.

A revolver bullet was pulled out of his chest during autopsy at Pirojpur morgue on Wednesday.

VAT: Gopalganj traders down shutters for a day

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Traders in Gopalganj town observed a dawn to dusk strike on Wednesday and held a rally demanding 'package system' in VAT payment.

All shops, hotels, restaurants, pharmacies, workshops, small mills and factories kept their shutters down.

Gopalganj Chamber of Commerce and Industries called the programmes. The rally held on the collectorate premises was addressed by, among others, Chamber President Mohammad Kamrul Islam Rais, Montazuddin Ahmed and Farid Ahmed Daria.

They also submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.

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