

# Lakhs marooned in Rangpur flash flood

RAFIQUE SARKER from Rangpur

Lakhs of people of two upazilas in Rangpur are living through untold sufferings due to the floods caused by ceaseless downpour for two days and rise of water level in the river Teesta.

The District Relief and Rehabilitation department, however, seems to know little about it.

At least 30,000 houses in the villages of five unions under Gangachhara upazila and Haragachh pourasabha under Kounia upazila were marooned while standing Aman paddy and seedbeds on several thousand hectares of land went under water.

The flood-affected people are suffering from acute scarcity of food,...

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## POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS

# DU standards to fall unless trend stopped

Treasurer says

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The overall standard of Dhaka University (DU) will continue to decline if the authorities do not stop appointing teachers and other staff

on political considerations, said Treasurer of the university Prof Syed Rashidul Hasan.

He stressed the need for setting up a human resources department

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## PVT SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

# Policy guideline for foreign borrowing revised

JASIM UDDIN KHAN

The government has revised the policy guideline for foreign borrowing in private sector to lessen the pressure on the country's foreign currency reserve.

"The country needs more foreign investment in the private sector through easier long-term financing at a lower cost of fund to achieve a

bullish growth in its industrial sector," a member of the review committee said.

He said the revision was needed as some components and complex criteria of the existing guideline have been hindering any smooth flow of foreign investment into the private sector.

The updated guideline also has set criteria that would keep the

government and the central bank free of any liability. It will be tabled at the cabinet soon for approval, sources said.

According to the new guideline, the borrowing company will have to get certificate from the Bureau of Research and Testing Consultation (BRTC) of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology on

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## TENGRATILA BLOWOUT

# Energy adviser asks for detailed probe report

BSS, Dhaka

Adviser to the Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry Mahmudur Rahman has asked the enquiry committee to prepare a full report detailing total loss to agriculture, fisheries, timbers and environment caused by Tengratila gas field blow-out.

"The report that estimated the damage caused to the environment due to this disaster at Tk 35 crore is a

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Students of Nayatola Government Primary School and their parents yesterday bring out a procession demanding trial of the teachers responsible for the death of Dipu, 12, who died three days after his teachers beat him up.

## EDN DIRECTORATE

# Govt yet to take action against graft

STAR REPORT

The government has yet to take action against the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) officials accused lately in an intelligence report of bribery and irregularities.

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# Galib gets bail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A Naogaon court yesterday for the first time granted bail to Ahle Hadith Andolon Bangladesh (Ahab) Chief Asadullah-Al-Galib.

Judge Abdul Hakim Mandol of the District and Sessions Judge's Court granted bail to Galib and his three associates--Abdus Salam Salafi, principal of Al Salafi Dakhil Madrasa, Nurul Islam of Gangni

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# Indian court ruling may increase deportation of 'illegal Bangladeshis'

AFP, New Delhi

India's Supreme Court yesterday made a ruling that will make it easier for the northeastern state of Assam to deport Bangladeshis living illegally in the frontier region.

Right-wing Hindus hailed the court's order.

They said the provincial Illegal Migrants (Determination) Act, which was struck down by the court, did not have enough teeth to deal with large-scale immigration to Assam by Bangladeshis since 1971.

Some militant organisations have taken up arms against the Muslim settlers, who they say have changed the demography of tribal-majority Assam and the adjoining state of Tripura.

Bangladesh shares a porous

4,000-kilometre border with India's oil- and timber-rich state of Assam.

The 22-year-old law scrapped by the Supreme Court on Tuesday stipulated that foreigners who came to Assam after March 25, 1971 would face deportation but that the onus on proving their illegal status rested with their complainants.

Officials in New Delhi said the Supreme Court told the Assam state government to deal with the issue under India's federal Foreigners Act, which places the onus on suspected immigrants to prove their nationality.

The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has been campaigning for the deportation of Bangladeshis from throughout India, was jubilant.

"It is a matter of great happiness

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# Outlaw killed in Rab 'crossfire'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

An outlaw was killed in an encounter between the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and his cohorts at Brahmmandia village of Agorpur union under Babuganj upazila of the district at about 4:00pm yesterday.

The dead Sultan Mia, 44, regional leader of Kamrul group of "Sarbahara Party", was accused in 17 cases of murder, rape, looting and extortion filed with Babuganj,

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Prayer Timing		
July 13		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fair	4-10	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-57	7-00
Esha	8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation