

FLOOD LOSSES Tk 110cr roads, culverts ruined in Sirajganj

GOLAM MOSTAFA JIBON, Sirajganj

Flood has damaged 4,000 kilometre (KM) roads and 450 bridges and culverts completely or partially in all nine upazilas here.

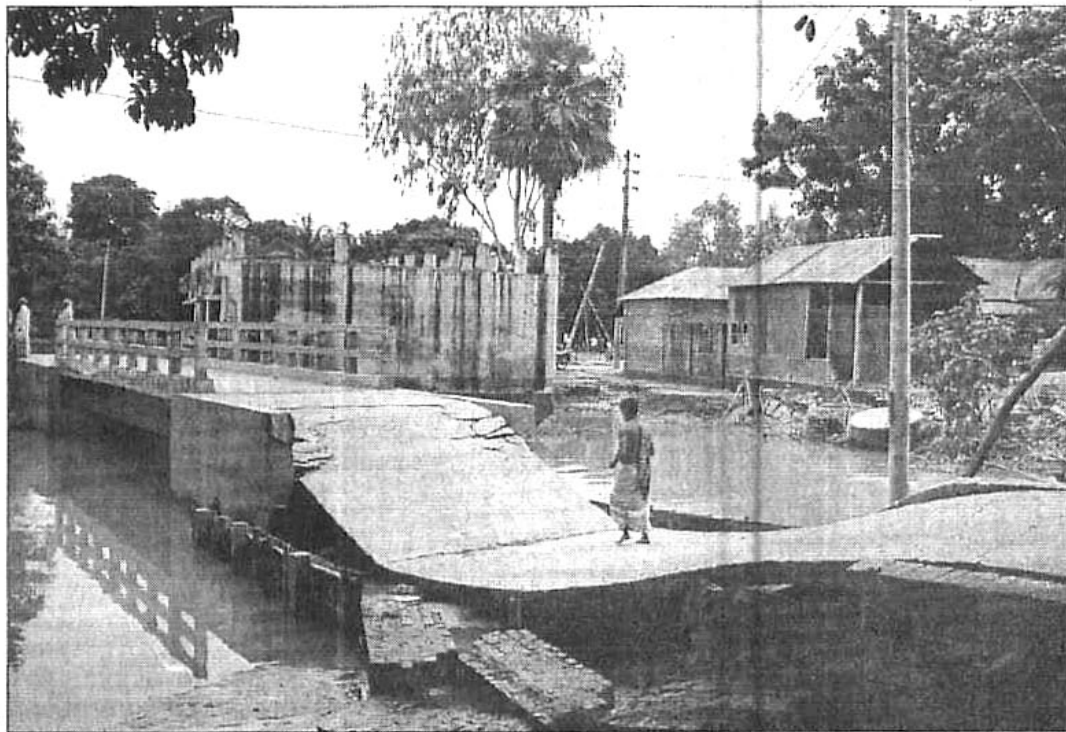
Officially the loss has been estimated at about Tk 110 crore, according to Roads and Highways Department (RHD).

Road communication is yet to be restored in the upazilas as 90 per cent of roads, bridge and culvert have become unfit for use and vehicular movement. These roads have become death traps for pedestrians and passengers of vehicles.

Hundreds of vehicles including buses and trucks ply along the highway and various roads connecting the districts of north Bengal with the capital city via Sirajganj everyday. Vehicles carrying bricks, cement, coal, sand and other goods also ply through the roads.

The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) sources said, scores of potholes, cracks and breaches have developed at many points on the roads following flood. After a slight rainfall the roads become muddy and slippery. Besides, 17 roads have been damaged completely and those have become unfit for movement. As a result, communication through the roads remained stopped although floodwaters receded completely.

About 50 KM road from Sirajganj to Kazipur has been damaged completely. Many bridges have collapsed by the current of floodwaters.



A flood damaged road in Sirajganj. The picture was taken yesterday from Soyadhangara area in the district town.

Vehicles like bus and truck do not ply on the road, as the repairing work is yet to be started. Pourasava Road running behind the pourasava office have been washed by floodwaters.

About 25 KM road from Sirajganj town to Hatikumrul have been damaged completely. Heavy vehicles like goods laden trucks are

now plying through a diversion road through Koddarmoh making the journey longer by about 22 KM more.

Besides, roads running from Sirajganj to Bahingola, Sirajganj to Pangashi-Raiganj, Sirajganj to Nalka and Sirajganj to Jiamorh are now totally unfit for vehicular movement. Many roads in Sirajganj

municipality area are now closed following development of innumerable potholes and cracks as those remained under water for two weeks during flooding.

Conscious citizens have urged the relevant authorities to reconstruct the damaged roads, bridges and culverts without further delay for national interest.

Kishoreganj BNP leader remanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

A BNP leader here has been remanded for five days in an extortion case filed with Kishoreganj police station.

Municipality unit BNP secretary Ismail Hossain Modhu was remanded after police produced him before the court of magistrate Abu Taher Md Sayed yesterday.

Joint forces arrested him from Tarapasa area in the town on Sunday.

Kishoreganj police station officer-in-charge (OC) Abu Md Fazul Karim, also investigation officer (IO) of the case, said Kishoreganj road transport association secretary Alamgir Murad Reja filed the extortion case against Modhu.

The complainant said the BNP leader used to realise illegal toll from all buses plying from Kishoreganj to Dhaka and Chittagong during four-party alliance rule.

Joint forces filed another against the BNP leader under Emergency Powers Act, police sources said.

Tk 2.5cr Indian cloth recovered

A CORRESPONDENT, Cnawabganj

Members of the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) recovered Indian clothes worth Tk 2.5 crore from Kamlakantapur ghat in Shibganj upazila on Sunday night.

Acting on a tip-off, BDR members recovered the Indian clothes while being smuggled into the country.

However, none was arrested.

Over Tk 29cr crops lost in Chandpur flood

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Flood has damaged standing crops worth over Tk 29 crore in eight upazilas, according to an official estimate of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) here.

Crops on 7,297 hectares were fully damaged by the recent flood in the eight upazilas while 45,085 hectares of land were brought under cultivation in the entire district, official sources said.

As many as, 83, 500 farmers, most of them small and marginal, were worst affected due to crop loss. The crops include Aus and Aman paddy seed beds, vegetable and betel leaf plantation and sugarcane.

The worst affected crops were seedbeds of transplanted (Ropa) Aman, (50.68 per cent), according to official records.

In Haimchar upazila, betel leaf plantation was damaged to the tune of Tk 7.30 crore.

In Madhab North upazila, seed beds of Ropa Aman, Bona Aman and vegetables were damaged to the tune of Tk 5.83 crore.

In Sadar, standing seed beds of Aus, Bona Aman and vegetable were damaged to the tune of Tk 4.42 crore.

In Madhab South, Bona Aman and vegetables were damaged to the tune of Tk 3.22 crore.

In Faridganj upazila, seedbed of Aus and sugarcane were damaged to the tune of Tk 2.68 crore.

In Hajiganj upazila, Bona Aman and vegetables were damaged to the tune of Tk 2.5 crore.

In Shaharsti upazila, Aus and Bona Aman seed beds and vegetables were damaged to the tune of Tk 1.82 crore and in Kochua

upazila, Aus and Bona Aman seed beds and vegetables, were damaged to the tune of Tk 1.27 crore.

Farmers at Sadar, Haimchar and Madhab North said every year, natural calamities cause massive damage to their crops. Consequently, they are becoming pauper year after year.

They have urged the government to introduce crop insurance system in the country so that they can recoup the loss caused by natural calamities like flooding.

When contacted, the deputy director of DAE here Abdur Rashid said, 'If crop insurance is introduced in Bangladesh, our farmers will be highly benefited.'

The recent flood has left a trail of devastation, official sources said. The loss will go up further if flood occurs again, sources said.

Kushtia lawyer held for filing 'false' cases

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A magistrate court here yesterday sent a lawyer to jail for filing false rape cases against innocent persons through his daughter.

Advocate Wazedul Islam Khan alias Chad hailing from Chakharipur in Khoksa upazila was arrested by police Sunday night.

Police said Chad filed at least 30 rape cases through his daughter against different people in his area.

On investigation, police found the cases to be false and lodged complaints with Kushtia Bar Association. Kushtia Bar Association suspended his membership on August 23.

In a similar incident, the lawyer filed a false rape case against Khoksa police station officer-in-charge (OC) last year. Police raided his Chakharipur house in Khoksa in this connection and arrested him.

Four held with arms in Bagerhat

BSS, Bagerhat

Joint forces arrested four terrorists from Pulerhat area under Moulganj upazila and seized one short-gun along with four rounds of bullet from their possession on Saturday night.

Acting on a tip-off, joint forces raided Pulerhat area and arrested four members of an infamous gang named after one chairman Mona Khan.

Those arrested were Alamgir Hossain, Harun Khan, Nantu Khan and Ali Azim Khan.

Following their confessional statement, joint forces recovered a shutter-gun and four rounds of bullet.

The arrested terrorists were handed over to Moulganj police. Police said the arrested persons were accused in a number of cases including murder, terrorism, extortion and women repression.

Houses allotted for 200 landless families

BSS, Patuakhali

A total of 200 landless families of Laukhata under Sadar upazila of the district have received letter of allotment for dwelling houses.

Deputy commissioner ABM Mir Moshir Alam distributed the letter of allotment on Saturday.

Bangladesh Navy is implementing the housing project on 18 acres of khas land in cooperation with the local government engineering department.

Besides, small loans will be provided to the poor families for fish and vegetable farming to make them self-reliant.



District Election Office brought out a procession in Bogra town yesterday to create mass awareness about voter listing with photo and preparation of national ID card.

HARVESTING BEGINS IN EIGHT NORTHERN DISTRICTS

Jute farmers optimistic of getting fair price

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Farmers in eight northern districts including Nilphamari have started harvesting jute.

As the quality of harvested jute is good till now, the farmers have been expecting fair price of their produce this season. There is adequate water in canals, ponds and rivers to rot raw jute.

Sources in Rangpur regional office of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) said this year jute was cultivated in 70,000 hectares of land in Rangpur, Dinajpur, Gaibandha, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Panchagarh, Thakurgaon and Nilphamari.

Of them, Tosa variety of jute covered 80 per cent and local variety covered 20 per cent. The official production target was 5,25,000 bales in the eight districts. DAR officials are still optimistic of fulfillment of the production target.

Last year, jute was cultivated on 60,000 hectares of land in the eight districts. Farmers cultivated jute on more 10,000 hectares of land this year as they got good price of jute last year.

Sources in different jute markets in the eight districts said a maund (40 kg) of local variety of jute is being sold at between Tk 400 to 450 while Tosa variety of jute at between Tk 500 to 600. High quality jute is being sold at Tk 700 in the areas.

Last year, farmers got the highest Tk 850 for each maund of jute according to class.

Abdul Hye, a farmer at

Salongram village in Jaldhaka upazila said he cultivated Tosa variety of jute on two acres of land and got 28 maund of raw jute. He sold it at Tk 15,400 in Jaldhaka markets. He also said he sold jute sticks at Tk 8,000 this year. 'I got a total of Tk 23,400 by selling jute and jute sticks,' he said. 'I produced jute on two acres of land at Tk 18,000,' he said. 'I earned a net profit of Tk 5,400,' he said.

Last year he earned much more profit by selling a maund of Tosa jute at between Tk 800 to 850.

Iqbal Bashir, a landowner at Chandonbari village of Boda upazila in Panchagarh said jute farmers are likely to be benefited this season by selling jute directly in markets.

Rangpur Regional Jute office additional director (AD) Abul Kashem said eight jute mills have sought permission to open 10 jute purchasing centres in 5 districts of greater Rangpur.

The mills are Amin Jute Mills, Crescent Jute Mills, Delta Jute Mills, Latif Bawani Jute Mills, Platinum Jute Mills, UMC Jute Mills, Bangladesh Jute Mills and Aleem Jute Mills.

Of them Latif Bawani Jute Mills and UMC are willing to open two jute purchasing centre each and the rest six mills would open one centre each.

Sawkat Ali, additional director of Dinajpur regional jute office said three jute mills, Amin Jute Mills, Karim Jute Mills and Eastern Jute Mills have sought permission to open three purchase centres in two

districts of greater Dinajpur.

Meanwhile, some jute purchasing centres have celebrated lucky purchase already.

The additional director of Rangpur region jute office Abul Kashem expressed his optimism saying jute price might rise further as soon as all the mills start purchasing jute. He said at present the farmers are getting fair price of jute.

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We Deeply Mourn



We deeply mourn the sad demise of Syed Nahoum Ali of SF Ahmed and Co., who passed away last Friday following a massive heart attack. He touched every soul that came along the way during his sojourn of only four months with us. His is an irreparable loss for us and the country.

We pray to Allah for his eternal peace.

And we convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

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| ২। বিভাগ | ঃ | পুলিশ বিভাগ। |
| ৩। সংগ্রহকারী সত্তা | ঃ | পুলিশ সুপার, বগুড়া। |
| ৪। সংগ্রহকারী সত্তার | ঃ | বগুড়া। |
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| ৫। যে কাজ/ক্রয় এবং | ঃ | ২০০৭-২০০৮ অর্থ বৎসরে ২য় কোয়ার্টারের (অক্টোবর/০৭ মাস হইতে ডিসেম্বর/০৭ মাস পর্যন্ত) জন্য দরপত্র |
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| (ক) মস্তর ডাল (অফিসে রক্ষিত মস্তর ডালের নমুনা মোতাবেক) | (খ) ডালডা ফ্রেশ/পিওর (মেঘনা গ্রুপ-১৬ কেজি টিন/কাটুন) | (গ) জ্বালানী কাঠ (আম খড়ি ডাল জাড়া শুকনা ও চেরাই) | (ঘ) জোড়া তেল সয়াবিন (সুপার ফ্রেশ ৫ লিটার কন্টিনার) | (ঙ) নিলামে পুরাতন চটের বস্তা (যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে)। |
| ৬। ঠিকাদারের যোগ্যতা | ঃ | (১) মালিকানা এফিডেভিট (২) হালসনের নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স (৩) হালসনের আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদপত্র (৪) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্র (৫) মস্তর ডাল সরবরাহের জন্য ১০,০০,০০০/- (দশ লক্ষ) টাকা, সয়াবিন তেল সরবরাহের জন্য ৬,০০,০০০/- (ছয় লক্ষ) টাকা, জ্বালানী কাঠ সরবরাহের জন্য ৩,০০,০০০/- (তিন লক্ষ) টাকা, এবং ডালডা সরবরাহের জন্য ১,০০,০০০/- (এক লক্ষ) টাকার স্থিতি উল্লেখপূর্বক ব্যাংক কর্তৃক আর্থিক স্বচ্ছলতা সনদপত্র (৬) এতদ্বিষয়ক কাজের পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতা সনদপত্র দেখাইয়া সিডিউল ক্রয় করিতে হইবে। | | |

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| ৭। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নম্বর ও তারিখ | ঃ | ০২/২০০৭-০৮ তারিখ ২২/০৮/০৭খ্রিঃ। |
| ৮। দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শ্রেণি তারিখ | ঃ | ২৫/০৯/০৭খ্রিঃ। |
| ৯। দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান | ঃ | পুলিশ রেশন স্টোর, পুলিশ লাইন, বগুড়া। |
| ১০। দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান, তারিখ ও সময় | ঃ | পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, বগুড়া। তারিখ ২৬/০৯/০৭খ্রিঃ, ১২.০০ ঘটিকা। |
| ১১। দরপত্র খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময় | ঃ | পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, বগুড়া। তারিখ ২৬/০৯/০৭খ্রিঃ, ১৩.০০ ঘটিকা। |
| ১২। দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য | ঃ | (১) মস্তর ডাল, জোড়া সয়াবিন তেল সরবরাহের সিডিউলের মূল্য ৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য) (২) জ্বালানী কাঠ ও ডালডা সরবরাহের নিলামের সিডিউলের মূল্য ৪০০/- (চারশত টাকা) মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য)। |
| ১৩। দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম, পদবী ও ঠিকানা | ঃ | জামিল আহমদ, পুলিশ সুপার, বগুড়া। |
| ১৪। দরপত্র জামানত | ঃ | (১) মস্তর ডাল সরবরাহের জন্য ৬০,০০০/- (ষাট হাজার) টাকা মাত্র। (২) জ্বালানী কাঠ, ডালডা সরবরাহের নিলামের জন্য ২০,০০০/- (বিশ হাজার) টাকা মাত্র। (৩) জোড়া সয়াবিন তেল সরবরাহের জন্য ৩৫,০০০/- (পঁয়ত্রিশ হাজার) টাকা মাত্র। |
| ১৫। বিশেষ নির্দেশনা | ঃ | (১) পিপিআর/০৩ এর সকল বিধিবিধান দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী হিসাবে গণ্য করা হইবে। (২) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন এবং সর্বনিম্ন দরপত্র গ্রহণে বাধ্য নহেন। (৩) দরপত্রের সিডিউলে অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী বর্ণিত রহিয়াছে। |

জামিল আহমদ

পুলিশ সুপার, বগুড়া

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Project Vacancy

Master Trainers for Agricultural Extension Component

The Agricultural Extension Component (AEC) of the Agriculture Sector Support Programme (ASPS-II) -- attached to the Field Service Wing, Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) is being implemented under a bilateral agreement between Government of Bangladesh and Denmark. The main focus of AEC is implementation of Integrated Crop Management (ICM) through Farmers Field School (FFS) approach, and also includes support to mass media, on-farm research and private sector development. Eight Master Trainers will be recruited for AEC; five of them will work full time for the ICM, FFS, and three will share their time with Seed Wing, Ministry of Agriculture (SW/MOA), On-Farm Research Division (OFRD) of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) and Agricultural Information Services (AIS) -- the associate agencies of AEC.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

The main duties and responsibilities of the Master Trainers are as follows:

- Monitoring and technical backstopping of all field related activities of AEC.
- Facilitating training courses for Departmental Trainers and Farmer Trainers as well as other service providers, input dealers, and representatives from farmer groups.
- Assistance with curriculum development for all training.
- Assistance with the development and use of mass media for extension.
- Specific responsibilities for special interest activities (e.g. seed, marketing, nutrition, research and development, cross cutting issues, organisational and business development, etc).
- Preparation and presentation of monthly progress reports.
- Undertake any other duties as may be required by the Senior Adviser and Project Director.

Educational Qualifications and Experiences

All Master Trainers (MTs) must have at least a university degree in agriculture with at least 10 years practical experiences in agricultural extension, research or technical services. This should include experience in Farmer Field School (FFS) approach and development of farmer groups and farmers trainers. The MTs should have experience in IPM/ICM approach as well as experience of working with component level Advisers and Consultants. Working in similar donor-funded projects, as well as Danida projects in Bangladesh would be an advantage.

The Master Trainers who will work in SW/MOA, BARI and AIS must have training and experiences in seed technology, on-farm research and development communication respectively. All the Master Trainers will be based in AEC office in Khambabari but will travel outside Dhaka regularly and spend prolonged periods in the field. All candidates should have good command in English and Computer Operation. The age limit for these positions is 50 years at the date of application.

Terms of Employment

The appointment will be made on full-time contract basis for a period of two years. The salary will be determined based on experience and qualifications. Other benefits will be provided in accordance with Danida's service rules for locally recruited staff.

Conditions of application

The eligible candidates are requested to send their application in English with detailed CV, recent passport size photograph and attested copies of educational and experience certificates to Senior Adviser, Agricultural Extension Component (AEC), Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), Room # C761, 6th Floor, Rear Building, Khambabari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215 on or before 23rd September 2007. AEC encourages equal opportunities for male and female candidates. The candidates already in service should apply through proper channel. The AEC authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications without giving any reason. The title of the position must be mentioned on the top of the envelope. Only the short-listed candidates will be called for interview. Any form of persuasion will be treated as disqualification.

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