

AFTERMATH OF FLOOD

Over Tk 12.50cr loss in fisheries sector in Netrakona

JAHANGIR ALAM, Netrakona

The fisheries sector has incurred a loss of over Tk 12.50 crore in the district, according to an estimate of the District Fisheries Department.

The fisheries department statistics said flood damaged about 20,000 water bodies in eight upazilas. Of them, 4,375 water bodies are situated in Khalijuri upazila, 3,638 water bodies in Kalmakanda upazila, 2,738 water bodies in Durgapur upazila, 2,536 water bodies in Mohonganj upazila, 1,377 water bodies in Atpara upazila, 1,754 water bodies in Madan upazila, 1,892 water bodies in Barhatta upazila and 1,688 water bodies in Netrakona Sadar upazila.

Besides, the structural damage inflicted on water bodies in eight upazilas has been estimated at Tk 2.50 crore while damage to fish resources has been estimated at Tk 3.45 crore.

When contacted, district fisheries officer A K M Nurul Islam said they are making a list of the

affected fish cultivators as part of their plan to compensate them.

Fish cultivators are now facing a possible financial doom as thousands of ponds were affected by flood.

Most of the affected cultivators cultivated fish taking loan from banks and NGOs, sources said.

Abed Ali, a fish farmer at Biswanathpur village under

Kalmakanda upazila said he cultivated fish of carp varieties in his pond taking loan amounting to Tk 1 lakh from various NGOs only to see that those were washed away by floodwaters. 'Now I don't know how shall I recoup the loss', he said.

Bachchu Mia, another fish cultivator at K Gati village under Sadar upazila said his cultivated fish was completely washed away.

Meanwhile, Mymensingh district administration has allocated Tk 98.41 lakh for the flood affected farmers in the district, reported our Mymensingh correspondent.

Aman saplings will be distributed among the affected farmers

of Agriculture Extension (DAE) office sources, standing crops on 7,932 acres of land were damaged totally while 14,226 acres of crop land were damaged partially in nine upazilas by flood.

The nine upazilas are Sadar, Dhubaura, Haluaghat, Phulpur, Gouripur, Iswarganj, Gafagoan, Trishal and Muktagacha.

DAE deputy director (DD) Md Azizur Rahman said out of the total allocation, Tk 98.41 lakh, 55 lakh was released for rehabilitation of the affected small and marginal farmers.

The DAE has prepared seed beds on six acres of land and Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) prepared seed beds on 16 acres of land, the official said.

The saplings would be used on some 440 acres of flood affected lands including 200 acres in Sadar upazila and 240 acres in Dhubaura, a frontier upazila which sources said.

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Open House Day observed in dists

within 10 days, DAE DD said adding there is no crisis of Aman saplings in the district.

According to the District Relief and Rehabilitation Office (DRRO) sources, 99,581 people of 20,977 families in 50 unions were affected by flood. Some 875 kilometre kutch roads and 22.8 kilometre concrete roads were damaged totally or partially by flood, DRRO office sources said.

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Faulty weights seized from LSD godown

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Joint forces lead by the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) yesterday in a raid conducted at the government LSD godown at Jaldhaka seized two faulty weights.

At that time, VGF rice meant for distribution among distressed people was being delivered to the respective Union Parishad (UP) chairmen on the eve of Shab-e-Barat.

Jaldhaka Upazila Nirbahi Office sources said the raid was conducted following a complaint lodged by some UP chairmen to Jaldhaka UNO in the morning.

The complainants said they got lesser quantity of VGF rice than the actual quantity in their respective quota. They requested the UNO to verify the weight of the LSD.

During verification, joint forces found two faulty weights. A 50 kg weight was found to be 750 gram less than the actual weight while the other 10 kg weight was 250 gram less than the actual weight.

On contact, Jaldhaka UNO Shahid Islam Bhuiya confirmed the report to this correspondent saying proper step would be taken against the culprits after an investigation.

The upazila controller of food (UCF) told newsmen the weights were brought about 10 to 12 years ago.

District controller of food Enayetur Rahman said it is mandatory to verify each weight every month.

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Prices of hilsa come down in Chandpur

Plenty of supply in markets following imposition of ban on its export

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Hilsa prices have come down considerably within the reach of common people here.

This has been possible following imposition of official ban on export of hilsa to India, said both the consumers and traders.

All the fish markets in Chandpur, Hajiganj, Matlab, Faridganj, Shahristi, Kochua, Haimchar and Chandpur Sadar are now abound with hilsa.

Following visits to the fish markets of Bipon Bagh Bazar, Paler Bazar, Natun Bazar Puran Bazar, Wireless Bazar yesterday afternoon, this correspondent saw that a kilogram (KG) of hilsa fish is being sold at between Tk 320 to 330.

Md Sirachokdar and Habibur Rahman, two prominent hilsa fish merchants here told this correspondent that previously

the same hilsa was sold at Tk 500 per KG. Now, common people and people of low income group can buy hilsa conveniently.

Hilsa fisherman like Kashem, Aman, Kari and others told this correspondent that they are now getting a lot of hilsa in the Padma daily.

Fishermen and fish merchants have told this correspondent that all fishes are not sold every day and they have been facing problems and inconvenience in preserving hilsa and other fishes.

For want of a fish cold storage, a good quantity of fish get rotten most often causing loss to fish traders.

They have urged the government to set up a 'fish cold storage' at a suitable place near Chandpur fish ghat on the Railway Boro station premises and on the banks of Meghna-Dakata rivers.

If it is done, fish trading will flourish generating job opportunities for people.

At present, there are over 200 fish traders and about 1,000 day labourers in Chandpur fish ghat.

Sramik Dal leader held in Sathkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkhira

Police yesterday arrested a Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal in Kalaroa on charge of corruption.

Acting on a tip-off, police arrested Azharul Hasan, also president of Kalaroa Paribahan Sramik Union from Kalaroa sramik union office.

Azharul was wanted by police for long in several cases including clashes, police sources said.



Netrakona Deputy Commissioner Ayat Ullah Majumder distributed paddy saplings among the flood victims yesterday, left, while farmers planting the saplings in their fields.

Pry teachers' assoc leader faces 'graft' allegation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Salongram Purbopara Registered Primary School headmaster Md Aminur Rahman in Jaldhaka upazila has brought an allegation of bribery against the Bangladesh Non-government Primary Teachers' Association secretary general Alhaj Akkas Ali.

The headmaster brought the allegation against the teachers' association executive through a written complaint lodged to the Anti corruption Commission (ACC) chairman recently.

In the complaint, he said Akkas Ali, also a member of the Non-government Primary School Teachers Welfare Trust, took bribe from the headmasters of seven primary schools promising nationalisation of their schools and bringing those under national payroll.

The schools are Salongram Purbopara Registered Primary School, Cherengal No 1 Jhaspara LP Primary School, Choradangi Purbopara Primary School, Purbopara Chiraviza Golna Bahadurpara Primary School, Salongram Bottala Babupara Primary School, Sholmani Charvarat Primary School and Paschim Golmunda Madhyapara Primary School.

The complainant said Akkas Ali

had told them in March 2005 that the 4-party Alliance government would nationalise a few primary schools by December same year. He also said to the headmaster of the schools to give him Tk 1 lakh each for the purpose. He also said that he had a talk with the then prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia to this effect.

But the headmasters expressed their inability to meet up the demand. At this stage, Akkas Ali asked them to pay at least half or two-third of the amount. He suggested to pay him the rest amount after nationalisation of the schools.

The complainant further said that he promised to repay the entire amount to the headmasters as per schedule, he rebuked them and even slapped them and refused to return the money.

Later, a copy of the complaint was sent to the secretary of Primary and Mass Education Ministry. The ministry asked the Compulsory Primary Education implementation unit to investigate the matter.

Accordingly, letters signed by an official, Dr Zahiruddin Khan, were sent to headmasters of the schools to come to his office at Shikha Bhaban in Dhaka with documents for an investigation.

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A discussion on micro-credit and development was held at the Narayanganj office of Asa, a major NGO, on Monday. Asa has earmarked over Tk 112cr micro-credit for distribution among the poor in Narayanganj in the next six months.



Brac officials at a view exchange meeting with journalists at Mymensingh Press Club on Saturday revealed that poor people got 1.45 billion taka as micro-credit from the prominent NGO during the last fiscal.

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