

Flood-ruined roads not yet rebuilt in Kishoreganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

People are suffering a lot as most of the roads damaged by last year's flood are yet to be repaired in the district.

Niklee upazila remained cut off from rest of the district as flood washed away over two kilometer of Niklee-Kishoreganj Road at Niklee Sadar upazila.

As a result, farmers have to spend much money to carry seeds, fertilizer and diesel in this ongoing Boro cultivation season. Roads are only means of communication for over two lakh people in the haor upazila.

About 7 kilometer (km) area of the 26 km Niklee-Kishoreganj road remained unusable for long. This is because, about two-km guide wall which used to protect the road at Niklee was totally washed away during flood.

About 7 km road stretching from Niklee Sadar to Korgaon Bazaar in Kotiadi upazila is damaged every year due to flood but Kishoreganj Roads and Highways (RHD) Department took no effective measures in this regard.

People in the upazila are now compelled to walk seven kilometer extra distance to avail transport facilities at Korgaon Bazaar.

Niklee Sadar Union Parishad chairman Karar Burhan Uddin said, floodwater receded five months ago but the Roads and



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Damaged during last year's flood, Nikli-Katiadi road still remains in an awfully dilapidated condition, making road communication between Nikli upazila and Kishoreganj Sadar virtually cut.

Highways Department (RHD) for not taking proper steps in this regard.

Habibur Rahman Habi, a farmer in Niklee Sadar said now he spends

Tk 70 to carry a sack of seeds from Kishoreganj Sadar to Niklee. Earlier, he spent only Tk 20 for the purpose.

While contacted, RHD execu-

tive engineer Joyal Abedin said a project proposal has been sent to the Planning Ministry, but they are yet to get a reply.

JMB cadre on 10-day remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A Jamalpur court placed a cadre of banned Islamist militant outfit Jama'at ul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) on a 10-day remand on Thursday after Jamalpur Sadar police produced him before the court with a prayer for it.

The JMB cadre, Moazzem Hossain Mollah, 22, of Ghatbila village in Mollarhat upazila in Bagerhat district was arrested when he and his cohort Jhony were photocopying a leaflet at Sardarpara in Jamalpur town on Wednesday evening.

The leaflet contained 'motivational speeches' of hanged JMB kingpins Shaikh Abdul Rahman, Ataur Rahman Sunny and Abdul Awal.

Jhony, however, managed to escape.

Following Moazzem's preliminary confession, police raided his rented house at Adipaita village in Melandaha upazila in the district on the same night and recovered some more leaflets containing speeches of the hanged JMB kingpins.

Moazzem had rented the house from its owner Khalilur Rahman one week before introducing himself as a cloth trader, police said.

Moazzem, who at first tried to mislead police by giving wrong identity, later told police that JMB's military wing chief Ataur Rahman Sunny recruited him as an activist of the outfit in 2005 when he was a student of a local madrasa, Jamalpur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mohammad Firoz Khan told The Daily Star yesterday.

"We are quizzing Moazzem in our custody and he may be sent to the joint interrogation cell (JIC) in Dhaka," he added.

Hilsa export resumes after 6 months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Export of delicious Hilsa fish from Bangladesh to India resumed from Wednesday after expiry of a six-month ban.

Following shipment of 43 tonnes of Hilsa fish by three fish exporting firms of Bangladesh crossed Benapole Petrapole land customs ports of the two countries on Wednesday and Thursday, the fish have already reached local markets there, sources said.

Yusuf Sikder, secretary of Barisal fish exporters association, said a letter on this regard has been reached Benapole land customs port on last December 19, 2007 for taking necessary preparations. The rate of shipment was US dollar 4 per kg as per the letter of credit opened earlier.

In the market of West Bengal the

Hilsa of first shipment was auctioned as Indian Rs.180-200 per kg in wholesale market on Wednesday night and sold at the rate of Tk-200-250 per kg in retail market on Thursday morning, said Yusuf Sikder.

As the exported Bangladeshi Hilsa reached India before the Swarawati Puja, it is expected to get a good market and retail price may reach up to Rs 300 per kg, sources said.

The amount of Hilsa export from Bangladesh in 2006-07 and 2005-06 fiscal year was 3,414 and 4,495 tonnes.

The government took the decision to ban Hilsa export to India for six months to make the item of delicacy affordable for common people after imposition of the ban, the price of Hilsa in local markets reduced by 30%-50%.

Target of Hilsa catching for current fiscal fixed as 3 lakhs tonne against the 2.8 lakhs tonne of last fiscal and so only 5 thousands tonne export to India would not affect Bangladesh market, the exporters association sources claimed.

Nur Muhammad, manager of Barisal BFDC fish loading and unloading centre, said a framework and guidelines about the Hilsa fishing and marketing policy including the quality, quantity and price of exported fish and fulfilling the demands of internal market must be prepared and announced before resuming Hilsa export.

The government would monitor the process of Hilsa fishing including breeding, catching, marketing process, amount of export and check black marketing and smuggling, he said.

ORCA builds 197 houses for flood victims

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Old Rajshahi Cadets' Association (ORCA), an organisation of former cadets of Rajshahi Cadet College, has built 197 houses and distributed among the flood-affected homeless people in Kamarkhanda, Kazipur and Sirajganj Sadar upazila.

ORCA president Engineer Siddiqur Rahman said this while visiting the rehabilitated people at their houses recently. He was accompanied by ORCA founder president Dr Abdul Hamid and USA chapter president Sahidus Salam Dipok.

Each of the tin-shed homes was built at an expenditure of between Tk 7,500-8,000. Bamboo fences were also erected around the houses, he said.

ORCA is working for rehabilitation of flood and Sidr-affected victims, the president said adding their activities will continue in future.

While talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Minoti Rani, a 60-year-old widow at Khokshabari village in Sirajganj Sadar upazila said she had lost her land and homestead by erosion of the Jamuna and frequent floods. She took shelter on the bank of the Jamuna following damage of her homestead. It was not possible



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Rendered homeless by last year's flood, this family has got a new residence at Khokshabari village in Sirajganj Sadar upazila, thanks to the charitable project taken by ORCA.

on her part to build a hut on a piece of land as she became a pauper. Luckily, she got refuge at a tin-shed shelter built by ORCA. She is now happy as now she can sleep at night in peace.

Komola Khatun, 50, of the same village said she had lost her homestead during last year's flood. She had no ability to build a home on her land due to poverty. She took shelter at a neighbour's house with

her young son and his wife. ORCA solved her problem by building a home. Like the two, many others were benefited by the noble gesture of ORCA.

A team of ORCA led by President Siddiqur Rahman accompanied by founder President Dr. Abdul Hamid and USA chapter President Sahidus Salam Dipok visited the houses recently and collected data of the rehabilitated people.

CHEATING PILGRIMS

Satkhira Jamaat leader held at Dhaka airport

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A local Jamaat leader has been arrested at Dhaka airport soon after his arrival from Makkah in connection with cheating 55 pilgrims.

Satkhira Poursava Ward No 8 Jamaat secretary Aminul Islam Bakul, 42, of Kukhrali in the town, was arrested by the immigration police on Thursday in connection with nine cases filed against him

and others with Sadar and Kaliganj police stations.

He also misappropriated Tk 50 lakh deposited by the pilgrims in name of sending them to Saudi Arabia, police said.

The other accused Jamaat leaders are Maulana Mustafizur Rahman of Puratan Satkhira in Sadar upazila, Romjan Ali Dhali manager of Dhaka office of Messrs Jebrik Travel and wife Akhtar Banu alias Hira of Shushilgati village in

Debhata upazila. and Rabiul Islam of Sakhipur village in Debhata upazila. They were absconding since filing of the cases.

Azizur Rahman and Azizul Islam of Alipur village in Sadar upazila, Amjad Hossain of Adalatpur village in Assassuni upazila and other victims filed the cases.

On contact, Sadar police station officer-in-charge (OC) Abdul Kader Beg confirmed the arrest.

4 get life for killing schoolteacher

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A Jamalpur court sentenced four people to life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) for killing a schoolteacher in 2005.

Jamalpur District and Sessions Judge Inamul Hafiz, who delivered the verdict on Thursday, and also fined the convicts Tk 5,000 each, in default, they have to suffer six months more in jail.

The convicts are: Shahed Ali, 25, Mosharaf Hossain, 35, Abed Ali, 45, and Suruj Ali, 55, of Char Lotkar village at Madarganj

upazila in the district.

Ten other accused of the case, got acquitted as allegations against them were not proved.

Centring a previous enmity, the convicts called Khorsheed Alam, 28, a teacher of Shamganj Kalibari High School in the upazila, out of his house at night on November 30, 2005 and beat him mercilessly. Khorsheed later died in a hospital.

Khorsheed's father filed a murder case with Madarganj Police Station against 14 people including the convicted four.

FOShoL-AAB UNION LIVESTOCK SERVICE CENTRE

A model for ensuring farmers' right to service

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Marginal farmers are set to benefit in a large way by the introduction of a pilot project to make available all the livestock services at their 'doorsteps'.

ActionAid Bangladesh (AAB), a global NGO has initiated the 'Food Security for Sustainable Household Livelihood (FoShoL) Project' in joint collaboration with government livestock resources office and Union Parishad (UP). The project is being funded by the European Commission while local NGOs are engaged in implementing the project.

At the initial stage, the project envisages creation of livestock service centers in UP complexes of 18 unions in Khulna, Kurigram, Noakhali, Sunamganj, Patuakhali and Satkhira districts.

The objective of the FoShoL Union Livestock Service Centre, a model of union-based 'One Stop Livestock Service Center', is to provide livestock services to rural people to enable livestock dependent people/farmers to rear domestic animals and poultry birds smoothly and increase their household income. FoShoL-ActionAid Livestock Component coordinated by Kabir Mallik, Associate Coordinator (Livestock), FoShoL-ActionAid is going to pilot those service centers in collaboration with GoB Livestock Department, Union Parishad and Communities concerned to strategies model of sustainable livestock services for the poor farming communities of the country which intend to advoc-

cate to Government and other relevant organizations to up-scale in near future.

Two service centers opened in Rupsa and Koira upazilas in Khulna district recently. Rupsa upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) Md Shakhawat Hossain inaugurated the FoShoL Union Livestock Service Center as chief guest at a simple function held at Noihati UP Complex. Noihati UP chairman Mollah Saifur Rahman chaired the function while it was attended by Rupsa upazila livestock officer (ULO) Dr Achinto Kumar Saha and The Daily Star journalist Z A M Khairuzzaman as special guests.

Associate coordinator- Marketing FoShoL Project Amirul Islam narrated briefly the project activities while associate coordinator- Organisation Development FoShoL Project Lutfun Nahar gave a short description of the service facilities available at the center. FoShoL-ActionAid has provided a refrigerator and other logistics as a farmer's assets and valuable medicine for the first time to create a capital for continuing the centers operational in close supervision of GoB livestock departments, Union Parishads and FoShoL-AAB PNGOs personnel under this collaboration, disclosed Lutfun Nahar.

Koira UNO M M Arif Pasha opened another center at Bagali union. Upazila agriculture officer Krishibid Nurul Islam presided while Joint Forces Commander Lt Commander Emran Khan BN and upazila youth development officer Md Monaem Khan were present as special guests.



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ActionAid Bangladesh officials evaluating progress of the FoShoL project at a courtyard meeting with beneficiaries at Doba village in Ghatbhog union in Rupsha upazila yesterday.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

উপজেলা নির্বাহী অফিসারের কার্যালয়
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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০১/২০০৭-২০০৮খ্রিঃ

শ্রাবক নং-উনিআ/আপুশা/চুনা/সেতু নির্মাণ/২০০৭-২০০৮/৬৭২	তাং-২৬/১২/২০০৭ইং
ক্রাণ ও পুনর্বাসন অধিদপ্তরের নিয়ন্ত্রণাধীন ২০০৭-২০০৮ অর্থ বছরে বার্ষিক উন্নয়ন কর্মসূচির আওতায় চুনারুঘাট উপজেলার নিম্নলিখিত প্রকল্পগুলো বাস্তবায়নের জন্য সড়ক ও জনপথ, পানি উন্নয়ন বোর্ড এবং স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তরের তালিকাভুক্ত হালনাগাদ লাইসেন্স নবায়নকৃত টিকাদারের নিকট হতে পারিবারিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট রেগুলেশন-২০০৩ এর নিয়ম অনুসারে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্র জরুরকালে সেতু নির্মাণের অভিজ্ঞতার স্বপক্ষে সমপরিমাণ অর্থের কার্যদেপ্তার চূড়ান্ত নির্মাণের প্রত্যয়ন দেবো হতে হবে (যা নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, উপজেলা প্রকৌশলী বা উপজেলা প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন কর্মকর্তার নিচে নতুন এমন কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক প্রত্যয়নকৃত হতে হবে)।	
০১। মন্ত্রণালয়	০১। খানা ও দুর্গোগ্য বাবস্থাপনা মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা।
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০৩। আহ্বানকৃত কাজের ধরণ	০৩। নির্মাণ কাজ।
০৪। দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ	০৪। চুনারুঘাট উপজেলা দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন কমিটি।
০৫। দরপত্র আহ্বানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	০৫। আপুশা/কাবিখা/সেকা-৯২/২০০৭-২০০৮/১৭৬, তারিখ ১৪/১১/০৭ইং।
০৬। ক্রয় সংগ্রহের পদ্ধতি	০৬। উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র আহ্বান পদ্ধতি।
০৭। বরাদ্দের উৎস	০৭। জিওবি (উন্নয়ন)।
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১০। দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ	১০। ২৮/০১/২০০৮ইং তারিখ দুপুর ০১.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১১। দরপত্র বোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১১। ২৯/০১/২০০৮ইং বিকাল ০৩.০০ ঘটিকায়। (দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন)।
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১।	জারুলিয়া-ইকরতলী বাস্তায় মুন্সেব আলী মেম্বারের বাড়ীর পার্শে কুইয়া ছড়ায় ৪০'-০" সেতু নির্মাণ।	দাখিলকৃত দরের ৩%	৭৫০/-	৭৫ দিন
২।	চুনারুঘাট-কালেশা রাস্তায় চামলতলী বেসরকারি গ্রামিক বিদ্যালয়ের পার্শে কালা ছড়ায় ১৬'-০" কালাভাট নির্মাণ।	দাখিলকৃত দরের ৩%	৫০০/-	৬০ দিন

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