

## Flash flood in Jessore: 50,000 marooned

UNB, Jessore

Over 50,000 people in four upazilas in the district were marooned as water from the rain-fed Ichhamoti and Kabodak rivers poured into the areas through breaches in embankments along their banks.

Locals said low-lying areas in Manirampur, Keshabpur, Jhikargachha and Sharsha upazilas went under water, as the embankments along the two rivers breach due to incessant rainfall and onrush of water from across the border.

Road communication between the district headquarters and the four upazila headquarters remained cut off due to the late monsoon flood.

Meanwhile, local administration has opened 30 shelters for 10,000 flood victims.

An official said 30 villages in Jhikargachha, 40 in Manirampur, 20 in Keshabpur and 15 in Sharsha upazilas were submerged by the rolling floodwater that also washed away many ghers and ponds.

Agriculture officials said standing crops on about 5,000 hectares of land were also damaged by the floodwaters.

## Cop goes into hiding after being charged with rape

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police in Rajshahi yesterday recorded a case against an assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of Boalia Police Station on charges of raping a field worker of an insurance company.

ASI Abdul Hamid and his cohort Faruk who were named in the first information report (FIR) have gone into hiding after filing of the case, said Sub Inspector Abubus Sattar.

The victim was admitted to One-stop Crisis Centre (OCC) of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) on Wednesday night.

According to the FIR, Faruk used to irritate the victim over phone and he took Hamid to the house of the victim in the afternoon on the day. The victim used to stay with her mother.

The rapist threatened the victim saying that he is a policeman and raped her.

Later, the victim narrated the incident before her mother who with the help of one Alam admitted her to OCC.

"The case was filed after the policeman working with OCC found ground for it in primary investigation," said Dr Mozaher Hossain Bulbul, coordinator of OCC.

## Declare Jessore, Satkhira as disaster area WPB urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Workers' Party of Bangladesh (WPB) yesterday called on the government to take initiatives to remove stagnant water from some upazilas of Jessore and Satkhira districts by dredging Kobadak river and distribute relief materials among the distressed.

The demands were made at the Politburo meeting of the party at its office in the capital with WPB President Rashed Khan Menon in the chair.

The meeting was attended by General Secretary Bimal Biswas, politburo members Haidar Akbar Khan Rono, Nurul Hassan, Anisur Rahman Mallik, Shafiuddin Ahmed, Azizur Rahman and Nur Ahmed Bakul, says a press release.

The party leaders said over 10 lakh people were marooned in seven upazilas of two districts and according to a government source crops on over 3875 hectares of land were destroyed as the government ignored the much-awaited demand of the locals to dredge the river.

Demanding distribution of sufficient relief goods among the distressed and their rehabilitation after receding the stagnant water, they expressed deep concern over the insufficient distribution of relief as the government has so far distributed only 13 tons of rice in three upazilas of Jessore.

They also urged the government to declare the areas still under stagnant water as a disaster area.

The meeting asked the local leaders of the party to stand by the affected people.

It also expressed deep concern as diarrhoea is spreading fast among the affected people.

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When the microbus was approaching the airport, Maksudur asked the driver to stop the vehicle on the VIP Road adjoining to Naval Academy at gunpoint at around 8.20pm and forced him and his helper Manik get down.

Meanwhile, five more cohorts of Maksudur reached there in a private car and left the spot immediately taking the micro with them.

On hearing the hue and cry of the driver, locals came forward and informed the police of the matter over cell phone.

A team of Patenga police intercepted the micro and the car and arrested the seven people from the Cement Crossing area at around 9.30pm.

The arrestees were identified as Md Maksudur Raham, 27, son of late Mahbubur Rahman of Feni, Md Karim Mia, 23, son of late Kasem Mia of Sitakunda, Md Jashim, 28, son of late Ibrahim and Md Hossain, 27, son of late Manu Mia both hailing from Titas of Comilla, Rejaul Karim alias Shahid, 22, son of Khadem Ali and Zobaidda Khanam, 19, wife of Ershad Ali both from Bahodderbari of Pahartali in Chittagong and Md Omar Faruk, 26.

During the interrogation the arrestees confessed their involvement in the crime for long.

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The teachers also demanded immediate execution of the legal process against them for their criminalities in wartime.

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## 2 Barisal WDB enrgs held for misappropriating public fund

UNB, Barisal

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Barisal office yesterday arrested two engineers of Water Development Board (WDB) for misappropriating public fund.

The arrested were identified as sub-assistant engineers Barisal M Babul Akhter, 44, and M Abdul Berek, 51.

MH Rahamatullah, deputy assistant director of Barisal ACC and investigation officer of the case, said Babul Akhter and Abdul Berek were arrested for misappropriating Tk 4.50 lakh during the 2004-05 fiscal showing fake project documents.

Earlier, ACC collected information about huge ill-gotten wealth of the two accused and filed a case against them with Bakerganj Police Station on February 28.

ACC called them at its Barisal office to discuss their case but later they were arrested.

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court sent the two engineers to jail rejecting their bail prayers in the evening.

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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

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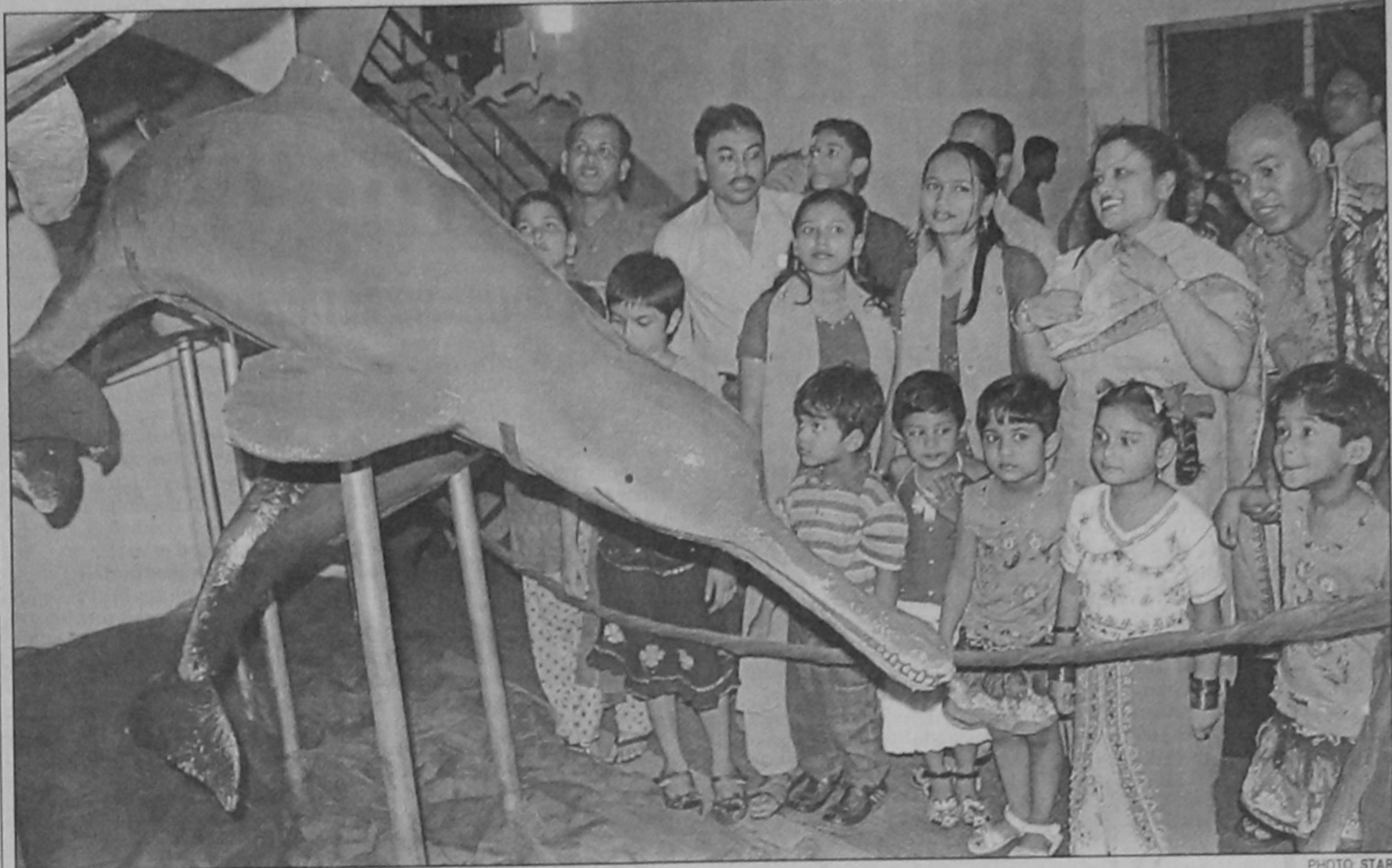
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Visitors at the first ever Dolphin Exhibition at Shishu Academy in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Cetacean Diversity Project (BCDP) organised the exhibition. (Story on Page 2)

## Int'l symposium on women's rights Oct 17

METRO DESK

Asian University for Women (AUW) will host a two-day international symposium on 'Overcoming history: Rethinking rights and opportunities for women in Asia' on October 17 in Dhaka, says a press release.

Co-sponsored by John D and Catherine T MacArthur Foundation, the symposium is part of the university's inaugural event that will culminate with a programme on October 18 at Bangladesh-China Friendship Centre.

Presided over by Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed, the event is expected to draw many well-regarded experts in the fields of education, women's development and regional integration.

Nobel laureate Dr Muhammad

Yunus, founder of Grameen Bank will also be featured at the programme.

Dr Yunus said, "Higher education can be an escalator not only for personal success, but also for the capacity one needs to transform his or her wider society."

"AUW will provide a much-needed avenue for women to empower themselves to become enlightened leaders. By keeping its doors open to women of all socio-economic, religious, and ethnic backgrounds, AUW can indeed veritably demonstrate that no class or group in society has a monopoly on talent."

First Provost and Acting Vice Chancellor of the university Dr Hoon Eng Khoo will speak on 'Preparing young women in Asia to overcome history'.

The symposium will highlight many key issues facing women

today, including rethinking rights and opportunities for women in Asia, womenomics and ethics, human and economic cost of discrimination against women and success in empowering women.

Zoya Hasan, eminent Indian political scientist and professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Madame Lone Dybkjaer, former first lady of Denmark and former Danish minister of the environment, Mehrangir Zar, Iranian human rights advocate and Human Rights Programme Fellow at Harvard University, Hamida Hossain, rights activist, and Kathy Matsui, member of the board of directors of AUW Support Foundation, will speak on those topics.

Lauren Moriarty, former US ambassador to Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) will

chair the symposium.

Jyoti Macwan, general secretary of Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) in India, and Shahida Jaffrey, vice chancellor of SBK Women's University in Pakistan, will also address the discussion.

Noted Pakistani documentary filmmaker and journalist Sharmeen Obaid will showcase her work to explore the plights of women and the emergence of women's groups working to expand their rights in Asian and Middle East countries.

Students of the inaugural class of AUW Access Academy, a year-long pre-collegiate bridge programme, representing India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Bangladesh will also present a cultural performance following the conclusion of the ceremonies.

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**Faculty Search for Savar Residential Campus**  
BRAC UNIVERSITY  
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The BRAC University (BRAC U) is currently inviting applications in the following areas for immediate full-time appointment:

- English
- History
- Social Science
- Public Administration

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**Position: Branch Manager**  
Rank and Status: Assistant Vice President (AVP) / First Vice President (FVP)  
Educational Qualification: Masters in any discipline  
Age: Not over 44 (forty four) years  
Requirements: 10-12 years experience including 1 (one) year as FAVP/AVP or equivalent in any major commercial bank, out of which minimum 5-6 years as Manager of a large branch, with extensive exposure to general banking, trade finance, lending operations and credit management. Candidates should be articulate, innovative, self-motivated and result-oriented with proven track record of leadership qualities. Higher position may be offered to the exceptionally qualified candidate.

**Position: Sub-Manager**  
Rank and Status: Senior Executive Officer (SEO) / First Assistant Vice President (FAVP)  
Educational Qualification: Masters in any discipline  
Age: Not over 40 (forty) years  
Requirements: 8-10 years experience including 2 (two) years as Executive Officer/Senior Executive Officer or equivalent in any major branch of a large commercial bank. A thorough knowledge of loans & advances including hypothecation, term loan etc, security documentation, working capital assessment, lending risk analysis, ratio analysis; knowledge and know-how to manage loan portfolio in a prudent manner and also the capability to promote and develop business.

**Position: Credit Officer**  
Rank and Status: Senior Officer (SO) / Executive Officer (EO)  
Educational Qualification: Masters in any discipline  
Age: Not over 35 (thirty five) years  
Requirements: 5-7 years experience including 1 (one) year as Officer/Senior Officer or equivalent in any major branch of a large commercial bank. A thorough knowledge of loans & advances including hypothecation, term loan and retail banking, security documentation, working capital assessment, lending risk analysis, ratio analysis; knowledge and know-how to manage loan portfolio in a prudent manner and also the capability to promote and develop business.

**Position: Forex Officer**  
Rank and Status: Senior Officer (SO) / Executive Officer (EO)  
Educational Qualification: Masters in any discipline  
Age: Not over 35 (thirty five) years  
Requirements: 5-7 years experience including 1 (one) year as Officer/Senior Officer or equivalent in any major branch of a large commercial bank. Well conversant with foreign exchange operations, documentary credit, import & export including LC, PAD, LTR, foreign remittance, exchange rate. Fair knowledge of UCPDC, foreign exchange regulations, price behaviour in foreign and local market and capability to procure business.

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**Position: Cash-in-Charge**  
Rank and Status: Officer / Senior Officer  
Educational Qualification: Graduate  
Age: Not over 30 (thirty) years  
Requirements: 5-7 years experience in any major branch of a large commercial bank with capability to operate independently fully automated cash department with high degree of skill in cash receipt, payments, remittance, insurance, reconciliation, returns, fund management etc. Computer literacy and fluency in English are desirable.

Interested candidates are requested to send their applications along with detailed CV and a recent passport size photograph to the Human Resource Department, Bank Asia at the under noted address on or before **20<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 with the name of the post applied for** written or printed on the top of the envelope.

Only short-listed candidates will be called for interview.

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**Trawler passenger shot dead by pirates in Noakhali**  
UNB, Noakhali

A trawler passenger was shot dead by pirates in the river Meghna in Hatiya upazila yesterday.

Police said a gang of pirates numbering 7/8 opened fire on a Chittagong-bound goods-laden trawler coming from Char Iswar Bangla Bazaar near Char Isman at 7:00am, leaving one of its passengers killed on the spot.

The deceased was identified as Shamsuddin, 30, of Char Iswar Purbo Gamchhakhali in the upazila.

The trawler returned to Bangla Bazar Ghat soon after the incident.