



Repair work at the damaged portion of Sirajganj Town Protection Embankment at Swashanghat is going on in full swing to avert a major disaster. Authorities expect completion of the task within 48 hours.

## SIRAJGANJ EMBANKMENT

# Work on with hope to finish repair within 48 hours

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Local people and army, police and Rab personnel joined hands with around 400 workers of the Water Development Board (WDB) to repair the damaged portion of Sirajganj town protection embankment.

They are placing sand bags, bricks, stones, blocks and other materials at the erosion point to protect the remaining portion of the embankment from erosion.

Around 200 metres of the town protection embankment at Swashanghat point on the western bank of the river Jamuna collapsed on Friday

due to onrush of water from upstream.

People living near the erosion area shifted their houses and other belongings to safer places fearing further erosion.

Though the authorities concerned have claimed that the situation is now under control, the locals still fear a major disaster.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdul Latif Biswas, Water Resource Minister Ramesh Chandra Sen, Director General (DG) of the Water Development Board (WDB) Abdul Kalal M Mohammad Azad and other officials yesterday visited the repair work by the next 48 hours.

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## 10 hurt as AL men attack BNP rally

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Bogra

At least 10 people were injured as Awami League activists attacked a BNP rally at Nandigram upazila headquarters yesterday.

Local BNP called the meeting to protest attack on its lawmaker Mostafa Ali Mukul allegedly by AL activists at Kahalu upazila headquarters on Thursday.

The AL men also damaged the car of Mukul, a parliament member from Nandigram-Kahalu constituency.

When contacted, district AL President Momtaz Uddin declined to say anything about the incident.

Officer-in-charge (OC) of Nandigram Police Station said no case in connection with the attack on BNP rally was filed with the police station as of 8:00pm yesterday.

## Rivals reject Pabna BNP convening committee

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Pabna

Leaders and activists of a faction of Pabna BNP yesterday rejected the 71-member district convening committee, saying that the dedicated leaders have not been included in the committee.

They made the announcement at a press conference at local press club yesterday. Seven leaders of the faction, who have been included in the full-pledged committee formed on July 6, were also present at the conference and refused to be included in the body.

They are Abdus Samad Khan Montu, Saiful Islam Badsha, Monwarul Islam Firoz, SM yakub Ali Swapani, Abu Bakar Siddique, Nur Mohammed Masum and Mosabir Hossain Sonju.

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## SALINITY DESTROYING SUNDARBANS PLANTS

# Tigers enter villages for shortage of herbivorous animals

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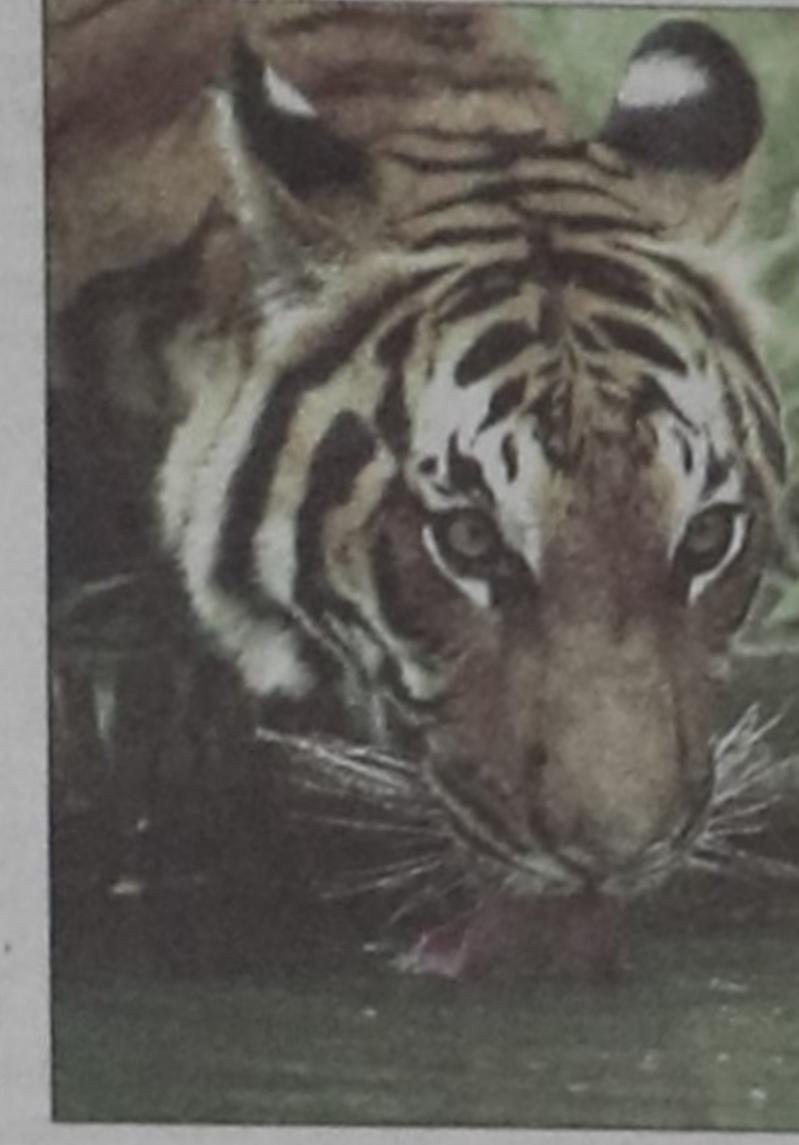
Food crisis in the Sundarbans is forcing tigers to enter human habitations as herbivorous animals, especially deer, see a gradual decrease there.

Adverse impact of climate change, environment pollution, infiltration of saline water and tidal surges is also threatening biodiversity of the forest, forest officials said.

As natural growth of trees, herbs and grass is disturbed due to infiltration of saline water in the coastal areas including a large part of the Sundarbans, herbivorous animals are decreasing and tigers enter human habitations in search of food, said Mihir Kumar Dey, divisional forest officer of Sundarbans Forest Division (SFD).

Over two crore people living around the coastal belts will also bear the brunt of adverse impact of climate change and food crisis if top priority is not given to check environment pollution, said another high official of SFD.

Climate change and food crisis is also causing behavioural change of animals



in the forest while frequent cyclonic storms and tidal surges appear as threat to deer and tigers, said an official of the Environment Directorate in Khulna.

Tigers' tendency to come out of forest noticeably increased after cyclonic storms Sidr and Aila, DFO Mihir Kumar said.

During the last two weeks, people in Satkhira district beat dead two tigers as they entered villages in search of food and injured a few people.

According to a census carried out from February 26 to March 3 in 2003, there were 419 tigers in the Sundarbans. These include 170 tigresses.

According to sources of Sundarbans Forest Division, 145 tigers died due to several reasons since independence.

Since 2001, 26 tigers in the Sundarbans Forest Division died due to various reasons.

A few of them were beaten dead by people after the animals entered localities in search of food.

Forest officials should start awareness campaign among the people to protect biodiversity of the forest, said Rafiqul Islam, director of NGO Rupantar.

Meanwhile, five tranquilliser guns of the forest department have remained out of order for long, DFO Mihir Kumar said.

## SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

### Extortionists attack house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushna

Criminals exploded bombs at a house Friday night after the housemaster refused to pay the amount demanded by them. According to police, a local gang demanded Tk 3 lakh from Sona Mia, a medicine trader a few days ago at Arpara village in Gangni upazila of Meherpur. Sona is too poor to pay the toll but the gang threatened him with dire consequences. On Friday night, the gang stormed into his house and blasted several bombs. None was injured in the incident. A case was filed with Gangni police station yesterday.

### Three train robbers held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Passengers caught three robbers red-handed yesterday in a compartment of the Lalmonirhat bound local train at Shingirai under Badarganj upazila. Police said the robbers boarded the train in the morning and stabbed one Siddique and threw him out of the train at Darshana as he refused to give them money. At one stage the passengers of the compartment caught three of the robbers and handed them over to police when the train reached Rangpur railway station.

### 10 held for rape, acid attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Companiganj police arrested 10 people in two separate cases of gang rape and acid attack. They were sent to the jail Friday afternoon. Police said, six miscreants broke into the house of Abdul Quadir at village Telikhali Lamadeksi and allegedly raped his wife Rabeya Begum, 25, early Thursday. Quadir who was out of the house that night, on Friday morning filed a case under Women and Children Repression Elimination Act. The same day police arrested Zafar Miah, Asabuddin, Ebadur Rahman, Nuruzzaman, Rais Uddin and Nizamuddin on rape charge. In the other incident, four people were held on Thursday night on charge of hurling acid on three stone quarry labourers at Aziruddin's colony in Dayarbaazar area early July 7. Arrestees are Zainal Abedin, his brothers Farid Uddin, Azir Uddin and Dulal Miah.



PHOTO: CHEVRON  
Chevron Bangladesh officials pose with stipend recipients under Bibiyya Scholarship Programme 2009 at Nadampur High School recently. The energy company has arranged stipend for 300 students of nine educational institutions.

## Boy abducted a month ago yet to be rescued

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Sirajganj

A schoolboy abducted for ransom from Bahirgola area in the town a month ago is yet to be rescued.

Although police have arrested four people, they failed to gather any clue to the whereabouts of Sampad Kumar Shil alias Tanmoy, 13, a class six student of Janadayanee High School in this connection on June 11.

The officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station asked SI Moshiur Rahman to investigate the case. But the victim's family members alleged little progress in investigation saying there is hardly any move yet to rescue the boy.

Contacted, OC Azad, however, told the Daily Star that police have already arrested four suspected people in this connection and are trying to rescue Tanmoy.

Meanwhile, the victim's family members expressed the fear that the abductors may kill the boy for non-payment of ransom. They demanded immediate move to rescue Tanmoy and arrest the abductors.

## বাংলাদেশ স্ট্যাভার্টস এন্ড টেস্টিং ইনসিটিউশন

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## পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। ফাউন্ড বা তহবিলের উৎস

বিএসটিআই এর রাজ্য বাজেট।

২। টেক্সার প্যাকেজ নং

বিএসটিআই-চট্টগ্রাম রাসায়ন (মাইক্রোবায়োলজী)-২৮/২০০৮টি।

৩। আহবানকৃত টেক্সারের স্তৰ নং

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৪। টেক্সারের নাম

বিএসটিআই, চট্টগ্রাম আঞ্চলিক অফিসে মাইক্রোবায়োলজী ল্যাবরেটরীতে ব্যবহারের জন্য ব্যৱস্থাপন সরবরাহ/হাপন।

৫। টেক্সার ডকুমেন্ট/দরপত্র

৫০০.০০ (পৰ্যাপ্ত) টাকা মাত্ৰ।

সিডিউলের মূল্য

৫০,০০০.০০ (পৰ্যাপ্ত) টাকা মাত্ৰ।

৬। টেক্সার

সিকিউরিটি/আর্মেস্টমানির পরিমাণ

৭। দরপত্র সিডিউল/টেক্সার

হিসাব শাখা, বিএসটিআই আঞ্চলিক অফিস, জাহুরী মাঠ, আয়াবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম।

ডকুমেন্ট

উপ-পরিচালক (মোট) ও আঞ্চলিক অফিস প্রধান।

৮। দরপত্র সদোধনকারী

কর্মসূচী কর্তৃপক্ষ ও পদবী

৯। দরপত্র এবং কর্তৃপক্ষের নাম

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১০। দরপত্র খোলার প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম ও ঠিকানা

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১১। দরপত্র খোলার প্রেস তারিখ

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ও সময়

১২। দরপত্র জামাদানের শেষ তারিখ

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১৩। দরপত্র ও সময়

১৪। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়

০৭-০৮-০৯ ট্রিস্টার্ড বেলা ১১:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

১৫। মোগ্যাতা/অভিজ্ঞা

দরদাতাকে অবশ্যই দরপত্রে সাথে-ল্যাবরেটরী যোগ্যতা

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