

MINISTER'S WARNING GOES UNHEEDED

# No steps yet to stop sand lifting near embankment

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Earth and sand lifting by dredger from the Jamuna riverbed close to Sirajganj town protection embankment has continued unabated, threatening further erosion in the embankment that saw breach in about 200-metre area last Friday.

Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain during his visit to the area on Sunday said unplanned lifting of earth and sand is one of the main causes of the embankment collapse.

But, the authorities concerned are yet to take any step to stop the illegal act.

The water resources ministry on Monday formed a six-member probe committee to find the reasons behind the breach in Sirajganj embankment. The committee was instructed to submit report within 10 working days.

During a visit to the Motishaher Ghat area yesterday, this correspondent found that workers of a few sand traders led by a local municipality councillor were using a dredger to lift sand and earth from Jamuna River around half a kilometre from the embankment.

The lifted sand is piled on the riverbank and then sold to local customers who supply it by truck to different areas, several labourers said.

A truckload of sand sells at Tk 700-Tk 900.

Earlier on several occasions, locals submitted several written complaints to the deputy commissioner and executive engineer of WDB demanding steps to stop the unplanned

sand lifting, but to no effect. A sand lifter told this correspondent that they are lifting sand after taking permission from the local land office. But he could not show any relevant papers in this regard.

Locals said sand lifting is responsible for serious erosion in the adjacent areas where many homesteads and croplands went into the river.

WDB Executive Engineer Nizamul Haque Bhuiyan, on the other hand, said, "The sand is lifted from the mid-point of the river. So, there is no risk of erosion in the town protection embankment or other establishments."

When contacted, district administration officials said they are still unaware about sand lifting from the riverbed near the embankment.



PHOTO: STAR  
A dredger extracting sand from Jamuna riverbed only half kilometre from Sirajganj town protection embankment, above, and traders loading a truck with sand lifted from the river yesterday. The communications minister on Sunday blamed mindless sand lifting for Friday's embankment collapse.

## 4 get 10-yr RI for cutting tendons of college teacher

A CORRESPONDENT,  
Gopalganj

A Gopalganj court on Monday awarded 10 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) to four people for cutting tendons of a college teacher after feeding him narcotics in an attempt to kill him.

The convicts are Noor Alam Palash, an office peon of Government Bangabandhu College, and his accomplices Sheikh Saifur Rahman, Emran Fakir and Shahin.

They mixed sleeping pills with the tea of Syed Fazlur Rahman, assistant professor of physics department of the college, at his house and tried to get bank cheques signed by him on December 3 of 2003, goes the prosecution.

As Fazlur Rahman sensed the conspiracy, the four people in an attempt to kill him

cut tendons of his both legs and fled the scene leaving him bleeding, goes the prosecution.

Later police arrested Palash and Sheikh Saifur Rahman. Two other accused are still absconding.

Magistrate Dilip Kumar Bhownik of Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court of Gopalganj pronounced the verdict after taking evidence of 10 witnesses.

Each of the accused were awarded five years' RI and a fine of Tk 10,000 for cutting tendons of Fazlur Rahman's legs and another five years' RI and a fine of Tk 10,000 for feeding the victim narcotics to make him unconscious.

Palash was earlier sentenced to life term imprisonment in a case under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

## SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: STAR

Leaders and activists of Awami League form a human chain in Khulna city yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the killers of Jibol Iqbal Bithar.

## Four young girls rescued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in a raid on Monday rescued four young girls from a house at Goborpara village in Daulatpur upazila and arrested a woman on charge of trafficking Sagar Begum, 30, wife of Ayub Ali allured the girls promising them better job in India and kept them at her house for several days. The rescued girls are Kajoli, 12, daughter of Sapah Ali, Fulukumari, 11, daughter of Abul Bashar, Mousumi, 12, daughter of Arman Mondol and Rakhi, 9, daughter of Rozim Uddin of Goborpara village.

## Three get life for murder

A CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Three people were awarded life term yesterday for abducting and killing a school student in Natore. They were also fined Tk 10,000 each, in default, to suffer two years rigorous imprisonment more. The convicts are Abdul Quddus, his mother Firoza Begum and Sohag Ali of village Parera under Singra upazila. Of them, Sohag is absconding. The convicts abducted school student Zia Uddin and murdered him at Parera village on April 20, 2006.

## Project on river erosion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Practical Action Bangladesh, an NGO, organised a workshop in the town yesterday under its newly introduced project on river erosion victims. The aim of the workshop was to share views with administration, local government, other NGOs and different professional groups of the district on issues including the project's target group, activities and institutional involvement. The goal of the PFP-SHRIRE project is to improve livelihoods of 72,000 poor victims of river erosion in rural areas of Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat and Nilphamari districts within next three years, according to the NGO officials.

## Traders observe strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Traders in Paraun Bazaar area in the town yesterday observed a half-day 'hartal' (strike) protesting terror attack on business establishments. Witnesses and police said, a gang of criminals attacked two business establishments and seriously injured Suman, 32 and Babul Gazi, 28 on Monday night. During hartal the traders held a rally demanding immediate steps to arrest and punish the attackers and safety and security of local businessmen.

## শোক সংবাদ



গভীর দুর্ঘেস্থ সংক্ষেপে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ক্যাপ্টেন নজরুল ইসলাম সাবেক ডাইরেক্টর ফ্লাইট অপারেশন বিমান বাংলাদেশ এয়ার লাইন্স, গত ১৩/০৭/০৯ইং সন্ধ্যা ৬:৪৫ ঘটিকায় এগালো হাসপাতালে ইতেকাল করেছেন (ইন্সেপ্টরেন্টেন)। মরহমের নামাজে জানাজা ১৫/০৭/০৯ইং বাদ যোহর (কুর্মিটোলা বিমান এডমিন বিস্তি মসজিদ প্রাসেন) অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। তিনি মৃত্যুকালে স্ত্রী, ১ পুত্র, ৩ কন্যা, আত্মীয় স্বজন ও অনেক গুণগাহী রেখে গিয়েছেন।

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## 3 JMB suspects in Tangail remanded

Bombs recovered from house of militant in Khulna

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Three suspected cadres of outlawed Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), arrested in Tangail town on Monday night, were taken on a three-day remand yesterday.

Police produced the three in the Judicial Magistrate's

Court in the morning, seeking a three-day remand. The court granted the prayer, according to our correspondent.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team from Tangail Sadar Police Station raided a house at Akur Takurpara at around 12:30am and arrested Abdur Rouf, 20, of Roumari in Kurigram and Mabhub Hasan, 18, of Bhupur in Tangail. The law enforcers also seized books on Jihad from their possession.

Police also arrested house owner Abdur Rahman, 30, for his alleged link with the suspected JMB cadres.

Our staff correspondent from Khulna reports: Law enforcers recovered two bombs from the residence of JMB ehsaas member Abu Musa alias Ali Hossain, 40, at West Tootpara under Khulna Sadar Police Station on Monday night.

Rab arrested Musa and another ehsaas member Abdus Salam near Khulna City College on July 7.

Sub- Inspector Anwar Hossain of Khulna Sadar Police Station said the bombs were recovered following confessional statement of Musa during interrogation.

A case has been recorded against him under explosive substances Act with the police station concerned.

**Survey students go on rampage**

RU CORRESPONDENT

Students of Rajshahi Engineering and Survey Institute yesterday went on the rampage protesting what they said authorities' indifference to their five-point demand.

Earlier, several hundred students boycotted their classes and examination and brought out a procession.

Parading different city streets, they staged a sit-in in front of Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) building and submitted a memo to the mayor.

After holding a protest rally on Chapainawabganj-Rajshahi highway, the survey students returned to the campus and ransacked classrooms, teachers' office rooms, damaging chairs, tables and other office furniture. They also set fire to the damaged furniture.

(Terrorist  
Rahman Khan)

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