

Thousands marooned as flood situation worsens

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With inundation of fresh areas, the flood situation deteriorated in north and northeastern districts yesterday, marooning thousands of people.

Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre of Water Development Board said though the situation in the northern districts of Panchagarh, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat and Rangpur is likely to improve from today, the situation in northeastern districts may get worse further.

It said more low-lying areas in the districts of Kurigram, Gaibandha, Bogra, Jamalpur, Sirajganj, Tangail, Rajbari, Manikganj, Munshiganj and Dohar and Nawabganj of Dhaka are likely to be flooded in the next 24 to 72 hours.

Four people, including two children, drowned in flood water in Gaibandha and Nilphamari districts on Friday and on Thursday, according to our correspondents.

They are Faridul Islam, 10, of Shabaj village under Sunderganj upazila and Abdur Rashid, 12, of Kalapani upazila under Shaghata upazila of Gaibandha, and Desaruddin, 30, and Jalaluddin, 33, of Purbo Baishpukur village under Dimla upazila of Nilphamari.

Our Gaibandha correspondent reports: Fresh areas in Sunderganj, Palashbari and Gaibandha Sadar upazilas have been submerged as the rivers flowing through the districts marked sharp rise following downpour and onrush of water from upstream.

At least 30,000 people living in the low-lying areas along the Teesta and the Karotoa rivers have been marooned while recently transplanted aman in Sunderganj and Gobindaganj upazilas damaged by flood.

In Nilphamari, flood yesterday engulfed fresh areas in the districts as the Teesta was flowing 40cm above the danger mark, reports our correspondent. Desaruddin and Jalal Uddin drowned in the Teesta on Thursday night when the boat in which they were moving to a safer place capsized in the river.

Fresh areas in five upazilas of Netrakona have gone under water, leaving at least 25,000 people marooned, reports our correspondent.

The upazilas are Durgapur, Kalmakanda, Khaliajuri, Madan and Mohongonj. Recently transplanted aman on about 20,000 hectares of



A mother waits as her son brings a pot of drinking water from a distant place swimming through floodwater at Ranigram village in Sirajganj Sadar upazila, below, floodwater overflows Gobindaganj-Dinajpur road in Gaibandha.

land and vegetables on several thousand hectares of land have been damaged. Flood also damaged three bridges on Gutora-Barkhapon road.

The four rivers of the district—Someswari, Kongsha, Mogra and Dhanuwere yesterday flowing above the danger mark.

Our Sirajganj correspondent reported that 40 more villages in five upazilas of the district have been flooded due to onrush of water from upstream and heavy downpour in the last two days.

The worst affected areas are Maghai, Natuarpara, Nishchintapur, Maizbari, Khasrajbari, Monsumagor in Kazipur upazila, Ranigram, Khoksabari, Gunergati, Diarpanchil, Shailabari, Khalishakura, Shimla,

Bhatpiri, and Mesra in Sirajganj Sadar upazila, Tamai, Azugara, Subornasara, Enayetpur in Belkuchi upazila, Khaskawlia, Jamalpur, Umorpur, in Chowhali upazila and Kaizuri, Bailtol, Gudhibari and Porzona in Shahzadpur upazila.

Over 50,000 people of the affected areas have taken shelter on flood control embankment and highland.

The low-lying areas under Bhuapur upazila in Tangail yesterday went under water as Jamuna marked a further rise, says our correspondent.

Erosion has taken a serious turn at different points and the river has engulfed a large portion of Gabsara Union Health and Family Welfare Center. Rulipara Primary

School is also under erosion threat.

Riajul Hasan, executive engineer of WDB in Tangail, said they have taken all measures to save Pingna-Jokarchar flood control embankment from erosion.

Our staff correspondent from Bogra adds: The Jamuna swelled and was flowing 48cm above the danger level at Sariakandi point yesterday.

At the same point, the water level of the river Bangali market a rise and was flowing 15cm above the danger mark.

Executive Engineer Md Mamtajuddin of Water Development Board (WDB), Bogra, said about 10 metres of the embankment in Partitporol area have been eroded by the river.

'Repression day' at RU

RU Correspondent

Teachers and students of Rajshahi University yesterday urged the government to conduct proper investigation into the law enforcers' atrocities during the campus unrest on August 22-23 in 2007.

Wearing black badges, several hundred teachers and students yesterday observed 'Student-Teacher Repression Day' on the campus and announced two-day protest programme on the occasion.

They formed a large human chain in front of the central library and held a protest rally there demanding withdrawal of all the false cases filed against RU teachers and students.

They also demanded compensation to family of the rickshaw puller who was 'killed by law enforcers' on August 23, 2007 in front of RU Medical Centre.

Prof Chowdhury Sarwar Zahan Sajal, Prof Golam Sabbir Sattar Tapu, Prof Moloy Bhowmik, Prof Dulal Chandra Biswas and Bangladesh Chhatra League RU unit General Secretary Ayeen Uddin addressed the rally.

2 more bodies recovered

A CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Bodies of local Awami League (AL) leader Berek Farazi, 70, and Rajib, 8, were recovered yesterday from the Arial Kha River where a trawler carrying a bridal party sank on Wednesday.

The two bodies surfaced in Naya Bazar area of Shibchar. Earlier on Friday, bodies of Hasan, 8, Soma, 7, Mizan Farazi, 8, and Alamgir Sheikh, 35 were recovered. Barsha, 5, Bristi, 7, and Kamran, 5, are still missing.

The relatives of the missing victims are still searching for their near and dear ones using trawlers. There were 42 members in the bridal party. The trawler sank after it was hit by a sand laden trawler.

150 JCD men sued for violence, vandalism

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet Kotwali police has filed a case against 150 Jatiyatubadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) men including 51 named ones on charge of vandalising vehicles and assaulting policemen during the student organisation's factional clashes on Friday night.

The clashes in Mirabazar and Upashahar areas in Sylhet city left at least 30 people including an assistant commissioner of police injured.

Police arrested 27 people, mostly JCD men, during the brawl. At about 7:30pm, a group of JCD activists on motorbikes stormed Blessings Banquet Hall, a community centre near

the Upashahar area, and fired gunshots to foil a gathering that the city unit of JCD organised to protest against the Tipaimukh project, sources said.

The attackers also vandalised 14 motorbikes and three cars in front of the community centre before leaving the scene.

Just after the incident, agitated activists from the said community centre threw bricks and stones on the house of Iftekhar Ahmed Dinar in the Upashahar area, blaming his followers for the attack.

As the rival factions engaged in chases and counter chases, police went to the scene and started baton charge. They dispersed the JCD men from Mirabazar area, where a group was preparing

to bring out a procession at about 9:00pm.

The agitated JCD men put barricade on the road and vandalised a number of private cars and the official jeep of Assistant Commissioner of Sylhet Metropolitan Police Mahbub Hasan. The police official also sustained injuries at that time.

The police charged batons and arrested 27 people at Mirabazar.

Locals said a few innocent pedestrians and vendors were also caught during the incident.

The clashes occurred between the followers of city JCD Joint Secretary Iftekhar Ahmed Dinar and Siddiqur Rahman Paplu, vice-president of the same unit, sources said.

Rescue Tanmoy in 7 days

People's deadline to Sirajganj admin

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Several hundred people from all walks of life yesterday morning formed a human chain and held a rally in front of Inaadayinee High School at Mujib Road in the town demanding steps to rescue abducted schoolboy Sampad Kumar Sheel alias Tanmoy and arrest and punishment to the culprits.

The speakers at the rally alleged police indifference and said abductors were still issuing threats to Tanmoy's family and demanding ransom. They said, police failed to arrest the culprits and rescue the boy even after two and a half months of the incident for 'mysterious' reason.

The speakers gave an ultimatum to the law enforcers saying they will go for tougher agitations including hunger strike, if Tanmoy is not rescued

within next seven days.

The demonstrators also submitted a memorandum to deputy commissioner Humayun Kabir demanding necessary steps in this regard.

Tanmoy, 13, son of Swapon

Kumar Sheel and a class six student of Inaadayinee High School was abducted from the backyard of their home at Bahirgola Road in the town on June 9 for a ransom of Tk 5 lakh.



Locals form a human chain in Sirajganj town yesterday demanding rescue of schoolboy Sampad Kumar Sheel Tanmoy, abducted two and a half months ago.

Panchhari hartal call 'foiled'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

The hartal called yesterday in Panchhari upazila (UZ) jointly by Parbatya Bangali Chhatra Parishad (PBCP) and Samo Adhikar Andolon (SAA) protesting the recent killing after rape of a woman went unheeded.

All sorts of vehicles were on roads while business centres, schools, colleges and all offices functioned smoothly, sources said.

However, locals said the hartal call fell flat due to influence of ruling party and its front organisations here.

SAA President Dr Habibur Rahman alleged that ruling party men threatened people to drive out of the locality if they join the strike.

Central PBCP President Mohammad Alamgir Kabir said their supporters and activists fled the areas due to threats by ruling party men.

Principal's office room ransacked

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Students of Dinajpur Polytechnic Institute yesterday went on rampage and ransacked several rooms including the principal's room as the authorities suspended activities of a student organisation allegedly without giving any prior notice.

Sources said the students formed a non-political organisation about three months ago. The principal yesterday suspended its activities which aggravated the students.

The students immediately brought out a procession on the campus demanding withdrawal of the decision.

Contacted, Principal Sadrul Amin said the decision was taken at the official meeting on Friday. "We shall sit today to resolve the issue peacefully," he said.



Fishery Ghat in Cox's Bazar sees huge supply of hilsa as good catches of the popular fish is being netted from the sea.

Luck smiles on Cox's Bazar fishermen

Good catches of hilsa after a dull month

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Cox's Bazar coast now sees netting of good amount of hilsa, much to the happiness of around 80,000 fishermen who had remained virtually jobless during the last one month.

The recent development in Cox's Bazar is unlike many other areas of the country, especially the rivers and coastal areas of Barisal and Patuakhali regions that see scanty supply of the fish even during the ongoing hilsa season.

Until recently, about 7,000 trawlers in Cox's Bazar region had to suspend catching hilsa for about one month as the sea was rough due to inclement weather.

Now trawlers are returning with catches of 5,000 to 10,000

pieces of hilsa each and it sells for Tk six to 12 lakh as 100 pieces of the fish, each piece weighing from 600 to 900 grams, are selling for Tk 10,000 to 12,000.

At retail level, a hilsa is selling for around Tk 250.

However, most of the fish are being loaded into trucks and supplied to different areas of the country including Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet.

During a visit to Nuniachhata ghat, the main wholesale fish market in Cox's Bazar town, this correspondent saw about 30 trawlers busy selling hilsa to the wholesalers.

"Hilsa is being caught in the deep sea about 150 kilometre off Cox's Bazar coast for the last couple of days. Good catches are expected if the weather remains favourable for some more days," said Aminul Islam, 56, sareng

(operator) of trawler FB Tithi.

Omar Kazi, 40, a businessman at Fisherighat said, around 120 trawlers sold about 6 lakh pieces of hilsa worth Tk 8 crore in the wholesale market.

"About 80,000 fishermen could not go to the sea for fishing for more than one month as the sea was rough due to cyclone, depression, low and stormy weather. It was a hard time for them. With good catches of hilsa and good returns for it, they are now happy ahead of the Ramadan," said Nurul Islam, president of Fisherighat Fish Traders Association.

Huge amount of hilsa is also being caught in Teknaf, Moheshkhali and Kutubdia areas, Cox's Bazar Boat Owners' Association President Mujibur Rahman said.

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