

Flood situation worsens in Gaibandha, Faridpur

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Though the flood situation has started improving in Rangpur, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari and Kurigram with recession of river waters, the situation further deteriorated in Gaibandha and Faridpur.

In Gaibandha, flood engulfed 20 more villages in Sunderganj upazila as water from Karota River entered the villages through the breached portion of flood control

embankment at Shabujpur yesterday, according to our correspondent.

The river was flowing 47cm above the danger mark yesterday. Movement of vehicular traffic on Gobindaganj-Dinajpur road remains suspended, as the road is still under waist deep water at Khalshi.

Seven villages in Shaghata upazila have been flooded as 50 metres of Karota embankment at Ramnagar collapsed

on Sunday night.

At least 150 families have become shelterless due to erosion by Katakhali river at village Hasilbandi. "We are shifting belongings to safer places fearing erosion," said Abus Samad Prothom of village Ramnagar.

Our Faridpur correspondent reported that fresh areas in two upazilas of the district have been inundated, leaving 10,000 families marooned.

At least 70 villages of the

two upazilas--Faridpur Sadar and Charbhadrasan-- went under water on Sunday night as the Padma was flowing 21cm above the danger mark at Goalando point.

Faridpur deputy commissioner yesterday visited some flood-hit areas under Faridpur Sadar upazila and distributed relief among the affected families.

In Netrakona, the situation has slightly improved in bordering Kalmakanda and Durgapur upazilas but remains static in the low-lying areas of Mohangonj, Madan, Khalajuri and Atpara upazilas, reports our correspondent.

Water Development Board sources said the rivers Kongsha and Dhanu were flowing over danger levels yesterday.

Erosion by the rivers Someshwari, Dhanu, Magra and Ubdakhal takes serious turn in different areas of the district. Someshwari devoured about 25 dwelling houses at Ranikong village under Durgapur upazila, Dhanu devoured about 30 dwelling houses at Jagannathpur village under Khalajuri upazila, Magra devoured over 20 dwelling houses at Sunajur villages under Atpara upazila and Ubdakhal devoured about 35 dwelling houses at Keshobpur village under Kalmakanda upazila in the last two days.

The arrestees are Fazlul Haque Hall general secretary Anwar, Bangabandhu Hall general secretary Khalid Abdullah, Motherbox Hall general secretary Mamun, Suhrawardy Hall secretary Abdur Razzaq, Suhrawardy Hall former organising secretary Abdul, RU unit sports secretary Saifuddin, local leaders Enamul, Mintu of Binodpur Bazar area and Babu of Mirzapur area.

On June 10, a group of Shibir cadres attacked and severely stabbed RU unit BCL activists Mizanur Rahman Swapan and Ismail Hossain, both fourth year students of Accounting Department and resident of Suhrawardy Hall.

The movement programmes this time will include call for indefinite hartal and road blockade, the mayor said at a big rally at Daulatpur bus stand in the city.

"Do not bluff us any more in the name of investigations as you did regarding murder cases in the past. We want you to be sincere enough in conducting investigation into Shahid Iqbal Bithar murder case and arresting his killers and masterminds, whoever they may be," the mayor said pointing to Khulna City unit General Secretary of Jatiya Party Molla Mujib Rahman and Jubo League leader Ferdous Hossain Labu.

Before the rally, the newly formed 'KCC Ward Councillors' Coordination Committee to Resist Terrorism' organised a human chain.

Shahid Iqbal Bithar, a central leader of Jubo League and a ward councillor of KCC, was gunned down on July 11 night near his Musalmanpara residence in Khulna city.

Meanwhile, Assistant Police Commissioner Abu Sayem claimed that Detective Branch of KMP has made progress in the investigation of the case as arrested outlaw Ikrak Hossain Akash named some influential persons as masterminds.

"We want permission from higher authorities to arrest and interrogate them," he said.

A court yesterday sent Kamrul Hasan Milon, city ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami to jail after his surrender at noon.

Milon was the executive director of Advanced Residential Model College Foundation. Also a shareholder of it, Milon was sacked from his post on charge of fraud. He allegedly made a fake paper regarding 'power of attorney' to capture position in the governing body of the college.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) later recovered the fake documents from his possession.

On April 29, Abdur Razzaq, director of the foundation filed a case against Milon, alleging fraudulent and deceptive activities.

Witnesses said, a gang led by Nurul Islam, brother of notorious criminal and Raipura sensational four murder case accused Jamal and Obaidul alias 'pickpocket' Obu attacked the club. They ransacked offices and looted TV, computers and furniture.

When the journalists obstructed, criminals beat them up and seriously injured club's general secretary Mazharul Parvez Monty.

Hearing his cry for help

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