

Satkhira town waterlogged

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Over 25,000 people of Satkhira town have become marooned as ceaseless rain over the last couple of days inundated different areas of the town.

With knee-deep water inside their houses, the affected people are suffering greatly while at least ten roads of the town have gone under three feet to four feet water.

As the rainwater cannot recede due to lack of proper drainage system, most of the areas in the district town see waterlogging, making life of the residents, especially in the low-lying areas, miserable.

The problem has become a regular affair during the rains but the authorities concerned have not yet taken any measure to solve it, said several townspeople.

Most of the houses in Kamalnagar, Raispur, Rasulpur, Mehediabagh, Palashpole, Madhu Mallardangi, Sultanpur, Rothkhola, Katia Sarkarpura, Masterpara, Daulatpur, Kamal Nagar, Itagachha, Baddipur and Chaltetala areas are inundated.

Rasulpur-Bakchara intersection road, Rasulpur High School road, Palashpole-Court road, Rathkhola-College road, Sultanpur road, Raispur road, Daulatpur road, Madhu Mallardangi road, Kamal Nagar road, Court road, Ghoshpara road and Baddipur road are now under water.

People including children are seen catching fish in roads at Rasulpur, Rathkhola, Raispur and Daulatpur in the town.



On contact, Satkhira pournasava Chairman Sheikh Ashraf Haque said, "We have taken a plan to solve the problem but it could not be implemented due to fund constraints. We have submitted a project to the authorities concerned and we are hopeful of solving the water logging problem in the town areas very soon."

Perennial waterlogging problem poses a serious threat to livelihood and environment on a vast swath of land in Satkhira district.

Children catching fish on flooded Rasulpur-Bakchara road in Satkhira town that saw serious waterlogging due to the recent downpour, below, rainwater enters shops at Palashpole.



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Making a fast buck on other people's money

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

A few officials in Janata Bank, Baghabari branch in Shahzadpur upazila of Sirajganj district have been involved in illegally lending bank money for short periods to a section of local influential businessmen for personal gain.

During an inspection on Monday, a team of Janata Bank high officials led by Abdur Hossain, DGM of Pabna regional office, and Sakhawat Hossain, AGM of Sirajganj main branch, found the allegation true.

At that time the inspection team found shortage of Tk 16.59 lakh at the bank vault.

When contacted, Abdur Hossain and Sakhawat Hossain said a few officials of Janata Bank, Baghabari branch including the manager and two cashiers are mainly responsible for such irregularities.

Official action will be taken against the responsible persons as soon as possible, they said.

Earlier the higher authorities received allegations that a few officials of Baghabari branch of Janata Bank had been engaged in illegally lending different amounts of bank money for a short period to some local influential businessmen in exchange for a quick buck for long, sources said.

The money is generally handed over to the businessmen at dawn and returned at dusk.

On the other hand, the manager and the two cashiers said the bank fund fell short as they issued three pay orders of Tk 16.59 lakh without receiving money from clients on the date of inspection by high officials.

During this correspondent's visit to the Baghabari branch of Janata Bank yesterday, several clients of the bank said the manager and his associates realised bribe from them on different occasions for opening account, drawing loan and even for receiving cheque books.

Rain paralyzes life in Barisal division

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Continuous downpour for the last couple of days has paralysed normal life in the districts of Barisal division.

Barisal river port authority yesterday stopped plying of motor launches having less than 65 feet length due to inclement weather and rough river condition.

Small and ML type water transports have been asked not to leave terminals and fishing boats advised to take safe shelter till improvement of the weather.

Meanwhile, most areas of Patuakhali town have gone

under water due to waterlogging after the downpour.

Road communications with Kuakata tourist zone disrupted as ferry gangways went under water and road development and repairing works came to a halt.

People living in different chars, riverbanks and coastal areas became stranded or marooned due to rise in water level of the sea and rivers and unusual tide.

Sudhir Chandra Shil, deputy director of DAE and farmers in the region said this unusual downpour during late monsoon will hamper Aman cultivation because of waterlogging in croplands.

EC sues 52 upazila poll candidates in B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Fifty-two candidates for the posts of upazila parishad chairman, vice-chairman and woman vice-chairman in seven upazilas of Brahmanbaria district have been sued for not submitting election expenditure reports to the returning officers concerned in time.

Of them, 29 contested for chairman posts, 18 for vice-chairman posts and 5 for woman vice-chairman posts.

Returning Officer Noor

Muhammad Majumder, also the additional deputy commissioner (ADC-general), filed the case with Brahmanbaria Sadar Police Station on Monday.

The sued chairman candidates are Yusuf Hossain of Nasirnagar upazila, Farhad Rahman and Md Tajul Islam of Sarail upazila, Abu Asif Amed, Fazlul Karim, Md Kamruzzaman Ansari and Suhdas Das Chowdhury of Ashuganj upazila, Khandaker Mohammad Billal Hossain, Nazrul Haque, Md Belal Uddin Sarker, Md Monir Hossain, and Md Salim Bhuiyan of Akhaura upazila, Md Emran Ali of Kasba upazila, AKM Jasimuddin, ATM Abdullah, Kazi Zahir Uddin Siddiqui, Muhammad Humayun Kabir, Abdur Rauf, SM Yusuf, Muhammad Maniruzzaman, Muhammad Mustak Ahmed, Md Abdul Haque, Md Abu Sayid, Md Gulam Shahriar, Md Malay Mia, Md Sukkur Khan

and Helaluddin Bhuiyan of Nabinagar upazila, and SM Alam and Sheikh Azizul Islam of Brahmanbaria Sadar upazila.

The vice-chairman candidates are Monir, Md Naim Chawdhury, Salim Pervez, Alhaj Mujibur Raman Sarker and Md Jalaluddin Ahmed of Ashuganj upazila, Md Akter Hossain, Md Iqbal Hossain Bhuiyan, Md Babul Pervez and Md Monir Khan of Akhaura upazila, Kazi Md Sirajul Islam and Md Sanaulah of Kasba upazila and Buran Uddin Ahmed, Md Khurshedul Islam, Golam Hossain Khan Titu, Golam Kibria, Md Musharrif Hossain Sarker, Md Samsul Alam and Md Safiqul Islam of Nabinagar upazila.

The woman vice-chairman candidates are Samima Akhter of Nasirnagar upazila, Rahima Begum of Ashuganj upazila, and Asma Begum, Swapnaher Akhter and Renuara Selim of Nabinagar upazila.

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SNIPPETS Suspected militants remanded

Three youths arrested in Netrakona on Sunday for their alleged link with militant outfits were placed on five days police remand on Monday. Police produced the three before the court of Netrakona senior judicial magistrate in the evening seeking seven days remand and the court granted five days remand.

Fish farmer murdered

Criminals beat dead a fish farmer in broad day light at Laudia village under Sadar upazila on Monday. The victim is Shafikul Islam Tulu, 30, son of Akbar Hossain alias Patal Biswas. Police and family sources said, a gang of 15/20 chased Shafikul Islam Tulu and his brother Sarfuddin while they were going to their fish farm in Rana Dairy Farm compound. At one stage they caught Tulu and beat him up and bludgeoned him indiscriminately. He was rushed to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital and later shifted to Khulna 250-bed Hospital where he succumbed to injury at 3 am on Monday.

CU admission tests in Nov

Admission tests for first year honours courses for the 2009-2010 sessions will begin at Chittagong University (CU) from November 08. The decision was made at a meeting of the Admission Committee held with Vice Chancellor Prof Abu Yusuf in the chair at his office recently. Intended candidates will be able to collect the forms till October 15 and submit them on or before October 20. The forms will be available at CU, New Market, Sheikh Mujib Road and Kapasgola branches of Agrani Bank in the city and Jatiya Jadughar branch in the capital at a cost of Tk 300.

3 sued for extortion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

An extortion case was filed against three alleged activists of Jatiya Party (JP-Ershad) with Shyamnagar Police Station yesterday.

Shyamnagar Puja Ujjapan Parishad leader Mahadev Chandra Mondal lodged the case, accusing the three of demanding toll from him. The accused are Abdul Gafur, Abdur Razzak and Abdull Gaffar.

In the case statement, the complainant said the accused demanded Tk 50,000 from him as he was constructing a building on a land at Nakipur Kamarbari in Shyamnagar upazila.

He further alleged that the accused swooped on him on September 7 as he refused to give them money and took away Tk 15,000, a mobile set, gold rings and a chain worth Tk 72,000 from him.

GRENADE ATTACK ON BRITISH HC Deposition of PWs deferred to Oct 14

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Deposition of prosecution witnesses (PW) in the case filed under Explosive Substances Act in connection with the grenade attack on the then British High Commissioner (HC) Anwar Chowdhury and others could not be held yesterday as police failed to produce most of the accused in court.

However, two PWs including gunman of the then deputy commissioner (DC) were present.

Prime accused Huji chief Mufti Abdul Hannan, his brother and three others could not be produced before the court as they were in the capital in connection with some other cases. The Additional District and Sessions Judge Belayet Ullah, also judge of special tribunal, yesterday set October 14 for recording the deposition of PWs.

The grenade attack was made on the premises of Hazrat Shahjalal (RA)'s shrine after Juma prayers on May 21, 2004. The then British High Commissioner and about 50 others were injured while three people were killed. Deputy Commissioner Abul Hossain, who accompanied the High Commissioner, also sustained injuries.

Till date, deposition of only 13 out of 58 PWs have so far been recorded, court sources informed.

Two cases, one for killing and another under Explosive Substances Act were filed in connection with the grenade attack.

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