

# Flash flood in 4 districts

## Boro plants on vast areas submerged

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Flash floods in Kishoreganj, Sunamganj, Gaibandha and Netrokona districts submerged boro plants on around four thousand hectares in the last few days.

A correspondent from Kishoreganj reports: Boro plants on more than 800 hectares were submerged by flood waters in last two days at Itna, Mithamoin and Karimganj upazilas.

Thousands of men and women in haor (water body) areas are trying to protect their prospective boro crops from the onrush of hill waters from across the border.

Kamrul Ahsan Shahjahan, upazila chairman of Mithamoin said the situation may worsen further as hill waters have overflowed Mithamoin Daria river. "Although we are under threat, locals are still trying to protect the boro plants by putting soil barricade on the river bank", he said.

Already a big area has gone under flash flood. The most affected areas are Keuarjur, Dhaki, Atpasha and Mamudpur, he added.

Aminul Islam Ratan, upazila chairman of Itna said at least 300 hectares of boro plants were flooded in the upazila. The affected areas are Joisiddi, Alongjuri and Miriga.

In Sunamganj, boro plants on 3,000 hectares in Kanglar haor went under water due to heavy rains and onrush of water from hill areas according to UNB.

Water Development Board (WDB) sources said water entered the haor on Thursday and Friday through different points of the Surma River as water level of the river rose sharply due to onrush of hill waters.

A total of 283,142 hectares



Boro plants in a vast area of land in Gaibandha district go under water following flash flood due to sudden rise in Jamuna water level yesterday.

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of land have been brought under boro cultivation in the district this season, Department of Agriculture Extension sources said.

Farmers apprehended that they might not be able to harvest the crop as hill water rolled down their paddy fields.

They said re-excavation of the silted Surma River is a must to save their crops from the flash flood.

Our Correspondent in Gaibandha adds: Boro plants on vast areas submerged yesterday in four Gaibandha upazilas along Jamuna basin due to sudden increase in water level of the river.

Onrush of water from

upper catchments flooded low-lying areas in Jamuna basin by two to three feet damaging the prospective crops.

Farmers cultivated boro and other crops on shoal areas of Kamajani, Belka, Moller Char, Golna, Baje Fulchhari, Kamarpara, Bhajandanga, Uriya and Ratanpur.

Due to flash flood, the farmers have to cut down submerged boro plants to use those as fodder for the cattle.

Farmer Barun Chandra of village Nilkuthi said water level of Jamuna increased almost surprisingly causing flash flood and huge financial

loss to the peasants.

Our Correspondent in Netrakona reports: Flood situation further deteriorated in the district yesterday as boro plants on 15 more hectares went under water at Mohonganj and Khaliajuri upazilas.

Four more flood protection embankments -- Kirtonkhola, Jalkhli and Laxmipasha in Khaliajuri upazila and Jainpur in Mohonganj upazila were damaged by flood water yesterday morning, administration sources said.

The newly affected areas are Dubail haor, Sonartal haor and Jainpur haor in Mohonganj upazila,

Kirtonkhola haor, Laxmipasha haor, Pangashia haor, Kotichapra haor and Sonatola haor in Khaliajuri upazila.

The water level of the river Dhanu registered sharp rise and flowing over danger level, Netrakona WDB sources said.

Harun-ur-Rashid, executive engineer of Netrakona WDB, told this correspondent that 6 out of 14 flood protection embankments in Khaliajuri and Mohonganj have been damaged by flood waters.

The rest eight embankments are threatened and likely to collapse any time, he said.

DAY BEFORE CVASU OPENING

# BCL confines VC to house, locks office

UNB, Chittagong

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists yesterday confined the Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) to his residence and locked his office demanding his resignation.

Academic activities of the university are scheduled to resume today around three and a half months after the university was closed sine

die on December 14 last year. Sources said the BCL activists also threatened teachers, students and officials not to cooperate with VC Prof Nitish Chandra Devnath.

Contacted, Prof Nitish yesterday said, "Neither I resigned nor the government removed me. The university will reopen tomorrow and I will go to my office."

BCL university unit convenor Kamol Kanti Majumder said BCL activists

will continue to put the VC office under lock and key and besiege him until their demands are met.

The authorities closed the university for an indefinite period as some students under the banner of General Students Forum and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) had enforced an indefinite strike demanding removal of the Vice Chancellor on charge of corruption and nepotism in recruitment of staff.

# BCL demands removal of 3 CU teachers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Chittagong University (CU) unit here yesterday demanded resignation of CU student affair adviser, proctor and an assistant proctor accusing them of backing Shibir.

The BCL leaders made the demand at a press conference organised to place their six-point demand at Chittagong Press Club in the afternoon.

The leaders alleged that student affairs adviser Prof Towhid Hossain Chowdhury, Proctor Prof Jasim Uddin and Assistant Proctor Chandan Kumar Poddar helped the ICS men in establishing their supremacy on the campus and barred the BCL men from carrying out their activities.

The leaders also demanded immediate arrest and punishment to the killers of recently murdered CU students AMM Mohiuddin Masum and Harunur Rashid alias Kawsar to ensure congenial academic atmosphere on the campus.

Other demands of the BCL included arrest and punishment to the culprits who attacked the BCL deputy science and technology secretary Zahidul Islam Jewel on March 28, lifting of the embargo on political activities on the campus, cancellation of expulsion orders against the 16 BCL men and reopening of the cottages to resolve the acute accommodation crisis.

CU BCL general secretary Ershad Hossain read out a written statement at the briefing where vice president Anisuzzaman Emon and treasurer Mohsin Karim Ryel were present.



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Rapid Action Battalion arrests Rasel Miah and Rabiul Islam on charge of abducting businessman Suhel Ahmed whom they rescued from Moulvibazar on Friday.

# Businessman rescued, abductors arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) on Friday rescued an abducted businessman and arrested two alleged abductors.

Scrap iron trader Suhel Ahmed, 25, was abducted allegedly by Rasel Miah, 18, and Rabiul Islam, 18, of East Sultampur area of Moulvibazar town.

The arrestees were later handed over to Moulvibazar police.

According to sources at Rab-9 Srimongal camp, the arrestees called businessman Suhel Ahmed over cell phone and asked him to come to Premnagar tea garden under Moulvibazar Sadar upazila at about 8:00 am on Friday.

When Suhel met them there, the abductors confined him to a place and demanded Tk 20 thousand from his family over phone.

Tipped off, a team of Rab conducted a raid and nabbed Rasel Miah and Rabiul Islam from Eidgah area of the town at about 1:30 pm.

At this, the accomplices of Rasel and Rabiul freed the abducted businessman in front of Moulvibazar Government High School in the evening and fled the scene.

ASP Md Zakir Hussain assistant director of Rab-9 Srimongal camp told the reporters yesterday that they handed over the captured abductors to Moulvibazar police.

Amyla Kumar Chowdhury, OC of Moulvibazar Sadar model police station said a case has been filed against the two arrestees and two other unidentified persons.

He said Suhel Ahmed has a house of scraped iron trading in Moulvibazar town.

# Villages flooded as dikes collapse



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Affected people give a bleak look as saline water from tidal surges flooded areas following embankment breaches in Mithaganj union of Kalapara upazila under Patuakhali district.

# Boro, vegetables and other crops go under 3-4 feet saline water

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Boro plants, vegetables, and melon on several thousand acres of lands have been flooded with saline water as tidal surge from the Bay has breached a few flood control embankments in Kalapara, Galachipa and Mirzaganj upazilas.

Farmers are fearing losses as three to four feet tidal surge flooded vegetable, melon and boro fields in Madhukhali, Mithaganj, Baishtala, Chhoto Baliatali, Iyaimpara, Nizampur, Sudhirpur and Mohipur villages under Kalapara upazila after three points of a flood control embankment broke three days ago.

Flood control embankment at Katavarani canal and Iyumara of Khaprabhanga area and a section of a polder in Mithaganj union washed away by tidal surge from nearby rivers, local farmers said.

"Ripe water melon on my two acres of land has been flooded by tidal surge through flood control embankment. Besides, chili, dal, sweet potatoes on two and a half acres of land also went under water," said Abdul Mannan, a farmer of Khaprabhanga village.

"Agricultural lands have been affected as saline water entered the areas through the breached portion of the embankment. We informed the local office of Bangladesh Water Development Board of the matter just after the embankment broke," said Mithaganj UP Chairman Hemayet Uddin.

Two points at Mehendiabad and Charkhalin flood control embankments in Mirzaganj upazila also broke and green crops of land went under water.

Char Shahjalal, Char Borhan, Char Hadi, Char Lear, Char Bashbaria, Char Wadel and Char Kachua

under Dashmina upazila also flooded by the tidal surge as the areas are without any embankment.

"Farmers will have to count losses as their vegetable, melon and boro fields in vast areas flooded with tidal surge in absence of flood control embankment here. We earlier demanded building flood control embankments in all coastal island areas but to no effect," Md Hossain Howlader, chairman of Rongopaldi UP, said.

Officials of the Department of Agriculture Extension in Patuakhali said they asked all the seven upazila offices to make a damage list within seven days from Thursday last.

"We have already informed our higher authorities about the matter. We will take proper step to protect crops for the next season," said Abdul Wadud, deputy divisional engineer for WDB.

# Criminals torch 2 more betel leaf gradens

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkhira

Criminals torched two more betel-leaf gardens on four bighas of land in Tala upazila of Sathkhira district within a span of 12 days.

The first incident occurred at village Khalishkhali under the same upazila on March 22. On the day, a gang of criminals set fire to a betel-leaf garden owned by Devabrata Pal.

Yesterday, the criminals entered the two gardens owned by Bikash Kumar Ghosh and Prasit Kumar Kundu of Kumira Ghoshara village of Tala upazila at around 11:00am and set them afire.

Betel leaves worth Tk 7 lakh were completely destroyed by the fire, farmers and witnesses said. On information, fire fighters from Sathkhira reached the spot after 30 minutes of the incident and extinguished the fire

at the two gardens with the help of locals, said villager Ramesh Chandra Ghosh.

Contacted, Bikash Ghosh told this correspondent that some local influential people might have hand behind the heinous act.

He said he took Tk one lakh loan from a commercial bank and a non-governmental organisation (NGO) to cultivate betel leaves. "How shall I repay the loan," said Bikash, adding that he has no other means to maintain his family.

Prasit Kundu said he took Tk 75,000 in loan from local a commercial bank and cultivated betel leaves on two bighas of land.

"I have sold betel leaf worth Tk 20,000 only. 'What shall I do now?'" he posed a question to this correspondent.

Officer-in-charge (OC) of Patkelghata Police Station said they are looking for the culprits involved.

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