

Boro on 3,000 acres goes under flood water in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar
Boro crop on 3,000 acres of land in Kulaura, Baralekha and Juri upazilas of Moulvibazar district has been inundated due to rise in water level in the river Kushiya and Hakaluki haor (water body).
Sources in the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) said the water level in the Kushiya and Hakaluki haor has marked a sharp rise due to onrush of water from hills across the border.
They said the flash flood may damage 30 to 40 percent of growing boro crop in the areas around Hakaluki haor.
Siraj Uddin Ahmed, chairman of Bhukshimul Union Parishad under

Kulaura upazila told this correspondent that about 70 percent of boro cropland in his union has been flooded. The UP chairman said he has never seen such situation in Bangla month of Chaitra during the last ten years.
Baralekha DAE office source said about 1,000 acres of boro cropland in Sujangar, Borni and Talimpur unions under the upazila have gone under water.
Our staff correspondent from Sylhet reports: Ruling party lawmaker Matiuir Rahman Wednesday held Water development Board (WDB) officials and contractors responsible for damage to Irri-boro crops in the low-lying areas of Sunamganj district

as they did not take timely steps to repair of the damaged flood protection embankments.
Addressing a press conference at Sunamganj Press club, the lawmaker, also the acting president of the district Awami League, alleged that WDB officials and contractors made delay in repairing the flood protection embankments.
Thousands of farmers in different upazilas of the district have to incur heavy loss due to callousness of the contractors and WDB officials, the lawmaker, said adding that actions will be taken against the persons responsible.
Sunamganj Chamber President Khairul Huda Chapal, Sadar upazila

AL President Haji Abul Kalam were present at the conference.
Meanwhile, people of Sunamganj living in the divisional headquarters formed a human chain on Wednesday demanding immediate steps to repair of the damaged flood protection embankments to save the rest of Irri-boro crops in haors areas.
They also demanded actions against the WDB officials and contractors who did not take timely steps to protect crops from flood.
Activists of Sunamganj Chhatra Kalyan Parishad, Jagannathpur Chhatra Jubo Kalyan Parishad and Madhyannagar Chhatra Kalyan parishad joined the programme at court point in the city.

CTG VET UNIVERSITY Teachers stage class boycott as BCL locks VC's residence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) unit of BCL yesterday locked the vice-chancellor's office-cum-residence on the campus on Wednesday night prompting teachers yesterday to announce boycott of classes from tomorrow.
The university reopened on Sunday after 46 days of closure. Classes and administrative works could not be held until Wednesday due to agitation by BCL backed students and protest programme by employees, officers and teachers of the university.
As the university resumed academic and administrative activities on Wednesday and the authorities fixed Thursday for internship board final examination, VC Dr Nitish Chandra Devnath went to Dhaka on the day to attend a conference and inform the government high-up about the latest university situation.
In absence of the VC, the BCL men locked the evening office-cum-residence of the VC at around 10:30pm.
It prompted the teachers association to hold an urgent meeting yesterday morning.
The meeting strongly condemned and protested the incident. They demanded immediate inquiry into the act and punishment to the culprits.
They also announced boycott of classes as a token protest tomorrow.
They threatened to for an indefinite boycott

of classes from Sunday if the law enforcers fail to break open the lock by today.
However, the meeting presided over by Prof. Goutam Buddha Das decided to keep the scheduled final examinations out of the purview of the boycott programme.
CVASU Officers Association also at a meeting expressed strong condemnation and concern over putting the VC office-cum-residence under lock and key.
The association leaders also submitted a memorandum to the VC demanding punishment to those involved in manhandling their colleague, said convener Dr Sultan Mahmud.
Earlier, the teachers' and officers' associations and employees union observed work abstention on Monday and Tuesday last protesting alleged manhandling of teachers, officers and staff of the university by the agitating students.
During the work abstention on Tuesday the teachers association also gave a three-day ultimatum to the university authority to punish the students involved in the incident.
Contacted, BCL CVASU convener Kamol Kanti Majumder admitted that they locked the VC office-cum-residence.
"Our agitation will continue until the VC resigns or removed. We are going to declare him persona non-grata soon. We request him not to return to his office or residence on the campus," he said.

Principal indeed!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj
One hundred and six students of Gour Bangla Syeda Maria Moushumi Krishi College in Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj district could not appear at the examinations that started on March 22 under Bangladesh Technical Education Board allegedly due to alleged corruption of the college principal.
The students yesterday submitted a memorandum to the education minister through Chapainawabganj deputy commissioner demanding punishment for the principal for 'loss of their valuable academic period and misappropriation of money'.
They were the first, third and fifth semester examinees under Bangladesh Technical Education Board but did not get admit cards in time, they said in the memorandum.
"The college principal took Tk 3,500 from each of us for filling up forms but just a day ahead of the examination we came to know that

our forms were not sent to the board. The principal misappropriated a total of Tk 3 lakh 70 thousand from us," reads the memorandum.
"As we informed Shibganj upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of the matter, he talked to the board authorities and made arrangements for our sitting for the examination. But after two days the board authorities ordered stopping our examinations through a fax message to the UNO," it adds.
Later on Tuesday, the victims complained to Chapainawabganj deputy commissioner and Shibganj upazila nirbahi officer and the latter formed a three-member probe committee headed by Shibganj upazila secondary education officer on Wednesday.
The three-members probe committee yesterday visited the college and talked to the examinees about the matter.
This correspondent could not take the principal's version on the matter despite making several attempts as nobody received the calls over cellphone.



Students of Cox's Bazar Medical College yesterday stage a hunger strike in front of the deputy commissioner's office demanding setting up of a permanent campus and solution to other problems of the institution.

COX'S BAZAR MEDICAL COLLEGE Students get assurance of meeting demands

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar
The students of Cox's Bazar Medical College, who yesterday began a fast unto death to realise their three-point demand, postponed the programme after seven and a half hours following assurance from the higher authorities of meeting the demands.
As many as 93 students of the college started hunger strike in front of the deputy commissioner's office at 10:00am and continued until 5:30pm.
The students have been agitating since April 4 to press the demands for setting up a permanent college campus, solution to accommodation problem, appointment of teachers and setting up an examination centre at the college for first professional MBBS examinations.
They put off the programme when Dr Arup Dutta Bappi, vice-principal of the college, and district Awami League acting president Ahmed Hossain conveyed a message of assurance

from the higher authorities to them (students).
The students said though the college was established two years ago, it has no permanent campus. They alleged that land for the college has not been acquired yet due to non-cooperation of the high-ups.
They said as the college has no permanent campus, appointments of department heads in the four departments of the college and assistant professors are not possible.
Without departmental heads, there would not be any scope for setting up an examination centre at the college, the students said, adding that 42 students of the second year would not be able to sit for the first professional MBBS exams scheduled for July this year.
The academic activities of the college have been carried out in a building of Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital for the last two years.
Sources concerned said the district administration

has earmarked 24 acres of land for college campus in Jhilongia area of Cox's Bazar town and sent a proposal to the ministry concerned for acquiring the land. Taka 27 crore foreign aid for purchasing land has also been lying idle for long, sources added.
A meeting will be held at the office of the land ministry's secretary on April 11 to evaluate the justification of the proposal for acquiring the land.
A teacher of the College preferring anonymity said if the land for the College was not acquired by June this year, Tk 27 crore allocated for the purpose would have to be returned.
Sources said there are four departments in the College-- anatomy, physiology, bio-chemistry and community medicine. Each department should have six teachers. But there are only 13 teachers instead of 24.
At present, the college has 95 students. Of them, 53 are in first year and 42 in second year.

73 sued on charge of war crimes

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar
A case was filed with Cox's Bazar Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday against three alleged war criminals and another 70 unidentified men.
Haji Sirajul Haque, 70, a resident of Shamlapur village under Baharchhara union of Teknaf upazila filed the case.
The identified accused are Mokbul Ahmed, 52, Fazal Ahmed alias Bandaiya, 55 and Ahmed Hossain, 65 of the same area.
The plaintiff in the *ejahar* said, the accused led by the then Peace Committee chairman late Sultan Ahmed set his dwelling house and shop on fire on August 28, 1971.
The accused also looted his cattle, goats, paddy and rice. Besides, the war criminals under the supervision of the then Pakistani occupation forces torched many houses at Baharchhara after looting those, the complainant said.

For annoying a girl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Around 25 people were injured in clashes between people of two villages centring annoying gesture to a girl performer at a cultural function at Maria village in Bagmara upazila of Rajshahi district on Wednesday night.
As Shamim of Daulatpur village repeatedly directed torchlight at a schoolgirl when she was dancing at the function at around 8:00pm, a few people of Maria village beat up Shamim, police said.
Later Shamim accompanied by cohorts from his village attacked the function venue, damaged the stage and threw away chairs.

Sec 144 at Satkhira, 41 Jamaat men rounded up

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira
Police in an overnight drive arrested 41 Jamaat leaders and activists and imposed in the Section 144 yesterday morning around Shaheed Abdur Razzak Park in the town apprehending chaos and clashes there.
The district administration imposed the restrictions till 10 pm as Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, Muktiyoddha Sangsad and Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee called rallies at the same venue at the same time.
Central committee of Jamaat-e-Islami, through a press yesterday said the party postponed its rally as Khulna police barred Jamaat secretary general Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed from coming to Satkhira.
Mojaheed was due to address the rally at about 3:00pm.
The Jamaat leader was



Police arrested 41 Jamaat-Shibir men raiding different areas of Satkhira town on Wednesday night ahead of yesterday's meeting which could not take place due to Section 144.

One killed, 5 hurt as robbers open fire

A CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali
A villager was killed as an armed gang opened fire while committing robbery at the house of a retired army personnel at Rafiqpur village under Rasulpul in Begumganj upazila early yesterday.
Five others were seriously injured in the incident. The injured have been admitted to Noakhali General Hospital.
The robbers looted Tk 1.5 lakh, five tolas of gold ornaments, two mobile sets and expensive valuable clothes.
Begumganj police station OC Abdur Rauf and locals said, a gang of 15 to 20 robbers broke open the door of the house of Mokhlesur Rahman and took the members of the house hostage at gunpoint.
Hearing hue and cry, neighbours rushed to the spot. At this the robbers decamped firing indiscriminately at the villagers.
Bullet hit Abdul Jalil, 35, died on the spot, while house

owner Mokhlesur Rahman, 65, Hanif, 32, Mamun, 22, and Monir Hossain, 22 received serious injury.
UNB from Savar reports: Robbers looted valuables from house of an expatriate at Nikrail village early Wednesday.
Locals said, a gang of armed robbers numbering 30-35 entered the house of expatriate Abbas Uddin at night breaking open the main gate.
They looted valuables, including, Tk 50,000 and three mobile phone sets, taking the house members hostage at gunpoint.
The robbers also beat up four people of the house, leaving them injured as they tried to resist them. Later, the robbers decamped with the booties.
Abbas Uddin, who recently came home from Italy, said a gang of robbers earlier looted valuables worth Tk 40 lakh from his house on February 19.

TRADER MURDER Wife, son on remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur
A judicial magistrate's court in Rangpur yesterday granted a three-day remand for Sufia Begum and one day for her son Shishir in connection with the murder of Sufia's husband Ahsanul Huq Belal, a trader residing at Mahiganj in Rangpur town.
In a prayer to the court of Magistrate Nityananda Roy, police had sought five-day remand for Sufia and Shishir.
Sufia Begum and her son need to be quizzed to know if any outsider was involved with the murder, said Kotwali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdur Rashid.
Police recovered pieces of dead body of Ahsanul Huq on Monday night from Moyenakutti of Tapadhan union under Rangpur Sadar upazila and arrested wife of the deceased after locals had caught her with a sack containing the pieces of the body.
Police later arrested Shishir from their Mahiganj house in connection with the murder.



Farmers have started collecting onions from their fields at Sabdipur in Godagari upazila of Rajshahi district. Local growers, however, said the yield this season was not up to their expectation.

Teacher punished for cruelty to students

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh
Tipu Sultan, an assistant teacher of Government Laboratory High School in the town, received a 'stand release' order yesterday on charge of mercilessly beating up two students of the school over a trivial matter on Monday.
Earlier on August 5 last year, the same teacher beat up a class nine female student of the school, making her get admission into Mymensingh Medical College Hospital with hearing problem and headache a day after.
"As the allegation of merciless beating against Tipu Sultan was proved, the authority took action and he was transferred to Government Joyhori High School in Kendua upazila of Netrakona district this morning," Amena Khatun, headmaster of the school, said yesterday.
When Tipu Sultan, an assistant teacher of the school, entered class seven on Monday noon, he was informed that there was some writing with 'love proposal' on a bench.
Tipu charged students Ashik and Tanjil, who sat on the bench, but they denied their involvement about the writing.
At this the teacher became furious and started punching and beating them with his

belt, said students and teachers.
Hearing scream of the victims, the teachers including Abul Kashem, who was working as headmaster (in-charge) of the school that day, rushed to the spot, rescued the two boys and arranged first aid for them, said Abul Kashem.
"I and my seven colleagues talked to the students of the class regarding the incident and submitted a report to Sujan Kumar Dey, deputy director of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education yesterday [Wednesday]. The official also visited the school and talked to the students. According to the instruction of the authorities concerned, Tipu Sultan was released today [Thursday]," said Amena Khatun, headmaster of the school.
"After Tipu Sultan mercilessly beat up class nine student Fatema Mohammad on August 5 last year, we instructed him not to behave in such an arrogant way in future," she added.
A three-member probe body, which was formed after the incident, submitted its report to the authority concerned but no instruction regarding it reached the school as of yesterday, school sources said.
Tipu Sultan has a tendency to behave in an aggressive way when he becomes angry, said a few teachers and guardians.