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Marooned people amid sufferings at Gunari village in Kamarkhola union of Dakope upazila under Khulna district as flooding of homesteads and croplands by three local rivers worsened following Saturday's breaches in flood control embankments of Water Development Board.

Erosion adds to miseries of Aila-hit people

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Three rivers in the last one week devoured over 400 homesteads and shops in several villages of Aila affected Kamarkhola and Sutarkhali unions under Dakope upazila of the district.

Erosion by Shibsha, Passur and Bhadra took an alarming turn on Saturday following breaches in the flood control dams constructed by Water Development Board (WDB), locals said.

The villages worst hit by erosion and flooding due to collapse of the dams are Nalian, Poddarganj, Batbungia, Kalinagar, Amtala, Joynagar, Chunkuri, Gunari, Kaminiabas, Mozamanger, Garikhali, Golbungia, Whitebhanga and Andharmanik.

Over 2,000 people rendered homeless

by erosion and cyclone have taken shelter in local cyclone centres, high lands and academic institutions.

They are facing severe crisis of food and safe drinking water, sources said.

Erosion by the rivers continued unabated as Water Development Board failed to build proper embankments to save the people from being victims of flood, alleged Dakope upazila chairman Sheikh Abul Hossain.

Flood and river erosion has also caused extensive damage to croplands, he said.

Farmer Rabindra Nath Biswas, 50, of Gunari village of Sutarkhali union said erosion by Shibsha devoured his two bighas of fertile cropland. "The makeshift camp erected on the embankment for staying with my family was also washed

away on Saturday," he said. "Cyclonic storm Aila followed by furious tidal surges has ruined us. Now river erosion and collapse of embankments have added to our miseries", he added.

WDB engineer Mohammad Shafiqul Islam said water of the swelling rivers accompanied by high tides had caused the erosion.

We are trying our best to resist erosion and save the dam," he said.

UNO Atiur Rahman, when asked, said that he was aware that over 400 homesteads were devoured by rivers and flood control dams collapsed in Kamarkhola and Sutarkhali unions.

"Steps are being taken to stop further erosion and flooding," he said.



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Street vendors occupy parts of Maharaja Road in Mymensingh town, much to the nuisance of pedestrians.

THAKURGAON, MUNSHIGANJ 22 hurt as villagers clash with lethal weapons

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At least 22 people were injured as rival villagers clashed in Thakurgaon and Munshiganj districts on Saturday.

In Thakurgaon, at least seven people including three women were injured in a clash on Saturday afternoon at Bangaon village under Haripur upazila, reports our correspondent.

Injured Abdur Rahim, 52, son of Rustam Ali, Farida Begum, 45, wife of Abdur Rahim, Faruk, 22, son of Abdur Rahim, Rustam Ali, 80, father of Abdur Rahim, Jamila, 75, wife of Rustam Ali, Samad, 40, son of Rustam Ali and neighbour Hazera, Begum, 45, were admitted to Haripur health complex.

Sub-Inspector of Haripur police station told this correspondent that at about 3:00pm a group of people with lethal weapons led by Arefin and Monju of Bangaon village attacked the house of Abdur Rahim over previous enmity leaving seven people injured.

On information a police team rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. Abdur Rahim filed a case on Saturday night with Haripur police station accusing 32 includ-

ing Arefin and Monju in this connection.

In Munshiganj, at least 15 people were injured in a clash between two groups of villagers at Charbalaki village in Gajaria upazila on Saturday night, reports our correspondent.

Police and local people said there was a longstanding conflict between Mahfuz Mia and Berek Mia over establishing supremacy in the village.

They said Sumon, son of Berek Mia, went to buy some commodities from the grocery shop of Manik, son of Mahfuz Mia on credit.

But an altercation ensued between them when Manik refused to sell the commodities on credit.

Later, both the groups equipped with lethal weapons attacked each other, leaving 15 people including Manik, Sumon, Alaiddin, Yakub, Kulsum, Rabeya, Mili, Rahim, Sabura and Mahfuz injured from both sides.

Critically injured Manik and his mother Sabura were sent to Gajaria upazila hospital while others to Sonargaon upazila hospital and a clinic in Dhaka.

A case was filed in this connection.

Mother, daughter commit 'suicide'

UNB, Munshiganj

A woman and her physically handicapped daughter allegedly committed suicide at Isapura village in Sirajdikhan upazila early yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Monika Bhawal, 34, wife of Madhab Bhawal and her 16 years old daughter Madhuri Bhawal.

Locals said Monika quarreled with her husband on Sunday noon over family affairs. Following the quarrel angry Madhab went to his nearby shop. But despite requests by his wife and daughter he did not return home to take his evening meal.

At this Monika and her daughter Madhuri became shocked and decided to commit suicide late at night. Monika first helped her daughter to commit suicide by hanging from the ceiling of their house and later she also killed herself the same way.

On returning home early yesterday morning Madhab found his wife and daughter hanging from the ceiling and informed the police.

Confessional statement

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Underground operative Ayub Ali, arrested on Friday night in connection with Pabna police killing case, gave his confessional statement under Section 164 before the Judicial Magistrate's Court here yesterday.

Ayub was arrested in Savar area of Dhaka district. After preliminary interrogation, the police produced him in the court, seeking remand. Judge AK Azad recorded his statement and placed him on a two-day remand. Officer-in-Charge of Bera Police Station Sheikh Zillur Rahman said the outlaw also mentioned the names of 15 others who were directly involved in the killing of three policemen, including a sub-inspector, at Daspara village under Bera upazila on July 20.

Earlier, Police arrested five outlaws in Pabna and Rajbari districts in connection with the cop killing case.

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