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Regular flooding in Patuakhali town during high tides continues as before as newly constructed sluice gates, outlets and inlets under Patuakhali Town Protection Embankment Project miserably fail to prevent tidal water from entering the town due to alleged irregularities in the work, right, one of the faulty outlets.

Patuakhali town still gets flooded for 'poor' construction of dyke

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Patuakhali Town Protection Embankment Project has made no difference to the townspeople as most areas the district headquarters are still regularly flooded during the high tides. Locals blamed 'massive irregularities' in construction works under the project as the main cause behind the situation. High officials of Water Development Board (WDB) who visited the area on Saturday also admitted 'some irregularities' in this regard. Lohalia and Lawkathi rivers flow by the east and north sides of Patuakhali town where most areas are flooded during high tides, especially during full moon and new moon.

To protect the town from tidal surges WDB took Patuakhali Town Protection Embankment Project at a cost of Tk 24.52 crore in 2007-2008 fiscal year. The project is scheduled to complete in June 2012. "The project includes construction of six sluice gates, nine culverts, 17 outlets, 25 inlets, 250 metres of flood wall, four bathing ghats, 1200-metre main embankment and raising the height of 950-metre embankment. Constructions of sluice gates, culverts, outlets, inlets, flood wall and bathing ghats have already been completed," said Siddiqui Rahman, executive engineer for Patuakhali WDB. Locals, however, said tidal water still enters the town through the badly constructed sluice gates,

culverts, inlets and outlets and consequently, roads, houses and business establishments in large areas of the town are flooded. On August 30, local people submitted a written complaint in this regard to the director general (DG) of WDB. Several copies of the complaint narrating irregularities in the construction works under the project were also sent to higher authorities concerned including the minister, the state minister and the secretary of water resources ministry. Purnan Bazar, Nababpara, Chawk Bazar, Muslim Para, Kathpatti, Shimulbagh, Natunbazar, Charpara, Girls School Road, Government Women's College Road, SDO Road, Government Jubilee School Road, Thanapara, New Market,

Munsefpara, Latif School Road and Sabujbagh are some of the worst affected areas due to the frequent flooding. Following instructions by the WDB DG, chief engineer Md Mahtab Uddin accompanied by departmental high officials visited the area on Saturday to prepare a report on the matter. When the team reached the spot over 100 local people brought out a procession demanding action against the irregularities in the construction works. "We detected some irregularities that occurred due to lack of proper supervision by local officials. We asked them to remove the irregularities," Md Nazrul Islam, superintendent engineer for Barisal division, told local journalists during the visit.

Snatched rifle recovered, 3 arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Police on Monday arrested three of a gang of criminals who injured two cops and snatched a rifle from one of them at Kalichholi village in Kamalganj upazila of the district on Sunday afternoon. The snatched rifle was also recovered from the arrestees. Receiving information that a criminal named Mokbul Hussain and his cohorts are forcibly harvesting paddy from a land of a villager at Kalichholi village, a police team from Kamalganj Police Station led by Sub-Inspector (SI) Sudhin Chandra Das went to the village at around 3:00pm. Seeing the law enforcers at the village, Mokbul and his accomplices swooped on them, leaving two cops--Noor Uddin and Adras Ali--injured. The gang also took away a rifle from one of the injured. The other policemen, however, escaped attack and returned to the police station. The injured cops are undergoing treatment at Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital. Police raided the village early Monday and arrested Mokbul and his two accomplices. They (police) recovered the snatched rifle from the arrestees. Contacted, Nazim Uddin, officer-in-charge (OC) of Kamalganj Police Station, said they are looking for other accomplices of Mokbul. A police assault case was filed against Mokbul and his cohorts.

Man executed for killing woman, son

UNB, Jessore

A man, sentenced to death for killing a woman and her son in Khulna 11 years ago, was executed in Jessore Central Jail one minute past Monday midnight. ABM Nazmul Sakib alias Ashik, 32, a private tutor and son of Didarul Islam of Purbo Kalikapur in Kaliganj upazila of Sathkira was hanged until his death in presence of a magistrate and senior police and jail officials. Jessore DIG Prison Fazlul Haque said the body of the man will be handed over to his relatives for burial at his village after postmortem.

A gang of three, led by Ashik, killed a housewife and her son after committing robbery at their house in Sonadanga upazila in Khulna on Sept 17, 2000, as they recognised Ashik as he was a tutor at the house. A case was lodged with Sonadanga PS on September 18, followed by filing of charge-sheet. Khulna District and Session Judge Court sentenced Ashik to death by hanging in a judgment in 2002. The High Court and the Appellate Division upheld the verdict. The mercy petition to the President was not granted.

2 convicted prisoners die in Pabna, Jessore

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Two convicted prisoners of Pabna and Jessore jails died on Monday and Friday. A prisoner of Pabna Jail died at the Pabna Medical College Hospital on Monday morning. Identified as Mojnu Pramanik, 40, son of Sadek Pramanik of village Dharmagram in Pabna Sadar upazila, he was a drug addict, jail sources said. Pabna Jail Superintendent Md. Enamul Haque said Mojnu was imprisoned in Pabna Jail on August 24 this year after he was convicted for 6 months in a drug case, reports our correspondent. He was under treatment at Pabna jail hospital and later shifted to Pabna Medical College Hospital on Monday afternoon as his condition turned critical. He died at the hospital at about 10:00am yesterday, the jail superintendent said. Quoting the doctors he said that the victim was suffering from mental and physical illness because of addiction. Meanwhile, a convicted prisoner of Jessore jail died at Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) Friday night. The deceased was identified as Asad, 41, son of Aftab of North Bhabanipur village in Bherama upazila of Kushtia district. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in a case in Jessore. Sources said when Asad fell seriously ill in Jessore jail on August 29 he was sent to Khulna jail for treatment. The jail authorities immediately admitted him to the KMCH where he died at 10:30pm on Friday.

3 drown in boat capsized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

At least three people including a child drowned as an engine-driven boat capsized in Kamalar Beel in Tarail upazila yesterday. The deceased were identified as Julekha Akhter, 60, Tarun, 6, grandson of Julekha of Kurshi village in Itna upazila and Asia Khatun, 30, of Belanka village in Tarail upazila. Police and locals said, the boat with around 15 people on board suddenly overturned in Kamalar Beel while going to upazila Sadar from Hasla in Damiha union, at about 10:30 in the morning. Three people went missing while the rest of the passengers managed to swim ashore. Later, police with the help of local people recovered the bodies of the three missing at noon.

SNIPPETS

Tragic death of Ansar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

An Ansar member was killed after a bullet from his own rifle accidentally went off in Sonargaon upazila on Monday night. Yunus Ali, officer-in-charge of Sonargaon police station, said Shariful Islam, 25, was hit by a bullet around 11:00pm when he was on duty at Bangladesh Lok and Karushilpa Foundation. The bullet came out of Shariful's rifle and hit his chin when he accidentally pulled the rifle's trigger in drowsiness, the OC said. Shariful was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in critical condition where he died around 11:30am Tuesday.

'Thief' beaten to death'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A suspected thief was beaten to death by a mob in Sundarganj upazila of Gaibandha early yesterday. On information, police recovered the body of Anisur Rahman, 25, in the morning and sent it to Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy. Abul Mohammad Delwar Hasan Inam, officer-in-charge of Sundarganj police station, said Ansar entered the stationery shop of one Nibarun Chandra at Katriyapara village around 2:00am to steal valuables. Hearing noises in the shop, locals rushed to the spot and caught him red-handed. They then beat up Anisur mercilessly, leaving him dead on the spot, the OC said.

Pirates abduct fishermen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Pirates looted several trawlers and abducted four fishermen in Meghna river in Hatiya upazila early yesterday. The abducted fishermen are Arif Majhee, 35, Hossain Majhee, 25, Kamal Uddin, 20, and Alauddin Majhee, 36. The pirates also look away four trawlers. Owner of looted trawler Nayem Mia said members of Nizam Bahini swooped on the fishermen while they were fishing in the river on Monday night.

Man killed in Thakurgaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A man was murdered at his in-laws' house at Kazibosti village under Thakurgaon Sadar upazila on Sunday afternoon. The victim was identified as Shahidullah, 30, son of Bangthu Mohammad of Morolhat village under Baliadangi upazila. Police and victim's father said Shahidullah and his father came to his father-in-law Abdus Sattar's house on Sunday noon. At about 3:00pm Shahidullah engaged in an altercation with Sattar's cousin Aklima and her husband Anzarul Islam over a trifle matter. At one stage of the altercation, Anzarul hit on the neck of Shahidullah leaving him seriously injured. He was taken to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital where the on-duty doctor declared him dead.

One killed in clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

One person was killed and 15 others were injured in a fierce clash in Nikli upazila yesterday. The deceased was identified as Abu Taher Mia, 35, son of Sukar Ali of Kathalkandi village. Police and local sources said, there was a long-standing dispute between Harun Mia and Bahar Uddin of Kathalkandi village over a piece of land. Both group equipped with lethal arms locked in a fierce clash yesterday in Kathalkandi area, leaving 15 injured. Of them, Abu Taher was rushed to Nikli upazila health complex in critical condition where he succumbed to his injuries.



PHOTO: STAR

Cross section of society including a large number of ethnic people form a human chain in front of Chapainawabganj Press Club yesterday demanding punishment to the criminals who raped and killed Santal woman Moriam Murmu two months ago.

RAPE, MURDER OF MORIAM MURMU

Fresh agitation demanding punishment to culprits

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj


Hundreds of ethnic people from different upazilas agitated in the town yesterday demanding punishment to rapists and killers of santal woman Moriam Murmu about two months ago. Pargana Parishad, Dighori Parishad, Baisi parishad and Uttarbanga Adibasi Forum jointly brought out procession, formed human chain and held a rally in front of the press club. Speakers at the rally said, Moriam Murmu, 48, widow of late Hopna Mardi of Chaitanpur village in Tanore upazila, was gang raped and tortured to death at Shimla Dighipara village of Godagari upazila in Rajshahi district, allegedly as a sequel to a land dispute with her late husband's relatives. Moriam went to bed at around 9:00pm on July 10. Neighbour Shaheb Kisku's wife Anjali Murmu saw her stripped body hanging from a tree at around 6:00am. Informed by locals, police recovered Moriam's body from a tree beside a pond, some 100 yards away from her paternal home at Shimla Dighipara where she had been living after her husband's death. Moriam's son Wilson Marandi filed a murder case

They also urged the government and local administration to ensure steps for security of the indigenous people in the region. Earlier, hundreds of people including women and children from different villages of Nachole, Gomostapur and Sadar upazilas brought out a procession and paraded different streets of Chapainawabganj town, formed human chain and held a rally. Hingu Murmu, president of Uttarbanga Adibasi Forum, Chapainawabganj unit presided over the rally. Besides Cornelius Murmu, Provat Tudu, Shyamol Saren, Anwarul Islam, principal of Shahnayamot Ullah College, Golam Mostofa Montu, former president of Chapainawabganj Press Club, Anwar Hossain Dilu, staff correspondent of Daily Prothoma Alo, Chapainawabganj, political leader Moniruzzaman Monir, social worker Golam Rashid spoke at the rally. Victim's son Wilson Marandi also spoke. I want justice. I demand exemplary punishment to my mother's killers", he said.



Moriam Murmu

with Godagari police station on the same day, citing his paternal uncle Biswanath Maraddi as a suspect in the murder. The speakers said that Moriam's murder shocked not only the ethnic people but also the people of other communities in the region. This murder goes against humanity. Our civilised society can not accept this brutal murder, they said. The protesters demanded immediate arrest of all rapists and killers of Moriam Murmu and their exemplary punishment.



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NOTICE OF 10TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Notice is hereby given that the 10th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Shareholders of Unique Hotel & Resorts Limited shall be held at Westin Hotel, Plot No.1, CWN (B), Road No. 45, Gulshan - 2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh on 22 September 2011 at 10-30 AM to transact the following businesses:-

- To consider and approve the Company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010 together with the Auditors' and Directors' Reports thereon.
- To declare dividend for the year ended 31 December 2010.
- To elect the Directors in place of retiring Directors;
- To approve the appointment and remuneration of auditors of the Company for the year to 31 December 2011.
- To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

By Order of the Board
Mohammad Abdul Jalil
Company Secretary
Unique Hotel & Resorts Limited

Dated : 6th September 2011

Notes :

- The Register of Shareholders shall remain closed from 8th to 22nd September 2011.
- A person entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting of the Shareholders may appoint a Proxy to attend and vote in his/her stead. The Proxy Form, duly stamped, must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
- Members are requested to notify change of address, if any, to the Company.
- Admission to the meeting room will be strictly on production of the Attendance Slip sent with the Notice.