

# 3 killed, 250 hurt as storm lashes several districts

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Three people were killed and at least 250 others injured as storm lashed Netrakona, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat and Rangpur districts on Wednesday night.

Our Netrakona correspondent reported storm swept 30 villages of Kalmakanda, Barhatta, Mohongonj and Khaliajuri upazilas of the district, killing a mother and her son killed and injuring at least 30 others.

The dead were identified as Jaheda Begum, 60, and her son Nayan Mia, 38, of Manderbari village in Mohongonj upazila. Police said their house became electrified by a snapped live wire that fell on the roof of their house during the storm and they were electrocuted.

At least 600 thatched and tin-roofed houses in the four upazilas were damaged by the storm. District administration sources said about 200 houses in Khaliajuri upazila, 150 houses in Mohongonj upazila, 175 houses in Kalmakanda upazila and about 75 houses in Barhatta upazila were damaged.

The twister uprooted several thousand trees and many electric poles. Many shops at Lepsia Bazar in

Khaliajuri, at Chasrakhal Bazar in Mohongonj, at Borkhapon Bazar in Kalmakanda and at Athitpur Bazar in Barhatta upazila were damaged by the storm.

UNO of Khaliajuri upazila Mohammad Shawkat Ali, UNO of Kalmakanda Mohammad Abdullah, upazila chairman of Mohongonj Shahid Iqbal and UNO of Barhatta Mohammad Nasiruddin visited the affected villages in their respective areas.

The injured were admitted to the upazila health complexes and Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Of the injured, Abeda Khatun, Sultan Mia of Mohongonj upazila and Abdul Mannan, Chikon Mia and Keramot Ali of Khaliajuri upazila were sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. Others injured were admitted in to local health complexes.

In Gaibandha, one person was killed and at least 200 others were injured as storm lashed 35 villages in Sunderganj and Gaibandha sadar upazilas at around 10:00pm, reports our correspondent.

The dead was identified as Alam Mis, 24, a village police. He died as big tree collapsed on him at

Dhamapur Bazar in Sadar upazila.

The storm razed over 4,500 thatched and tin-roofed houses were razed to the ground in the upazilas. Tinned roofs of over 50 educational institutes were also blown away.

At least 400 poultry birds died as five poultry farms were damaged damaging at Kabiler Bazaar in Sadar upazila.

Many electric poles were uprooted, plunging the affected villages in darkness. Power supply could not be restored in the at the villages as of 6:00pm yesterday.

District relief and rehabilitation office is preparing a list of the affected people, said Shahidul Islam, deputy commissioner, Gaibandha.

Our Lalmonirhat correspondent adds: storm hit 20 villages at Sadar, Aditmari, Kaliganj and Hatibandha upazilas on Wednesday night, leaving at least 35 people injured.

Of the injured, four people were Rangpur Medical College Hospital from Hatibandha upazila health complex as their condition deteriorated.

The worst affected villages are Gokunda, Kalmati, Harati, Panchogram of Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila; Polashi, Namuri,

Mohishkhocha, Balapara, Vadai of Aditmari upazila; Votmari, Jamirbari, Chalbala, Chaklarhat, Rudreshwar village of Kaliganj upazila; and Dawabari, Goddimari, Sindurna, Dowani, Patikapara, Paruliya of Hatibandha upazila.

Upazila administration sources said at least 2,500 houses were damaged at the storm-hit 20 villages. Around 700 big trees were uprooted and boro paddy and maize on about 100 bighas of land were damaged.

In Rangpur, At least 500 thatched and tin-roofed houses at ten villages in Pirgachha upazila were damaged and a good number of trees uprooted by a storm on Wednesday night.

Boro paddy, vegetables and maize on around 100 acres of land were also damaged damaged as a storm hit ten villages of two unions under Pirgachha.

The storm hit villages are Dadan, Pathak Shikar, Kandi Kabilapara, Dowani, Mazhabari, Santantara, Taluk Kandi, Monirampur, Tayani Monirampur and Chowdhurany village.

On Tuesday morning, a violent storm swept over the upazilas. Mohir Ali, 48, of Gobordhan village in Aditmari upazila said his house was damaged by the storm on Tuesday morning but he didn't get any help from the government until yesterday.



PHOTO: STAR

The Teesta devours a large portion of a banana orchard at Tajpur village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

## Teesta erosion makes 70 families homeless

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Erosion by the Teesta River has rendered around 70 families of three villages under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila homeless in the last four days.

The affected villages are Kalmati, Tajpur and Gokunda.

The erosion-hit people have taken shelter at their relatives' houses at the adjoining villages.

The river devoured at least two fruit gardens, three bamboo clusters and about

32 acres of cultivable land, said locals.

Victim Nur Muhammad of Kalmati village told this correspondent that the erosion devoured several houses at the three villages.

Abdul Baki, another erosion victim of Tajpur, said erosion by the river has rendered 30 families of the village homeless in four days since Monday.

Mofizul Islam of Gokunda said a large number of people have already left their homesteads, fearing further onslaught of the river and taken shelter

at their relatives' houses at different villages of the upazila.

Gokunda UP Chairman Golam Mostafa Swapon said the river devoured a large number of homesteads at the villages under the union.

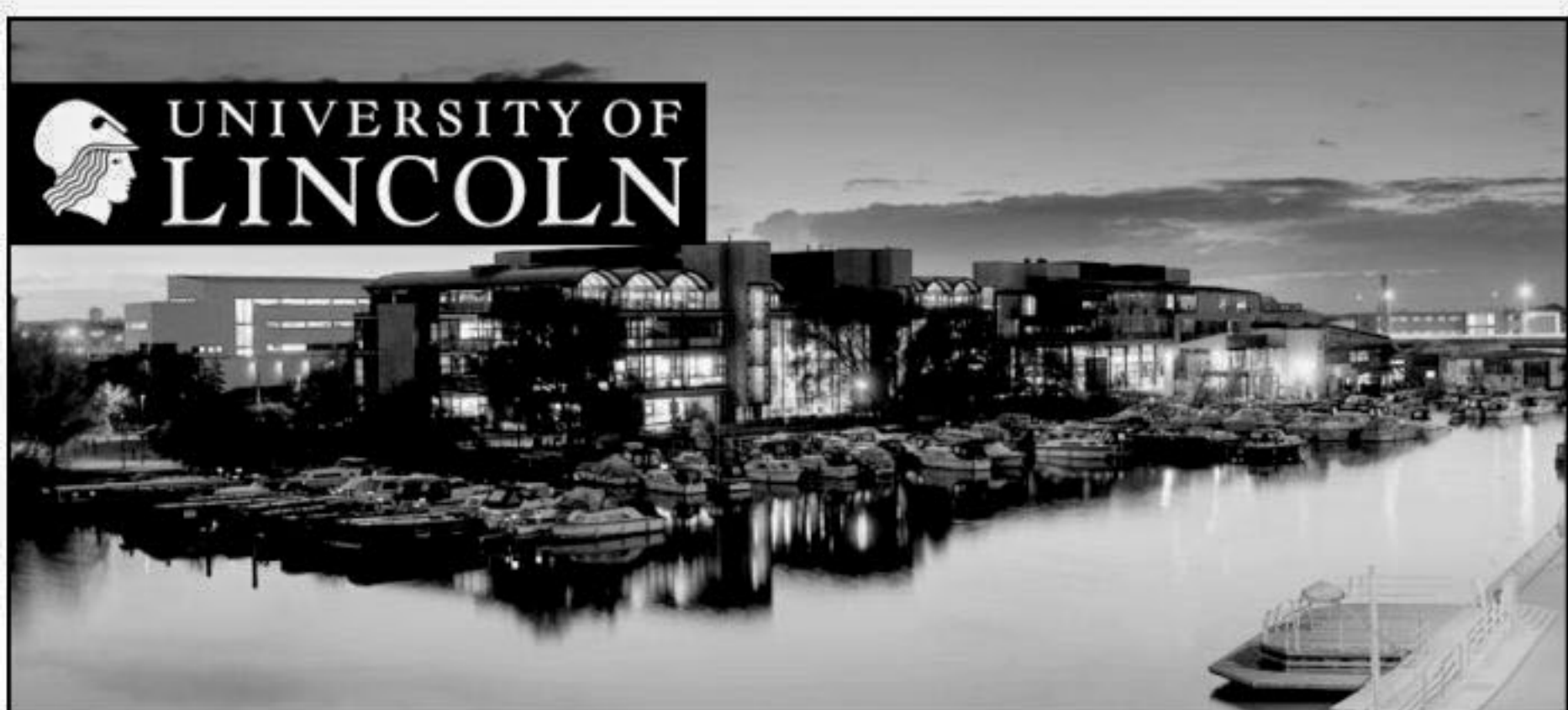
"We have informed the authorities about the matter, but no effect," he added.

Contacted, Lalmonirhat Water Development Board (WDB) Executive Engineer Enayet Ullah said they have sent a letter to the higher authorities, seeking fund to cope with the situation.



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A tin-roofed house lies mangled at Sundarganj upazila of Gaibandha district as storm lashed the upazila on Wednesday night.



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## SNIPPETS

### Kid's body recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narail

Police recovered the body of a baby girl from a pond at Vombagh village in Kalia upazila early yesterday. The deceased was identified as Mithila Parzana Hridita, 6, daughter of Hemayet Hossain of the village. Being informed by locals, police recovered Mithila's body adjoining their house and sent it to Narail Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. Motiar Rahman, officer in-charge of Kalia Police Station, said criminals might have killed the child and dumped the body into the pond.

### Schoolteacher electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A schoolteacher was electrocuted at Harati village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila early Wednesday. The dead, Shamsul Haque, 48, of the village, is a senior assistant teacher of Saptibari High School in Aditmari upazila. Jamir Uddin, officer in-charge of Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station, said Shamsul came in contact with a live wire while he was repairing an electric cable at his house.

### Indian Medicines seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narail

Police seized Indian medicines worth Tk 3 lakh from a house at Kholadanga Christianpara in Sadar upazila of Jessore district on Wednesday night. Abdul Jalil, officer in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said acting on a tip-off, they raided the house of one Ruhul Amin at around 11:30pm and seized the medicines. However, Ruhul fled the scene, sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the OC added.

### Housewife commits 'suicide'

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

A housewife allegedly committed suicide at her house at HMM Road in Jessore town on Wednesday night. The deceased is Sonia Khatun, 22, wife of Mohammad Hira of the town. Family sources said Sonia hanged herself from the ceiling fan of her room following a family feud. She was taken to Jessore Medical College and Hospital in a critical condition where doctors declared her dead.

### Youth jailed for stalking

UNB, Sylhet

A mobile court sentenced a young man to one month imprisonment for stalking a schoolgirl in Chhatak upazila of Sunamganj on Tuesday night. The convict, Liton Mia, 26, is a son of Ershad Ali of Raisantoshpur village of the upazila. Locals said Liton used to tease the girl on her way to school for long. On information, police arrested the stalker from the spot and produced him before the court led by UNO Sujit Kumar Roy who handed down the punishment.

### Man dies from snakebite

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

A man was killed by snakebite at Hakoba village in Monirampur upazila yesterday morning. The victim, Nawab Ali Gazi, 46, of the village, is a snake charmer. Local people said Gazi was bitten by a poisonous snake while he was catching a snake from a deep well of one Tarak Kundu's house of the village. Later, he died on way to the hospital.



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