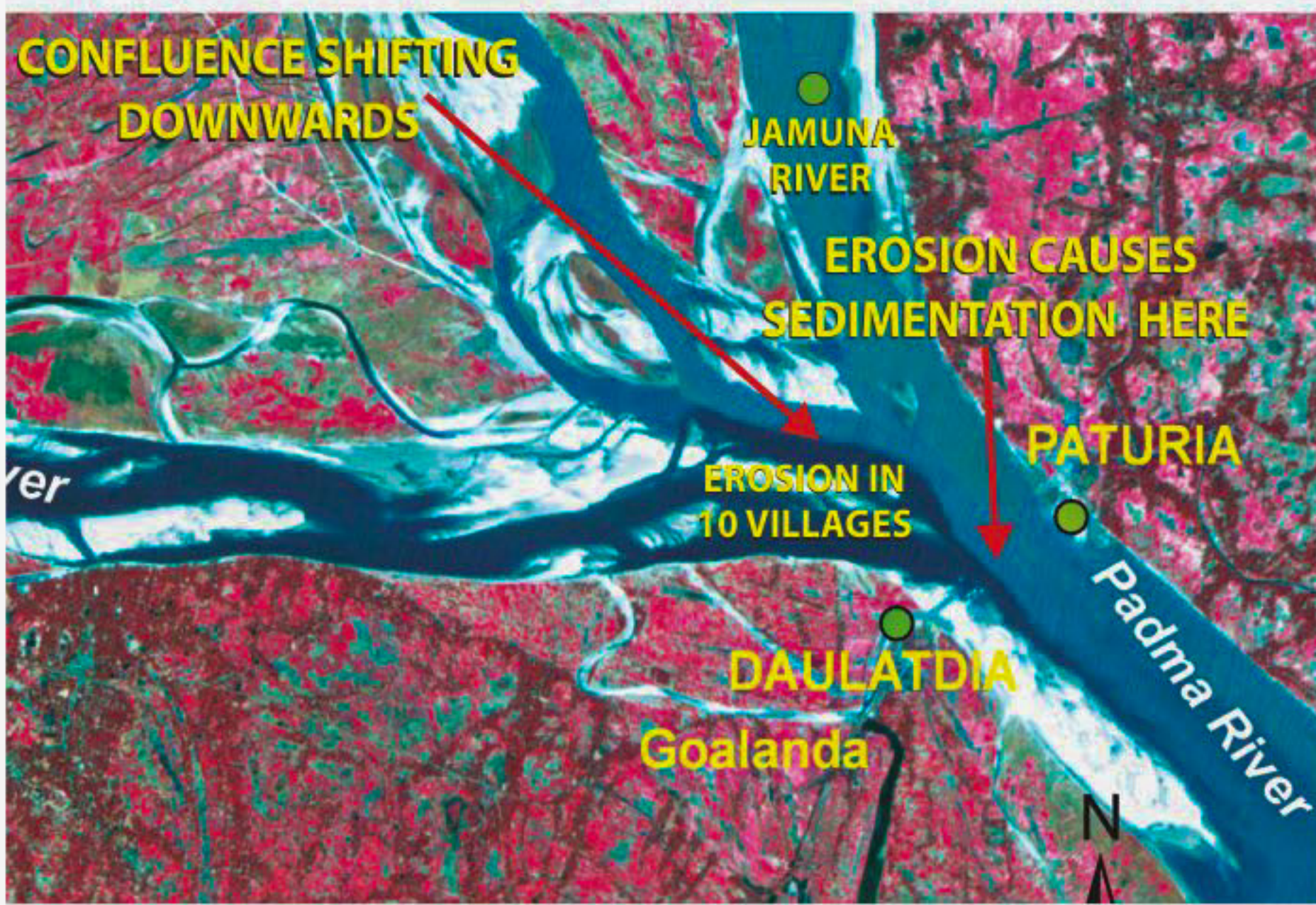


# Ferry ghat needs

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 Hundreds of vehicles were forced to take long detours via the Bangabandhu Bridge on the Jamuna river to reach their destinations.  
 "It would take some time to operate bigger ferries. The BIWTA has to dredge up to seven feet to make the route navigable for bigger ferries," said Abdul Matin, chief engineer of the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), who was stationed at Daulatdia yesterday afternoon.  
 The erosion has affected 10 villages, and nearly 2,500 houses have already been lost to the Padma in the north of Daulatdia, said Matin.  
 Sarker, one of the top hydrologists in the country, said there is nothing

unusual about the Padma changing its point of confluence, as it is happening due to natural oscillation process of the Ganges.  
 "If this trend continues, the ferry ghat might have to be shifted from the current location," he said.  
 "This type of oscillation of river is natural. It would be possible to dredge to remove sediments once the velocity of currents weakens," Sarker observed.  
 The velocity of currents near Daulatdia is about five and a half nautical miles or 11 kilometres per hour, he said.  
 News reports say recent heavy rainfall in the Ganges basin in India has increased the water level of the Ganges that enters



Bangladesh through Chapainawabganj.  
 According to the website of the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre, water level at the Goalanda point has now reached 7.94 metres and it is still going up. The Padma was flowing nine centimetres above the danger mark in Rajshahi yesterday, and this trend will continue for the next 72 hours, it said.  
 Paturia-Daulatdia is one of the most important southbound ferry routes in the country, as hundreds of vehicles cross by ferries the Padma river, which is about three kilometres wide at the Daulatdia-Paturia point.

# AL relies on grassroots

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 They now could have the opportunity to evaluate and choose from the party leaders seeking nomination for the next election.  
 Addressing the meeting with the grassroots leaders of Bhola, Gazipur, Dinajpur, Jamalpur, Rajbari, Manikganj and Lalmonirhat, Hasina said the grassroots' opinions should be given high priority in the selection of candidates.  
 Nominations for the next elections would be given on the basis of the grassroots' evaluation and the party's survey reports, she said.  
 The party has conducted several surveys to know who the prospective candidates could be and to gather information on them.  
 "We will add your numbers to those of the survey

reports and choose the candidates," the Awami League president told the grassroots leaders.  
 The prime minister directed them to publicise government's success stories in their areas and work together forgetting enmities and feuds to secure victory in the next polls.  
 Hasina urged all other political parties to nominate MP candidates upon consulting with their grassroots leaders as, according to Hasina, the grassroots always know the pros and cons of their local MP aspirants.  
 The next general election would be held as per constitutional provisions, and the Awami League-led government would make sure of the continuation of democracy, she said.

Hasina also assured people that the elections would be free, fair and neutral. She sought their support in ensuring that no extra-constitutional elements could take over.  
 Hasina held a section of the civil society members responsible for "all problems" in the country and claimed that they wanted to bring in an unconstitutional government for their own interests.  
 More than 40 grassroots leaders attended the meeting and some of them pointed out that the state of the party was not good in some places. They recommended strengthening party activities in those areas. Some leaders alleged that a few lawmakers do not even keep in touch with them.

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 of the Muslims and malign law enforcers and the country as well as the government at home and abroad," he said.  
 Following Odhikar's report, the government sought from it the list of 61 dead persons, which the organisation refused to provide on the ground of protecting the families of the victims. It instead gave it a list of those who had been injured.  
 The rights organisation later claimed to have given the list to some international human rights organisations and local Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK). But ASK says it has not received any such list till date.  
 The names of 18 victims Odhikar mentioned in the report had already been published in the media. But none of these 18 people was

known to have been killed during the midnight police operation at Shapla Chattar.  
 Following Adilur's arrest on August 10, police found a list of 61 people in Odhikar's computers that they seized last month. The law enforcers crossed checked those before concluding that the list was prepared with an ill-motive, according to Monirul.  
 Adilur, now in Kashimpur jail, and Nasiruddin were charged under the Information Communications Technology (ICT) Act, 2006, and the Penal Code.  
 The duo face up to 10 years in jail or Tk 1 crore in fine under the ICT Act and seven years in jail under the Penal Code.  
 Asked why only two Odhikar officials had been charged, Monirul told The Daily Star that they had so

far found the direct and active involvement of the two in the preparation, publication and dissemination of the report.  
 In the courtroom, where Adilur was not present, DB Inspector Ashraf Islam appealed to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, to issue an arrest order for Nasiruddin.  
 The court of Metropolitan Magistrate Joynab Begum will decide today on the acceptance of the charge sheet and the issuance of the arrest order.  
 Adilur was initially detained as a suspect under Section 54 of the Criminal Procedure, as the crime he committed was non-cognizable and it was not possible to file a case against him directly due to legal complications. He was arrested shortly after the filing of a general diary, said

the DB joint commissioner.  
 The cabinet has recently amended the ICT law as cognizable and police can arrest any person under the law without an arrest order.  
 Explaining Odhikar's distortion, Monirul said 18 people never existed at the addresses mentioned in the list, five people were named twice, four are still alive and six died in Narayanganj and Hathazari violence and one through heart attack. The serial number 10 on the list is blank.  
 A police sub-inspector was beaten dead by Hefajat men in the capital, but the Odhikar list did not include his name. Besides, the report is completely one-sided as it did not narrate the day-long atrocities and killings by the Hefajat activists, Monirul said.  
 During the day, 11 people were killed in clashes

between police and Hefajat activists in the capital. Two more people injured in the clashes died later in the hospital. Thirteen other people died in different places across the country in different incidents, including road accidents, but the Odhikar report claimed they all died in the midnight police operation, said Monirul.  
 Meanwhile, Odhikar yesterday described the case against its secretary and director as a move to launch a "further crackdown on the organisation".  
 In a press release, it said instead of producing Adilur in court, police had pressed charges against him and sought to arrest Elan.  
 It also claimed that detectives could not show any proof that Odhikar had distorted any image by using Photoshop software.

# Peace committee

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 Alim, a member of late president Ziaur Rahman's cabinet, is facing 17 charges over his alleged involvement in crimes against humanity and genocide.  
 Rana said Alim had joined the Convention Muslim League when it was formed under the leadership of the then Pakistan president Ayub Khan in 1962. He contested the 1970 election from the party and was the president its Joypurhat unit in 1971, the prosecutor added.  
 The leaders of anti-liberation political parties held a meeting with the then East Pakistan governor Gen Tikka Khan, the infamous "Butcher of Baluchistan", in April 1971. The Central Peace Committee was formed to assist the Pakistan government's actions against Bangalees following that meeting.  
 Presenting documents, Rana said the president and the general secretary of the CML, which was banned immediately after liberation, directed all units to form Peace Committees. The instruction was complied with in Joypurhat under the leadership of Alim, he said.  
 He further said the Dainik Bangla on January 18, 1972 published a report headlined, "Brutality of intrusion force", where

Abdul Alim was identified as a leader of the Peace Committee in Joypurhat.  
 On January 23, 1972, the Dainik Bangladesh of Bogra reprinted the same report mentioning Alim's identity, said Rana while showing evidence in support of his contention.  
 He also said following a request of the investigation agency, the Deputy Commissioner's Office of Joypurhat had given a list of anti-liberation elements showing Alim as the chairman of Joypurhat Peace Committee.  
 Rana said the Dainik Bangladesh on January 17, 1972 published a report headlined, "These are the demons, bigwigs of Khan's misrule; help arrest them." Alim's name was listed along with those of other fugitives in the report.  
 The prosecutor said Alim was mentioned as the president of Joypurhat Peace Committee in the book, "Associates of Pakistani Army in 1971", by ASM Shamsul Arefin. The book had referred to a government gazette of 1972 as its source.  
 Citing from the East Pakistan Police Abstract, Rana said Alim was seen delivering a speech in Bogra as the vice-chairman of Bogra District Council on August 14, 1971.  
 In his testimony, Sajjad

bin Alim, son of the accused, said his father had gone into hiding in fear of the Pakistani army in April 1971.  
 Rana said when the nation was engaged in a life-and-death battle against the Pakistani occupation forces and their local collaborators, Alim had taken part in a by-election to the East Pakistan Provincial Assembly on a CML ticket.  
 He said the Dainik Sangram on October 31 reported that Alim was 20th among the 31 candidates who had been elected uncontested.  
 The accused was listed by National Security Intelligence as one of the elected members of Pakistan National Assembly and East Pakistan Provincial Assembly immediately after the Liberation War.  
 During his testimony, Sajjad categorically said his father had not taken part in any election in 1971.  
 Rana also placed his arguments on the first and second charges, referring to the testimony of at least 10 prosecution witnesses.  
 The two-member tribunal of Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Shahinur Islam heard the arguments before adjourning the proceedings.  
 The prosecution is expected to place further arguments today.

# Cambodia opposition urges King to resolve poll dispute

AFP, Phnom Penh  
 Cambodia's opposition party has called on the nation's king to resolve a festering dispute over elections in July which saw strongman Prime Minister Hun Sen retain power.  
 Preliminary official poll results handed victory to Hun Sen's long-ruling Cambodian People's Party, dismaying the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) which alleges massive vote-rigging.  
 The CNRP, which has so far unsuccessfully demanded an independent probe into the election, has said thousands of its supporters will protest peacefully on Saturday in one of the largest opposition demonstrations for a decade.  
 Final poll results are expected to be announced by September 8, after which there will be no further legal challenges available to the opposition.  
 With time running out, its leader Sam Rainsy on Monday sent a letter to King Norodom Sihamoni

urging him to step in and break the impasse.  
 "I request your majesty to intervene in order to find a resolution for the irregularities in the election with transparency and justice that the Cambodian people want," Rainsy said in the letter which emerged Wednesday.  
 Cambodia's king is the official head of state but analysts say the office no longer exercises political power, giving Hun Sen -- who has been in office for nearly three decades -- full control.  
 The opposition has called for a non-violent protest on Saturday, urging supporters to avoid unleashing "chaos" that could deepen the political divide.  
 Security forces and armoured vehicles have been deployed around the capital since the July 28 poll, in a move the opposition decried as intimidation.  
 The US embassy warned its citizens to avoid the rally, saying even peaceful

gatherings "can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence without warning".  
 Cambodia's government has also warned foreigners to stay away from the demonstration.  
 The CNRP has also said it plans to file a criminal lawsuit against election authorities over the vote, which the Cambodian People's Party said it won with 68 lower house seats to the opposition's 55.  
 The National Election Committee has said Hun Sen's party won 3.2 million votes to the opposition's 2.9 million, although it has yet to reveal the party's share of parliamentary seats.  
 Hun Sen, 61, who has vowed to rule until he is 74, has said he will form a government despite the opposition's allegations.  
 A former Khmer Rouge cadre, he defected from the murderous regime and oversaw Cambodia's transformation into one of Southeast Asia's most vibrant economies.

# Tornados tear off roofs in eastern Japan

AFP, Tokyo  
 Tornados hit eastern Japan yesterday, tearing off roofs, shattering windows and injuring at least three people, two days after twisters ripped through other parts of the region.  
 Television footage showed badly damaged houses in Yaita, around 100 kilometres (60 miles) north of Tokyo, some with their roofs peeled off.  
 A 60-year-old man was slightly injured in Yaita, the

local authority said.  
 Similar gusts also hit nearby Kanuma city, injuring at least two men, a local police spokesman said.  
 "The roof of a school gymnasium was torn off, and the power supply is cut off," a Yaita city official told AFP. "Traffic lights are not working either."  
 About 600 households lost power for around three hours in Yaita city, said Tokyo Electric Power, which covers the region.

# Qatar announces its first MERS death: media

AFP, Doha  
 A woman has died in Qatar after contracting the MERS coronavirus, becoming the first recorded fatality from the SARS-like virus in the Gulf state, local press reported yesterday.  
 The 56-year-old Qatari victim, who already had chronic illnesses, died on August 31, a week after she was admitted to intensive care at a Doha hospital, newspapers quoted the emirate's Supreme Council

of Health as saying.  
 Two other cases of infection have been registered in the Gulf state, including two men, aged 59 and 29, who were hospitalised last month.  
 Another Qatari died of the virus in a hospital in Britain on June 28.  
 The virus has killed 50 people out of 108 confirmed cases of infections, the World Health Organisation said on its website on August 30. Saudi Arabia is the country worst hit by MERS.

# Robbers kill security guard

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 College Hospital.  
 Incensed, shopkeepers, market staff and locals blocked the road adjacent to the mall.  
 Witnesses said about 10-15 robbers entered the market around 8:15pm amid heavy rain and utter chaos created by the explosions and looted the shops, including Al-Marzan Jeweller's.

The robbers fired about 20 bullets and blasted around 10 crude bombs while escaping.  
 Additional Commissioner SM Rokon Uddin of Sylhet Metropolitan Police said members of police and Rapid Action Battalion had been sent there to keep the protests in check.  
**JEWELLERS CALL STRIKE**  
 Protesting the looting,

Sylhet Jewellers' Samity has called a daylong shutdown of all jewellery shops in the city for today.  
 Announcing the programme, the association's general secretary Babul Ahmed said if the miscreants were not arrested within 24 hours and the loot not recovered, they would announce tougher agitation.

# EU climate chief sees Pacific warming impact first-hand

AFP, Majuro  
 European Union Climate Commissioner Connie Hedegaard yesterday said that seeing the impact of rising seas in the Pacific first-hand had underscored the need for the world to take urgent action.

Hedegaard is in the Marshall Islands this week for the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), the first time she has visited low-lying atolls in the region which are threatened by rising sea levels.  
 "The sense of urgency is very clear and visible when you are

here," she told AFP in an interview in the capital Majuro, which rises barely one metre (three feet) above sea level.  
 "Time is running out -- the world must get its act together. Those who are most vulnerable are getting very impatient for very good reasons."

# Eurozone escapes recession: Eurostat

AFP, Brussels  
 New data yesterday confirmed that the eurozone escaped an 18-month recession in the second quarter but the outlook is difficult and the bloc still lags well behind in global terms.  
 Analysts welcomed the figures, which reinforce other survey findings, but were also cautious as the debt crisis continues to sap the economy and unemployment runs at record highs.  
 The eurozone appears "on course for further modest growth in the third quarter but recovery looks like being a gradual process that will be vulnerable to any shocks," said Howard Archer of IHS Global Insight.

The economy of the 17-nation eurozone, home to about 340 million people, grew 0.3 percent in the three months to June, the Eurostat statistics agency said in a second estimate.  
 That compared with a contraction of 0.2 percent in the first quarter, originally given as a negative 0.3 percent.  
 In the full 27-member EU, the economy expanded 0.4 percent in the second quarter, better than the initial 0.3 percent reading and after shrinking 0.1 percent in the first.  
 Compared with output in the second quarter 2012, the eurozone shrank 0.5 percent while the EU was flat.  
 During the same period,

the US economy grew 0.6 percent compared with the first quarter and by 1.6 percent compared with a year earlier.  
 Meanwhile a closely-watched business survey showed the key services sector in the eurozone returned to growth in August as overall business activity hit a 26-month high.  
 The Composite Purchasing Managers' Index compiled by Markit Economics rose to 51.5 points in August from 50.5 in July but it was down from the 51.7 points flagged in the first flash estimate.  
 The data also showed that growth in the powerhouse Germany economy

was not enough to stop employment levels falling while second-ranked France slipped back faster than in July.  
 At 50.7 in August, up from 49.8 in July, Markit said its separate PMI for the services sector -- which accounts for the bulk of economic activity -- showed growth for the first time in 19 months.  
 Manufacturing activity had already crossed the 50-points boom-or-bust line in July.  
 "The eurozone recovery is looking increasingly broad-based, with more sectors and more countries emerging from recession," said Chris Williamson, Chief Economist at Markit.  
 "The hope for the

eurozone is that currently rising confidence will encourage businesses to lift their employment and investment plans, and will also encourage consumers to spend more," Archer said.  
 At the same time, the upside will likely "remain limited for some considerable time ... by serious headwinds," he said, citing tight fiscal and credit conditions, ongoing bank reforms and high jobless rates.  
 Christian Schulz of Berenberg Bank was more optimistic, noting improvements in some of the weaker eurozone countries, especially Spain as it presses ahead with structural reforms to put its economy back on track.

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