

Storms hit 3 districts, injure 60, damage over 300 houses

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At least 60 people were injured and over 300 thatched houses, schools and shops damaged as violent storms swept over Meherpur, Dinajpur and Chapainawabganj districts yesterday and the day before.

At least 25 people were injured and over 100 houses damaged as a tornado swept over two villages in Sadar upazila of Meherpur early yesterday, reports our Kushtia correspondent.

District administration sources said, the tornado hit Chandbil and Jhaubaria villages of Amjhupi union around 2:00am and lasted for a few minutes.

Among the injured, ten were residents of Chandbil and 9 rushed to Meherpur General Hospital.

The tornado uprooted a large number of trees and electric poles halting traffic movement on the Meherpur-Chuadanga Highway for about four hours.

Later, traffic returned to normalcy as fire brigades removed the uprooted trees from the highway.

The storm also damaged crops on vast areas of the two villages.

In Dinajpur, at least 20 people were injured and around 100 houses and shops damaged as

a tornado lashed a village in Parbatipur upazila yesterday, reports our correspondent.

According to the locals, the storm hit Kanelbazar under the upazila at about 4:00pm.

The tornado accompanied with rain lasted for about three minutes also damaged trees and shops at the village.

In Chapainawabganj, at least 15 were injured and over 100 thatched houses damaged as a storm lashed several villages in three upazilas on Sunday evening.

The storm hit 12 villages in Nachole, Gomostapur and Bholahat upazilas at about 7:30pm and lasted only a few minutes, said administration sources.

Ziaur Rahman, lawmaker of Chapainawabganj-2 constituency and locals said, over 100 houses were destroyed, standing crops and vegetables damaged and a huge number of trees uprooted by the storm in three upazilas.

At least 15 people were injured during the storm in Nachole upazila. A primary school and Bangabari BGB camp of Bholahat upazila were also damaged.

Abul Kalam Azad, deputy director of Department of Agriculture Extension, said at least 27 hectares of mango orchard were damaged by the storm in Gomostapur and Bholahat upazilas.



DOUBLE-DECKER PASSENGER TRUCK: Low income people take a risky ride, arranged for cheap fair, on a truck that returns after carrying cattle to a market in the capital ahead of Eid-ul-Azha. The photo was taken from Ashekpur in Tangail Sadar upazila yesterday.

Woman killed as she protested stalking of her daughter

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

A woman was stabbed to death as she protested stalking of her daughter by a youth at Durbashur village in Muksudpur upazila on Sunday night.

The deceased was identified as Kshama Biswas, 40, of the village.

Police and locals said, Avijit Bagchi, son of Romesh Bagchi of Distail village of the upazila, used to sexually harass the college-going daughter of Kshama Biswas of the village.

On Saturday night, when the girl was returning home along with her mother and brother Apu Biswas from a Puja Mandap of the village at about 11:30pm, Avijit waylaid them and made indecent remarks.

As Kshama and Apu protested, the youth stabbed the girl's mother and brother with sharp weapons.

Kshama died on the spot while critically injured Apu was admitted to a local hospital.

In another incident, an Austria expatriate was hacked to death allegedly by criminals in the district town on Sunday night.

The deceased was identified as Sheikh Masudur Rahman Rabet, 45, son of Sheikh Nasir Uddin of Sahapara in the town.

Locals said, a clash took place between Rabet and a local gang over a trifling matter at a puja mandap in the town around midnight.

Hearing the matter, other

Girls rescued from house of UP member

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Detective Branch (DB) of police rescued at least six girls from the residence of a UP member in Kalai upazila of Joypurhat district on Sunday night while they were allegedly being trafficked to India.

Police arrested four wives of Sekendar Ali, a member of Ahmedabad union parishad, in this connection. However, Sekendar managed to flee the scene.

Police said, acting on a tip-off, a DB team raided the house of Sekendar around 9:30pm and rescued the girls who were brought from different districts to the place on promise of giving lucrative jobs in India.

As the passers-by raised a hue and cry for help, locals chased them and caught them.

At one stage, they gave them a good beating, leaving two of them dead on the spot and the other seriously injured.

Following information, Sadar police recovered the bodies and sent those to the morgue of Noakhali Medical College Hospital.

Shohel was taken to the same hospital for treatment.

In Meherpur, an alleged robber was killed as a bomb thrown by his gang went off and hit him while committing robbery at Ujalpur village in the district town early yesterday, reports our Kushtia correspondent.

The deceased could not be identified immediately. However, the injured was identified as Shohel, 20, son of Nurul Islam of Char Karimullah in the upazila, reports our correspondent.

Quoting locals, police said the trio were robbing the people returning home on the occasion of Eid, in front of Jalal Mian Godown area on the Datterhat-Banderhat Road in Binodpur union in the small hours of yesterday.

As the passers-by raised a hue and cry for help, locals chased them and caught them. To get away from the villagers, the robbers hurled a bomb on them, killing one of their own gang members.

Angry robbers then attacked Masud Ali, 33, son of Abdul Jalil leaving his left hand almost cut off. They also badly injured the right eye of Jalil.

Masud and Jalil were rushed to Meherpur General Hospital and later Masud was sent to Dhaka as his condition deteriorated.

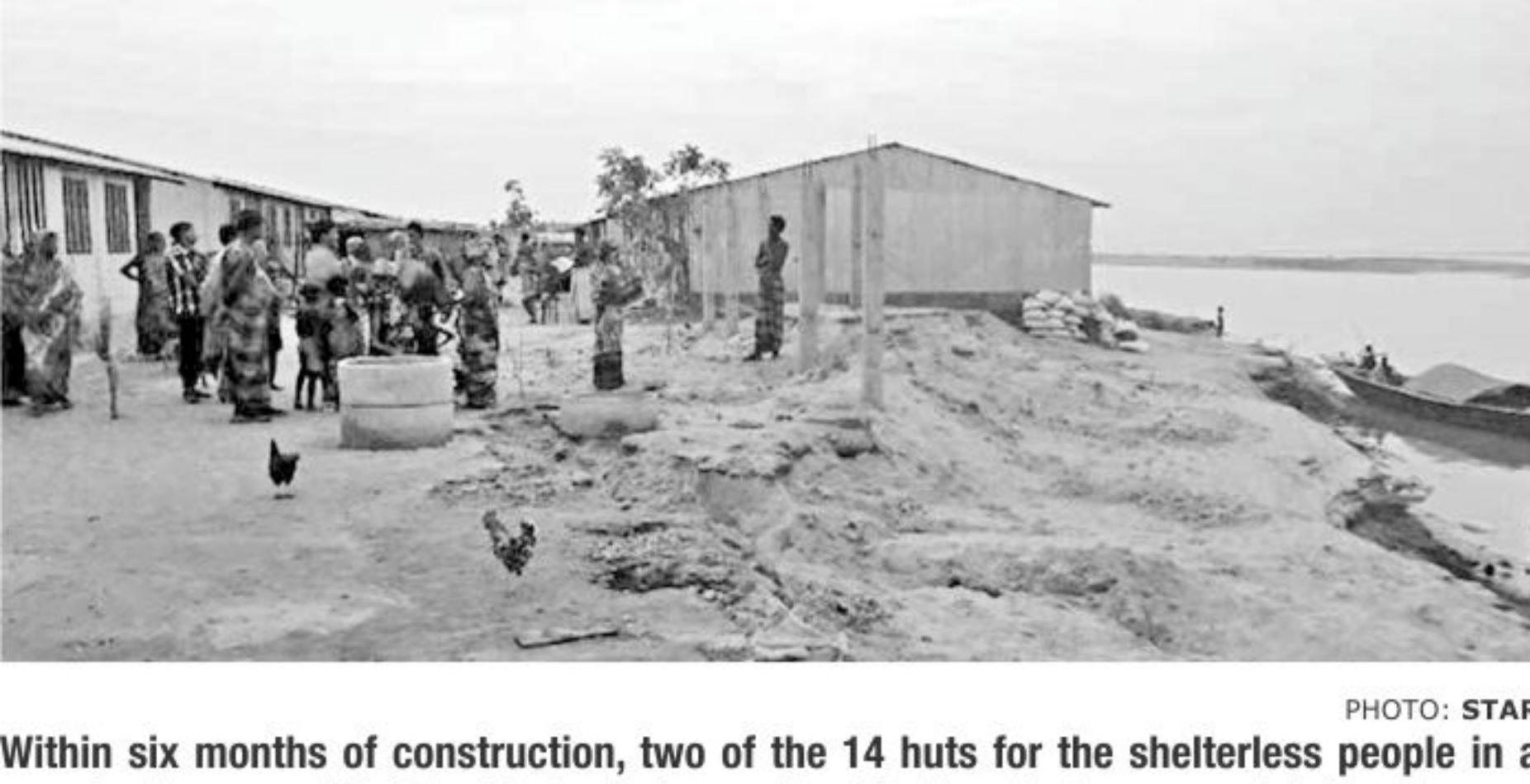


PHOTO: STAR
Within six months of construction, two of the 14 huts for the shelterless people in a remote char area at Patilbari in Saghata upazila of Gaibandha have gone into the Jamuna riverbed while the rest 12 face onslaught of the river.

Huts built for shelterless face Jamuna onslaught

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Fourteen barracks constructed this year for the shelterless people in a remote char area at Patilbari in Saghata upazila face onslaught of the Jamuna River.

Two of the barracks have already gone into the riverbed while eight others

are on the verge of collapse.

Most of the affected people are now staying under makeshift sheds and some of them have moved to other places in search of work.

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As many as 14 barracks,

each for five families, have been constructed for 70 poor families, said Saghata Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Abdul Awal.

"We have urged the project director of the Ashrayan project to take immediate measures to save the barracks which are under the risk of being hit by Jamuna erosion," the UNO said.

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Booths at cattle markets to detect fake notes

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

To check transaction of fake currency notes ahead of Eid-ul-Azha, the authorities of Bangladesh Bank (BB) Rangpur office have set up about 250 booths equipped with fake note detectors to bring 193 cattle markets in eight northern districts.

Branches of other government and private-owned banks in the area are cooperating with the initiative while police and Rapid Action Battalion members have been deployed near the cattle markets, BB sources said.

Mobile courts are also in action.

However, prevalence of fake currency notes remains a matter of concern for common people, as offenders are hardly punished and return to the same illegal business after getting freed from jail.

As many as 226 cases on charge of making and transacting fake currency notes are now pending with courts of eight northern districts, said sources at BB Rangpur office.

Sixty-six of the cases are in Rangpur, 53 in Dinajpur, 36 in Kurigram, 28 in Lalmonirhat, 24 in Thakurgaon, 12 in Nilphamari, five in Panchagarh and two in Gaibandha district.

Some of the cases were



PHOTO: STAR
A man goes through the security features of 1,000-taka note on a poster pasted on the wall of Nilphamari Collectorate Building in the town. Bangladesh Bank Rangpur office has released the posters ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

filed seven or eight years ago, BB sources said.

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Bangladesh Bank submitted a set of recommendations to law ministry last year suggesting amendment of Section 6 of Speedy Trial Tribunal Act of 2002 for bringing such cases under the tribunal to ensure punishment of the offenders at the shortest possible time, he said.

Several investigation officers of police probing cases involving fake currency notes alleged that defence lawyers often cause long delay in case proceedings by submitting petitions for time one after another and it deters witnesses from coming to the court for

giving deposition.

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10 injured as rival JCD men clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

At least ten Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists were injured in a factional clash in Manikganj town yesterday.

Internal feud between the two factions—one led by Awlad Hossain, senior vice-president of the newly formed Manikganj district committee, and the other by the committee president Masud Parvez—surfaced anew after formation of the committee on October 10.

The clash ensued when several hundred JCD men led by Awlad Hossain brought out a procession in the town at around 11:00am, demanding cancellation of the newly formed 155-member district committee.

They said the committee was not formed with the dedicated workers and most of its office-bearers are non-students.

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NOAKHALI, MEHERPUR

3 'robbers' killed in mob beating, bomb blast

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Three alleged robbers were killed in separate incidents of mob beating and bomb blast yesterday.

Two 'robbers' were killed in a mob beating in Sadar upazila of Noakhali early yesterday.

The deceased could not be identified immediately.

Police, quoting villagers, said a gang of robbers numbering 8-9 entered the house of Abdul Jalil of the village introducing themselves as cattle traders and held the members of the house hostage at gunpoint around 2:30am.

Hearing the cry for help, villagers rushed in and besieged the house. To get away from the villagers, the robbers hurled a bomb on them, killing one of their own gang members.

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Invitation for Re-Tender through Web

Open tenders are invited in the form of e-tendering system from reputed suppliers or authorized local agents for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of 13 (thirteen) nos. Note Banding Machine and 15 (fifteen) nos. Note Strapping Machine including maintenance and servicing for different offices of Bangladesh Bank. Necessary information are given below:

1. Procuring entity	Bangladesh Bank.		
2. Invitation Reference No. & date	DCM(IAS)/169/2013-1675 Date: 09-10-2013		
3. Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 13 (thirteen) nos. Note Banding Machine and 15 (fifteen) nos. Note Strapping Machine including maintenance and servicing for different offices of Bangladesh Bank.		
4. Source of funds	Bangladesh Bank.		
5. Invitation method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).		
6. Eligibility of tenderers	i) Tenderers (suppliers/authorized local agents) should have minimum 5 (five) years overall business experience in successful supply of machines and equipments. ii) Tenderers (suppliers/authorized local agents) should have experience of supplying/selling at least 50 nos. offered brand and model Note Banding Machine and 30 nos. offered brand and model Note Strapping Machine during the last 03 (three) years. The tenderer must submit the documentary evidence that the machines are running satisfactorily at least for 01 (one) year from the date of commissioning. iii) Tenderers (suppliers/authorized local agents) should have to demonstrate their offered machine at Bangladesh Bank premises at their own arrangement with a view to providing the technical performance/suitability of the offered machine before final selection.		
7. Last date and time for submission of tender document through Web	17 November, 2013 on or before 12:00 noon.		
8. Last date and time for receiving original tender security and tender submission letter	17 November, 2013 on or before 12:15pm.		
9. Pre-tender meeting date, time & venue (regarding e-tendering)	28 October, 2013 at 11:00am., Department of Currency Management (DCM) (28th floor of 2nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.		