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A boatman gives a despaired look as his boat lies idle due to emergence of large chars in the Teesta River that sees scanty flow amid unilateral withdrawal of water in the upstream by India, coupled with lack of rain during the ongoing summer. The photo was taken from near the Teesta Bridge in Lalmonirhat district a couple of days ago.

People in Teesta char areas suffer as waterways dry up

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

People living in char (landmass emerging from riverbed) areas of the Teesta River in five upazilas under the district are badly suffering as boats that serve as their main mode of transport are lying idle due to drying up of the once mighty river. Huge chars have developed on the Teesta bed as the river lacks water due to unilateral withdrawal of water from the upstream by India while much less than usual rain during this summer worsened the problem.

"Only a few years ago, we could travel by boat to go to the mainland when the mighty Teesta had sufficient flow. But now we have to walk long distances in char areas to reach important places like bazaars and towns," Mazibar Rahman, 46, said during this correspondent's recent visit to Char Sholmari village in Kaliganj upazila.

Azizar Rahman, 65, of Char Goddimari village in Hatibandha upazila, said, "We are facing difficulty in carrying goods as boats cannot ply the river ways.

Often we fail to get essential goods in the char area during this time."

"Like me, many students do not attend classes regularly as we have to walk kilometres on the sandy char amid hot weather to reach school," said Sathi Akhter, 14, a Class IX student of Parulia High School in Hatibandha upazila.

Over ten thousand families of 40 char villages face communication problem during the dry season as boats cannot ply due to lack of water in the Teesta, said officials of

Bangladesh Water Development Board in Lalmonirhat.

Drying of the Teesta, caused by India's unilateral withdrawal of water through closing the gates at Gozaldoba Barrage in the upstream of Teesta Barrage in Lalmonirhat, badly affects agriculture, environment, communication and livelihood in the northern region, said Farhan Uddin Ahmed Pasha, convener of Teesta Putro, a local organisation working to mobilise public awareness to save the Teesta.

Two killed over land disputes

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Two people were killed over land disputes in Laxmipur and Moulvibazar districts yesterday.

The dead were identified as Harun, 52, of Shibpur village under Raipur upazila of Laxmipur district, and Kazol Miah, 30, of Mithupur village under Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar district.

Our Noakhali correspondent reported that there was a feud between Harun and his elder brother Sanaullah over a piece of land.

At around 8:00am yesterday, Harun and Sanaullah locked in an altercation over the issue. At one stage, Sanaullah, his wife Asia Khatun and sons Sohail and Delwar swooped on Harun with sharp weapons and hacked him to death.

Harun's wife Mohimunnissa, who was beaten up by Sanaullah and his sons during the incident, was admitted to Raipur Upazila Health Complex.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Laxmipur Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Sanaullah and his family members had gone into hiding soon after incident. Contacted, Officer-in-Charge (OC) Manjurul Haque of Raipur Police Station said they have already launched a drive to arrest Sanaullah and his wife and sons.

In Moulvibazar, a man was killed by his younger brother over a land dispute at Mithupur village in Kulaura upazila yesterday morning, reports our correspondent.

At around 7:00am, Harun Miah locked in an altercation with his younger brother Kazol Miah over the ownership of a land they inherited from their father.

At one stage, Harun and his men beat up Kazol, leaving his critically injured. Kazol was rushed to Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared him death.

40 fall sick after taking food

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushiya

At least 40 people, mostly children, became victims of food poisoning after taking meal at a wedding party at Farakpur village in Bheramara on Saturday.

Doctors and locals said the victims attended the marriage ceremony of the son of Abdul Barik of the village and fell sick after having several rich food items including curd.

"Moments after taking the foods my two children felt excessive pain in the stomach and started vomiting in the evening", said Asadul Alam, father of the kids.

From Saturday night to yesterday morning, more than 40 people were admitted to the upazila health complex.

They fell sick due to food poisoning, said Moshuul Alam, resident medical officer of the health complex.

Two cops, 'source' remanded in Kurigram

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

The Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in Kurigram yesterday granted remand for two suspended police constables and their source in a case for kidnapping an NGO official on April 30.

Constable Atiquzzaman of Detective Branch (DB) of police, constables Mamunur Rashid and Shah Alom of court police and DB police 'source' Manu Maker jointly kidnapped Maidul Islam, director of NGO Gram Unnayan Sangatha in Roumari upazila of Kurigram district, from Kurigram town at around 6:00pm on April 30, police said.

Maidul's younger brother Liton lodged a complaint with Kurigram Sadar Police Station the same night.

The kidnappers took Maidul to a house of Mogalbashia union under Sadar upazila of the district and released him

after receiving a big amount of money as ransom.

Police arrested constables Atiquzzaman and Mamunur Rashid and 'source' Manu Maker at around 11:55pm the same night from Manu Maker's shop near Kurigram Poura Bazar area when they were distributing the ransom money among themselves. Constable Shah Alom managed to escape from the spot.

Maidul Islam's younger brother Liton filed an extortion case with Sadar Police Station against the kidnappers on Thursday noon and the arrestees were sent to jail through the court in the afternoon.

At 12:30pm yesterday, the chief judicial magistrate court granted one-day remand for Atiquzzaman, two days each for Mamunur Rashid and Manu Maker after police prayed for four-day remand for the three people, said Sohrab Hossen, court inspector of police.

GANG-RAPE CASE

Villagers hand over 5 accused to police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Villagers caught a gang of five, accused in a rape case, at Nayapara village in Phulbari upazila on Saturday and later handed them over to the police.

The are Ratan Islam, 19, son of Wahedul Islam, Sumon Islam, 20, son of Abu Bakar, Razu Mia, 40, son of late Rasul Mistry, Subel Ahmed, 23, son of Joynul Abedin and Swapan Barman, 25, son of Mahendra Barman of Katabari village of the upazila.

The main accused, Badsha Mia, 30, however, managed to flee.

Police and locals said Badsha Mia and his five accomplices picked a schoolgirl from Nayapara village on April 29, took her to a place at Katabari village and raped the girl by turn.

Locals rescued the victim in an unconscious state and took her to Phulbari Upazila Health Complex. Victim's father filed a rape case with Phulbari Police Station on the day, accusing the six.



PHOTO: STAR

JOY OF HARVESTING: Farmers carry boro paddy reaped from a field at Ranirhat in Shahjahanpur upazila under Bogra district that sees good yield of the crop this season.

BAU students return to classes

A CORRESPONDENT, BAU

Students of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) yesterday returned to their classes following an assurance given by the university authorities to meet their demands.

Anas Al Islam, spokesman of the agitating students, said they will not sit for examinations until their demand for ensuring capital punishment to the killers of fellow student Saad Ibney Momtaz is met.

The agitating students decided to return to the classes after the university authorities gave the assurance at a meeting held between the two sides on Saturday.

BAU Vice-Chancellor Prof Rafiqul Haque said "I have assured the students of taking stern actions against all the accused and directed the probe body to submit its report within May 19."

The students of the university started agitation on April 2, protesting the killing of Saad and demanding immediate arrest and life term expulsion of those involved in the murder.

They also demanded capital punishment for the killers under the Speedy Trial Tribunal Act.

In wake of student agitation, the BAU authorities expelled three students and suspended three others on April 9 for their alleged involvement in the

killing of Saad.

Saad Ibney Momtaz, a final-year student of fisheries faculty, succumbed to his injuries at a private clinic on April 1, a day after some BCL men beat him up mercilessly at Ashrafal Haque Hall on the campus.



PHOTO: STAR

College teachers form a human chain in front of Tangail Press Club yesterday, demanding arrest of the criminals, who assaulted Basail Emdad-Hamida Degree College Principal Dr Mohammad Habibur Rahman, in Tangail town on April 24.

Lightning kills four

STAR COUNTRY DESK

At least four people, including a schoolgirl, were killed by lightning in Satkhira, Bagerhat and Pirojpur districts on Saturday.

In Satkhira, three people were killed and two others injured by lightning strike in Sadar and Shymnagar upazilas on Saturday afternoon, reports our correspondent.

The deceased are Abdus Sattar, 43, son of Abdur Jabbar Dhali of Umrpara area in Sadar upazila and Sakina Bibi, 30, and Rashida Khatun, 28 of

Shymnagar upazila. Witnesses said the lightning hit the victims while they were cutting paddy at the field around 2:00pm.

According to our Pirojpur correspondent, a schoolgirl was killed as the thunderbolt struck her in Bhandaria upazila of the district on Saturday.

The deceased was identified as Sadia, daughter of Sumon Hawlader and a student of class four at 16 No Pasharibunia Government Primary School in the upazila.

SNIPPETS

Boy falls off train roof, dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

An teenage boy, aged about 16, died after falling from the rooftop of a running train on Joydevpur-Bangabandhu Bridge route in Sonalia level crossing area under Basail upazila early yesterday. Gateman of the crossing Shahidul Islam said the boy died after falling from the rooftop of Dhaka-bound Sundarban Express from Khulna at 4:30am. GRP police was later informed about the matter, he said.

Abducted girl rescued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police rescued a schoolgirl from Ghatail upazila town on Saturday night, hours after her abduction. They also arrested one ninth grader Jewel Miah, a fellow of the victim, in this connection. Fazlul Kabir, officer in-charge of Ghatail police station, said Jewel abducted the girl for Tk 50,000 ransom in the afternoon. Following a GD filed by the victim's family, a police team raided the area around 10:00pm, rescued the girl and arrested Jewel. A case was filed accusing Jewel in connection with the abduction, said the OC.

14 houses gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

At least 14 houses were gutted in fire incidents of Dinajpur and Joypurhat districts early yesterday. A fire broke out at the house of one Md Hobiz Mondal of Gudumba village under Akkelpur upazila of Joypurhat at 12:30am and soon engulfed the adjoining nine houses. On information, fire fighters rushed in and doused the blaze. The loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk 10 lakh, said the firefighters. The fire originated from the kitchen of Hobiz, they said. In Ghoraghat upazila of Dinajpur, another fire incident burnt six houses of a family at Dugdugi village in Ghoraghat upazila. Three cattle were also burnt alive. The fire also originated from the kitchen of Md Dilbar Hossain's house. The house owner claimed that the damage caused by the fire could go up to Tk 10 lakh.

BNP man's house torched

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Criminals set fire to the house of a local BNP activist at Bagadiaite village in Moheshpur upazila on Saturday night. They also blasted four cocktails, leaving housewife Bithi Khatun injured. Affected house owner Shafikul Islam, son of Sobhan Uddin, former chairman of Kazirbar union parishad, said the loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk 2 lakh. He alleged that a group of Jubo League activists, led by former UP member Raihn Uddin, torched his house.

Housewife found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Police recovered the hanging body of a housewife from her house in Chhontia Bazar area under Sadar upazila of the district on Saturday night. The dead is Sabina, 25, third wife of Nazim Uddin of the area. Members of her in-laws found Sabina hanging from the ceiling of the house at 9:30pm and informed the police. The body was sent to Jamalpur General Hospital morgue for autopsy. The reason behind the death would be known after getting the autopsy report, said sub-inspector Mahabbad Kabir.

Three kids drown

UNB, Comilla

Three children, including two cousins, drowned in ponds in Nangalkot and Daudkandi upazilas yesterday morning. Locals said Jannatul Ferdous, 6, daughter of Abdus Sattar, and her cousin Samia Akhter, 7, daughter of Abdus Salam of Ghora Maidan village in Nangalkot upazila, fell into a pond near their house while they were playing on the bank around 11:00am. Taifa, one and a half years old daughter of Tarek Miah of Dhakargaon village in Daudkandi upazila, fell into a pond while she was playing beside it at around 9:00am.

One fined for illegal sand lifting

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A mobile court in a drive yesterday fined a man Tk 50,000 for lifting sand from the bank of Jadukata River in Tahipur Upazila of Sunamganj district illegally. The convict is Abdul Moyes, 45, son of late Abdul Rahim of Sahapur village in Jamalganj upazila. Executive Magistrate Md Solaiman led the drive.

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