



Two weeks into the serious damage of Mymensingh Town Protection Embankment at Shaheeb Quarter Park in Mymensingh town, repair work is going on there at a snail's pace while damaged areas at several other points of the embankment remain highly vulnerable, posing threat of flooding in the ongoing rainy season.

BREACHES IN MYMENSINGH TOWN PROTECTION DYKE Flooding, erosion feared as very little repair work done

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The heavy downpour on June 13 flooded the district town and caused breach in the Town Protection embankment at 26 points but only the one at Saheeb Quarter Park area has seen start of repair work so far.

There is no noticeable attempt to start repair work at other damaged points including those at Khagdohor, Taltola, Kathgola, Dhuladia, Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala, Kachari Ferry Ghat as Water Development Board (WDB) is showing dilly-dally atti-

tude in this regard, local sources said.

If heavy downpour occurs in the area again, the situation will go beyond control, they said.

"One of my three houses has already been eroded due to the damage of the dyke adjacent to my house. All my ancestral properties are threatened due to the situation," said Farzana Boby Apon, a beauty parlour worker at Dhuladia of the town.

"We are passing sleepless nights fearing further damage amid the ongoing slight to moderate rainfall. We demand immediate repair

of the damaged dyke at Dhuladia," said Idris Ali, a farmer who is also under the risk of losing his ancestral property at Dhuladia.

Work of the eight-kilometre embankment from Khagdohor to Bangladesh Agricultural University area began in 1998 and was completed in 2008 under the Secondary Towns Integrated Flood Protection Project funded by the World Bank.

"The repair work will cost Tk one crore. Requests for urgent help were sent to the authorities concerned but they are yet to be approved.

The assessment of the damage has not been completed yet. It will be difficult to repair the dyke if water level in the Brahmaputra River marks a sharp rise," said Md Abdul Mannan Khan, superintendent engineer of WDB Mymensingh Circle.

As water cannot flow out easily after heavy rain due to faulty drainage system, it permeates the weak portions of the embankment, causing land subsidence, WDB sources said.

Earth-filling on the embankment during its construction was not done properly, said sources.

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Motorbike lifter shot in 'shootout'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkhira

An alleged motorbike lifter sustained bullet injuries during a 'shootout' with the law enforcers at Purba Kalia village under Debhata upazila of the district early yesterday.

The injured, Alamgir Hossain, 38, son of Abdul Majid Sarder of Ujirpur village, was taken to Debhata Upazila Health Complex.

Sub-Inspector (SI) Kamal Hossain of Debhata Police Station said a police team took position at the village at around 3:30am following information that a gang of motorbike lifters was coming to the area after stealing a motorcycle.

As police waylaid a motorbike, three people, including Alamgir, who were riding the motorbike, blasted bombs and opened fire, prompting the law enforcers to retaliate.

Alamgir received bullets while the rest two managed to flee. He was taken to Debhata Upazila Health Complex and later shifted to Sathkhira Sadar Hospital.

UPDF activist shot dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

An activist of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) was shot dead by unknown criminals in Pasuramghat area under Guimara Police Station of the district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Ranjan Chakma, 45, son of late Nandia Chakma of Hajachhara area under Laxmichhari upazila of the district.

Being informed, a police team went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Khagrachhari Hospital.

UPDF blamed the Santu Larma led faction of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) for the killing. Sajib Chakma, assistant press and information secretary of PCJSS, refuted the allegation.

UNO office vandalised as illegal demand unmet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A group of people allegedly belonging to the ruling party vandalised the office of Bogra Sadar upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) as she refused to meet the illegal demand for releasing the wheat sanctioned for solar panel and road construction work at Matidali in Bogra yesterday.

Abdul Mannan Bachchu, a member of 6-No ward of Rajapur union under Sadar upazila, got delivery order (DO) for eight tonnes of wheat for solar panel and road construction work and already drew two tonnes of the allocation, police and UNO office sources said.

Mannan along with his

men went to the office of Sadar UNO Shahana Akhtar Jahan yesterday and pressed the officer to pass the order for release of the rest six tonnes of wheat.

But as the stipulated work against the earlier sanctioned two tonnes of wheat was not done, the UNO refused to give clearance for delivery of the rest six tonnes.

At this Mannan locked in an altercation and then a group of people allegedly led by Shakharia union parishad Chairman Abu Shufian Shafique, also Sadar upazila Awami League unit president, entered the UNO office and damaged glass, tea-table and book-shelf there around 3:30pm.

Hearing the matter, Bogra Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC-General) Khorsheed Alam, Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP-A Circle) Nazir Ahamed Khan and Officer-in-Charge of Sadar Police Station Abul Bashar rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Contacted, ASP Nazir Ahamed Khan said, "Some ruling party men led the vandalism at the UNO office centring the DO passing. After filing of case, action will be taken against the accused."

This correspondent tried several times to contact Abu Shufian Shafique over his cellphone but he did not receive the calls.



PHOTO: STAR

Vandalised office of Bogra Sadar upazila nirbahi officer.

Rainwater damages imported goods at Benapole port

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Rainwater has entered Benapole Port warehouse, damaging a huge quantity of imported goods.

The port authorities suspended loading and unloading of goods due to heavy rain in the last four days.

There are a total of 35 sheds at the land port for storing goods on temporary

basis. Of them, goods at shed No 9 were badly damaged due to the rainfall, said port sources.

Mokhlesur Rahman, clearing and forwarding (C&F) agent of Unilever Co Ltd, said incessant rainfall for the last four days damaged a huge quantity of goods.

They have already informed the company and the authorities concerned

about the matter, he said.

Mofizur Rahman Sujon, president of Benapole Customs C&F Agents' Association, said importers incurred huge losses during the period as rainwater entered the warehouse and damaged imported goods.

Nitai Chandra Sen, director of traffic, said they are taking necessary measures to protect goods from further damage by rainwater.

CASE FOR TORCHING TRUCK DURING BLOCKADE Charges pressed against 71 BNP-Jamaat men in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Charges have been pressed against 71 BNP-Jamaat men in the case for torching a truck in the district town during the countrywide blockade enforced by BNP-led 20-party alliance on January 23 this year.

Bogra Sadar Upazila Parishad vice-chairman and Jamaat Bogra town unit ameer Abedur Rahman Sohel, vice-chairman of the upazila parishad and Rajshahi divisional ameer of Jamaat's mohila unit Sajeda Samad, Jubo-Dal Bogra town unit president Masud Rana Masud, municipality councillor and BNP leader Saju Mia, Jamaat Sadar upazila unit ameer Abdur Razzak,

Chattra Dal district unit president Shahbul Alam Piplu, town unit president Mukul Sarkar, and Shibir leader Zakr Hossain Selim, are among the accused.

Though Sub-Inspector (SI) Mosaddek Hossain of Sadar Police Station submitted the charge sheet to the Judicial Magistrate's Court in Bogra in May, the court sources disclosed it to the newsmen on June 26.

Police arrested 15 accused soon after filing of the case while the rest are still at large, said SI Mosaddek Hossain, also the investigation officer of the case.

Law enforcers are conducting drives in different areas to arrest the charge sheeted accused, he added.

According to the case statement, BNP-Jamaat men set fire to a Kahaloo-bound truck from Gabloli near Uttara Motors in Charmatha area in Bogra town at around 7:00pm on January 23, leaving the driver Masud Sheikh, 30, and helper Jahangir Alam, 32, injured.

They were admitted to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital (SZMCH) in Bogra and later shifted to the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College (DMC). Helper Jahangir Alam later died at the hospital.

Sub-Inspector (SI) Shakiul Alam of Sadar Police Station lodged a case, accusing 69 named and nine unnamed BNP-Jamaat men the same day.

SNIPPETS

7 Indian cattle seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized seven illegally brought Indian cattle from Dariapur area in Sadar upazila of the district yesterday. None was arrested in this connection, said Lt Col Abu Zafor Sheikh Mohammad Bazlul Haque, commanding officer of BGB-9. On secret information, the border guards raided the area around 6:00am and seized five bullocks and two buffalos, said the CO.

Schoolteacher electrocuted

UNB, Khulna

A schoolteacher died from electrocution at Patkelpota in Paikgachha upazila of the district on Saturday night. The deceased was identified as Nurul Huda, 55, headmaster of Patkelpota Government Primary School, and a resident of Daramari village in Mirpur upazila of Kushtia district. Locals said Nurul came in contact with a live electric wire while he was working at his house around 8:00pm. He was rushed to the upazila health complex where on-duty doctors declared him dead, said police.

Lightning kills farmer

UNB, Sathkhira

A farmer was killed and another injured by lightning at Kadpur village in Kalaroa upazila of the district yesterday. The deceased is Ramzan Ali Sarder, 19, son of Mita Sarder of the village. Police and locals said a thunderbolt struck Ramzan and Mizan at about 10:30am when they were working at a paddy field in the area. Ramzan died on the spot.

Youth arrested with bombs

UNB, Comilla

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a youth with 10 cocktails and 12 hand bombs in front of Palki Cinema Hall on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Chandina upazila of the district early yesterday. The arrestee is Wasilur Rahman, 32. Major Khurshid, commander of Rab-11, said on secret information, the elite force raided the area and arrested Wasilur with the cocktails and bombs. A case was filed in this connection.

Kid drowns in ditch

UNB, Jhenidah

A three-year-old boy drowned in a ditch at Khalfalia village in Shaikupa upazila on Friday. The deceased was identified as Tasim, son of Milton Zoarder of the village. Police and family sources said Tasim was playing in the courtyard of their house in the afternoon. At one stage, he fell into a ditch adjacent to their house. Later, locals recovered the body from the ditch.



PHOTO: STAR

This road at Shalgaria in Pabna town has remained waterlogged for the last couple of days as the drainage system is too inadequate for release of rain water during the ongoing monsoon.

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