



Like several other institutions, Noakhila PN High School in Chandanbaisha union of Sariakandi upazila under Bogra district get holiday yesterday as flash floods affected large areas in the northern region. *Right*, a rescue worker arranges shifting of marooned people from a low-lying area of Char Gobordhon in Aditmari upazila under Lalmonirhat district to a safer place.



PHOTO: STAR

Downpour, upstream water worsen floods in N dists

Tens of thousands of people marooned; face food, water crisis

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Overall flood situation in the northern districts see sudden deterioration as all the rivers including Brahmaputra, Dudhkumar, Dharla and Teesta have swollen due to heavy downpour for the last couple of days and onrush of water from the upstream across the border.

Around one lakh people of 95 villages in 16 unions of five upazilas under Lalmonirhat district have been marooned by the floodwater, reports our correspondent.

The water of the Dharla was flowing 28 centimetres above the danger level at Noonkhawa Ghat point in Lalmonirhat while the Teesta was flowing only two centimetres below its danger level in Lalmonirhat yesterday noon, said Water Development Board (WDB) sources.

Aman paddy, vegetables and other crops on thousands of acres of land have gone under the flood water in the district.

At least eight thousand people of 15 villages under this union have been marooned by the flood water as the Dharla River is flowing above the danger mark.

Many roads and croplands have gone under water," said Habibur Rahman, chairman of Mogholhat union parishad in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Rescue teams are helping affected people to shift to safer places, he said.

If the incessant rainfall continues for the next 48 hours, the district will face a serious flood situation, said Al-Mamun, sub-divisional engineer of WDB in Lalmonirhat.

Our Kurigram Correspondent reports: Water of the Dharla River was flowing 24 centimetres above the danger level at Dharla Bridge point of Kurigram Sadar upazila yesterday morning, local WDB sources said.

Rainfall was recorded 316 millimetre (mm) in Chilmari Ghat point, 267 mm in Kaunia Ghat point and 126 mm in Dharla Bridge point within 24 hours till 6:00am yesterday, WDB sources said.

Over one lakh people of about five hundred char (shoal) and lowland areas of 72 unions under nine upazila are suffering due to shortage of fuel, food, cattle feed and shelter, being marooned by the floodwater

for last three days, according to chairmen sources.

"Train service at Panchpir, Ulipur, Balabari and Ramna railway stations under the district was hampered as two trains did not run on Kurigram-Ramna route today [Saturday]. Water is flowing over one kilometre area of the railway lines in Ulipur bus terminal area of Ulipur upazila," said Nur Alam, Sub-Assistant Engineer (in Kurigram) of Lalmonirhat railway division.

Besides, earth adjoining the lines has been washed away at different places of Ulipur and Chilmari upazilas, he said.

A number of educational institutions declared holiday as water has entered class-rooms.

Our Bogra Correspondent reports: The onrush of the water from the upstream has inundated huge areas of Shariakandi upazila in the district, affecting around one lakh people.

In the last 24 hours, 68 cm of water had been increased and water of Jamuna has been flowing 13 cm (above 16.83 cm) above the danger mark at Shariakandi point, said Water Development Board and upazila administration sources.

Thousands of people in Noakhila, Ghugumari, Atbaria, Mondalpara, Shekpara, and Boirakandi villages under Chandanbaisha union, Rohodoho, Godakhali, and Eshamoti villages under Kamalpur union and several villages under Kutubpur union of the upazila are worst affected due to the sudden rise of water.

Our Gaibandha Correspondent adds: Erosion by the Jamuna has taken an alarming turn, rendering 35 families at Kalasona, Ratenpur and Uriya villages in Fulchhari upazila homeless within last 24 hours.

A dyke along the western bank of the Jamuna at Ratanpur is now threatened.

According to Gaibandha WDB, water level in the Jamuna increased by 74 centimetres within the last 24 hours and it is likely to cross the danger mark anytime.

Overflowing Teesta flooded croplands and many dwelling houses in Belka, Kapasia, Chandipur, Haripur unions, said Abdul Hye Milton, upazila nirbahi officer of Sundarganj.

Flood situation in Dinajpur and Sherpur districts has worsened too.

Job scheme for 7,776 poor women

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

As many as 7,776 helpless women of 72 unions in the district are going to get jobs of their choice through the joint funds of the government and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Aktar Hossain Azad formally inaugurated the project in the union parishad premises on August 16.

The 18-month job has been created for 2592 widows, divorcees, and wives of disabled men through Strengthening Women's Ability for Productive New Opportunities (SWAPNO) project provided by the government and UNDP.

SWAPNO is a pilot project based in 72 unions of Kurigram and 52 unions of Satkhira district and it will continue for five years till December 2019.

A total of Tk 853 crore and 40 lakh has been estimated for the project, where the government is providing

25% (Tk 213,35,44,000) and UNDP 75% (Tk 640,04,56,000).

According to sources, the women will be trained up on their choice options to create permanent income sources. Besides, they will get training on local leadership, primary education, gender development, small business management and primary child education during the 18-month job period.

During the period, works of maintaining and saving the government assets will be done by the beneficiaries. Each of them will get Tk 6,000 per month for this.

Sreemoti Moina, 48, wife of a physically challenged man of Rasulpur village in the union, said, "For seven years, I am struggling to run my family by making fishing net. Now I am happy to be included with the 18-month job scheme."

Ahmadul Kabir Akon, district manager of the project, said at the first phase, 2,592 people will get jobs for 18 months for monthly salary of Tk 6,000 each.

Youth killed by elephant

A CORRESPONDENT, Sherpur

A local youth was killed in an attack by a herd of elephants at Gandhigaon village in Jhinaigati upazila of the district.

The deceased was Chandra Shekhar Koch, 35, a farmer of the village.

Locals said a herd of elephants came down to Gandhigaon village at around 8:00pm. They went to the aman field and started destroying standing crops.

Police and the upazila administration said Chandra Shekhar and some other youths went to drive away the herd from the paddy field. Suddenly, an elephant attacked Chandra Shekhar, it picked him up with its trunk and threw him down.

Local people rushed him to the Jhinaigati Upazila Health Complex, where the doctor declared him dead.

Habibur Rahman,

upazila nirbahi officer, said the district administration and the department of forests would pay compensation to Chandra Shekhar's family as per the law.

Biplab Chandra Biswas, officer-in-charge of Jhinaigati Police Station, said police filed an unnatural death case with the station.

Human-elephant conflict has been going on in different areas in Jhinaigati and Nalitabari upazilas of the district for the last several years as people have occupied and set up different structures on the elephants' corridor.

In the district, 31 people died while over a thousand people were injured in elephant attacks in the last 12 years.

A total of 226 people died due to elephant attacks in the whole country, while humans killed 62 elephants in the last 12 years.

SNIPPETS

Kid drowns in pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A three-year-old boy drowned in a pond at Bhengura village in Islampur municipality of the district yesterday morning. The deceased is Hasan Miah, son of Sujon Miah of the village. Police and locals said the child fell into the pond near their home while playing on its bank and drowned.

837 bottles of phensidyl seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Police seized 837 bottles of phensidyl from a truck on Palashbari-Ghoraghat road at Kalugari in the district yesterday morning. Mojibar Rahman, officer-in-charge of Palashbari Police Station, said on secret information, a police team raided the area and recovered the phensidyl from the truck. They also seized the vehicle from the spot. However, the trucker and his helper managed to flee the scene, sensing the presence of the law enforcers.

Child marriage bid foiled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Police foiled a child marriage bid at Battajar village in Bakshiganj upazila of the district on Friday. The 13-year-old schoolgirl, daughter of Abdul Kaiyum of Battajar Pashchimbpara village, was going to be married with Nazmul Hassan, son of Foyez Ali of Goalgaon Purbopara village, and a student of Class IX of NM High School in the upazila, at night. On information, a police team rushed to the spot and stopped the marriage, said Mostasirin Rahman, officer-in-charge of Bakshiganj Police Station.

Body recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Police recovered the body of a man from a canal at Rasulpur village in Sonaimuri upazila of the district yesterday. The deceased is Md Abdur Rashid, 70, son of Md Abdur Rahman of the village. Police and family sources said Rashid went out of his house for natural call around 5:00am and did not return home since then. Later, locals found the body floating in the pond. On information, police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Noakhali Abdul Malek Ukil Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy. Police suspected that he drowned in the canal.

BNP's programme foiled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Police foiled a programme at the district office of BNP in the town yesterday. As per the party's central leaders' instruction, a meeting was called but the party leaders and activists could not enter the office in Munshiganj area in the town as the law enforcers cordoned off it from morning, said MA Salam, president of the district unit of BNP. Earlier, they took permission from the police for holding the programme, he said. Tozammel Haque, officer-in-charge of Bagerhat Model Police Station, said police cordoned off the office to maintain law and order in the area.

Most roads under Bandarban municipality in awful state

DISTRICT CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Most roads in Bandarban municipality have become unfit for traffic, causing immense suffering to commuters. Numerous potholes have developed on the roads because they have not been repaired for a long time.

The worst roads include traffic intersection to Madhyam Para road, Rajguru temple to Sadar Hospital road, Natun Bridge to Kalaghata road, Hafezghona to Newgulshan road, Police Line to Balaghata road, Indigenous Cultural Institute road, Puraton Rajbari road and Model Primary School road.

Md Mansur Ali, a resident of the Kalaghata area, said "We urged the local municipal councillor, Ajith Das to take

initiative to repair the road many times, but in vain. Accidents have become regular."

Abu Tayab, a battery-run easy-bike driver, said passengers face immense trouble while travelling on the road on the three-wheelers.

Rickshaw puller Shahajahan of Shishu Paribar road said, "It is very difficult to ply rickshaws on these roads. My rickshaw along with a passenger overturned three days ago as I did not notice a rainwater-filled pothole."

U She Prue Marma, of the Raj Guru temple area, said people in the municipality area can't move on the roads comfortably due to potholes.

"Journeys on these bumpy and battered roads are uncomfortable and painful, especially for a patient like

me," said Fathema Akthar, on her way to Bandarban Sadar Hospital to consult a doctor.

Raton Kanti Barua, a resident of Kalaghata's Barua Para, has to suffer the daily drive to Bandarban bazar area. "It is very difficult to see the potholes, particularly at night. I already had three minor accidents due to these potholes," he added.

Contacted, Mayor Javed Reza said "It will take time to start repairing the roads properly due to financial problems. We have sent a proposal to the Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Ministry for this."

"We are hopeful of starting road reconstruction after the project's approval and budget allocation," the mayor added.



PHOTO: STAR

Large potholes on different roads of Bandarban remain a nuisance for commuters and drivers. The photo was taken from Natun Bridge in the municipality area a couple of days ago.

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Memo No. SE/NOCS, Circle N.Gonj/DPDC/2015/34/02		Date:17/08/2015	
Invitation for Local Tender			
1.	Ministry/ Division	Ministry of Power Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division	
2.	Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).	
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Superintending Engineer, NOCS Circle, Narayanganj, DPDC.	
4.	Procuring Entity District	Narayanganj.	
5.	Invitation for	Group-(a) Yearly Emergency Repair and Maintenance of 11KV, 11KV/0.4KV, 0.4KV.Overhead line & Distribution Transformer under NOCS, N.Gonj (East) for FY 2015-2016. Group-(b) Yearly Emergency Repair and Maintenance of 11KV, 11KV/0.4KV, 0.4KV.Overhead line & Distribution Transformer under NOCS, N.Gonj (West) for FY 2015-2016	
6.	Invitation Ref. No.	SE/NOCS Circle, N.Gonj/DPDC/2015-2016/34/02	
	Date	17/08/2015	
Key Information			
7.	Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (Single Stage - Single Envelope).	
Funding Information			
8.	Budget & Source of Funds	Revenue Budget of DPDC (own fund)	
Particular Information:			
9.	Last Selling Date of Tender, with Bid Submission and Bid Opening Date & Time.	Last Selling Date Date- 20/09/2015 During Office Hour	Bid Submission Deadline Date 21/09/2015 time upto 12.00 noon. Bid Opening Time Date- 21/09/2015 Time 3.00 pm
10.	Name & Address of the Office for Selling, Receiving and Opening of Tender Document.	Place of Selling 1. Chief Engineer NOCS (South), DPDC 33, Isha Khan Road, Killarpool, N.Gonj. Telephone: 7649203 Fax 7649265 2. Chief Engineer NOCS (central), DPDC 12/1/B, Motijheel, C/A, Dhaka. Telephone: 7123133 3. Superintending Engineer, NOCS Circle Narayanganj, DPDC. 33, Isha Khan Road, Killarpool, N.Gonj. Telephone: 7634087 Fax 7644331	Place of Receiving 1. Chief Engineer NOCS (central), DPDC 12/1/B, Motijheel, C/A, Dhaka. Telephone: 7123133 2. Superintending Engineer, NOCS Circle Narayanganj, DPDC. 33, Isha Khan Road, Killarpool, N.Gonj. Telephone: 7634087 Fax 7644331
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Information for Tender:			
11.	Eligibility of Tender.	The Tenderer shall have experience for repair and maintenance of 11KV, 11/0.4KV. 0.4KV overhead line & distribution transformer of 02 (Two) years of similar works within last 5 (five) years on any organization of Power Sector in Bangladesh of TK 4,50,000.00 (Four lac Fifty Thousand) in a single work order.	
12.	Price of Tender Document for each Group (Taka).	Taka 1,000/- (One thousand) only, non-refundable in the form of Pay order/Bank draft issued by any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favor of Superintending Engineer, NOCS, Circle Narayanganj, DPDC.	
13.	Tender Security Amount (Taka).	For Group a) Tk.28,000/- Group b) Tk. 27,000/- have to be submitted with each of Bid in favor of Superintending Engineer, NOCS, Circle Narayanganj, DPDC in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh.	
Procuring Entity Details:			
14.	Name of official Inviting Tender	Engr. S.M. Tarique.	
15.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Superintending Engineer NOCS, Circle Narayanganj, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).	
16.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	33, Isha Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayanganj.	
17.	Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone: 7634087, Fax 7644331	
18.	Special Instructions	1. The Tenderer shall have to apply in their original letter pads for purchasing tender document. The Tenderer shall have to show up-to-date valid original copies of Trade license, Income Tax Certificate, VAT Registration Certificate for purchasing tender document. ABC license (Electrical) and earlier stated documents is necessary for purchasing tender document of yearly R & M works and submit the attested copies of above document with tender document. 2. All documents /certificates must be attested by an officer of DPDC not below the rank of Executive Engineer. 3. The Tenderer shall have to submit the experience certificate from not below the rank of Executive Engineer for similar type of works in a single contract which will not less than taka 4,50,000.00 for group-a & b. 4. Procuring agency reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders in any stage without assigning any reason there of. 5. If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/ opened on the next working day at the same time. 6. The tenderer shall have to satisfy the other criteria laid down in the tender document. 7. The tenderer can participate in single or any numbers of above 02 (Two) groups separately	
Engr. S.M. Tarique Superintending Engineer, NOCS, Circle Narayanganj, DPDC.			