



Moriam Begum, 38, holding her only son, weeps as the woman, left with hardly any provision, heads for a dry land, leaving behind her flooded house at Ghugumari in Sariakandi upazila under Bogra district yesterday.

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Flood engulfs 67 more villages in Gaibandha

The situation in Bogra, Jamalpur, Sirajganj remains static; several lakh people marooned

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With inundation of 67 more villages in four upazilas of Gaibandha, the flood situation in the district worsened further yesterday.

The situation in Bogra, Jamalpur and Sirajganj districts remained unchanged as the river Jamuna was flowing above the danger mark on the day.

Our Gaibandha correspondent reported that 67 more villages in Sadar, Sundarganj, Phulchhari and Saghata upazilas have been flooded, marooning over 80 thousand people.

The Brahmaputra and the Karotoa were flowing 26 and five centimetres above the danger mark yesterday, said sources at local Water Development Board

(WDB).

The district administration shut 55 government primary schools in the upazilas as the institutions have gone under floodwater.

The administration has so far allocated 52 tonnes of rice and Tk 50 thousand as relief for the flood-hit areas.

According to our Bogra correspondent, at least 50 thousand people in Sonatola, Sariakandi and Dhunat upazilas of the district remained marooned for the third day yesterday.

Sources in the Water Development Board said the flood situation in the district remained static as the Jamuna River was flowing above the danger mark.

The district administra-

tion has already distributed 60 tonnes of rice and dry food among the 1000 flood victims in the upazilas, said Additional Deputy Commissioner Khorshed Alam.

According to our Jamalpur correspondent, the flood situation in the district showed no sign of improvement yesterday.

The Jamuna was flowing 44 cm above danger level at Bahadurabad ghat point as of filing of this report at 6:00pm yesterday, reports our correspondent.

Over 27 thousand people of 102 villages in four upazilas have been affected by the flood, said sources at the District Relief and Rehabilitation Office.

About 6346 hectares of croplands in Islampur, Dewanganj, Sarishabari and

Madarganj upazilas have been damaged, said Dr Rafiqul Islam, deputy director of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in the district.

Away in Sirajganj, over one lakh people in five upazilas of the district are still marooned, reports our Pabna correspondent.

The flood-hit people have already taken shelter on the flood protection embankment, said locals.

The Jamuna was flowing 61 cm above the danger mark yesterday, said local WDB sources.

Sirajganj WDB Executive Engineer Md Hasan Imam said the water level in the river may rise further.

The district administration has already allocated 100 tonnes of rice as relief for the marooned people, said sources.



This elephant, shot and hit with sharp weapons allegedly inside Indian territory, fell dead in a hilly area of bordering Halchati village in Jhenaigati upazila under Sherpur district yesterday morning. Injuries caused by bullets and sharp weapons led to the giant animal's death, said Dr M Abdul Mannan, district livestock officer.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Three accused in murder case held with bombs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police on Monday arrested three people on charge of killing a man at Dhorebona village in Shibganj upazila of the district and seized hand bombs from their possession.

The arrestees are Saiful Islam, 30, and his brother Tosikul Islam, 23, sons of Nantu Mondal, and Mohammad Sukuddi, 35, son of Soleman of Mordona village in the upazila.

been a longstanding conflict between Abdus Salam, a councillor of Shibganj municipality, and former councillor Shafiqul Islam over supremacy in the area.

On August 15, Shafiqul's men suddenly attacked Rabiul, a supporter of Salam, with sharp weapons when he was working in his crop field at around 1:00pm.

Locals rushed critically injured Rabiul to Shibganj Upazila Health Complex. As his condition deteriorated, the doctors referred him to

Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, where he died at around 5:00pm.

Later, the victim's father filed a murder case, accusing 23 people including Saiful, Tosikul, 23 and Sukuddi with Shibganj Police Station. They had been absconding since then.

On information, police went to Dhorebona village at around 4:45am and raided a house. They arrested the three from there and seized 11 handmade bombs and sharp weapons from their possession.

7 rescued from traffickers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police rescued seven people from Guchchhagram village in Patgram upazila while they were being trafficked to India through Dahagram border on Monday night.

Police said, a team of the law enforcers, acting on a tip-off, conducted a drive at the bordering village around 11:00pm and rescued the seven. The traffickers, however, fled the scene, sensing the presence of the police team.

Police said a gang of traffickers brought them to Guchchhagram village from Nilphamari and Lalmonirhat districts.

Two rapists placed on remand in Narsingdi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

A court here yesterday placed two people, arrested in connection with the rape of a housewife in Palash upazila on Tuesday, on a two-day remand each.

Police on Monday night arrested Tareq and Hamid on charge of violating a young housewife at Virinda village in the upazila and produced them before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court seeking a seven-day remand yesterday afternoon.

Police quoted the victim's family members as saying that the arrestees along with several others waylaid the 18-year-old woman while she was going to visit her sister's house at Ghorashal on one Jahangir's rickshaw on Thursday night.

Later, Jahangir, the alleged mastermind behind the incident, also a neighbour of the victim, along with his other cohorts took the women to a nearby bush and raped her by turns, said Abul Kalam, officer-in-charge of Palash Police Station.

The following day, some local influential people allegedly tried to suppress the incident handing a fine of Tk 10 thousand to each accused.

Knowing the matter, police detained the two on Monday night. The victim, later the same night, filed a case with the police station accusing 11 people, including the two arrestees.

Meanwhile, police yesterday sent the victim to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital for a medical test.

RAJON MURDER CASE

Properties of accused Kamrul, Shamim confiscated

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Police yesterday seized the movable properties of Kamrul Islam and his brother Shamim, accused in the 13-year-old Samiul Islam Rajon murder case, following a court order.

A police team conducted the drive in the afternoon, a day after a Sylhet court ordered the authorities concerned to confiscate all the movable properties of three fugitive accused--Kamrul, Shamim and Pavel Islam, said Md Akther Hossain, officer-in-charge of Jalalabad Police Station.

They seized movable properties from the houses of Kamrul and Shamim in

absence of their relatives around 5:00pm, said the OC, adding that they will seize properties of Pavel today.

Sylhet Metropolitan Magistrate-1 Shahedul Karim came up with the order after accepting charge sheet pressed against 13 accused including Kamrul, Shamim and Pavel, said Shawkat Chowdhury, lawyer for Rajon's father.

The other accused are Muhit Alam, Ali Haider, Nurul Amin, Dulal Ahmed, Nur Mia, Ayaz Ali, Badal, Firoz Ali, Ruhul Amin and Asmat Ali.

Public Prosecutor Misbah Uddin Siraj said three of the accused--Kamrul, Shamim and Pavel-

-have been shown absconding in the charge sheet.

On August 16, Investigation Officer Suranjit Talukdar submitted the charge sheet against 13 people in the case.

Prime accused Kamrul fled to Saudi Arabia soon after the incident. He was later detained by Saudi police.

On July 8, Rajon was beaten to death allegedly by Kamrul and several others in Kumargaon Bus Stand area of Sylhet Sadar upazila.

Rajon's "crime", they claimed, was trying to steal a rickshaw van. One of culprits even filmed the murder incident on a mobile phone and shared it on the social media.



Policemen yesterday seize belongings from the Sylhet house of Kamrul Islam, a fugitive accused in the case for the brutal murder of 13-year-old Samiul Islam Rajon, as a court ordered confiscating the movable properties of Kamrul and two other accused in the same case.

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Robbers abduct 68 fishermen, take away 3 trawlers from Bay

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Robbers kidnapped at least 68 fishermen and took away three fishing trawlers from the Bay yesterday and the day before.

Our Patuakhali correspondent reported that a gang of robbers from the Sundarbans kidnapped 50 fishermen on Tuesday morning, Ansar Uddin Molla, president of Kuakata-Alipur Fishermen's Samity said.

Bashir Ahmed, a trawler owner of Koralia area under Rangabali upazila in Patuakhali

district, said the robbers also took away three fishing trawlers from the Bay near Kuakata.

Of the fishermen, only three were identified as Masud Majhi, 40, Lal Chan Majhi, 45 and Basir Mia, 42, Bashir said, adding that the three hail from different villages under Rangabali upazila.

Officer-in-Charge Md Monir Hossain of Rangabali Police Station said none of the fishermen informed him about the incident. Md Azizur Rahman, officer-in-charge

of Kalapara Police Station said he came to know the matter from Patharghata Police Station.

Our Noakhali correspondent adds: Robbers abducted at least 18 fishermen from the Bay for ransom early yesterday.

Md Rashed, president of Hatiya Fishing Boat Owners' Association said the fishermen from Surjamukhi Ghat went to deep sea for fishing on Tuesday night.

While they were crossing Sangu Gas Field Area on the way to Hatiya at around 4:00pm, a gang

of robbers kidnapped them.

The gang later demanded Tk 3 lakh over cellphone from the boat owner for release of the fishermen, Rashid said.

Lieutenant Tanvir Ahmed, Station Commander of coastguard in Hatiya, said that they were informed that the robbers were staying at Kutubdia with the abductees

"We have already informed coastguards in Moheshkhali and Kutubdia about the matter," the commanders said.



Notun Sunapur Government Primary School in Rajnagar upazila under Moulvibazar district remains inundated by floodwater, forcing the authorities to suspend classes. Seven other primary schools in the upazila are also in the same boat.

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