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A woman shows all signs of despair as she along with her five-member family has to pass days amid hardship under the open sky after losing homestead to the Teesta River at Dawabari village in Hatibandha upazila under Lalmonirhat district.

Teesta, Dharla continue to devour homesteads, cropland

Over 2,500 families in two upazilas of Lalmonirhat made homeless in 17 days

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Over 2500 people of Hatibandha and Lalmonirhat Sadar upazilas, hit by Teesta and Dharla erosion, have been living under the open sky for the last 17 days.

The victims are from Purbo Dawabari, Nohali, Dawbari and Sindurna of Hatibandha upazila; and Mogholhat, Badaitari, Sarkertari and Gokunda of Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila. They have taken shelter on roads and are facing shortage of food.

"We have been living on the road under the open sky for the last 17 days as our homestead, croplands, orchards and bamboo clusters were eroded by the Teesta," said Shamsul Alam, 56, of Purbo Dawabari village.

Erosion by the Teesta started the day after of Eid-ul-Azha, and is still continuing, he said, adding that at least 250 families at the village have been rendered homeless in the last 17 days.

"Our homestead and 10 bighas of land were

devoured by the Teesta, making us homeless. Now we are living under the open sky," said Idris Ali, 50, of the same village.

Erosion affected Sirajul Islam, 48, of Mogholhat village, said he and five members of his family have been living under the open sky for the last 17 days as they were rendered homeless by the Dharla River erosion. "We are facing food crisis as we have lost everything, especially our croplands with standing aman paddy," he added.

Mashiur Rahman, presi-

dent of the School Managing Committee at Dawabari village, said a primary school and a junior high school have already gone into the Teesta. Classes are being held at alternative places, he added.

Mahbubur Rahman, upazila nirbahi officer of Hatibandha, said the district and upazila administrations have been providing relief for the erosion-hit people in the affected areas. Steps will be taken soon to rehabilitate them, he added.

Indian national among 16 held on Benapole border

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested 16 people, including an India national, while they were entering the country from India through Putkhali border under Benapole Port Police Station illegally on Sunday.

The Indian citizen was identified as Krishna Sarkar, 17, son of Robi Sarkar of Nadia district in the Indian state of Paschim Banga.

The Bangladeshis are from different areas of Narail, Bagerhat and Barisal districts.

BGB sources said the border guards, acting on a tip-off, raided the area on Sunday night and arrested 16 people while they were entering the country without valid documents.

UZ chairman lands in jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Police yesterday arrested Badrul Alam, 45, Sreepur Upazila Parishad Chairman in Magura district, on charge of planning subversive activities.

Md Monirul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sreepur Police Station, said Badrul Alam, also president of the upazila unit of BNP, was arrested from his residence at the upazila headquarters in the morning.

He was later produced in a Magura court that sent him to jail.

Yaba seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Detectives arrested a drug peddler with 300 Yaba tablets in front of Islamnagar post office near railway station in the district on Saturday night.

The arrestee is Sanjit Hossain, 32, of Hariharpur village in Sadar upazila. On information, police raided the area and arrested Sanjit with the Yaba.

Abducted tourists, guide traceless for 10 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

The two tourists and their local guide, who were abducted in Bilachhari upazila under Rangamati district on October 3, have remained untraced for 10 days.

A three member team, led by Paching Mro, elder brother of abducted guide Mangsai Mro, 30, of Bandarban's Ruma upazila, went to Mayong Karbari para inside India to contact the Arakan Liberation Party (ALP) on Sunday.

"We met three ALP members, including their camp commander, at the house of one Mayong Marma, a Karbari of Mayong Karbari para in India's Mizoram, at around 8:00am on Sunday. Speaking Myanmar lan-

guage, they claimed that they did not abduct the trio or demand ransom from anyone," Paching, also Karbari (para chief) of Paching Karbari para of Ruma upazila, told this correspondent over phone.

"In the half-hour meeting, they (ALP) said they did not abduct anyone from Bangladesh, and promised to help find the abductees if they were taken to India or Myanmar," he added.

On October 3, armed criminals abducted Abdullah Al Jubayer, 26, of Mirpur-2, Jaker Hossain Munna, 34, of Eastern Housing area of Dhaka, and their local guide Mangsai Mro, 30, from Sepru para in Bilachhari upazila on their way to remote Chetlang waterfall in the upazila.

"A gang of seven men wearing army uniform and speaking Myanmar language abducted the three," said Athu Mong Marma, chairman of Borotholi Union Parishad, quoting locals of Sepru para.

Local sources said Jaker Hossain Munna, locally known as Munna bhai, visited the remote hill areas frequently for the last 10-12 years and stayed at the house of Paching Mro Karbari.

Contacted, an army official said the motive behind the abduction of the trio is getting a new dimension as ALP has cleared its position.

A case was filed with Bilaichhari Police Station concerning the matter on October 5, said Manjurul Alam, officer-in-charge of the police station.

ACID ATTACK ON SUNAMGANJ COLLEGE GIRL Human chains demand capital punishment to culprit

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Different professional bodies and political and socio-cultural organisations formed human chains in Sylhet city and in front of Sunamganj Government College yesterday, demanding capital punishment to the culprit who threw acid on a college girl in Jamalganj upazila of Sunamganj district in the early hours of October 8.

The victim, Sukhi Begum, 17, daughter of Abu Taher of Laxmipur village in the upazila, is now undergoing treatment at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital. She was taken to the hospital on Sunday afternoon as her condition deteriorated.

Social workers, journalists, students, teachers, cultural activists and representatives from different

non-governmental organisations (NGO) joined the human chain programmes.

Sukhi came under acid attack when she was asleep along with her parents at their house at Laxmipur village at around 1:30am.

Abu Taher, father of the victim, alleged that his neighbour Mohon Miah, 20, son of Salek Miah, had been telling Sukhi, a first year student of Sunamganj Government College, to enter into a relationship with him for the last one year.

"A month ago, Mohon had threatened to harm Sukhi if she did not marry him. He threw acid on Sukhi as she rejected his proposal," Taher alleged.

Following a case filed by victim's brother Monwar Hossain on October 9, police arrested Mohon from the village the same day, said Mostofa Kamal, sub-

inspector of Jamalganj Police Station.

Abdus Sattar, principal of Sunamganj Government College, demanded exemplary punishment of the culprit.

Human trafficker held in Teknaf

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Police arrested a human trafficker from Sabrang area in Teknaf upazila of the district early yesterday.

The arrestee was identified as Abdur Rahim, 45, son of Naju Mian of Nayapara area under Sabrang union.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md Ataur Rahman of Teknaf Police Station said law enforcers, acting on a tip off, raided the area at around 1:15am and arrested Rahim.

He was wanted in a case relating to human trafficking with the police station.

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Housewife murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A housewife was killed allegedly by her brother-in-law at Darafpur village in Begumganj upazila of the district yesterday. Police arrested the accused, Md Hasan, 22, son of Jalal Ahmed of the village. The dead is Sheuli Akhter, 28, wife of Abbas Uddin of the area. Locals said family members heard screaming from the room soon after Abbas went out of the house for driving CNG-run auto-rickshaw. They rushed to spot and found Hasan hacking Sheuli. She died on the spot. Later, neighbours caught Hasan and handed him over to police.

Two held with human bones

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police arrested two youths with human bones at Char Ishwardia Tanpara village in Sadar upazila of the district yesterday. The arrestees are Ramiz Uddin, 25, son of Mofiz Uddin of Sutiakhali village, and Jahangir Hossain, 22, son of Abdul Malek of Balashpur area in the upazila. Police and locals said the duo went to a graveyard at the village in the morning and collected some human bones. Being informed, a police team led by Sub-Inspector Faruq Hossain rushed to the spot and arrested them. They also seized the human bones from their possession, said the officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

Drug addict found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police recovered the body of a drug addict from Kalipur area in the district town yesterday morning. The deceased is Mohammad Shakil, 17, son of Samsul Hossain of Dighulia area in the town. Locals found the body hanging from a jackfruit tree in the area and informed the police who sent it to Tangail Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy. The victim's father said they tied Shakil to a tree at the house on Sunday night as he was a drug addict. But his body was found in Kalipur area, he added. Police suspected that Shakil committed suicide.

Criminal hacked

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

An alleged criminal was hacked by a gang at Tejdaskathi village in Sadar upazila of the district yesterday morning. The injured is Amin Khan, 30, son of Chan Khan of the village. He was admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital. The reason behind the attack could not be known immediately, said Md Enayet Hossain, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

2 held with fake Indian notes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested two men with counterfeit Indian currencies worth Rs 3 lakh at Dadon Chak village in Shibganj upazila of the district on Sunday night. The arrestees are Md Moynuddin, 30, son of Md Nurtaq Ali of Raghhabati -Parchouka village, and Helal Uddin, 20, son of Md Hasan Ali of Monakasha -Sonarpara village in the upazila. On information, a team of Rab-5 raided the area and arrested the duo with the fake currencies. They were later handed over to Shibganj Police Station, said Assistant Superintendent of Police Alok Biswas, commander of Chapainawabganj Rab camp.

3 JMB men arrested in Sirajganj

Books on jihad, CDs seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police arrested three suspected members of banned Islamist outfit Jamaatul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) from Ullapara upazila of Sirajganj district on Sunday.

They were identified as Idris Ali Akand, 26, and Omar Ali Akand, 24, sons of Abdus Sattar Akand of Shangasa village, and Belal Hossain, 25, son of Sayed Hossain of Raghbaria village in the upazila.

Dewan Koushik Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Ullapara Police Station, said a police team, acting on a tip-off, raided Belal's house at Raghbaria village around 7:30pm while the trio were holding a 'secret' meeting.

The law enforcers arrested the three and seized seven books on Jihad, CDs and training materials from their possession, the OC said.

During primary interrogation, they confessed to their involvement with the banned militant outfit and also disclosed some other names, the OC added.

Miraj Uddin Ahmed, Sirajganj superintendent of police, said the arrested trio belongs to poor families.

Police is trying to find the mastermind who motivated such youths to join the militant outfit, the SP added.

On October 30, last year, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested the main coordinator of the outfit along with his four associates from Sirajganj railway station.

Away in Comilla, detectives arrested a local Jamaat leader at Foujdari intersection in the district town on Sunday.

The arrestee is Mohammad Rezaul Haque, 32, finance secretary of Daudkandi municipality unit of Jamaat, and son of Alfaz Uddin of Donarchar village of Daudkandi upazila.

He is accused in eight cases, said Mohammad Zillur Rahman, sub-inspector of the Detective Branch of police, reports UNB.

5 'JMB men' held

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Edward College's playground. In one such meeting, they planned to kill the pastor as he was a leader of the Christian community.

On September 18, Rabbi along with Rakib, who masterminded the attack, and Shakil met the pastor at his Ishwardi house and talked about Christianity for about half an hour, he said.

They returned to Pabna town and held another meeting where they decided to kill him, the SP added.

Luke Sarkar, 52, pastor of Faith Bible Church in Ishwardi upazila, was attacked by three unidentified people at his home on October 5. He survived the attack with minor injuries.

He filed a case, accusing three unidentified people, with Ishwardi Police Station that night.

According to police sources, Rakib had been working to regroup the militant outfit in the district for the last one and a half years.

They were planning to create violence in the country and carry out attacks on foreign nationals, sources said.

The five were shown arrested in two cases -- one filed by Luke Sarkar and the other filed under the Anti-Terrorism Act with Pabna Police Station.

On October 6, police arrested Obaidul Islam, an "Islami Chhatra Shibir" man, on suspicion of his involvement in the attack.

Meanwhile, Ishwardi Police Station Officer-in-charge Biman Kumar Das said Rabbi yesterday made confessional statement before the court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Rejaul Karim in Pabna.

The four others will be produced before a Pabna court for remand today, he added.



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An artisan giving finishing touches to idols at Ramkrishna Mission in Sylhet city as Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of Bangalee Hindus, is only five days away.

Request for Proposal (RFP-BD-2015-036)



United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh seeks proposals from interested Firms for **Conducting Survey to identify Trends in Union Parishad Revenue Collection.**

This procurement process will be conducted through online tendering system of UNDP. Bidders who wish to submit an offer must register in the system in order to access the bidding document and submit a proposal. To register please visit the link: <https://etendering.partneragencies.org> and use the user name and password provided below to start the registration:

Username: event.guest
Password: why2change

The complete user guide and Bidding documents (RFP) can also be downloaded from the UNDP Bangladesh website in the linkbelow: <http://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/procurement/>

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at UNDP, IDB Bhaban, 12th Floor, Procurement Meeting Room, Agargaon, Dhaka on 19 October, 2015 at 11:00 am.

The deadline for submission of Proposals is Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 4:30 pm local time.