

Jamuna erosion worsens as dyke damaged in Sirajganj

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The overflowing Jamuna has flooded its protection embankment at Baligugri point of Sirajganj Sadar upazila, further worsening the erosion by the river that devoured hundreds of homesteads and large areas of farmland in Sirajganj Sadar and Kazipur upazilas in last couple of weeks.

"The river has swelled up and damaged a 50-metre area of the protection embankment here. Many of the CC blocks have been washed away due to the pressure of water from

Saturday night," said Md Abdus Sattar, a resident of Baligugri village.

The damage has increased threat of massive erosion in the area but the Water Development Board (WDB) has not taken required steps, locals said.

Refuting the allegation, Executive Engineer of Sirajganj WDB Sayed Hasan Imam said, "Rise of water level in the river caused a little flooding of the embankment but there is nothing to be worried. WDB workers have already started earth filling to repair the slight damage."

Meanwhile, Charbahuka point in Ratankandi union of Sirajganj Sadar upazila also sees erosion for the last couple of weeks.

"The Jamuna has devoured over 300 homesteads and hundreds of acres of cropland at Charbahuka of the upazila in last couple of weeks. The river has reached near this primary school, the lone one at the village," said Md Nizam Uddin, headmaster of Charbahuka Government Primary School.

Although the river erosion continues in Charbahuka point, the

WDB is yet to start protection work there, said several villagers including Momota Khatun, Abul Kalam Azad, and Jamila Khatun.

WDB Executive Engineer Sayed Hasan Imam said they have taken necessary steps in the affected areas and the WDB workers have started felling GO bags there.

"With increase of the river water, erosion started in different areas of Sirajganj district. The most vulnerable areas are in Sirajganj Sadar, Shahzadpur and Kazipur upazilas," he said.



The overflowing Jamuna flooded this part of embankment, removing concrete blocks from there, at Baligugri village in Sirajganj Sadar upazila on Sunday.

10 shops gutted

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At least 10 shops were gutted in a fire at Palima Bazar in Kalihati upazila of the district early yesterday.

Witnesses said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a shop around 4:00am and soon engulfed the adjoining shops.

Being informed, the firefighters rushed to the spot and doused the flame.

The affected shop owners claimed that the loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk 1 crore.

Two kids drown in pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Thakurgaon

Two kids drowned in a pond at Muktarbosti village in Ranishankoil upazila of the district on Sunday.

The victims are Raju, 8, son of Rafiqul Islam, and Merina Begum, 8, daughter of Meher Ali of the village.

Locals said Raju and Merina along with two other children went to take bath in the pond near their home and drowned in the afternoon.

Youth held with pistol

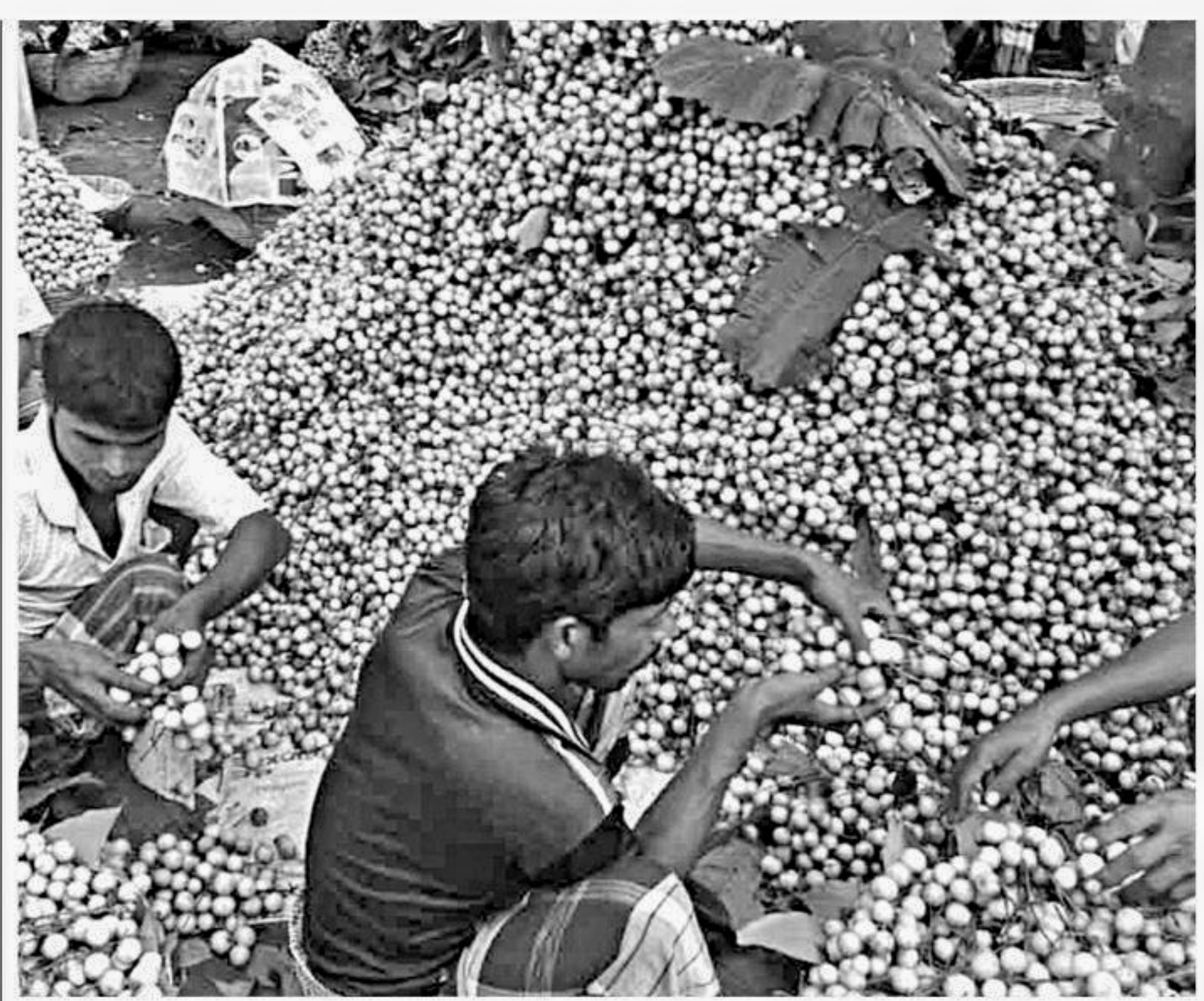
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

The Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested a youth with a foreign made pistol, three bullets and a magazine from a rented house at Baropur in Sadar upazila of the district early yesterday.

The arrestee is Rakibul Hasan Babu, 28, son of Abdus Sattar of Palashbari Dakkhinpara in the upazila.

On secret information, the law enforcers raided the house and arrested Babu with the pistol and bullets.

A case was filed in this connection, said DB police sources.



Growers and traders process lotkon (Burmese grape) for sale at Morjal Bazar in Shibpur upazila under Narsingdi district.

NARSINGDI

Farmers all smiles as lotkon yield high

BENAZIR AHMED BENU with ENAMUL HUQ

Bumper production of lotkon (Burmese grape) has brought smile to farmers in Narsingdi as the demand for this delicious and nutritious fruit has increased in the market.

Lotkon trees would grow in bushes and jungles with almost no nurturing about two decades ago in the villages of Shibpur and Belabo upazilas of the district, where the soil is mainly red.

Lotkon is now grown on several hundred acres of land in these villages on commercial basis. Many farmers have become self-reliant by growing this seasonal fruit, and unemployed youths of the area are showing interest in cultivating Lotkon.

Lotkon from Narsingdi has been meeting the demand in the country and also being exported to various countries in Europe and the Middle East.

Sources in the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) Narsingdi, said the red soil in Shibpur, Belabo and Raipura upazilas of Narsingdi is rich in calcium and other minerals and is fit for cultivation of lotkon.

Last year, 581 hectares of land in the

district were brought under lotkon cultivation. This year, the area has increased to 625 hectares. Besides commercial cultivation, lotkon is grown in the yards of homesteads and in fallow land, which is not included in the DAE statistics.

Big markets of lotkon have been set up at Morjal and Shibpur bazars for buying and selling of the fruit, and wholesale buyers from different districts come to the two markets to purchase the fruit every day.

Farmer Khorshed Miah of Ujilab village under Belabo upazila, said a maund of lotkon is selling for Tk 1,500 to Tk 4,000 in the wholesale market, depending on quality.

Sabuj Miah of Rajarbagh village in the same upazila said a full-grown lotkon tree normally produces 5 to 10 maunds of fruit.

Lotafat Hossain, deputy director of Narsingdi district DAE, said farmers in Narsingdi got bumper crop of Lotkon this year as the weather was favourable. He added that 9,663 tonnes of lotkon were produced in Narsingdi last year, and this year the production was 12,000 tonnes.

The DAE official said cultivation is expanding every year as lotkon is being exported.

College boy hurt in attack by rivals dies in Naogaon

Land dispute leaves 4 injured in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A college boy, who sustained injuries in an attack by rivals allegedly over a disputed pond in Tebaria area in Natore town on June 21, died at a private hospital in Rajshahi on Sunday night.

The deceased, Mithu Ahmed, 19, son of Abdus Samad of the area, was an HSC student at TMSS College in the district town.

Quoting victim's family members, police said there had been a longstanding rivalry between Abdus Samad and one Shimul Hossain of the area over the ownership of a disputed pond.

As a sequel to the dispute,

Shimul's men, equipped with bamboo sticks and iron rods, attacked Samad's house around 12:00noon, leaving Mithu and his parents injured.

Locals took Mithu to Natore Sadar Hospital and then shifted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. As his condition deteriorated, he was referred to a private hospital in the city where he died around 9:30pm on Sunday.

Officer-in-Charge (investigation) Nazrul Islam of Sadar Police Station said victim's father Abdus Samad filed a case with the police station against six people the same night.

Away in Patuakhali,

four members of a family were injured in an attack by their rivals over a land dispute at Laukathi village in Sadar upazila yesterday.

Injured, Abdul Mazid, 65, his wife Achhia Begum, 60, and sons Jewel Rana, 27, and Jahurul Islam, 18, are undergoing treatment at Patuakhali General Hospital.

Police said there had been a feud between Mazid and Abdur Rahman over the ownership of a disputed land.

As a sequel to that, Rahman and his men attacked Mazid and his family members with sharp weapons, leaving the four critically injured.

Housewife tortured to death: 6 sued, 2 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Munshiganj

A housewife, who was tortured allegedly by her in-laws in Sreenagar upazila of the district on June 21, died at Dhaka National Medical College Hospital on Sunday night.

The deceased, Shilpi Begum, 32, daughter of late Abul Hashem of Damla village, got married to Mosharrif Khan, son of Baser Khan of Shyamshindi village, ten years ago. They have an eight-year-old son.

A case was filed with Sreenagar Police Station by the victim's sister Shima Begum, accusing six people, the same night, said officer-in-charge Shahidur Rahman.

Soon after filing of the case, police arrested Shilpi's brother-in-law Awlad Hossain, 40, and sister-in-law Sonia Akhter, 26.

Mosharrif has been living in Dubai for the last four years. His family members used to torture Shilpi for the money that Mosharrif sent to her for family expenses, Shima told this correspondent.

On June 21, Shilpi was beaten up by her in-laws until she became unconscious. She was admitted to the Upazila Health Complex on the day. Later, she was taken to Dhaka National Medical College Hospital where she succumbed to her injuries, Shima said.

MADRASA BOY MURDER CASE

Prime accused held in Mymensingh town

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Mymensingh

The prime accused in the case for killing madrasa student in Mymensingh town on June 22 was arrested from Teenkona Pukurpar area of the town on Sunday night.

The arrestee is Kefayetullah-bin-Nasir, 18, son of Dr Nasir Uddin of Akua Chowrangi Intersection area of the town.

ASP Shamim Ara Begum of Rab-14 in Mymensingh said after quizzing Kefayet's parents for hours, a team of the elite force raided the area around 8:30pm and arrested him.

Police later produced Kefayet before a Mymensingh court that sent him to jail.

Earlier, madrasa student Tauhidul Islam Taru, son of Sirajul Islam of the same area, was shot dead allegedly by his classmate Kefayet over a previous enmity at

Sluice gate collapse floods 20 villages in Gaibandha

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At least 20 villages under three unions of Saghata upazila have been inundated as a sluice gate on the bank of the Jamuna River collapsed due to surging water.

The onrush of water from upstream broke through the two-vent sluice gate on Thursday, submerging over 600 hectares of crop lands in Saghata, Haldia and Jumarbari villages and marooning over a thousand people. Jute plants and aman seedlings on the lands had gone under water.

"My aman seedlings on two bighas of land are getting damaged under water, and it will be difficult for me to transplant aman seedlings

again," said Abdul Hye, a farmer of Jumarbari.

"Jute plants on my five bighas of land have gone under water," said Abdul Gafur, a farmer of Chinir Potal village.

Blaming the Water Development Board (WDB), Haldia Union Parishad Chairman Rafiqul Islam said the sluice gate collapsed due to utter negligence of WDB. If they had undertaken precautionary measures, the sluice gate might have been saved, he added.

Saghata Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Shafiuzzaman Bhuyian said the people affected by the collapse of Kanaipara sluice gate will be rehabilitated. A list of the affected people is being prepared, the UNO added.



Around 20 villages got flooded as this sluice gate in Saghata upazila under Gaibandha district collapsed under the pressure of the swelling Jamuna River on Thursday.

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এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বাংলাদেশ টেলিযোগাযোগ নিয়ন্ত্রণ আইন, ২০০১ এর ধারা ৩৭(২)(ক) এর বিধান, টেলিযোগাযোগ সংক্রান্ত লাইসেন্সিং গাইডলাইন এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট লাইসেন্সসমূহের শর্তনুযায়ী বাংলাদেশ টেলিযোগাযোগ নিয়ন্ত্রণ কমিশন (বিটিআরসি) হতে টেলিযোগাযোগ সেবার লাইসেন্সপ্রাপ্ত প্রতিষ্ঠান/কোম্পানী, সমিতি বা অংশীদারী কারবার হলে উক্ত কোম্পানী, সমিতি বা অংশীদারী কারবারের শেয়ার মূলধন বা মালিকানায এমন কোন পরিবর্তন করা, যার ফলে উক্ত লাইসেন্স দ্বারা অনুমোদিত কাজকর্মের নিয়ন্ত্রণ হস্তান্তরিত হয়, সেক্ষেত্রে সরকার/বিটিআরসি'র পূর্বনুমতি গ্রহণের বাধ্যবাধকতা রয়েছে, অর্থাৎ কমিশন হতে টেলিযোগাযোগ সেবার লাইসেন্সপ্রাপ্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানের শেয়ার হস্তান্তর/মূলধন পরিবর্তন/পরিচালনা পর্ষদের পরিবর্তন/নতুন শেয়ার ইস্যু ও বন্টনের এবং নতুন শেয়ারহোল্ডার অন্তর্ভুক্তির বিষয়ে সরকার/বিটিআরসি'র পূর্বনুমোদন গ্রহণ আইনগতভাবে আবশ্যিক।

বিটিআরসি হতে লাইসেন্সপ্রাপ্ত কোম্পানী/প্রতিষ্ঠান এর শেয়ার মূলধনসহ অন্য যে কোন পরিবর্তনের অনুমোদন প্রদানের পূর্বে সরকার/বিটিআরসি হতে সংশ্লিষ্ট কোম্পানী/প্রতিষ্ঠান কে অনাপত্তি/সম্মতি প্রদান করা হয়েছে কি না তা নিশ্চিত করতে RJSC-কে বিটিআরসি হতে ইতোমধ্যে অনুরোধ করা হয়েছে। কিন্তু লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে যে, বিটিআরসি হতে লাইসেন্সপ্রাপ্ত কিছু সংখ্যক কোম্পানী/প্রতিষ্ঠান কর্তৃক সরকার/বিটিআরসি'র অনুমোদন ব্যতিরেকে RJSC হতে তাদের শেয়ার মূলধনসহ অন্যান্য পরিবর্তনের অনুমোদন গ্রহণ করা হচ্ছে, যা বাংলাদেশ টেলিযোগাযোগ নিয়ন্ত্রণ আইন, ২০০১ এর বিধান, সংশ্লিষ্ট গাইডলাইন ও লাইসেন্সের শর্তের ব্যত্যয়।

এমতাবস্থায়, বিটিআরসি হতে ইস্যুকৃত সকল লাইসেন্সধারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে তাদের শেয়ার হস্তান্তর/মূলধন পরিবর্তন/পরিচালনা পর্ষদের পরিবর্তন/নতুন শেয়ার ইস্যু ও বন্টন এবং নতুন শেয়ারহোল্ডার অন্তর্ভুক্তির পূর্বে অর্থাৎ RJSC-তে তৎসংশ্লিষ্ট আবেদন দাখিলের পূর্বেই বিটিআরসি হতে আবশ্যিকভাবে পূর্বনুমোদন/অনাপত্তি/সম্মতি গ্রহণের জন্য নির্দেশনা প্রদান করা হয়েছে। অন্যান্য বাংলাদেশ টেলিযোগাযোগ নিয়ন্ত্রণ আইন, ২০০১ এর বিধান, টেলিযোগাযোগ সেবা সংক্রান্ত লাইসেন্সিং গাইডলাইন এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট লাইসেন্সের শর্ত ভঙ্গের কারণে সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রতিষ্ঠানের বিরুদ্ধে বিটিআরসি হতে আইনগত ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

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