

## Hartal ends in CHT

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

The second day of the hartal in three hill districts, called by the Bangalee settlers demanding cancellation of Hill Tracts Land Dispute Resolution Commission (amended) Act-2016, was observed peacefully in Rangamati yesterday.

Roads and waterways communication between Chittagong and 10 upazilas of Rangamati remained suspended during hartal hours.

Shops and other businesses in Banarupa, College Gate, Vedvedi and Tabalchhari areas in Rangamati town remained closed.

Mohammad Ibrahim, president of the Rangamati unit of Bangalee Chhatra Parishad, said, "No programme has been announced for the time being, any announcement will be made later."

## GIRL'S OBSCENE PHOTOS Culprit still at large

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

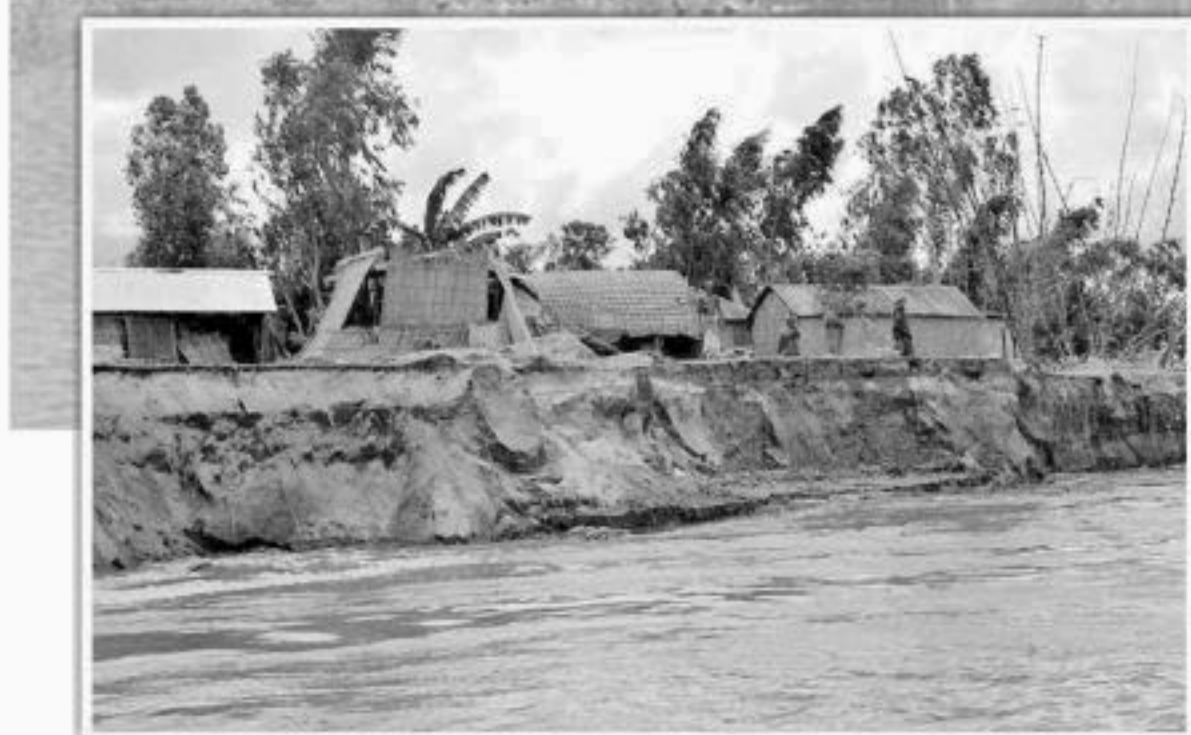
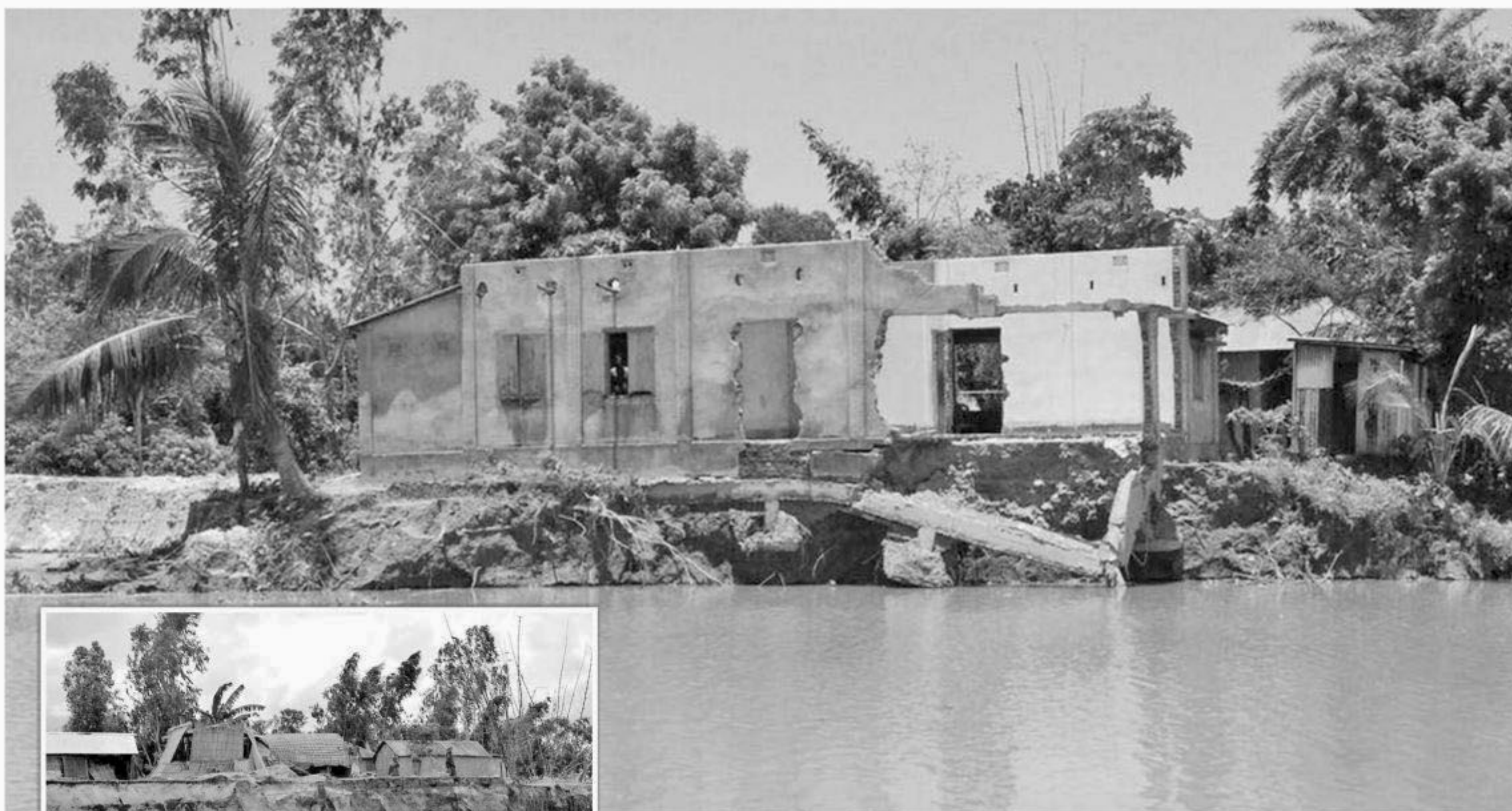
Police are yet to arrest the lone accused till yesterday in connection with the case filed for uploading and circulating computer generated obscene photos of a college girl in Parbatipur upazila recently.

Brother of the 22-year-old victim filed the case against Mohammad Doyech, 28, of Hajipara village in the upazila, with Parbatipur Police Station on Sunday.

Doyech, who run photo studio at Chaklabazar area, went into hiding since the filing of the case.

Quoting victim's family members, police said the girl visited Doyech's studio as a client nearly a month ago.

Taking the advantage, Doyech attached the girl's face with some nude photo and videos and uploaded those in the internet and circulated via mobile phones.



The eroding Bonsai River devours homesteads at Tholapara village in Mirzapur upazila of Tangail. Inset, the whole of Chandaneshwar village in Fazlupur union of Fulchhari upazila under Gaibandha is on the verge of extinction due to erosion by the mighty Jamuna.

PHOTO: STAR

## Post-flood erosion wreaks havoc

Homeless people in Gaibandha, Tangail are in dire need of relief

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Amid recession of floodwater in different areas, erosion by three rivers has turned serious, leaving hundreds of families homeless in Gaibandha and Tangail districts.

About 500 families lost their homesteads due to severe erosion of the Jamuna River at different villages in Fazlupur union of Fulchhari upazila in last week, reports our Gaibandha correspondent.

Golzar Rahman, a farmer of Chandaneshwar village, said erosion displaced at least 78 families at Katiyamar and Kuchkhali areas within last 24 hours.

"At dead of night I saw erosion arriving at the doorstep and I with inmates hurriedly left the place, taking whatever belongings we could carry," said Ramjan Ali, a farm labourer of Chandaneshwar village.

As many as 5,463 families lived in 19 villages of Fazlupur union five years ago, but now 4,111 of them are staying here as many people migrated to other places due to erosion, said Joynal Abedin Jalal, chairman of

Fazlupur union parishad, adding that river erosion has displaced 485 families under the union in last one week.

The Jamuna has devoured Chandaneshwar Government Primary School, Utter Khatiyamari Government Primary School, Khatiyamari Nurani Madrasa, two-storey building of Fazlupur Health and Family Planning Centre and nine mosques, the chairman said.

Erosion threatens vast areas of Ziadanga, Bhajandanga in Gajaria union, Purbo Kanchipara in Kanchipara union, Zigabari in Arendabari union, Ratanpur, Kalasona and Uttar Uriya in Uriya union where over 90 families lost homesteads in last 48 hours, said locals.

Protection work is going on in some areas of Fulchhari upazila, but a master plan is needed for the prevention of river erosion in vast areas, said Prokash Kumar Sarker, executive engineer of Water Development Board, Gaibandha.

Our Tangail correspondent reports: The erosion by the Bonsai and Jhinai Rivers in the district has turned serious

amid incessant rain and frequent gusty wind in last several days.

Over 350 families of four villages in Mirzapur upazila, 12 villages in Basail upazila and one village in Sadar upazila in Tangail lost their houses due to the erosion by the rivers in last one month.

Most of the erosion affected families in the villages are passing days amid sufferings as they hardly got any help from any quarters, said the victims.

According to upazila project implementation officer's office, a total of 153 families in the riverside Fotepur, Tholpara, Chakleswar and Gorail villages in Mirzapur upazila lost their houses in the erosion till August 9.

In Basail upazila, over 200 families lost their houses at Kashil, Dapnazar, Kamutia, Nothkhola, Thepia, Balina, Bhairpara, Adajan, Manikchar, Kanchanpur, Kazirapara and Sonarchar villages due to erosion by the Jhinai River in last few weeks.

Fifteen houses at Agbethoir village under Gala union in Tangail Sadar upazila were devoured by the river in last few days.

## Lawyer held for 'taking hemp' in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police arrested a lawyer on charge of taking hemp in New Colony slum area in Lalmonirhat town yesterday.

The arrestee is Shamsul Alam Milton, 38, a resident of Pinkir Mor area in the town.

On information, police raided the house of alleged drug peddler Motaleb Hossain and arrested Shamsul while he was taking the drug.

They also seized one kilogram of hemp from the house, said Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Lalmonirhat Police Station.

However, the drug peddler managed to flee the scene, sensing the police presence.



PHOTO: ABM AMINUL ISLAM

Massive dumping of garbage adjacent to an entrance of Mymensingh Medical College Hospital causes serious health hazards for hundreds of patients and their attendants as well as locals. The authorities concerned are too callous even to remove the waste regularly, which worsens the situation further. The photo was taken on Monday.

## People suffer as flood washes away road

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

People of 10 villages in Manikganj have been suffering for want of a bamboo or wooden bridge for the last 15 days as the 60-foot road at Purba Uriajani under Ward No. 9 of Manikganj Municipality was damaged by flood on July 28.

This correspondent visited the areas yesterday and saw thousands of people of Barta, Nolondi, Ghosta, Char Ghosta, Baliabil, Char Baliabil, Opar Baliabil and Putail of Manikganj Sadar upazila and Uriajani, Kewarjani and Nayakandi areas of Manikganj Municipality, crossing the damaged part of the Ghosta-Barta-Purba Uriajani-Kewarjani-Nayakandi road on boats as it is filled with water.

The people of the areas said they can use the road if the municipality authorities make a bamboo or wooden bridge over the damaged section.

Abdul Kader, a CNC driver of Purba Uriajani village, said the road was damaged by the flood two weeks ago, but the authorities did not take any initiative to make a bamboo or wooden bridge.

Lalita Mandal and Oishi Akhter, Class VI students of Kuserchar Ismail Hossain High School, said they face problems going to their school by boat from their houses in Barta.

Ujjal Hossain, a ward councilor, said, "I am thinking of building a wooden bridge there."

## SNIPPETS

### Rangpur BNP leader resigns

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Rangpur district unit vice president of BNP and former lawmaker Paritosh Chakrabarty resigned on Wednesday. Paritosh, also the president of Badarganj upazila unit of the party, resigned, citing health grounds. In a press release, he said he submitted his resignation letter to Emdadul Haq Bhorsha, president of the district unit of BNP. Emdadul was not available over phone for his comment on the issue.

### Jubo League activist murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A local Jubo League activist was found murdered in Station Road area under Gafargaon upazila early yesterday. The deceased was Pappu Miah, 22, son of late Abdul Khaleque of Gafargaon municipality. Informed by locals, police recovered the body from the area and sent it to a hospital morgue for autopsy. The body bore several injury marks, said Mahbub Alam, officer-in-charge of Gafargaon Police Station. He was accused in a case for drug trading, said the OC.

### Cow fattening pills seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized at least 3.50 lakh cow fattening pills in Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat yesterday. On secret information, the border guards raided Barkandi village and seized the pills worth about Tk 70 lakh, said Ashraf Ali, deputy director of BGB-3 Battalion.

### Mill worker stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A rice mill worker was stabbed to death in Dinajpur Sadar upazila on Wednesday. The deceased was Monirul Islam Monu, 27, son of Motiur Rahman of Kashipur village. Locals said a gang of four stabbed Monirul indiscriminately, leaving him critically injured. He later died on way to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital, said police.

### Arms trader arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested an alleged arms trader with two foreign made pistols, four magazines and 10 bullets from Koilabari area in Shibganj upazila yesterday. The arrestee is Benzir Alam, 20, son of Rafiqul Islam of Upar Chakpara area. On secret information, the elite force raided the area and arrested Benzir with the firearms and bullets, said ASP Nure Alam of Chapainawabganj Rab camp. Later, the arrestee was handed over to police. A case was filed under Arms Act.

### Two bodies recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

An elderly woman and a newborn were found dead in Joypurhat and Rangpur on Wednesday. Family sources said Bimola Bala, 82, wife of late Samanta Chandra Roy of Akkelpur upazila in Joypurhat, slipped into a pond near their house when she went to take a bath. Later, police recovered the body from the pond. Meanwhile, law enforcers recovered the body of a newborn from a pond in Hajipara area of Rangpur city the same day, said police.

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