

FLOOD-HIT KHALIAJURY HAOR

School attendance falls as people migrate

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Hundreds of students with their family members in flood-hit Khaliyura Haor area of Netrakona are migrating to different places including Dhaka in search of job for survival as earning opportunities have become scarce in the area.

Some 30,000 families, mostly marginal farmers and sharecroppers, were badly hit by the flood in Khaliyura upazila, said Mohammed Tofael Ahmed, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO).

Of them, 17,000 families are under Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) and Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) networks, said the UNO.

Jamal Uddin, headmaster of Krishnapur AAP High School in

Khaliyura, said out of a total 525 students of the school, around 200 have migrated to other places with their families for survival.

"Some 60 students of my school have left the area in recent weeks. The flash flood has caused hardship to thousands of families in the backward area," said Md Ali Ajman, headmaster of Kutubpur Public High School in Khaliyura.

Abu Bakar Siddique, upazila secondary education officer, said there are some 7200 students in secondary and higher secondary levels in the upazila.

Of them, some 15 percent have already left the school and the situation may worsen if the present food crisis is not met, he said.

"I had to leave Khaliyura for

Dhaka with my two school and college going girls. We don't know when we will return to our village," said Swadhin Mia, a day labourer.

Md Rafiqul Islam, upazila assistant primary education officer, said there are 19,727 students in 65 primary schools in the upazila but some 2000 students remained absent during the last two months.

The students should be brought under special feeding programmes to keep them in schools, said the official.

Sanwaruzzaman Talukder Jusef, chairman of Khaliyura Sadar Union Parishad (UP), said there are some 5000 families in the union and 2295 of them are under VGF and VGD programmes.

Nazim Uddin Sarker, chairman

of Krishnapur UP, said there are some 4600 affected families in Krishnapur union and of them 2469 are under VGF and VGD networks. Government relief of 90 tonnes of rice and Tk 12 lakh have been distributed among the families so far.

Necessary measures to increase food aid should be taken right now to protect the flood victims including thousands of students from hunger, said the two chairmen.

Seven OMS centres are running in Khaliyura upazila headquarters to support the flood victims, said the UNO. One tonne of rice is allocated for every centre per day, he said.

On migration of hundreds of students with their families, the

UNO said, they heard about the matter and are looking into the issue.

The recent flood has wreaked havoc on agriculture and fish farming in Khaliyura and Mohanganj upazilas.

The flash flood submerged 69,710 out of 184,320 hectares of land targeted for Boro cultivation in eight upazilas of Netrakona, mostly in Khaliyura and Mohanganj, said Bilash Chandra Pal, deputy director of the Department of Agriculture Extension in the district.

Ashraf Uddin Ahmed, district fisheries officer of Netrakona, said 118 tonnes of fish worth around Tk 2 crore died in Khaliyura and Mohanganj in recent flood.

IMPORTED CATTLE

No sale without medical checkup

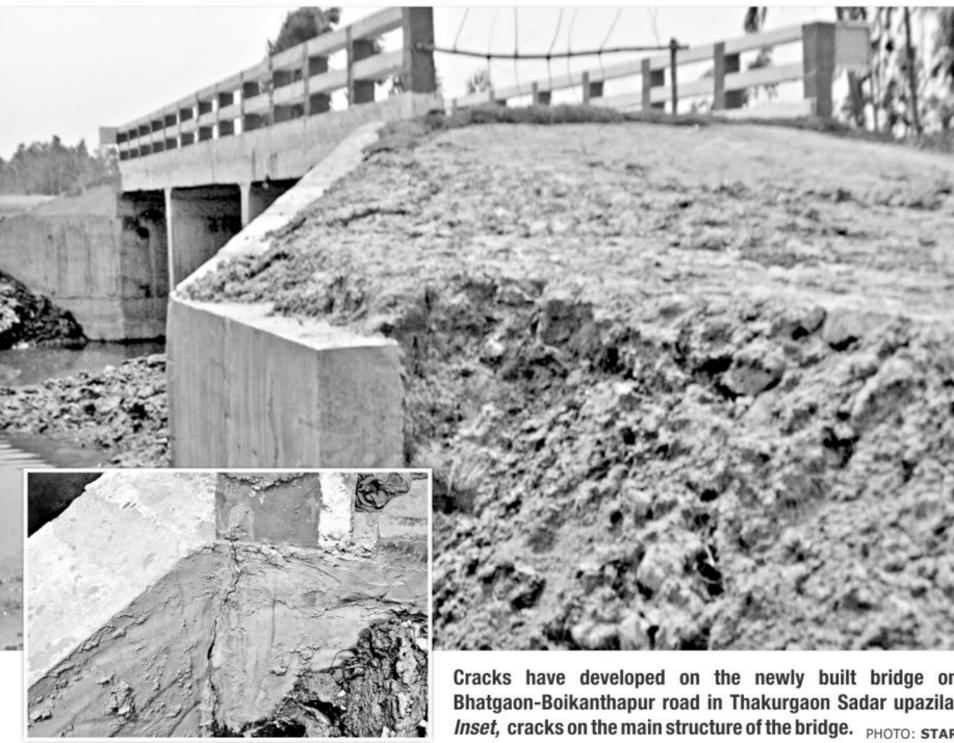
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

The authorities concerned at a meeting yesterday took a decision not to sell imported cattle in any local market across the country before conducting medical checkups of the cattle.

Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock arranged the workshop on cattle diseases and safer cattle fodder at Benapole Customs Auditorium yesterday noon where lawmaker Sheikh Afil Uddin was present as the chief guest.

The officials at the workshop took a decision that no cattle will enter any of the markets before having a medical checkup.

Chaired by Deputy Director of livestock department Dr Mohammad Nasir Uddin, the workshop was attended by Jessore Customs Commissioner Shawkat Hossain, Commanding Officer of BGB 49 Battalion Lt Col Ariful Haque, Benapole Press Club President Mohsin Milon and customs official Mahub Hossain.



Cracks have developed on the newly built bridge on Bhatgaon-Boikanthapur road in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila. Inset, cracks on the main structure of the bridge. PHOTO: STAR

Cracks on newly-built bridge in Thakurgaon

It is supposed to be handed over this month

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Cracks have developed on a newly-constructed bridge on Bhatgaon-Boikanthapur road in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila even before its handing over to the authorities concerned.

Sadar Upazila Project Implementation Officer (PIO) Jahangir Alam told this correspondent over cellphone that it is not a major problem. A small crack developed on the bridge when a power tiller hit it, he added.

Contractor Md Shajahan could not be contacted after repeated attempts as he did not receive the calls.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Ruhul Amin said they received the complaint soon after completion of the work. The bill has not been paid due to the complaint, he said.

Jahangir said the Directorate of Disaster Management invited a tender in February this year under 'The bridge culvert construc-

tion project' to build a 60-foot bridge on the road at Bhatgaon in Kandorpara village.

Star Construction of Rangpur got the Tk 55 lakh work order for the bridge that is supposed to be handed over to the PIO this month (June).

Locals said the company completed the work in May, but several cracks have developed on the main structure before the handing over.

Habibur Rahman of Bhatgaon Kandorpara village said several cracks have developed on the bridge as the contractor constructed the bridge hurriedly using low quality materials.

Awliapur Union Parishad member Aminul Islam said locals had complained to him that the contractor was using standard materials and not maintaining proper proportions.

He said he informed the PIO about the matter after getting the complaints, but in vain.

Light rain makes road risky

Pedestrians suffer most

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Even light rainfall makes many points in Lalmonirhat-Burimari Highway risky and troublesome for traffic movement due to stagnant water and mud on the road caused by digging of the road for repair work.

The people of Aditmari and Kaliganj upazilas of the district have to suffer a lot while travelling on the road.

Truck driver Habibur Rahman, 42, said, "Due to the rain in the last few days, around two kilometre of the highway in Aditmari and Kaliganj upazilas have become risky for traffic movement, so we avoid this route while carrying goods."

Schoolteacher Manowar Hossain, 50, of Bhadai village in Aditmari upazila said, "As the highway is the only route for connecting the district headquarters with four other upazilas we are forced to use the risky route."

Trader Ismail Hossain, 48, of Kakina village in Kaliganj upazila said, "Our clothes get dirty when we travel on the highway."

Executive Engineer of Roads and Highways Department (RHD) in Lalmonirhat Sajedur Rahman said two construction firms have been repairing 32.3 km of vulnerable roads on the highway, costing Tk 33 crore, and the work is almost done.

The progress is slow as the workers cannot work properly due to the rain, Sajedur said, adding that the work will be completed by the end of this month.

Cop action lands driver in hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A bus driver landed in hospital as a police constable hit him on the head with a wireless handset at Manikganj bus stand yesterday.

The victim, Sona Mia, 38, son of Niyat Ali of Chandail in Dhamrai upazila, is a driver of Jatri Seba Paribahan.

"On the way to Paturia from Gabtali in the capital, I stopped the bus at Manikganj bus stand. But there was a traffic jam as a coach and a motorbike were parked on the road. At that time, a man got on my bus and hit me on the head with a wireless set," Sona Mia said.

The driver's helper Shamsul said, "Our bus stopped at Manikganj bus stand for passengers around 10:30am when plainclothes police constable Nakibul Islam hurled abuse at Sona Mia. He also hit him on the head with a wireless handset, causing it to bleed. Locals admitted him to Manikganj Sadar Hospital."

Referring to constable Nokibul Islam, Kazi Faruk Hossain, reserve police inspector of Manikganj Police Lines, said, "The bus hit his motorcycle at Manikganj bus stand. He rebuked the driver for his reckless driving and Sona Mia, the bus driver, got aggrieved. The constable slapped the driver and the latter was injured."

Missing youth found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The body of a 24-year-old young man was found in a pond in Hakimpur upazila of the district yesterday, three days after he went missing on Friday.

The deceased, Ali Akbar, was son of Hanif Mondal of Fakirpara village in the upazila.

Victim's family members said Akbar went out of his house on Friday and did not return home.

Locals spotted Akbar's body floating in a pond in the bordering village around 10:30am and informed the police.

Officer-in-Charge Abdus Sabur of Hakimpur Police Station said police recovered Akbar's decomposed body and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Deceased's father Hanif Mondal alleged that criminals might have killed Akbar and dumped the body there.



The Lalmonirhat-Burimari Highway in Bhadai area turns into a mire even after a light rain, making it troublesome and risky for commuters. PHOTO: STAR



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Date: June 19, 2017 **Reference No. RFP/SCI/BDCO/FY-17/00023**

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Senior Manager, Procurement & Supply Chain



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INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) for Digital X-ray Machine

Project name	TB control programme
Source of fund	Global fund
Tender package no:	BPD-TB/02-17
IFT Ref. no. and date	IFT/BRAC/BPD-TB/17-05 15 June, 2017
Tender name	Procurement of 35 nos digital x-ray machine including computed radiography system
Time of delivery	As per tender documents
Price of the tender documents	BDT 2000.00 (two thousand only) non refundable
Tender security	As per tender documents
Tender document available	BRAC Procurement Department (ground floor), 75 Mohakhali Dhaka-1212 For study purpose please visit: procurement.brac.net
Date and time for selling documents	20 June to 20 July 2017 between 10.00 am to 3:00 pm.
Tender dropping place, date and time	Tender Box-3, BRAC Procurement Department, (ground floor) 23 July 2017 between 10.00 am to 2:30 pm.
Tender opening place, date and time	BRAC staff canteen (4th floor) BRAC centre, 23 July 2017 at 3:30 pm.

BRAC, BRAC Centre, 75 Mohakhali Dhaka-1212
Phone: 9881265 Ext: 3031



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Invitation for Enlistment

01. Ministry/division	Ministry of Finance/Bank & Financial Institute Division.	
02. Agency	Bangladesh Krishi Bank.	
03. Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Estate & Engineering Department.	
04. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
05. Invitation for	Enlistment for procurement of works & physical services & repairing renovation of Existing BKB, own building & other civil works under limited tendering method.	
06. Invitation Ref No.	18/2017-2018	
07. Date	14-06-2017.	
KEY INFORMATION		
08. Procurement method	Limited Tendering Method.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
	Date	Time
09. Application closing date and time	06-07-2017	12.00 noon
10. Name & address of the office(s)	Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Estate & Engineering Department (8 th Floor), Head Office, 83-85, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.	
- Application form availability	do	
- Receiving application form	do	
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
11. Eligibility of applicant	a. Must have valid trade license. b. Must have TIN and VAT registration certificate. c. Must have up-to-date bank solvency certificate.	
12. Price of application form (Tk.)	300/- (non-refundable).	
13. Enlistment/renewal fee (Tk)	a. Enlistment fee for New Applicant- Tk. 5000/- b. Renewal fee- Tk. 2000/-.	
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
14. Name of official inviting application	Engr. Sheikh Khalequzzaman.	
15. Designation of official	DGM.	
16. Contact details of official inviting application	Tel: 02/9552995	
17. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all applications.		

Engr. Sheikh Khalequzzaman
Deputy General Manager

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