

Jamuna about to devour dyke

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Palma

Damage of the under-construction flood protection embankment for the fifth time in the last couple of months due to erosion by the Jamuna river in Chowhali upazila of Sirajganj is worrying the people in the area.

Executive Engineer of Tangail Water Development Board (WDB) Md Shahjahan said that the under-construction embankment was eroded at Azimuddin More point in the last 24 hours, adding that repair work has begun in the affected area.

The erosion is happening due to the pressure of the river, he said, adding that the WDB has started dumping GO bags (sandbags) to prevent erosion at the point.

"Due to the heavy pressure of water we have not gone for permanent protection work," the engineer said.

This is fifth time in the last couple of months that erosion of the embankment has taken place, according to locals and WDB officials.

Earlier, a 70-metre stretch of Khogener

Ghat point was eroded on May 2. Around 50 metres at Alia Madrasa point of the embankment were eroded on May 16, and 100 metres were eroded on June 24. A small section was eroded at Azimuddin More in the first week of June, he added.

"The under-construction embankment is being eroded due to the poor construction work. If the embankment collapses, Chowhali upazila will be washed away by the Jamuna," said Md Rezaul Haque, a resident of the area.

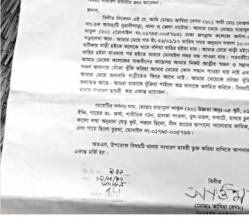
Tangail WDB started construction of the embankment from Nagarup upazila in Tangail to Sirajganj's Chowhali upazila at a cost of Tk 109 crore in November 2014, and it is scheduled to be completed by April 2018.

Refuting the allegation of poor construction work, the WDB engineer said a technical survey showed that the soil is too weak to bear the weight of the embankment. A technical committee is likely to be formed to find out a way to permanently protect the embankment, Shahjahan added.



The under-construction flood protection embankment in Chowhali upazila of Sirajganj was damaged due to erosion by the Jamuna river.

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A copy of the GD, filed on February 19 this year, by the mother of Mahamuda Khatun in Natore Sadar PS.

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'Militant' Mahamuda went missing 5 months ago

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Mahamuda Khatun alias Sunayia Akter, arrested along with two other female militants suspected during the raid in a "Neo-JMB" hideout in Kushtia's Natore upazila on Saturday, had been missing for five months.

"Mahamuda's mother Ambia Begum lodged a GD (No 951) about our missing daughter with Natore Police Station on February 19 this year. If police investigated the matter and took necessary steps, she might not be a militant," said Mostafa Miya, 60, father of the girl, 20.

She got herself admitted to the political science department of Jagganath University in 2014 and managed her expenses by tutoring students and with a stipend from Islami Bank.

Mahamuda's brother Hazzrat Ali said, "On January 26 this year, my sister left home for Jagganath University. Afterwards her mobile was found switched off and she remained missing."

"We did not know about Mahamuda's marriage with a Neo JMB leader. I want punishment of the criminals who involved my daughter with the outfit," Ambia said.

Mashirul Rahman, officer-in-charge of Natore Police Station, declined to comment on the said GD.

ATTEMPT TO RAPE UP chairman sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gairahdaha

A court here sent the chairman of a union parishad in the district to jail yesterday for attempting to rape a schoolgirl in Sadar upazila.

Judge Shafiqul Islam of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal in the district seat Laxmipur Union Parishad Chairman Mostafizur Rahman Badol to jail when he surrendered before the court yesterday.

The judge also ordered the case to be placed before the juvenile court for trial, and a hearing will be held on that issue on July 5 (today), said advocate Shafiqul Islam, public prosecutor, Gairahdaha.

Locals said Mostafizur had been harassing the schoolgirl for a long time.

The girl's guardians sent her to another school, but Mostafizur continued to harass her mother's family members said.

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Flood fury rages

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The upazila administration and municipality authorities have opened shelters for flood-hit people.

Road communication between the upazila and other areas in the district has remained suspended since Monday night as many roads and bridges are under water. The Mathamurhi river is flowing above the normal level due to the onrush of water from the hills.

Many families had to take shelter at schools and cyclone shelters, said Bandarban Deputy Commissioner Dilip Kumar Banik.

Lama Municipality Mayor Jahirul Islam said 10 shelters were opened in the affected areas.

The district administration asked people living on the hills to evacuate the areas as incessant rain may cause landslides.

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Surma is rising while the Kushiyara is still flowing above the danger level.

The water levels may start decreasing today, according to the flood forecasting and warning centre.

People living at Badeswar area of Golapganj said they were suffering from many diseases since they were having to wade through dirty flood water.

They were even unable to go to the upazila health complex for treatment as road communication with the upazila sadar had been snapped.

Children were suffering from respiratory problems and pneumonia, said Sufiqul Islam, upazila health officer of Feni. Doctors fear that there may be an outbreak of diarrhoea before the water starts receding.

Waters flowing over the Surma and Kushiyara flooded several hundred villages in Zakiganj, Feni, Chittagong, Beinabazar, Golapganj, Osmannagar and Balaganj upazilas in the last seven days.

In Moulvibazar, villages in Juri, Kulaura and Barlekha upazilas have recently been inundated.

Abul Kaseem, 58, of Kathalotoli village in Barlekha, said flood was triggered by heavy rain in the last few days. Water from the Kushiyara started to enter our home since the Eid day on June 26, he added.

Moirun Begum, 65, of Mirshankar village under Kulaura upazila, said more than 10 houses in the area were flooded. Helpless villagers took shelter on government roads.

Saf Ali Yunus, mayor of Golapganj municipality area, said thousands of families living along the river banks were anxious about losing their cropland and homesteads.

Kulaura Upazila Nirbahi Officer Chowdhury Md Golam Rabbi said he had visited some of the affected areas to make an assessment of the loss caused by sudden floods.

At a relief distribution programme in Badeghat of Kulaura, Head Office, Dhaka, 139-140 Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208.

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At least 2,297 people were killed and 5,480 injured in road accidents in the last six months, a sharp rise in the death toll compared to the same period last year, it said.

The organisation, however, said the number of casualties during Eid holidays slightly decreased this year. NCPSRR said 120 were killed in the last eight days of the last year's Eid holidays. The number of deaths was 133 during the same period last year.

GAZIPUR BOILER BLAST Amir's family in despair

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinaujpur

The tragic death of Amiruzzaman Amir in Monday's boiler explosion at a garment factory of Multifab Ltd in Joydebpur, Gazipur has left the family in utter despair.

Amir, 27, son of late Aziul Islam Chakrampur under Naogaon Municipality, was locally known as Payel.

"Payel took the responsibility of his mother and younger brother and sister after his father's death six years ago. The family spent all their belongings to educate him as he was talented and determined to salvage the family from poverty," said Rafiqul Islam,

an elderly man of the area.

Payel completed his diploma from a polytechnic in Bogra and BSc from Uttara University in Dhaka and then got a job as an electrical engineer at Multifab Limited at Kishampur in Joydebpur under Gazipur District, two years ago.

"After seeing the news of boiler explosion

in the television, I tried to reach him through his phone, but there was no response. His death was finally confirmed," said Sultan Ahmed, an uncle of Payel.

Three months ago, Payel married off his

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Department of Immigration and Passports
E-7, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
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Invitation for Enlistment

SI. No.	Description	Detail
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
2.	Agency	Department of Immigration and Passports (DIP).
3.	Procuring entity name	Department of Immigration and Passports, Agargaon, Dhaka.
4.	Procuring entity code	N/A.
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
6.	Invitation for	Enlistment of Firm for the supply of stationery items, goods and spares for different machines.
7.	Invitation Ref No.	DIP/E-7-Tender-22/2016/1239
8.	Date	04/07/2017

KEY INFORMATION

9. Procurement method	Limited Tendering Method.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10. Budget amount or value of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB).
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12. Programme code	N/A.
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13. Programme name	N/A.
14. Application closing date and time	25/07/2017.
15. Name & address of the office	Deputy Director (F & A), Room No-705, Department of Immigration & Passport, E-7, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, Telephone No-02811817.
Receiving application form	Deputy Director (F & A), Room No-705, Department of Immigration & Passport, E-7, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, Telephone No-02811817.
16. Eligibility of application	<p>a) VAT registration certificate of the suppliers.</p> <p>b) NID certificate of the suppliers.</p> <p>c) Export-import trade license or local agent from City Corporation.</p> <p>d) Proprietary/Partnership/Limited Company i.e. Concerned Commercial Documents (Photocopy) of the tenders.</p> <p>e) Money receipt of purchase of tender documents.</p> <p>f) Proof ofolvency.</p> <p>g) Must confirm that has legal capacity to enter into a contract under the authority with valid power of attorney.</p> <p>h) At least 3 years experience certificate for the supply of similar goods and related service.</p> <p>i) Those who are enlisted immediately before this invitation can apply for enlistment (Renewal fee will be applicable).</p> <p>j) The minimum amount of supplied goods is at least BDT 10 (ten) million within a year.</p> <p>k) The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facility of the tenderer BDT 05 (five) million.</p>
17. Brief description of goods or works	<p>a) Supply of stationery items.</p> <p>b) Supply of office furniture.</p> <p>c) Supply of computer and printer related spare.</p> <p>d) Supply of generator.</p> <p>e) Supply of air condition (AC).</p> <p>f) Supply of spares of network.</p> <p>g) Supply of spares for personalization machine.</p> <p>h) And other related goods and spares.</p>
18. Brief description of related or physical services	At the time of installation/use if any difficulty arises the supplier will be bound to solve the problem.
19. Price of application form	1000.00 BDT.
20. Name of official invitation application	Director General.
21. Designation of official invitation application	Director General.
22. Address of official invitation application	Department of Immigration & Passport, E-7, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.
23. Contact details of official invitation application	Telephone No-028118262

The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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Deputy Director (Admin & Estt)

For Director General

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