

Flood takes toll on Netrakona haor students

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Students of 11 educational institutions in Khaliajury upazila of Netrakona have to attend classes either by boat or wading through waist-deep water as the roads leading to the institutions were washed away by the flood.

One of them, Balarampur Government Primary School has been facing serious water-logging problem since its establishment in 2012 and the situation has worsened in the last two years due to flood and heavy rain in haor areas, locals said.

An approach road for the school from the main road was made but no culvert was built, so the road started breaking down, they added.

"Around 100 students have been facing the problem for the last two years. We requested the authorities concerned to construct a 300-foot road leading to the school from the main road, but they have not taken any steps yet," said school managing committee President Dulal Chandra Sarker.

He also alleged that low standard materials were used in building the school, and a wall collapsed within 15 days of its inauguration.

Headmaster Mozammel Haque said the road was washed away by the floodwater, submerging the school field.

Students who cannot afford to go to school by boat carry an extra set of clothes as they have to walk through knee to chest-deep water, the headmaster added.

Assistant teacher Monty Rani Sarker said they are always worried about the safety of the students.

Many guardians do not send their kids to the school due to the prevailing situation, Monty said, adding that the fall in attendance is hampering their education.

It was the wrong place to build the school as it is a low-lying area, locals said.

Anik Sarker, a Class III student, said he cannot attend their school regularly as there is water all around the school.

Nasir Mia of Class III said many of them cannot go by boat as they belong to poor families.

Upazila Primary Education Officer Md Rafiqul Islam said the school was declared closed after he visited it on Wednesday as the floodwater continued to rise.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Tofael Ahmed said they have collected reports of 11 educational institutions in Khaliajury facing the similar problem.

Accused in teacher rape case arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Police yesterday arrested an accused in teacher rape case from Barguna's Betagi upazila.

Arrestee Mehedi Hasan alias Rabiul, 18, son of Sultan Hossain of Kadomtala village in Hosnabad union is an accused in the case, said Police Superintendent Bijoy Bashak.

Earlier on Friday, two men were arrested for their alleged involvement in helping the rapists of the female primary school teacher.

The arrestees are Abdul Hakim Hawlader, 45, and Kuddus Kazi, 42, of Kadomtala village.

After the rape incident, police have been deployed at the house to ensure the victim's safety and security, said Mamun-or-Rashid, officer-in-charge of Betagi Police Station.

On Thursday afternoon, the teacher was chatting with her husband in a classroom after school hours. All of a sudden, some culprits stormed into the institution. They later confined the teacher's husband to a classroom and raped her in another.

The victim later filed a case with the police station against six people of Kadomtala village in Betagi.

The accused are Sumon Biswas, 35, Mohammad Rasel, 24, Sumon Kazi, 30, Rabiul, 18, Mohammad Hasan, 25, and Jewel, 30.



An Aman field inundated by the recent flash flood in Gangachara upazila of Rangpur; *bottom left*, a flooded paddy field in Doarabazar upazila of Sunamganj and *right*, a chilli field destroyed by floodwater at Khalishakalooa village in Kurigram Sadar upazila.

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Floods wreak havoc on crops

Aman yield in Rangpur region suffers setback, Sunamganj haor people face second time paddy loss, Kurigram vegetable fields under water

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The recent flash floods have caused extensive damage to crops including Aman paddy and vegetables in different districts across the country.

Our Dinajpur Correspondent reports: Rice production may fall by 5.50 lakh tonnes in Rangpur region as 1,69,335 hectares of land under five districts of the region inundated in floodwater.

Besides, 3,397 hectares of vegetable lands remain under floodwater in the region.

Around 5,34,380 hectares of land were brought under Aman cultivation in Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Gaibandha, Nilphamari and Rangpur this year, according to regional office of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Rangpur.

Shamser Ali of Helokhana union of Kurigram Sadar upazila said the flood inundated his Aman paddy on two acres this season.

Habib Mia of Chandipur village under Nageswari upazila said saplings of newly planted Aman paddy on his 2.5 acres of land has started rotting as it remained under floodwater for last six days.

Like them, 22 lakh farmers of Rangpur region are dependent on agriculture for living.

Flood affected farmers of these districts said they would not get expected Aman production this year for the flood. Many of them expressed worry about repayment of loan they took for the cultivation.

Seedbeds on 856 hectares have already been damaged in floodwater, said DAE officials in Rangpur.

Shah Alam, additional director of DAE in Rangpur, said, "Vast Aman and vegetable lands have gone under floodwater in five districts of Rangpur region. Farmers are being advised to plant alternative crops if the existing crops are damaged."

Our Moulvibazar Correspondent reports from Sunamganj's Doarabazar:

Inundation of Aman paddy fields has come as a double blow for a large number of farmers in Doarabazar upazila of Sunamganj as they earlier lost Boro crop in April.

"I planted Boro paddy on 15 acres in Baishakh but didn't get any yield due to flood. Now my Aman paddy on nine acres of land is under floodwater," said Munim Mia, 60, a farmer of Badarpur village in Mannargaon union of Doarabazar.

Sunamganj Department of Agriculture Extension sources said they set a target for Aman cultivation on 1,50,670 acres of land but the paddy on 17,299 acres has already been destroyed by floodwater. Seedbeds on 2,470 acres have also been ruined.

Local public representatives say the amount of loss would be much more.

Abu Hena Aziz, chairman of Mannargaon Union Parishad in Doarabazar, said Aman paddy on five thousand acres of land was flooded in the union.

Farmers have appealed for government help to buy saplings and fertilisers to plant Aman seedlings again after the recession of floodwater.

Earlier in April, the collapse of embankment amid heavy rain damaged Boro crops of 154 haors in the district. According to official data, Boro crops on 3,99,181 acres were damaged, affecting 3,25,990 families in the district.

Our Kurigram Correspondent adds: The recent flash flood has caused extensive damage to vegetable fields in the district.

A variety of vegetables were cultivated on 4,097 hectares of land in the district during the summer season (kharip-1) this year but 1,416 hectares of vegetable fields are now under floodwater, said Maktul Hossain, deputy director of the district DAE.

Around 47,261 hectares of croplands have also been inundated, he said.

"I cultivated various vegetables and spices on over one acre of land this summer and expected bumper yield. When I started selling the vegetables, floodwater of the Dharla river entered the fields and damaged the crops," said Nur Islam, 47, of Roypur village in Kathalbari union under Sadar upazila.

Majidul Islam, 32, of Khalishakalooa village said he cultivated aubergine, pumpkin, lal shak and green chilli on 80 decimals of land, spending about Tk 60,000.

"I sold some vegetables for Tk 57,000. If the flood had not damaged the crops, I would have got around Tk 1,80,000 this season," he added.



Flood victim Kohinoor Begum in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila gives a bleak look at her flood-ravaged house yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

'Support us for survival'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

"If there is no relief allocations for us give us money as loan so that we can reduce our sufferings," said Kohinoor Begum, 44, a flood victim of Shiberkuti village under Kulaghat union in Dharla river basin area of Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

"We will repay the debt after getting back to our normal life in a few months or year," she said while urging the government to save the flood-hit people from despair.

"As we do not have any savings, it is quite impossible for us to repair our damaged houses without any help from the government or individuals," said a tearful Kohinoor who, along with her husband and two children, has been passing days on a government road.

Kohinoor's husband Abdul Hanif, 50, said due to sudden onrush of floodwater and strong tide he could not save anything,

including Tk 19,000 in cash.

"We have been going through untold misery at the temporary shelter as we cannot return to our homes damaged by the floodwater," said Halima Bewa, 67, another victim of the village.

Halima's son Anisur Rahman, 48, said due to the inundation he had been facing serious livelihood crisis as there is hardly any job opportunity in the locality.

During a visit on Sunday this correspondent saw many flood-hit people, who lost their homesteads and other belongings, living subhuman lives under the open sky.

Kulaghat Union Parishad Chairman Idris Ali said about 500 families among 11,500 families in his union are badly affected by the flood.

Idris said he has been communicating with the local administration for allocation of government relief for the flood victims.

Abducted college boy killed for ransom

Victim's father blames cops' failure

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Police on Saturday recovered the body of a college student who was abducted to realise Tk 50 lakh as ransom three days before.

The victim's father alleged that police did not take any immediate steps to rescue his son despite filing a case.

Deceased Sagar Saha, 19, son of Pradeep Saha of Harinarayanpur village in Sadar upazila, was a higher secondary student of Khater Ali College in the area.

The body was recovered from an abandoned toilet in the village around 8:30pm, said Ratan Sheikh, officer-in-charge of Islamic University Police Station.

Police said a gang abducted Sagar when he was returning home from local Harinarayanpur bazar around 8:30pm on Wednesday.

The following day, the abductors through mobile demanded Tk 50 lakh from the victim's father Pradeep, a trader of the bazar, for his son's release within Friday afternoon.

Pradeep filed a case, accusing unknown mistreatments, with the police station on Thursday evening.

In his case statement, Pradeep apprehended that the abductors might kill his son if police did not take steps immediately.

"Police did not take any step to rescue my son," Pradeep said, adding, "Rather a section of police provoked me to buy my son's release through payment."

Contacted, OC Ratan said they tried their best to rescue the victim.



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