

Panchhari road blockade today

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Democratic Youth Forum (DYF) has called a road blockade programme in Panchhari upazila today to protest against arrest of its four leaders.

DYF central leaders Rupayan Chakma, Panchhari upazila unit assistant general secretary Buddharam Tripura and two other members were kidnaped at gunpoint by members of Jana Samhati Samity (MN Larma) on Saturday, reads a press release signed by Suramongal Chakma, organising secretary, Panchhari unite of DYF, yesterday.

After brutally torturing the four, the gang handed them over to police, it said.

Rail link with several dists snapped as tracks cave in

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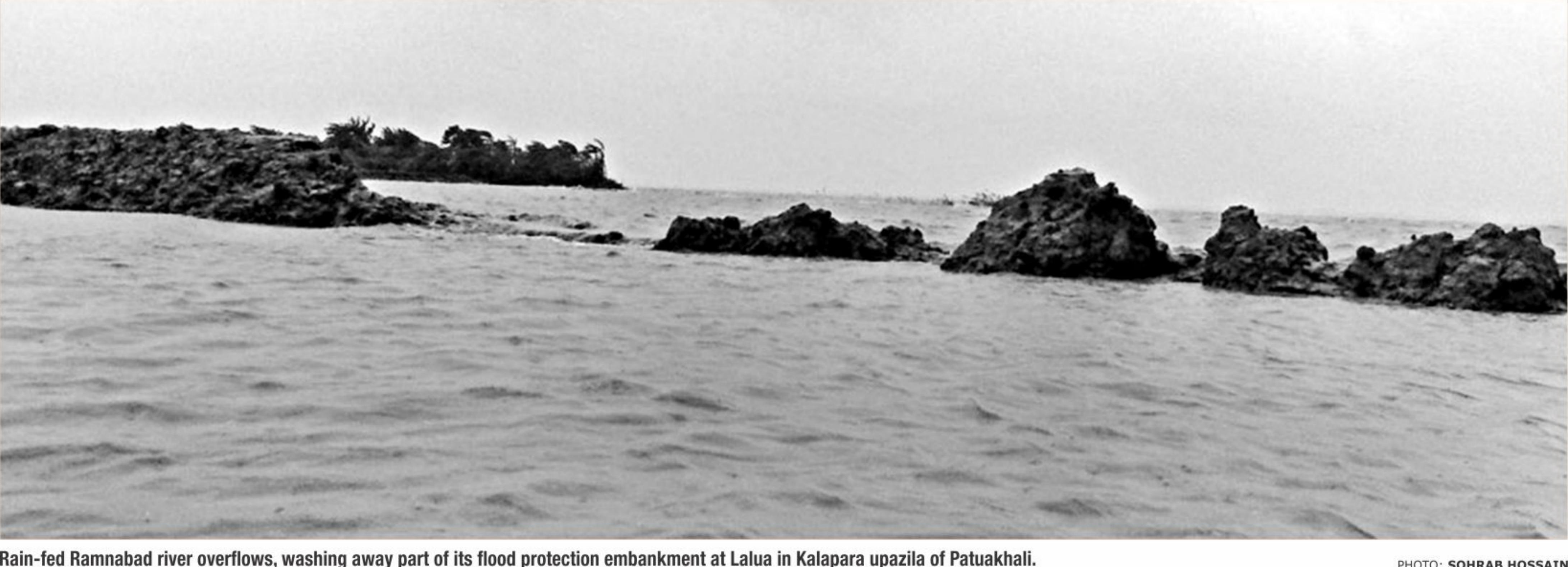
Rail communication between Dhaka and several northern and southern districts remained suspended for four hours as a portion of the rail tracks caved in yesterday in Chatmohar upazila due to the recent torrential downpour.

Railway sources said heavy rainfall caused the sudden damage as the earth underneath the rail tracks was washed away.

Railway's Pakshay Divisional Manager Ashim Kumar Talukder said following the heavy downpour in the last two days about half a kilometre rail tracks near Gowakhara Station in the upazila caved in yesterday morning.

"A villager first spotted the damaged tracks and hoisted a red cloth when a Dhaka-bound intercity train was crossing Chandmara point around 6:00am and the locomotive master stopped the train and informed the railway authorities of the matter," Ashim said.

On information, railway workers went to the spot, fixed the damaged rail tracks and restored communication around 10:15am, he added.



Rain-fed Ramnabad river overflows, washing away part of its flood protection embankment at Lalua in Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali.

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Flash flood wreaks havoc

Over 50 villages in Moulvibazar and 30 others in Patuakhali submerged as flood control dykes collapse

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Flash floods triggered by heavy downpour during the last couple of days caused inundation of vast areas in different places including Moulvibazar, Habiganj, Patuakhali and Khagrachhari.

50 Moulvibazar villages flooded

Heavy rain coupled with onrush of water from hills during the last three days caused flooding in Kulaura and Kamalganj upazilas of the district as water continued entering through different points of four damaged embankments on the Monu and Dhalai rivers, reports our correspondent.

More than 50 villages have been submerged due to the untimely flood.

Protection embankments at two points of the Monu river - Chatlaghat Bridge and Asroygram village in Kulaura -- breached due to the onrush of water from the upstream and incessant rainfall, leaving around 40 villages under floodwater.

The flash flood inundated croplands, fisheries, houses and different establishments, including educational institutions, mosques and temples.

"More than 300 houses in the area have been washed away by flood early yesterday. The affected villagers have taken shelter on the roads," farmer Toklim Mia, 45, told this correspondent during the latter's visit to Itarghat in Monu river basin area in Sharifpur union yesterday.

The flood-affected people are passing a miserable time under the open sky without food," said Md Harun Ali, of Bhergaon village.

Local people alleged that the local office of the Water Development Board (WDB) did not take necessary steps to save the embankments.

Tilagaon Union Parishad Chairman M Abdul Malik said at least 80 to 100 feet of the flood protection embankment collapsed into the riverbed at Asroygram village at 3:30am yesterday.

M Janab Ali, chairman of Sharifpur Union Parishad said some 400 feet of the flood protection embankment went into the riverbed in Chatlaghat area, leaving the bridge over the Monu river in a vulnerable situation.

The Monu river was flowing some 30 centimetres over the danger mark at

Chandnighat in the district, said Muklesur Rahman Talukder, assistant engineer of WDB in Moulvibazar.

Besides, cracks have developed at Chatlapur, Tagarpur, Kamarchak, Ronchak, Bhangarhat and some other points of the flood protection embankment on the Monu river.

In Kamalganj, two embankments on the Dhalai river area broke, flooding Mokhabeel, Guler haor, Sreepur, Hiramtola, Shimultola, Katabel, Adampur, Bongaon, Ghoramara, Najatkuna, Hiramat, Tilakpur, Kamalganj, Chaitanyaganj, Alepur and Gopalnagar villages.

Jewel Ahmed, mayor of Kamalganj municipality, said two points along the Dhalai river have collapsed, a large number of people have become marooned and thousands of families along the river are living in fear of losing their croplands and homesteads.

Meanwhile, water level of the Khowai river started rising alarmingly from yesterday morning. The river was flowing about two metres above the danger level, increasing the possibility of serious floods, said Md Tawhidul Islam, executive engineer of WDB, Habiganj.

30 Patuakhali villages inundated

At least 30 villages under Kalapara upazila in the district were inundated as flood control embankments at different places collapsed due to heavy rainfall and tidal surge influenced by depression on the Bay in last three days, reports our correspondent.

Fishes also moved away from ponds and enclosures due to flooding as different rivers and canals see three to four feet higher than usual flow.

Flood control embankments in different areas under the upazila, including Lalua, Mohipur, Dhankhali and Champapur unions collapsed.

Around 3,000 acres of Aman land went under water and some 3,000 families are suffering as water entered their houses after flood control embankment on the Ramnabad river in Lalua union collapsed at eight points on Friday night.

Nine more villages of Dhankhali and Champapur unions were inundated as dyke in Devpur and Gondamari areas collapsed on Saturday morning.

About 2,000 acres of Aman paddy field and most of the houses of seven villages of Mohipur union were inun-

dated by water from the overflowing Andharmanik river.

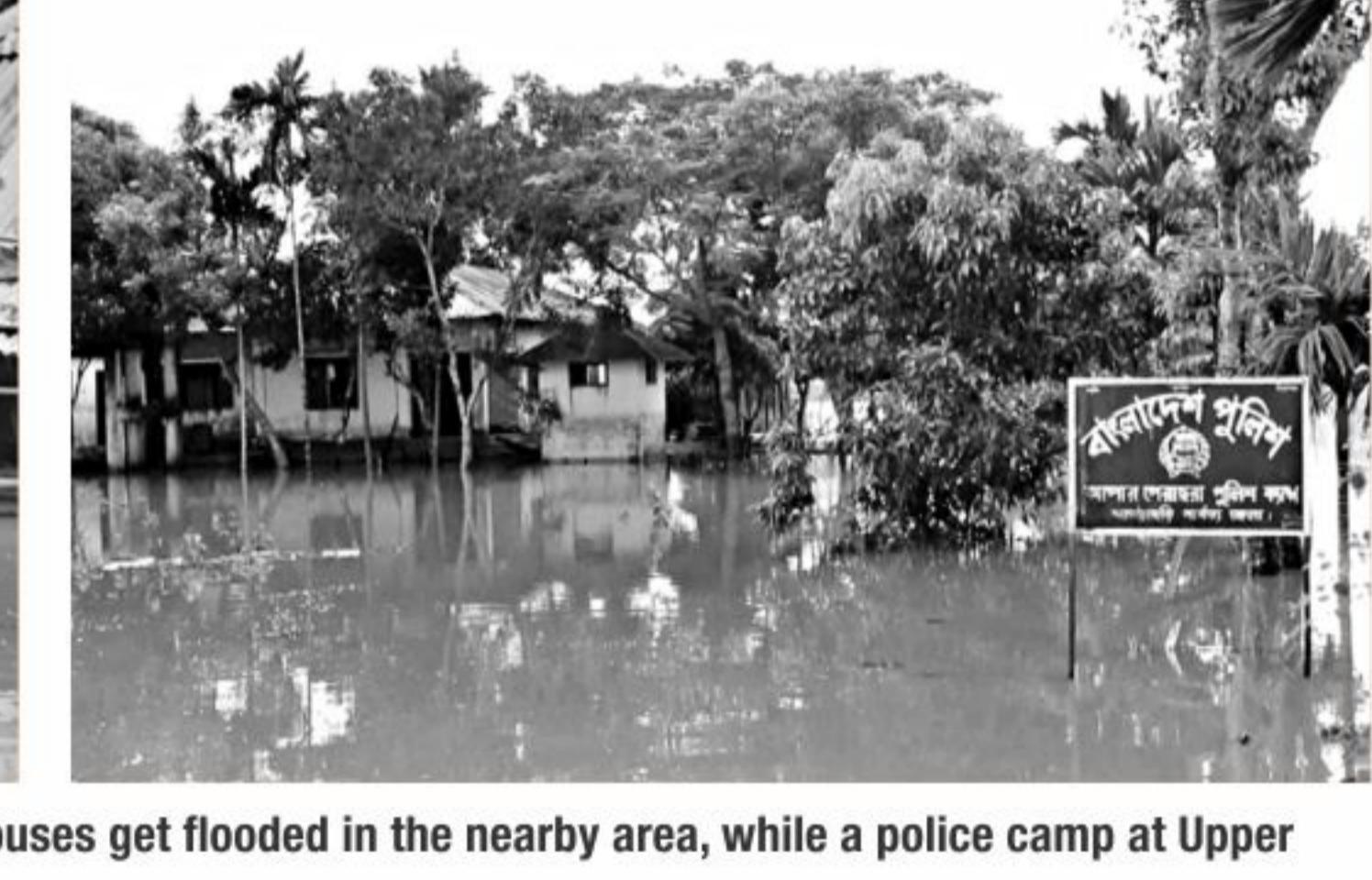
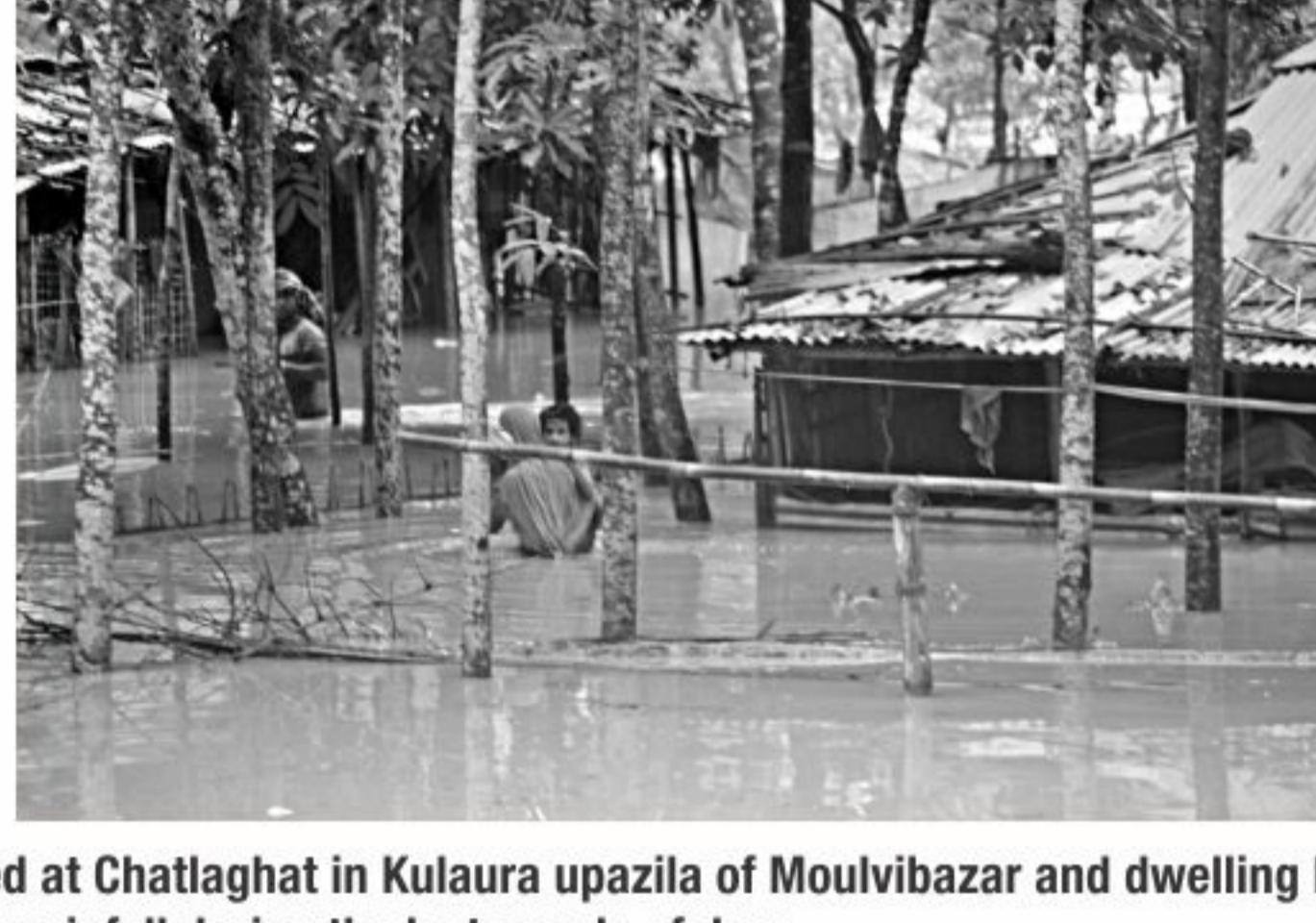
"We are suffering with family members as we could not cook food for last three days," said Ibrahim Munshi of Nizampur village.

Mir Tariquzzaman Tara, chairman of Lalua UP, said at least eight points of an embankment collapsed, flooding villages, including Poshurunia, Charipara, Nawapara, Gajirkhali, Munshipara, Banatipara, Dhonjupara, Howla, Chotopachon, Boropachon and Chowdhurypara.

Our Khagrachhari correspondent adds: Vast areas of the district were flooded due to overflowing of the Chengi river following downpour on Saturday.

Many houses in Khabangpura, Sobdhamia Para, Ganjapara, Santinagar, Rajya Moni Para, Kaladheba, Golabari and Futbilli areas were submerged.

Ripe and semi-ripe paddy fields on vast areas of Mohalchhari and Dighinali upazilas have been flooded. The early winter vegetables fields in large areas on both sides of the Chengi river have been totally destroyed," said Tarun Bhattacharya, deputy director of the Department of Agricultural Extension in Khagrachhari.



Around 400 feet area of the embankment on the Monu river breached at Chatlaghat in Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar and dwelling houses get flooded in the nearby area, while a police camp at Upper Perachhara in Khagrachhari town remains under water due to heavy rainfall during the last couple of days.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA, SAIKAT DEWAN

CURBING TERRORISM, MILITANCY 'Bangladesh role model'

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Bangladesh is currently working as a role model in curbing terrorism and militancy in the country, speakers at a seminar said.

They said this while addressing a seminar titled 'Role of law enforcement agencies to prevent terrorism in Bangladesh' at Mawlawi Bhashani Science and Technology University at Santosh in Tangail.

Besides implementing the necessary laws, the government is engaging different law enforcement agencies in this regard, the speakers said, adding that active participation of people from all communities is a must for it.

Criminology and police science (CPS) department organised the seminar at the

university auditorium in the morning where students and teachers of CPS took part.

Bangladesh's Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit (CTTC) Chief Monirul Islam, also additional commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, spoke as the main speaker at the seminar.

Chaired by Jahirul Islam, chairman of CPS department of the university, Tangail Superintendent of Police Mahbub Alam and Dr ASM Saifullah, dean of life science faculty, also delivered speeches at the programme.

Speakers said the research works by the students of CPS department can play a vital role in helping the law enforcement agencies to prevent terrorism and militancy.

Dhaka proposes more connectivity

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of 660MW, India agreed to supply 340MW more electricity from Tripura through Comilla grid, he said, adding, "We have also discussed new proposals for supply of electricity from West Bengal and India's north-east."

Mahmud said they discussed the issue of water sharing of common rivers, including the signing of Teesta water sharing agreement soon.

He said water resources must act as a "uniting force" between the two countries.

Bangladesh sought India's technical and financial support to carry out a feasibility study on the long-term options for Bangladesh to ensure optimum use of the Ganges water, he said.

However, Sushma in her press statement did not say anything about the most sensitive water sharing issue.

She said, "I have focused on the progress in our bilateral relationship, we are aware of the outstanding issues. We assure you that we are working to resolve them."

Both ministers witnessed the signing and handing over of three documents which include capacity building in SME, and sale-purchase agreement between Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation and Numaligarh Refinery of India.

Mahmud also handed over the instrument of ratification for framework agreement on international solar alliance that Bangladesh ratified in August.

Sushma said India attaches the utmost importance to its relations with Bangladesh and their partnership today touches upon virtually all areas of human endeavour.

In the JCC meeting, both sides discussed common challenges that the two countries

face.

"One such challenge is that of terrorism, extremism and radicalisation and we'll continue to fight this scourge together and along with other like-minded countries," she said.

Both sides reiterated strong commitment not to allow the use of their land against each other's interest and zero tolerance against terrorism and violent extremism.

The two countries also laid emphasis on bringing down the number of deaths at the borders to zero.

Sushma said India was supplying 660MW of much needed power to the Bangladeshi people and "this figure will double, if not triple, in the foreseeable future."

India and Bangladesh will work together as founding members of the International Solar Alliance, which is expected to make solar energy affordable.

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Radical Buddhists

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as an ethnic group, instead insisting they are Bengali migrants from Bangladesh living illegally in the country. Rohingya are excluded from the official 135 ethnic groups in the country and denied citizenship.

More than 580,000 Rohingya from northern Rakhine have fled to Bangladesh since Aug 25, when Myanmar security forces began a scorched-earth campaign against Rohingya villages. Myanmar's government has said it was responding to attacks by Muslim insurgents, but the United Nations and others have said the response was disproportionate.

Myanmar de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi's government said earlier this month that it was willing to take back Rohingya refugees who fled to southeastern Bangladesh. The government has agreed to form a joint working group to start the repatriation process.

Protesters, including some Buddhist monks, yesterday demanded that the government not take back the refugees.

"The organizers of the protest applied to get permission for a thousand people to participate in the protest, but only a few hundred showed up," said Soe Tint Swe, a local official.

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