



Sudden fall in water level in the Jamuna devours a portion of the crossbar, built to protect the town protection embankment, at Mollabari point in Sirajganj Sadar upazila yesterday.

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Sudden fall in water level erodes Jamuna embankment

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

With the sudden recession of water level in the Jamuna a large portion of the crossbar to protect the Sirajganj town protection embankment eroded in Sirajganj Sadar upazila yesterday.

Sudden fall in water level caused the erosion at Mollabari point, Water Development Board (WDB) officials said, adding that repair work of the damaged portion is going on to protect the crossbar.

Sirajganj WDB Sub Assistant Engineer Ranjit Kumar Sarker said about 50 metre area of the newly built crossbar, constructed to protect the town protection embankment, was eroded with the water level in the Jamuna going down in the last couple of days.

"Due to fall in water level ground soil underneath the embankment must have been displaced, resulting in fresh erosion," Ranjit said.

Sirajganj WDB built the crossbar at the hard point, two kilometres downstream, of the town protection embankment at a cost of Tk 80 crore in June 2017.

"Dumping of sandbags has already brought the erosion under control," the WDB engineer said.

According to the WDB officials in Sirajganj, if the crossbar is further damaged it would affect the town protection embankment badly.

Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Sarker Mohammad Raihan said they have talked to the WDB officials and asked them to take necessary measures to save the embankment from further damage.

"WDB officials assured us that there is nothing to be worried as they have already started repair work of the damaged portion of the crossbar," the UNO said.

Indigenous man killed by son

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

An indigenous man was killed allegedly by his son over a family feud in Bochaganj upazila of the district on Saturday night.

The victim was identified as Tala Kisku, 55, of Hatrampur Pashchim Adivasipara.

Police arrested Badya Kisku, 35, on charge of killing his father.

Police said Tala Kisku and his son locked in an altercation over a family matter around 8:00pm on Saturday at their home. Badya started beating his father with a bamboo at one stage of the altercation.

He also stabbed his father with a knife, leaving him dead on the spot.

Badya also hit his mother as she came to rescue her husband.

Locals handed over Badya to police.

Police sent the body to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital for autopsy, said Abdur Rauf, Officer-in-Charge of Bochaganj Police Station.

Police produced Badya before a court here yesterday that sent him to Dinajpur jail.

Jamuna dyke breach inundates Aman plants in Gaibandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Transplanted Aman seedlings on 246 acres of land in three villages under two upazilas under the district have remained flooded for around one month after water from the Jamuna river entered through the breach in the flood control embankment at Bhangamore village in Saghata upazila.

Taking a risk, farmers of the areas planted Aman seedlings on 500 acres of land with the hope that there would not be further flood this season. But the water level of the river began to rise around a month ago and reached eight centimetres above the danger mark.

"Onrush of water through the breach at Bhangamore village flooded Aman seedlings on 246 acres of low lying areas out of 500 acres of cultivated lands. The Aman plants might be damaged by the muddy water," locals said.

"I planted Aman seedlings on three bighas of land spending Tk 4,500, but the transplanted seedlings went under water when the sudden flood came," said Abdus Samad, a farmer of Bhangamore.

"Although flood water has started receding, it has already damaged the seedlings. Fresh seedlings will have to be planted on the affected land," said Abdul Kafi Sarker, another farmer.

"This time it will be difficult to arrange costly seedlings for re-plantation on the flood affected land and the farmers cannot afford the additional expenditure," said Abdul Hannan, a small farmer.

In August last year, floodwater of the Jamuna washed away a 40-metre stretch of the two-kilometre embankment-cum-road at Bhangamore and damaged transplanted Aman

seedlings on vast areas of land.

Local people appealed to the union parishad chairman and the upazila nirbahi officer for repair of the breached portion but, despite assurances from them, the work has not started as yet.

After the flood water receded in July this year, farmers transplanted Aman seedlings with the hope of harvesting crops, but the Jamuna started swelling on September 7 and inundated seed-

lings on large areas of land, local people said.

"It was our expectation that no fresh flood would hit this time as flood time is over at the end of the August, but in mid-September, all on a sudden, water level started rising in the Jamuna river basin and submerged Aman seedlings on vast land in three villages," said Bharatkahali Union Parishad Chairman (in-charge) Bazlur Rahman Mukta.



Transplanted Aman seedlings on 246 acres of land at three villages in Saghata upazila have been submerged by onrush of water through a breached section of the embankment at Bhangamore village in Gaibandha.

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Bangladeshi murdered in South Africa

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Criminals killed a Bangladeshi trader in South Africa early Saturday.

The deceased was Md Titu Khan, 40, son of late Hasmot Khan at Baoar Kumarjani Madhyapara village in Mirzapur upazila under the district.

Titu along with his two brothers Ranju Khan and Minju Khan had been living at Musina (formerly Messina) town in Limpopo province of South Africa for the last 12 years and doing businesses there, said Milton Hossain, a nephew of Titu.

"A gang of criminals stabbed Titu on the abdomen and hit him on the head when he was returning home from his shop at Musina around 7:00pm (South African time) on Saturday, killing him on the spot. It was 12:00 midnight according to Bangladesh time," Milton said, referring to his uncles in South Africa.

The criminals took away his cash money and mobile phone set.

Titu's wife, a three-year-old son and two elder sisters live at Baoar Kumarjani Madhyapara village in Mirzapur, Milton said.

The body will be brought to the country after completion of legal procedures, he added.

Shahadat Hossain Sumon, mayor of Mirzapur municipality, and AKM Mizanul Haque, office-in-charge of Mirzapur Police Station, also confirmed the death of Titu in South Africa.



Md Titu Khan

Movement from single platform

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Nagorik Oikya. The five-point demand also includes dissolving parliament and resignation of the prime minister before election, deployment of the army with magistracy power ahead of the polls, and no use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in the general election.

In reply to a question whether the Jamaat-e-Islami would be in the "greater unity", Rob said, "We are forging unity with the BNP, and all the pro-liberation forces can be in the unity process. But we cannot say whether any other parties will be with the BNP."

He also said people of the country wanted the unity to launch a movement against the "autocratic" government.

After the meeting, BNP standing committee member Moudud Ahmed said they agreed on the five-point demand and the "greater unity" process would move forward on the basis of the demands.

This was the first formal meeting of the

BNP, Juktofront and Jatiya Oikya Prokriya.

After a brief pause in the efforts towards "greater unity", the BNP and other political parties involved sat yesterday to give the combine a proper shape.

The BNP has already assigned its Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and standing committee members Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain and Moudud Ahmed to negotiate with other political parties for forging the unity.

Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury-led Juktofront has assigned Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna to negotiate with the BNP.

The process came to an apparent halt as Dr Kamal Hossain, convener of Jatiya Oikya Prokriya and a key figure in the process, went abroad for treatment last month.

On September 22, several top BNP leaders shared the stage with Dr Kamal and Badruddoza at a citizens' rally and extended full support to the Jatiya Oikya Prokriya's three-point demand, including formation of a polls-time neutral government.

Farmers to get

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conference room yesterday.

Under the programme, she said, a total of 6,90,970 marginal farmers would get free seed and fertiliser for cultivating 11 types of crops on a bigha of land each during winter and summer seasons.

"The government is providing the incentive from the annual budget allocated for the agriculture ministry...it will not require additional fund from the exchequer," Matia said.

The crops include wheat, maize, mustard, peanuts, felon, grass pea (khesari dal), BT Brinjal, boro paddy, Mung dal and sesame (Til).

The main objective of the incentive programme is to enhance production of cereals by increasing crop cultivation area and per unit production.

The incentive would be given to 65,007 famers for wheat cultivation; 2,21,500 farmers for maize; 2,10,002 farmers for mustard; 10,001 for cultivating peanuts; 18,000 farmers for til; 48,400 farmers for summer season mung; 24,300 for winter season mung; 13,600 farmers for cultivating grass pea; 5,400 farmers for felon cultivation; 2,070 for BT Brinjal cultivation; and 71,700 farmers for boro paddy cultivation.

Ershad has final

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agreed to prepare for contesting in all the 300 parliamentary seats, it read.

They also decided to put in efforts to make successful the upcoming grand rally of the United National Alliance (UNA).

The rally will be held under the leadership of JP at the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan on October 20, it further said.

UNA, an alliance of 58 political parties led by JP, was formed in May last year.

JP's Senior Co-chairman and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Raushan Ershad; Co-chairman GM Quader; Secretary General ABM Ruhul Amin Howlader; Presidium Member and Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud; State Minister for Rural Development and Co-operatives Division Mashhur Rahman Ranga; State Minister for Labour and Employment Mujibul Haque Chunnu, and lawmakers Kazi Firoz Rashid and Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu, among others, were present at the meeting.

Mehedy now eyes bright future

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Visually challenged Mehedy Hasan now eyes a bright future, thanks to the initiative of one Farooque Ahmed who was moved to see a Daily Star report headlined "Visually impaired Mehedy's struggle for livelihood" on Wednesday.

Local Union Parishad member Aminur Rahman accompanied by journalists handed over the donation from Farooque Ahmed to Mehedy and his grandmother at their Purbo Sindurna village home in Lalmonirhat's Hatibandha upazila on Friday.

"Mehedy will start study in local School for Visually Disabled in Hatibandha and he will be rehabilitated in the government-run Visually Impaired Rehabilitation Centre at Saptibari of Aditmari upazila in January next year," he said.

"I have taken the responsibility of Mehedy's schooling and livelihood. I will also provide necessary support for his grandmother Rezia Bawa and younger sister Shapla Khatun," said Farooque Ahmed over phone.

Expressing happiness and gratitude, Mehedy said he wants to be a teacher in future.

Mehedy, who was a student of Class II at Visually Impaired Rehabilitation Centre two years ago, started selling chocolate in train compartments for living after his parents Rezaul Islam and Jesmin Begum got separated, married elsewhere and abandoned their two minor kids.



Mehedy Hasan with his grandmother Rezia Bawa at their Purbo Sindurna village home in Lalmonirhat's Hatibandha upazila after receiving donation from one Farooque Ahmed on Friday.

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২।	বিক্রয় সত্তার নাম	ঃ চেয়ারম্যান, বিআরটিসি।
৩।	বিক্রয় পদ্ধতি	ঃ উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
৪।	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং	ঃ বিআরটিসি/০৫/২০১৮।
৫।	দরপত্র সিডিউল পাওয়ার স্থান	ঃ www.brtc.gov.bd হতে ডাউনলোডকৃত সিডিউল।
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১৮।	নির্দেশনা	ঃ অসম্পূর্ণ, ক্রটিযুক্ত ও জামানতবিহীন (আর্নেস্টম্যানি) দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
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