

EMBANKMENT COLLAPSE

8 Bagerhat villages under erosion threat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

With the erosion by the Baleswar river taking a serious turn, 300 metres of an embankment collapsed in Southkhali union of Sharankhola upazila, inundating a vast track of croplands in the last three days.

The river devoured 300 metres of embankment in front of Ashar Alo Mosque cyclone shelter of the Water Development Board (WDB) and 10 bighas of cropland went under water at Dakkhin Shoutkhali village in the upazila.

At least eight villages in the union are now under threat of erosion due to collapse of the embankment.

If an embankment is not constructed there immediately, the villages will go under water anytime as the erosion by the river is going on unabated, said locals.

At least five shops and hundreds of trees

were devoured by the river during the time.

During a visit to the area, this correspondent found many villagers shifting their houses to safer places in fear of further erosion.

Meanwhile, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Lincoln Biswas visited the area.

Southkhali Union Parishad Chairman Mozammel Hossain said, "The people of the Coastal Embankment Improvement Project (CIP) have been building one embankment after another without planning. As a result, the embankment of Bogi area has been affected seriously. Because of this, people in the area are suffering."

The UNO said he informed CIP authorities about the embankment collapse.

Shyamal Dutta, engineer of CIP, said they will reconstruct the embankment as soon as possible.



Croplands are inundated as 300 metres of an embankment collapsed in Southkhali union of Bagerhat's Sharankhola upazila.

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The medical team from Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research checks up a child at Bolorampur village of Pabna Sadar upazila yesterday.

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DEATH FROM PABNA FOOD POISONING

Special medical team at spot

157 diagnosed, 53 hospitalised

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

After the death of a 13-year-old girl from food poisoning on Sunday in Bolorampur village of Pabna Sadar upazila, a specialised medical team deployed in the area yesterday diagnosed 157 others with similar symptoms.

The five-member team from Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) is treating the patients and it collected their blood and stool samples for diagnosis, said Dr Mehedi Iqbal, civil surgeon of Pabna.

As of noon yesterday, 53 of the patients have been sent to Pabna Medical College Hospital, he said, adding, "The medical team will continue their work until the disease is brought under control."

The deceased and most of the patients fell sick with complaints of diarrhoea, fever and pain after they ingested khichuri at a death anniversary programme organised for one Iman Ali on Friday afternoon in the village.

The deceased, Sumaia Akhter Sukhi,

13, daughter of Mohammad Selim Uddin of the village, was a seventh-grade student at Shahid Ahmed Rafik Girls' High School.

She was buried on Sunday and her elder sister Bithi Akhter was sent to Dhaka yesterday after her condition turned critical, said Dr Mostafizur Rahman, health officer of the upazila.

Sabiran Bewa, who organised the anniversary programme and sister-in-law of Iman Ali, said just like the years before, she had the khichuri cooked with rice and meat purchased from the local market.

Six of her family members also fell sick after the programme, she added.

Dr Gopendra Nath Acharya, director of Rajshahi Divisional Health Office under Health Services Division, said he visited the affected area yesterday and their investigations on patients indicate that all the patients became infected with diarrhoea from the same source (the food given at the anniversary programme).

During a visit to the area, this correspondent found many villagers are keeping out of the village in fear of getting infected.

Rab rescues abductee, arrests two

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Three days into his abduction from Kajla in Dhaka, a man was rescued yesterday from a village in Gaibandha where he was held in confinement for Tk 2.79 lakh ransom.

Munna Biswas, commander-in-charge of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-13) and assistant superintendent of police, said after being tipped off, a Rab team raided a house in Dugipara village of Gaibandha Sadar upazila around 3:00am and rescued the man -- Sadequr Rahman, 65 -- whom the kidnappers locked up in a room of the house.

During the raid Rab also arrested houseowner Alamgir, 26, son of Lal Mia of the village, and Sumon Mia, 37, son of Ayub Ali from Lakhipur village in Daudkandi upazila in Cumilla.

On July 5, a gang of criminals drove away after forcing Sadequr, from Panchpukuria village in Barura upazila of Cumilla, into a microbus near Jatrabari flyover in the capital's Kajla.

The criminals later contacted his relatives and demanded Tk 2.79 lakh ransom for his release, the Rab commander said, adding that they handed over the victim and the arrestees to Gaibandha Sadar Police Station.

65-DAY BAN ON FISHING IN PIROJPUR

Fishermen pass hard time as compensation scanty

HABIBUR RAHMAN, Pirojpur

Hundreds of fishermen in the district have been passing their days in hardship due to a 65-day ban, which began from May 20, on fishing in the Bay.

On the other hand, the ban has adversely affected some other local economic sectors.

The government, for the first time, has imposed a 65-day ban on fishing in the sea, but apparently without taking any rehabilitation measures for the vulnerable group.

The sanction has been imposed in accordance with the Marine Fisheries Ordinance 1883 (amended in 2015) to ensure smooth breeding of sea fish.

According to the ordinance, no fishermen are allowed to catch fish in the sea during this period, said District Fisheries Officer Md Mosharraf Hossain.

Boat owner Iqbal Hossain of Badura village in Sadar upazila said to make a fishing boat, they have to take a large loan with high interest from local money lenders.

But they are incurring huge loss due to the ban, he said.

A number of fish traders and trawler owners in the area have been keeping their cellphones off as the lenders repeatedly phoned them to get back their money, said fish trader Abu Safayet of the village.

Even, operation of the local ice factories remained suspended due to



A good number of trawlers lie anchored at Badura fish landing station in Pirojpur Sadar upazila during the ongoing 65-day ban on fishing in the district.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

the ban, he said.

"During the ongoing peak catching season of fish in the sea, we make good profit every year, but this time the scenario is totally different due to the ban," said trader Shamim from Badura fish landing station in Sadar upazila.

Before the peak season of catching fish, all the fishermen take advanced loan from fishing boat owners and pay them after returning from the sea, said fisherman Jahangir Mollah of the upazila.

Mostly fishermen fell into despair as they have spent that money, he said, adding that many fishermen are passing their days in

acute hardship as the government has not given any support to them during the ongoing ban.

The fisheries officer said although there are 24,680 registered fishermen in the district, they do not know how many fishermen go to the sea.

This year they are giving 40 kg of rice to 8,230 fishermen, each for two months, in Mathbaria upazila only, he said.

They are making a list of fishermen who catch fish in the sea, said the officer.

He hopes that all the sea fishermen will get the government compensation during the ban from next year.

BRING KILLERS TO BOOK



Freedom fighters form a human chain in Ishwardi railway station in Pabna yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the criminals who shot dead freedom fighter Mostafizur Rahman on February 6 this year. Below, traders accompanied by locals bring out a procession in Tangail town yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the perpetrators of gruesome murder of fish trader Mohor Ali after his abduction on June 2.

PHOTO: STAR

Five get life term for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A Mymensingh court yesterday sentenced five people including three brothers to life term imprisonment for killing a farmer in Gouripur upazila of Mymensingh in 2002.

The convicts are Ruhul Amin, 57, Nurul Hoque, 55, and Munjurul Hoque, 52, sons of late Abdus Samad, Kala Chand, 55, son of Khorshed Alam, and Nabi Hossain, 55, son of Nasir Uddin of Tenguripara village in Gouripur.

The court also fined the convicts Tk 10,000 each, in default to suffer one month more in jail.

Second Additional District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Nurul Alam Biplob pronounced the verdict in presence of the convicts, said Sheikh Kabirul Islam, court inspector in Mymensingh.

According to the case statement, following an altercation over a land dispute on November 17 in 2002, the convicts beat Alauddin, leaving him critically injured.

He was rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Alauddin's elder brother Nurul Amin lodged a case against 11 people with Gouripur Police Station and later police pressed charge sheet accusing nine people on July 23 in 2007.

Four other accused were acquitted, said the court inspector.

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