More rain, more pain

2nd Edition

Most low-lying areas in port city go under knee- to waist-deep water once again

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Once again, incessant rain brought immense sufferings to port city residents yesterday, as many areas went under water.

Chattogram Met Office recorded 122.4mm of rain in 24 hours until 3pm. "Heavy to moderate shower may continue in the next 24 hours," said Bishwajit Chowdhury, forecasting officer of the met office.

Following yesterday's rain, most low-lying areas including Chawkbazar, Bakalia, Sholakbahar, Agrabad, Halisahar, Muradpur, Bahaddarhat, Kapasgola, Prabarttak Intersection, KB Aman Ali Road, DC Road, Chandgaon, Sholashahar Gate-2, East Nasirabad and Dewanbazar went under knee- to waist-deep water.

People were seen wading through filthy water to go to their destinations. Some were busy protecting their homes and shops from water while others were trying to drain and scoop water out.

Very few vehicles plied the roads and a handful of rickshaws and three-wheelers were seen carrying passengers -- that too at exorbitant fares.

Some vehicles broke down on the flooded Jamal Khan Road in front of Chittagong Ideal School while some got stuck in mud that washed down from adjacent hills.

Many city dwellers expressed their frustration over the authorities' failure to address the waterlogging problem.

"For how long do we have to suffer?" vented Mohammad Hannan, a resident of West Bakalia. "Rainwater entered my house just two days ago, damaging valuables. It's the same all over again. I don't understand what the authorities concerned are doing? They continue to assure us of mitigating the [waterlogging] crisis, but to no avail."

Hannan was not the only one. On KB Aman Ali were working relentlessly to clean the Road, Ruksana Akter, a student of Government Hazi Mohammad Mohsin College, was seen walking in knee-deep water, in an attempt to go home. "What choice do I have? I could not find any transport," said an exasperated Ruksana.

Pointing at water overflowing from adjacent Chaktai canal, she said, "Why couldn't they [Chattogram City Corporation] excavate it before rainy season?"

Contacted, Shafiqul Mannan Siddique, chief conservancy officer, said CCC workers

drains. "Downpour during high tide caused waterlogging in low-lying areas but water was draining out quickly," he assured. Meanwhile, Chattogram District Administration continued their eviction campaign

of people living in risky hill slopes in the city. So far, the administration has evacuated around 800 families from the slopes, said Mahmud Ullah Maruf, revenue deputy collector.

The families were taken to eight shelters, said Maruf, also coordinator of the campaign.



Passengers step out of a vehicle after it broke down on this flooded road yesterday. Meanwhile, three people travel on a completely submerged rickshaw-van with the puller wading through waist-deep water. The photo was taken in Sholashahar Gate-2 area. PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Ex-JU professor Munwar dies



JU CORRESPONDENT

Syed Munwar Hossain Bokhari, former professor of economics department at Jahangirnagar University (JU), passed away at his Dhaka residence on Friday night. He was 71.

He left behind his wife, two sons and a daughter to

mourn his death. Bokhari joined the JU

economics department in 1975 and retired in 2012. He was a bother-in-law of Foreign Minister Dr

AK Abdul Momen and husband of Ain o Salish Kendra Executive Director Sheepa Hafiza.

Munwar was buried at Nababganj graveyard yesterday morning.

JU Vice Chancellor Prof Farzana Islam expressed profound shock at the death. She also conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Regional round of Bangladesh History Olympiad held at JU



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The regional round of Bangladesh History Olympiad were held on Jahangirnagar University (JU) campus on Friday with much enthusiasm.

Forty students out of 400 from 30 schools and colleges of Savar were announced winners in the selection round held at JU School and College.

With the slogan "Nijer Shekorke Jano, Nijeke Shomriddho Koro" (Know your roots, enrich yourself), Bangladesh History Olympiad Committee, under the supervision of the pro-Liberation War organisation Mukto Asor, organised the event.

Earlier in the morning, Olympiad Committee President Selina Hossain along with principal of JU School and College Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan inaugurated the competition.

Among others, Dean of JU Arts and Humanities Prof Mozammel Hoque, National Institute of Mental Health Assistant Professor Ahmed Helal and Olympiad Committee General Secretary Abu Syed also spoke on the occasion.

Man found dead in smoke-filled motel room in port city

CU CORRESPONDENT

A man was reportedly killed due to suffocation yesterday, when a fire triggered heavy smoke at a motel room in port city's Foy's Lake area.

The deceased was identified as Khokon Dutta, 50, a staff member of Motel-6 Sharnali, said police.

Further details about the accident could not be ascertained immediatelym, firefighters said, adding that they recovered the body after motel staff informed them about the incident.

Police also rushed to the spot and found the room locked from inside, said Kabir Hossain, inspector (investigation) of Khulshi Police Station.

"As we broke the door, we saw the body of Kokhon lying on the floor amid the smoke," he said.

The fire might have originated from a mosquito coil when it came in contact with the mattress of the bed he was sleeping on, resulting in heavy smoke in the entire room.

Khokon might have tried to come out of the room, but failed to do so due to suffocation from the smoke and his vision also being obstructed by it, inspector Kabir suspected.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

10-year-old's drawing on prime minister's greeting card

CITY DESK

A drawing by 10-year-old Molina Khatun Bristi was featured on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Bangla new year greeting card for this year, titled "Shubho Noboborsho-1426".

Bristi, a girl with multiple disabilities who comes from an impoverished family, also received Tk 1 lakh azs prize money for her drawing from the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund, according to a press release by SEID (Society for Education and Inclusion of the Disabled).

Bristi enrolled at SEID in 2016, and has made steady progress in learning both Bangla and English alphabets.

Two suspected child abductors beaten up

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police rescued a father and a mentally-challenged beggar from mob beatings in two separate suspected child abduction incidents in the port city on Friday.

Sukanta Chakraborty, officer-in-charge (OC) of Bandar Police Station, said Rashedul Alam of Raozan upazila was returning from Chattogram airport with his son and six nephews in a CNG-run auto-rickshaw.

When the driver stopped and asked for directions in Saltgola Crossing area, locals gathered and suspected Rashedul of being an abductor, seeing all the children. The mob then pulled him out and beat him up, said the officer.

On information, police rushed to the spot and rescued him. He was later given primary treatment at a local hospital.

Meanwhile, in Enayet Bazar area, an 11-year-old complained that Mohibul Alam -- a beggar hailing from Hatiya upazila -- might be an abductor, after seeing him in front of their house, said Md Kamruzzaman, inspector (investigation) of Kotwali Police Station.

The child's father along with other locals then detained Mohibul and upon hearing his incoherent speaking, accused him of being an abductor and beat him up, said the officer.

On information from locals, police rescued and took him to Chattogram Medical College Hospital where doctors said he was mentally-challenged.

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Man lynched in Savar over trespassing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A mob beat a man to death

Dewan Shaipara area in Birulia of Savar, died on the spot, said police.

Locals caught him while he along with several of his accomplices was trying to enter the house of one Gazi Mondal in nearby Gouripur area around 5am, said Javed Masud, inspector (investigation) of Ashulia Police Station.

The other suspects managed to escape, said the inspector.

On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital in Dhaka for autopsy, he added.

"We are investigating the incident," said Inspector Masud.

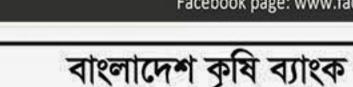
Filing of a case was underway till filing of the report last evening.

Imran, Indira FROM PAGE 3

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam and high officials of the president and prime minister's offices were present. On Thursday, the

government elevated State Minister for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas **Employment Imran Ahmad** to full minister while

Indira into the cabinet, the number of ministers and state ministers has risen to 48.



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