



A large section of flood control embankment alongside the Manu river in Moulvibazar's Kulaura upazila was eroded by the river this Thursday. Except for hastily dumping some sandbags, Water Development Board, however, took no effective step to protect it.

MANU RIVER EROSION IN KULaura UPazILA

# One-third of levee partially disappears in one day

Market, road devoured; Thousands of bighas of farmlands in at least 20 villages under threat; WDB dumped only sandbags

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Nearly 60 meters of Kunimura-Tarapasha road on the Manu river flood control embankment has been eroded by the river in Moulvibazar's Kulaura upazila on Thursday.

As the erosion devoured a large number of stores at Kawkapon Bazar, an age-old market along the road, inhabitants of nearby villages have been moving away to safety, fearing further damage to the embankment.

Elderly storeowner Salahuddin said after losing his variety store that his grandfather started, he was worried whether the entire embankment will now disappear into the river.

"We took shelter on the embankment after losing our croplands and homesteads to the river's erosion before and we are now worried if the embankment itself will be lost," said Nurul Islam of the same area.

Abdul Basit Bachchu, chairman of Hajipur Union Parishad, said playgrounds, tube wells as well as 36 shops on the riverside of the 100-year-old market had been eroded by the river last year.

About one-third of the 180-meter-long levee has partially collapsed on

Thursday and if it breaches completely this time, thousands of bighas of farmlands and orchards in at least 20 villages will disappear, he added.

President of Kawkapon Bazar association Porimol Chandra Dey said the loss sustained by storeowners due to erosion this time might be around Tk 1 crore.

Another leader of the traders, the association's General Secretary Mokhles Rahman, said the government gets revenue from the market every year. But the Water Development Board's (WDB) hasty repair work on the levee, with sandbags and bamboo, was washed away by the river's strong current from upstream.

Unless a proper repair work is done, the market as well as a large area protected by the embankment will be devoured by the river, he also said.

Contacted, WDB Assistant Engineer in Moulvibazar Abdul Kader said they were aware that the road on the levee sustained severe damage and many of the stores along its side were washed away.

The WDB was undertaking a fresh project to do all necessary work for protecting the embankment in Kawkapon Bazar area, he added.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

## Kid burnt to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

A two-year-old baby girl was burnt to death when a fire broke out at their house in Chilmari upazila of the district yesterday noon.

The victim, Yea Moni, was daughter of day labourer Aminul Islam, 40, of Natarkandi village under Astamirchar union in the upazila.

Astamirchar Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Abu Taleb said some children were playing with a gas lighter near Aminul's house around 12:15pm.

At one stage, a fire accidentally caught Aminul's house, made with bamboo and straw, and soon engulfed the entire house, leaving Moni dead on the spot.

Villagers rushed to the spot, brought the blaze under control and recovered the charred body of the kid from the gutted remains, the UP chairman added.

## RAPE ATTEMPT ON COLLEGE GIRL One sent to jail, another accused still at large

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A Bagerhat court yesterday sent a man to jail in a case filed for attempting to rape a college girl in an office of a cable TV service provider in Bagerhat's Morrelganj on Wednesday.

Police arrested the man, Rubel Howlader, 22, a resident of Politics Mor area in Morrelganj, on Friday when the case was filed accusing him and another youth named Sohel, said KM Azizul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Morrelganj Police Station.

According to a case statement, Rubel and Sohel forcibly dragged the first-year college student into the office room in Politics Mor area around 2:00pm when she was walking home in the rain.

They recorded video and took pictures of her while trying to rape her by confining her to the room for over one and a half hours.

After managing to flee the scene, she later disclosed the incident to her parents. Her mother initially filed a complaint with the police station on Thursday night.

While making the arrest on Friday, they also confiscated a cellphone from the arrestee, the OC said, adding that they were conducting raids to arrest Sohel.

## Fishing net confiscated from river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A mobile court on Friday seized a fishing net that was illegally set across the Ratnai river in Dirakuti village of Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

The 200-metre-long net was confiscated by GR Sarwar, assistant commissioner (land) in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, who led the mobile court.

The court, however, could not apprehend anyone responsible for blocking the river's natural flow with the net.

GR Sarwar quoting locals said villagers living downstream had been deprived of fish as the net, locally known as Jaam Jaal, had been placed illegally across the entire width of the small river for the last few days.

Hasmat Ali, fisheries officer of Lalmonirhat Sadar, said use of such net in a natural waterbody is illegal.



This recent photo shows illegal sand lifting by dredgers continues unabated near the flood control embankment along the Teesta river at Niz Gaddimari village in Lalmonirhat's Hatibandha upazila. The callous act has been continuing for the last two weeks, making the important embankment vulnerable to collapse.

PHOTO: S DILIP ROY



Jute growers in Tangail are happy as the district sees good yield of the item this year. Each maund of the cash crop is selling for Tk 1,800 to Tk 2,000 at different local markets. The photo was taken from Nikrail market in Tangail's Bhuapur upazila on Friday.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

# Three drown in districts across country

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Three people, including a bank official, died in separate drowning incidents in Thakurgaon, Kishoreganj and Dinajpur yesterday and on Friday.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent reported that fire-fighters recovered the body of a schoolboy from a pond in Thakurgaon upazila parishad premises yesterday.

The victim, Sajjad Hossain, 14, son of Mohammad Dulal of Nishchintapur area, was a Class VIII student at Ideal High School in Thakurgaon municipality.

Mofidar Rahman, station officer at Thakurgaon fire station, the boy drowned while taking bath along with a group of some schoolboys yesterday noon.

Our Mymensingh correspondent adds: a bank official drowned in Kishoreganj's Karimganj upazila on Friday noon.

The victim, Zahid Hasan Jiku, 28, son of Yasin Mia of Bhawal Kumarjani village in Mirzapur upazila of Tangail, was a junior officer at Bank Asia's Phulbaria branch in Mymensingh, Officer in Charge (OC) of Karimganj Police Station Mominur Rahman said.

Jiku along with his three friends came to Balikhala Ghat in Karimganj on Friday noon to spend their holiday and went to a nearby waterbody for taking bath, the OC said.

At one stage, he slipped into deep water and drowned as he did not know how to swim, he said, adding that, being informed, they went to the

spot and recovered the body with the help locals around 3:00pm.

Away in Dinajpur, villagers yesterday recovered the body of an 11-year-old boy from the Kakra river in Chirirbandar upazila, a day after he went missing on Friday.

The deceased Moniruzzaman, son of Belal Hossain of Dangapara village in the upazila, was a Class III student at a local Madrasa, OC of Chirirbandar Police Station Harisul Islam said.

Deceased's family members said the boy slipped into water while taking bath in the Kakra river around 11:00am on Friday and remained missing.

Locals spotted the body floating in the river around yesterday morning and recovered it.

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**Invitation for Tender (National) of  
(a) White Refined Sugar (b) Refined Soyabean Oil**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce.	
2	Agency	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB).	
3	Procuring entity name	Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB, Dhaka.	
4	Procuring entity code	Not applicable.	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
6	Invitation for	(a) White Refined Sugar (b) Refined Soyabean Oil.	
7	Invitation Ref. No.	(a) 26.05.0000.016.07.009.19.155 (b) 26.05.0000.016.07.009.19.156	
8	Date	01-08-2019	

**KEY INFORMATION**

9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) (National).	
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

10	Budget and source of funds	TCB's own fund.	
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**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

11	Package No.	(a) TCB/Imp-02/Sugar/2019 (b) TCB/Imp-03/Soyabean Oil/2019	
12	Package name	(a) White Refined Sugar (b) Refined Soyabean Oil	
13	Tender publication date	04-08-2019	

14	Tender documents last selling date and time	Date	Time
14		01-09-2019	17.00pm
15	Tender closing date and time	02-09-2019	12.00 Noon
16	Tender opening date and time	02-09-2019	12.15pm

17	Name & address of the office(s)	Address	
	-Selling tender document of each item can be purchased from the banks & offices as mentioned in right column	(1) Sonali Bank Ltd, Kawran Bazar Branch, TCB Bhaban, Dhaka, (2) Rupali Bank Ltd, TCB Bhaban Branch, TCB Bhaban, Kawran Bazar Branch, (3) Trust Bank Ltd, Kawran Bazar Branch, and (4) Accounts & Finance Division, TCB's Principal Office at Dhaka	
	-Receiving tender document	In front of TCB's reception (2nd floor), TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.	
	-Opening tender document	Board Room, TCB.	

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

18	Eligibility of tenderer	Bonafide Refineries. Details conditions will be mentioned in the tender documents.	
19	Brief description of goods	Purchase of (a) 2,500 (±5%) (two thousand five hundred plus minus five percent) M. Tons White Refined Sugar Packed in 50 (Fifty) Kg bag. (b) 1,500 (±5%) (one thousand five hundred plus minus five percent) M. Tons Refined Soyabean Oil Packed in 02 (Two) and 05 (Five) Litter Food Grade PET Bottle.	
20	Price of tender document	(a) Tk. 2,000 (two thousand) only per set. (b) Tk. 2,000 (two thousand) only per set.	

21	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Delivery schedule
	1	(a) White Refined Sugar (b) Refined Soyabean Oil	Offers are to be made on TCB's godown(s) at: 1. Dhaka 2. Chattogram 3. Khulna 4. Rajshahi 5. Rangpur 6. Barishal 7. Moulvibazar & 8. Mymensingh	Tender is to be submitted along with tender security amounting to: (a) BDT 28,00,000.00 (BDT twenty eight lac) only (b) BDT 36,00,000.00 (BDT thirty-six lac) only In the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee. The successful tenderer is to submit 5% (five percent) (performance security in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee).	Entire quantity of goods is to be supplied within: (a) 35 (thirty-five) days (b) 45 (forty-five) days (including L/C correction & grace period) from the date of opening L/C.

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

22	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Shekhabur Rahaman, Deputy Secretary.		
23	Designation of official inviting tender	Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.		
24	Address of official inviting tender	Principal Office, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB), 1, Kawran Bazar Bazar, Dhaka.		
25	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone No. 02-8180074	Fax No. 880-2-8180057	E-mail: <a href="mailto:tcb@tcb.gov.bd">tcb@tcb.gov.bd</a> <a href="mailto:tcbimp@tcb.gov.bd">tcbimp@tcb.gov.bd</a>

**Special instructions:**  
a. Incomplete, conditional tender and alternative offer shall not be considered.  
b. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason.  
c. Tenderer who was awarded the Notification of Award (NOA) earlier but could not submit performance security (PS) in due time, will not be eligible for the tender.  
d. Tenderer whose performance security (PS) was partially or totally forfeited earlier will not be eligible to participate in the tender.

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