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KASHMIR ISSUE AT UN

Modi silent, Imran fumes

Indian PM urges world to unite against terrorism; Pakistan PM says he fears 'bloodbath' in J&K

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at UN, yesterday urged the world to unite against terrorism but avoided mentioning the Kashmir issue, while his Pakistani counterpart accused India of planning bloodbath there.

Addressing the UN General Assembly, Modi said terrorism is one of the biggest challenges before humanity.

"We believe that terrorism is not a challenge for any one country but for all countries and for humanity. For the sake of humanity, the world has to unite against terror," Modi said.

"We belong to a country that has given the world Buddha (Buddha's message of peace), not 'Uddh' (war). When we raise our voice against terror, it is with seriousness and anger," said Modi, who took the podium before Pakistan Prime minister Imran Khan.

Without naming Pakistan, Modi said there needed to be more anger globally about what terrorism was doing to humanity.

A divided world, the Indian PM said, was in nobody's interest. "Neither do we have an option to restrict ourselves to our borders. Multilateralism is the essence, we need give a new direction," he said.

In his 20-minute speech, he also spoke about India's fight against global warming and its development initiatives.

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Piles of garbage on the Turag are polluting the water and narrowing the river near Abdullahpur bridge in Tongi. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

9-year-old raped in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A nine-year-old girl was allegedly raped by a neighbour in Kalihati upazila of Tangail on Thursday evening.

Victim's mother filed a case with Kalihati Police Station accusing one Shahidul Islam, 52, yesterday, said Hasan Al Mamun, officer-in-charge of the police station.

According to the case statement, Shahidul took the girl to a secluded place near their houses by luring her with chocolates and raped her.

Hearing her screams, locals rushed to the spot and rescued the girl, but Shahidul managed to escape, the OC said, adding that police arrested him on the same night.

He was sent to jail through a Tangail court yesterday, he said.

The girl is currently receiving treatment at Tangail General Hospital, said the OC.

Bangladesh among top 20 improvers

Says WB report on doing business

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh is among the top-20 "Improvers in Doing Business 2020" as the country has implemented various reform initiatives to make a business-friendly environment, according to a World Bank (WB) report.

The report, available on the WB website, says Bangladesh made it easier for entrepreneurs to start a business, obtain an electrical connection and access credit.

Among other initiatives, Bangladesh lowered

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3,000-yr-old baby bottles found



REUTERS, Washington

Ceramic vessels, sometimes fashioned in whimsical animal forms, were used thousands of years ago as baby bottles to feed infants animal milk, according to scientists, offering an intriguing look at how and what infants were fed in prehistoric times.

Archaeologists said on Wednesday they confirmed the function of these ceramic objects by finding chemical traces of milk belonging to animals such as cows, sheep and goats in three

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Couple found dead at home in Kurigram

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Police yesterday recovered dead bodies of a couple from their house in Kurigram's Nageshwari upazila.

The dead are Nazrul Islam Mena, 53, from Baniya Para area in the upazila and his wife Rumi Begum, 32, said Rawshan Kabir, officer-in-charge of Nageshwari Police Station.

One of their neighbours went to their house around 8:00am hearing their eight-month-old son crying for long.

Entering the house, he found the bodies in separate rooms and informed police, the OC

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'We are at war'

Says Trump on Democrats' impeachment move

AFP, Washington

US President Donald Trump has called his impeachment probe a "war" as Democrats vowed to speed up the investigation, saying the evidence of abuse of power from his Ukraine phone call and attempts to cover up wrongdoing were already clear.

"We're at war. These people are sick," Trump says in a video obtained by Bloomberg.

He was speaking at a closed-doors gathering with US diplomats in New York on Thursday and apparently filmed by one of the people attending.

The event was held in the wake of the Democrats' decision to launch an impeachment investigation into Trump's alleged attempt to arm-twist the Ukrainian president into providing dirt on one of his main 2020 election rivals, Joe Biden.

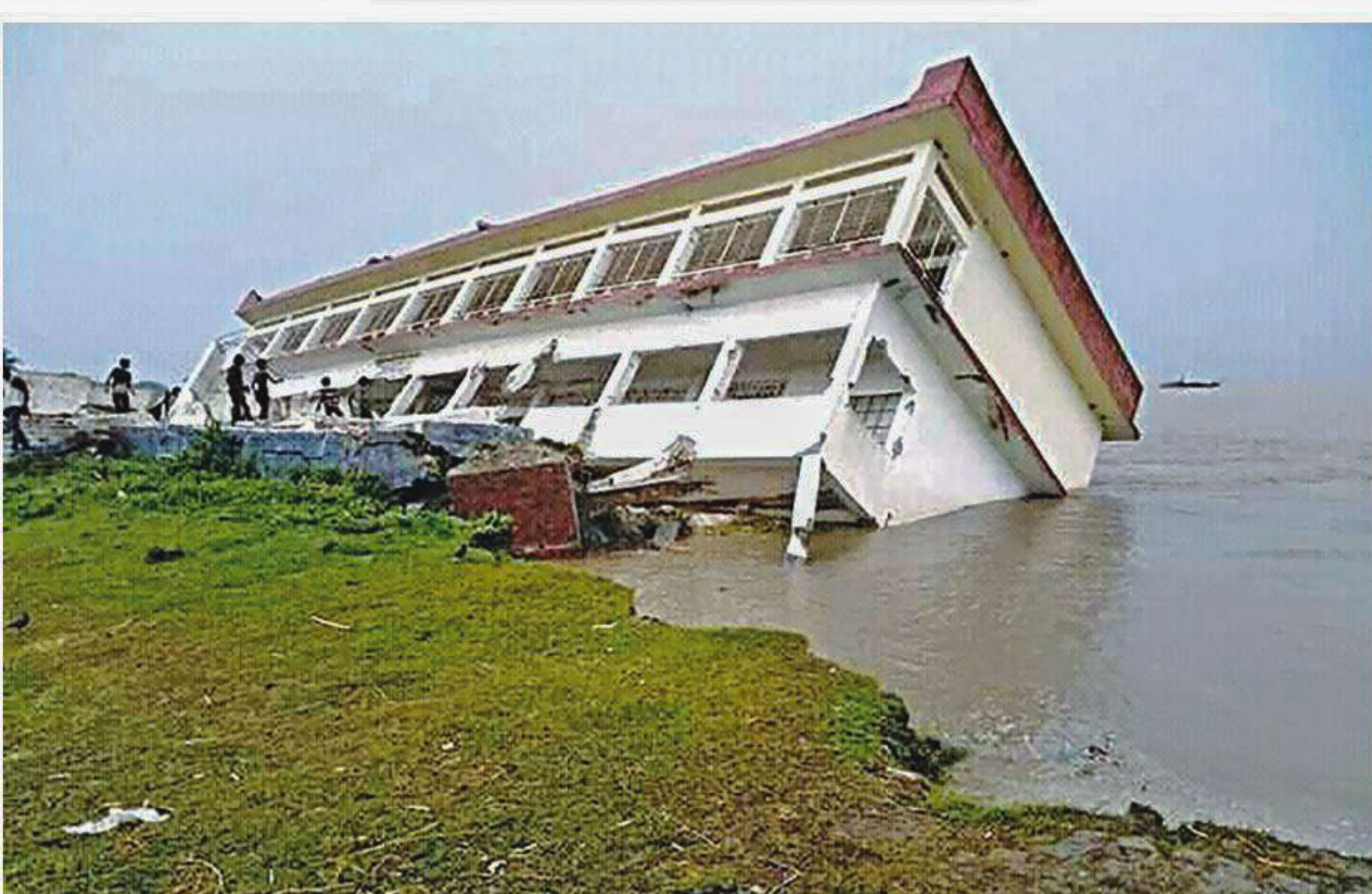
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PRAYER TIMING
SEPTEMBER 28

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-35 12-45 4-15 6-00 7-30
JAMAAT 5-10 1-15 4-30 6-05 8-00

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A government primary school getting devoured by the Padma river in Kathalbari area of Madaripur's Shibchar last week. Many neighbourhoods disappeared into the river since Monday when the erosion took a turn for the worse.

Vast area lost to the Padma

The river has devoured 50 homesteads, five schools and a health complex in Madaripur's Shibrampur upazila for last five days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

At least 50 homesteads, five educational institutions, one union health complex building and one union parishad building have been devoured in Madaripur's Shibrampur upazila since Monday.

The water level of the Padma suddenly rose on Monday noon and affected Kathalbari point, Bandarkhola point, Char Janajat and its surrounding areas, said locals.

Partha Protim Saha, executive engineer of Madaripur Water Development Board, said "We have

already dumped around 58,000 sandbags at Kathalbari point and 9,000 more at Bandarkhola point to prevent erosion."

Asked if there was any permanent solution to the issue, he said, "It is not possible to build permanent dams in those areas as that would pose a serious risk to the under-construction Padma Bridge.

"The authorities may build permanent dams after consulting with the engineers of the Padma Bridge later."

Many locals in the area shifted to their relatives' houses fearing that their

homes would soon be demolished by the erosion.

Nur Matbar, of Char Janajat area who recently shifted his family to a relative's house, said around 200 families left their homes in five days.

Akkas Ali, headmaster of Magurakhanda Government Primary School, said the only building of the school was washed away by the erosion.

"We have over 760 students in the school and I do not know how to continue classes. We may shift our school to a new place very soon," he said.

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