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Flood deals a heavy blow to fish farmers

The sector incurred Tk 479.85cr loss in last few months, says govt report

STAR REPORT

The fisheries sector has suffered a loss of about Tk 479.85 crore due to heavy rains and floods, according to a report by the fisheries department.

Ponds, lakes and fish farms on around 17,000 hectares of land have been inundated in 208 upazilas of 36 districts, said the report released recently.

Nearly 6,000 tonnes of fish fry were washed away, directly affecting around 72,000 farmers.

During the recent new moon and depression in the Bay of Bengal, swollen rivers in Patuakhali washed away around 1,000 tonnes of fish from 7,280 ponds and other water bodies.

Between August 19 and 22, the rivers flowed about 68 cm over the safety mark in some places of the district.

The fishing industry and fish farmers were also hit by cyclone Ampan on May 20 when fish worth Tk 24.57 crore got washed away.

Al Mamun, 48, a fish farmer at Char Jamuna village of Rangabali upazila, said his fish farm on five acres of land have been inundated and ruined about 15 days ago.

He added that he was just trying to recover from the losses caused by Ampan.

Shrimp farmers in Bagerhat said they have suffered more in recent weeks than during cyclone Amphan.

In the last few days, incessant rains and tidal waters have

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Cancer patient Nazrul Islam standing in front of the gates of Mugda General Hospital in the capital yesterday morning. A resident of Chandpur's Faridganj upazila, Nazrul came to the capital on August 26 for treatment at the National Institute for Cancer Research and Hospital, but the oncology department told him to be tested for Covid-19 first. Yesterday, he queued in front of Mugda General Hospital since 6:00am, before the hospital management gave him the first ticket of the day on humanitarian grounds at 9:00am. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

TRAFFICKING TO KUWAIT

Investigators looking for MP Shahid's brother

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

They used to contact people from across the country through brokers and charge each of them Tk 5 lakh to Tk 7 lakh for sending them to Kuwait.

They sent the fortune seekers to the Gulf country through the travel agency of Kazi Mohammad Badrul Alam alias Liton Chowdhury, younger brother of Lakshmipur-2 lawmaker Kazi Md Shahid Islam alias Kazi Papul.

The collected money, gathered through sending people to Kuwait, was later deposited into different bank accounts of the two siblings.

The Criminal Investigation Department, now probing human trafficking charges against the lawmaker, has claimed to have gleaned the information from a staff of Job Bank International, a recruiting agency owned by Kazi Badrul.

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251 lives lost in floods in last 2 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 251 people died in 33 flood-hit districts in the last two months, said a report by the National Health Crisis Management Unit of the health directorate.

Majority 210 of the dead were drowned, according to the report which has compiled these deaths between June 30 and August 27.

Among others, 13 died from lightning strikes, 25 from snake bites, one for diarrhea, and two others of wound.

According to the report, a total of 57,301 people fell sick in different disease including diarrhea, skin disease, inflammation of the eye, tracheal inflammation.

Of them, the highest 57,301 suffered from diarrhea.

As of the end of July, around 37 percent of the country's total area has been flooded, according to Prof AKM Saiful Islam of Buet's Institute of Water and Flood Management.

People of low-lying areas were the worst affected victims of this natural disaster. Many of them were waterlogged for over a month.

In 1998, around 68 percent of the country

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Draft constitution almost ready

August 29, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU'S HEALTH CONDITION SATISFACTORY

Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's health condition is satisfactory, says a health bulletin issued by Bangabandhu's personal physician Dr Nurul Islam today. Bangabandhu has a long discussion with the Bangladesh Ambassador to France, Abdul Fatteh today.

The Swiss Ambassador to the UN headquarters in Geneva called on the Bangladesh prime minister yesterday.

Bangabandhu was yesterday shown a letter from Islamabad which gave a graphic account of the plight of Bangalee officials in Pakistan. The letter was written by a senior Bangalee official to his brother who is now a resident of Geneva. The writer of the letter says that life as a Bangalee in Pakistan is a veritable hell. He has not been paid any salary or maintenance allowance since January last.

EXPERTS EXAMINING CONSTITUTION TEXT

Dr Kamal Hossain, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister, tells a press conference in Dhaka today that the draft constitution is almost ready. He does not, however, commit himself to any specific date for making the draft constitution public. The minister further informs that the Constitution Drafting Committee has approved the substance of the draft constitution and it is now under careful scrutiny of the technical draftsmen and scholars of the Bangla language.

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ROHINGYA CAMPS

3G, 4G mobile services resume after a year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

3G and 4G mobile services in Rohingya camp areas of Cox's Bazar resumed yesterday after the government suspended the services around a year ago.

"As per the instructions of BTRC, we have restored 3G and 4G connectivity in Teknaf and Ukhia in the morning," Shahed Alam, chief corporate officer at Robi Axiata Ltd, told The Daily Star.

Sources in the telecom companies said they got the instructions from the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) at 10:00am yesterday.

The decision to lift the restrictions, imposed around a year ago, was made on Sunday at the meeting of a national taskforce chaired by Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan.

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Scientists develop injectable robots

AFP, *London*

Scientists have created an army of microscopic four-legged robots too small to see with the naked eye that walk when stimulated by a laser and could be injected into the body through hypodermic needles, a study said Wednesday.

Microscopic robotics are seen as having an array of potential uses, particularly in medicine, and US researchers said the new robots offer "the potential to explore biological environments".

One of the main challenges in the development of these cell-sized robots has been combining control circuitry and moving parts in such a small structure.

The robots described in the journal Nature are less than 0.1 millimetre wide -- around the width of a human hair -- and have four legs that are powered by on-board solar cells.

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Two college students die after 'taking toxic liquor'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Pabna*

Two college boys died from poisoning at Bonogram Shahapara in Santhia upazila of Pabna early yesterday.

According to locals, the duo died due to drinking poisonous alcohol. Police, however, said the reason behind the deaths could not be told before receiving autopsy reports.

Nasirul Islam, officer-in-charge of Ataikula Police

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PRAYER TIMING AUGUST 29

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-30	12-45	4-45	6-33	8-00
JAMAAT	5-05	1-15	5-00	6-36	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

'Neo-JMB fundraiser' arrested in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

He was trying to increase the strength of "Neo-JMB" and carry out subversive activities after collecting funds from different foreign nationals.

For this purpose, he contacted members of IS-inspired militant outfits in the Philippines, Indonesia, United Kingdom, France, and Afghanistan using different online platforms. He also has records of financial transactions with some foreign nationals returning from Syria.

The Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit yesterday claimed they learned this information following the arrest of militant suspect Sibbir Ahmed, 22. CTTC officials said he was running his activities staying in the capital's Sabujbagh area.

A counterterrorism team arrested him from the area around 5:00pm on Thursday, CTTC Deputy Commissioner Saiful

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A group of children bathing in the Bangshi river watch two of their playmates in mid-jump off a tree branch. The seasonal rains have caused the river to swell and reach near these children's houses on the Dhamrai bank. The photo was taken yesterday afternoon. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Biden threat to 'American Dream'

Says Trump as he accepts GOP nomination for second term

AFP, *Washington*

President Donald Trump tore into his election challenger Joe Biden as a threat to the "American Dream" in a bruising speech on Thursday night accepting the Republican nomination for a second term against a backdrop of racial tensions and the deadly coronavirus pandemic.

The former celebrity real estate developer spoke at a grandiose event staged at the White House -- the first time a president has ever held a party convention at the executive mansion -- and followed up with a vast fireworks display on the National Mall.

In his 70-minute address, Trump went after "weak" Biden as hard as he could, attacking him by name dozens of times in an attempt to define the veteran centrist former vice president, who leads in polls ahead of the November 3 election, as a radical leftist.

"No one will be safe in Biden's America," he said.

"This election will decide whether we save the American Dream," Trump said, rejecting Biden's main campaign slogan about saving America's soul.

"He's the destroyer of America's jobs and given the chance, he'll be the destroyer of American greatness."

The relentless verbal assault contrasted with Biden's

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