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Marooned, they wait for relief

Flood hits 15 dists, crisis of food, drinking water acute

STAR REPORT

People in the remote shoals of the Jamuna are suffering immensely for want of drinking water and food.

Most of the flood victims are yet to get any relief assistance.

There is also a fodder crisis.

Currently, 15 districts in the country's northern and central parts are affected by floods. Of them, situation in at least 11 districts is going to worsen today, said the bulletin of Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre.

Out of 109 water monitoring stations, water level is rising at 54 points while it is overflowing the danger level at 22 points, the bulletin added.

Visiting Haldiya union, a char in the Jamuna of Gaibandha's Saghata, our Bogura correspondent yesterday found that several thousand people of the union have been marooned for last one week, but no one got any relief materials.

Pinjira Begum, 50, of Dakkhin Dighalkandi village, said, "We have been stranded since August 27, but no one gives us any relief. My husband is physically challenged. We have no boat. Therefore, we can't move to a safe place."

Nasima Begum, 35, said houses of 40 families in the village remained inundated for one week. River water is still increasing.

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Residents of Dakkhin Dighalkandi village in Gaibandha's Saghata upazila stand in knee-deep flood water as a boat approaches. The village has been inundated with flood water for the last week but no relief has reached the suffering villagers. They rush towards any approaching boats in the hope of relief. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: MOSTAFA SHABUJ

44 dead as flash floods hit US northeast

AFP, New York

Flash flooding caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ida killed at least 44 people in four northeastern US states overnight into Thursday, including several who perished in basements during the "historic" weather event officials blamed on climate change.

Record rainfall, which prompted an unprecedented flash flood emergency warning for New York City, turned streets into rivers and shut down subway services as water cascaded down platforms onto tracks.

"I'm 50 years old and I've never seen that much rain ever," said Metodija Mihajlov whose basement of his Manhattan restaurant was flooded with three inches of water.

"It was like living in the jungle, like tropical rain. Unbelievable. Everything is so strange this year," he told AFP.

Hundreds of flights SEE PAGE 4 COL 5

NZ KNIFE RAMPAGE IS-inspired attacker shot dead, 6 hurt

AFP, Wellington

An Islamic State-inspired attacker injured six people in a New Zealand supermarket knife rampage yesterday, before being shot dead by undercover police officers who had him under round-the-clock surveillance.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said she was "gutted" the man, a Sri Lankan national, had managed to carry out his "hateful" assault even though he was on a terror watchlist.

She said the man, who arrived in New Zealand in 2011, entered a shopping mall in suburban Auckland and seized a knife from a display before going on a stabbing spree.

Six people were wounded, three critically, in the 60 seconds before surveillance officers opened fire.

Terrified shoppers fled for the exits and video footage shot by bystanders showed men running toward the incident before a barrage of shots rang out.

The attack has stirred painful memories of the Christchurch mosques shootings in March 2019, New Zealand's worst terror atrocity, when a white supremacist

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ROAD TO FREEDOM THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Bangladesh's reply to Yahya



The Bangladesh Mission Chief in Calcutta Hossain Ali in a brief function today hands over a cheque of 2,100 rupees to Kazi Nazrul Islam at the Christopher Road resident of the poet.

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BANGLADESH MISSION PRESENTS CHEQUE TO KAZI NAZRUL ISLAM

Hossain Ali, the chief of the Bangladesh mission in Kolkata, today presented to the sons of Kazi Nazrul Islam a cheque for 2,100 rupees as pension for the poet. The amount represents a monthly grant of 350 rupees to the ailing poet for the last six months, since when the Pakistan government had stopped the grant after the army crackdown in Bangladesh on March 25, 1971. In his brief speech Hossain Ali paid glowing tribute to the writings of Nazrul Islam, which he believed would inspire all Bangladeshis to fight till freedom was attained.

'IT IS PLAIN SADISM'

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SSF bill placed in JS

Incorporates security of Bangabandhu's family members

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Special Security Force Bill-2021 was placed in parliament yesterday, incorporating a provision for state security for family members of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and other "very important" persons.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq, also the in-charge of parliamentary affairs of the Prime Minister's Office, placed the bill, which was later sent to the parliamentary standing committee concerned for further examination.

The committee was asked to submit its report before the House within 30 working days.

The proposed law comes as the existing Special Security Force Ordinance-1986 was left void following a High

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China develops miniature copter for Mars missions



REUTERS, Beijing

China has developed a prototype miniature helicopter for surveillance work on future Mars missions, according to its space science agency, following the historic landing of a robotic rover on the Red Planet a few months ago.

The prototype is similar in appearance to the robotic helicopter Ingenuity, developed by Nasa for its Perseverance mission this year, according to a photograph posted on the website of China's National Space Science Center on Wednesday.

The agency said the helicopter could be a tool for China's follow-up exploration on Mars, but it

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BCL leader, 2 others held on rape charge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Three people, including Habiganj's Lakhai upazila Chhatra League Joint Convener Solaiman Hossain Rony, have been arrested on charge of raping a newlywed woman in front of her husband on a boat in a haor.

The other arrestees are: Mithu Mia, 21, and Subha Mia, 19, of Morakari village in the upazila.

Saidul Islam, officer-in-charge of Lakhai Police Station, said police arrested Subha on Thursday.

Besides, members of Rab-9 conducted a drive on Wednesday and Thursday and arrested Rony and Mithu.

The victim's husband on Thursday filed a case with the Habiganj Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-2 against eight people, including the three arrestees.

The husband said his SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

Woman who complained against cop arrested

Rab says she is involved in human trafficking

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman was arrested by Rab from the capital's Rupnagar on charges of human trafficking on Wednesday, about two weeks after she lodged a complaint with police against a sub-inspector over stealing Tk 2.5 lakh during a raid at her home.

A Rab-4 team raided the house of Rasheda Begum, 53, in Rupnagar on Wednesday afternoon and picked her up along with one of her tenants Mahmuda Akter Mim, 24.

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An electrician on a ladder working on repairing an internet cable at the capital's Topkhana Road. He is perilously close to a high-voltage transformer, but he is conducting repairs without taking any visual safety measures such as wearing a safety harness. Such sights are common in the capital and could result in potentially fatal accidents. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Star HEALTHLINE

What is Covid brain fog?

STAR HEALTH DESK

Brain fog is one of the rarer Covid-19 symptoms -- not talked about frequently. There are no complications in understanding brain fog: it's a cognitive dysfunction, a hazy feeling that bars you from concentrating, or remembering things.

If you got up from bed to do something during or after Covid-19 illness, but forgot what it was as soon as you're up, you might have brain fog. If you are thinking it will go away as soon as Covid symptoms

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