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An aerial shot of parts of Mallikpur in Sunamganj. Flood water has inundated most of the area and parts of the Sunamganj-Sylhet highway, from top left to the bottom left of this photo. The photo was taken around 3:00pm yesterday with a drone.

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Floods hit 5 dists in North, 15 more at risk

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With vast areas in five northern districts already inundated over the past two days, 15 more districts are feared to soon be hit by the floods caused by heavy downpour and onrush of water from the upstream.

The districts that may witness flood are Jamalpur, Bogura, Sherpur, Gaibandha, Sirajganj, Tangail, Manikganj, Pabna, Rajshahi, Kushtia, Faridpur, Rajbari, Sharikpur, Munshiganj, and

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COMMUNICATIONS WITH SYLHET Air, rail gone, road too may go soon

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If the flood worsens, Sylhet could become unreachable via roads within a day or two. Air communication had already been snapped and train services were stopped yesterday.

Bangladesh Railway (BR) yesterday suspended operations of all trains to and

from Sylhet Railway Station as most of the lines there went under flood water.

Officials said some trains are now travelling up to Mogaibazar and Maiigaon stations, while the rest are running up to Kulaura station in Moulvibazar. Maiigaon station is two stations before Sylhet station.

Road communications between Sunamganj and the rest of the country are already cut off and Sylhet may be in a similar situation as most of the major roads, including national highways

in the two districts, have already been inundated.

"There is a concern that Dhaka-Sylhet road communications may be snapped within a day or two if the water level continues to rise," said Fazlul Rabbe, additional chief engineer (Sylhet zone) of Roads and Highways Department (RHD).

About 80-90 percent of around 350km road under the RHD in Sunamganj has already gone under water.

Meanwhile, rail communication with Mohanganj upazila in Netrakona with the rest of the country was also severed yesterday after a part of a railway bridge got swept away.

Heavy rain and onrush of water from upstream in India's northeast have

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inundated most of the area and parts of the Sunamganj-Sylhet highway, from top left to the bottom left of this photo. The photo was taken around 3:00pm yesterday with a drone.

As a result, the people stranded there are unable to contact anyone to rescue them.

About 40 lakh people are estimated to be marooned, according to Muhammad Mosharrof Hossain, the divisional commissioner.

And the situation is expected to get worse, as per yesterday's bulletin from the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre.

There is a possibility of medium to heavy rainfall in some places of the northern and north-eastern regions of the country along with adjoining states of Assam, Meghalaya and Sub-Himalayan West Bengal of India in the next 72 hours.

Subsequently, the flood situation in the Sylhet, Sunamganj and Netrakona districts may further deteriorate in the next 24 hours.

"As a result, the Brahmaputra, Jamuna, the Ganges Padma, the Surma, the Kushiya, the Teesta, the Dharla, the

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