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SL president's powers to be clipped



Basketball crying for a home

Relief not reaching those who need it most

Sylhet admin data shows government efforts inadequate

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Shamim Ahmed, a young resident of Eklamnagar village in Sunamganj's Chhatak upazila, has been stranded with no relief since the flood hit his home six days ago.

"I have now come to the Bangladesh Army's Coordination Centre here to request them to help the people of my village."

He was later escorted back by army officials with some relief materials.

Like Eklamnagar, thousands of villages in the flood-affected areas in the north-eastern region are left on their own in these moments of crisis.

District administrations in Sylhet division admitted they were struggling to reach the remote villages and shelter centres, but claimed they had sufficient relief at hand.

Local administrations' data on relief allocation shows the government's efforts are yet to be adequate.

The desperation for relief among the victims is such that a man died after being injured in a jostle while trying to collect relief materials dropped from an Air Force helicopter yesterday.

According to the administrations, all 13 upazilas in Sylhet, all 12 in Sunamganj, seven in Moulvibazar and six in Habiganj have been fighting the floods.

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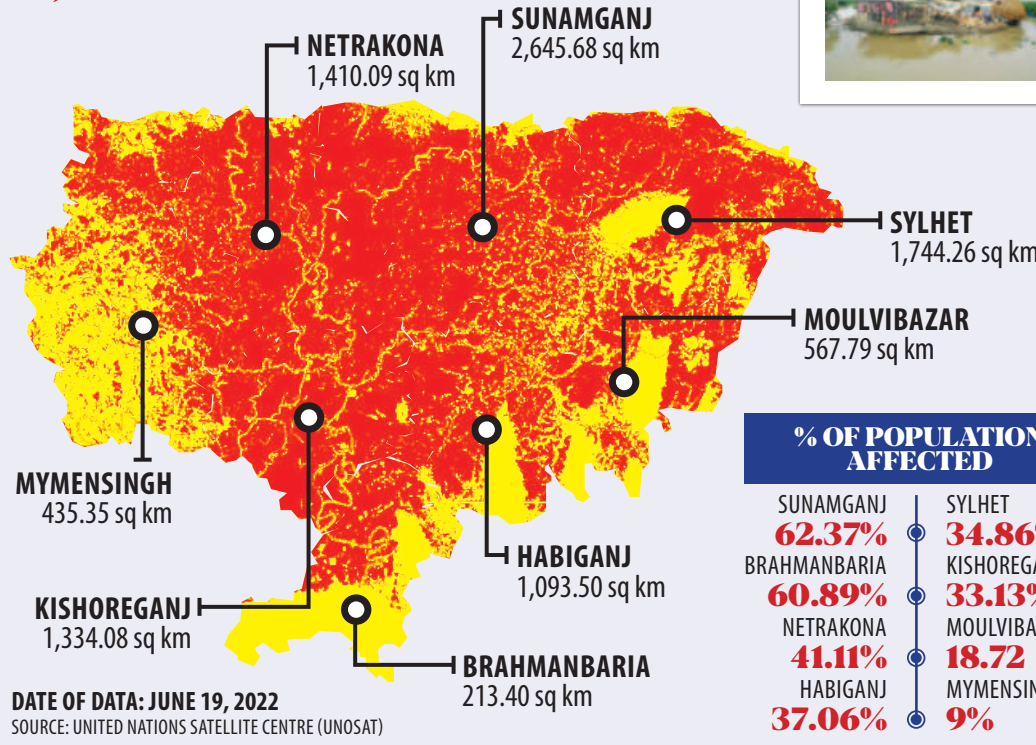
FLOOD IN THE NORTHEAST

AFFECTED POPULATION

73,34,000

FLOODED AREA

9,500 sq km



PEOPLE AFFECTED

SUNAMGANJ: **18** LAKH

SYLHET: **15.47** LAKH

KISHOREGANJ: **10** LAKH



% OF POPULATION AFFECTED

SUNAMGANJ	62.37%	SYLHET	34.86%
BRAHMANBARIA	60.89%	KISHOREGANJ	33.13%
NETRAKONA	41.11%	MOULVIBAZAR	18.72%
HABIGANJ	37.06%	MYMENSINGH	9%

Don't panic, govt stands by you

PM tells flood-hit people after visiting 3 districts



BSS, Sylhet

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday inspected the flood situation in Sylhet, Sunamganj, Netrakona and their adjacent areas.

She witnessed the flood situation as the helicopter carrying her hovered low over the affected areas.

Later, the PM landed at the Sylhet Osmani International Airport. She joined a views-exchange meeting with the divisional and district administration officials and local Awami League leaders at the Sylhet Circuit House.

Addressing the meeting, Hasina said the AL always stands by the people during any disaster.

"Be it in government or opposition, Awami League along with its leaders and activists always stands by the

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Sufferings mount in northern districts

Flood worsens; relief scarce

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Thousands of flood victims in the northern districts continue to fight for survival with little access to relief materials, and the situation is unlikely to improve today.

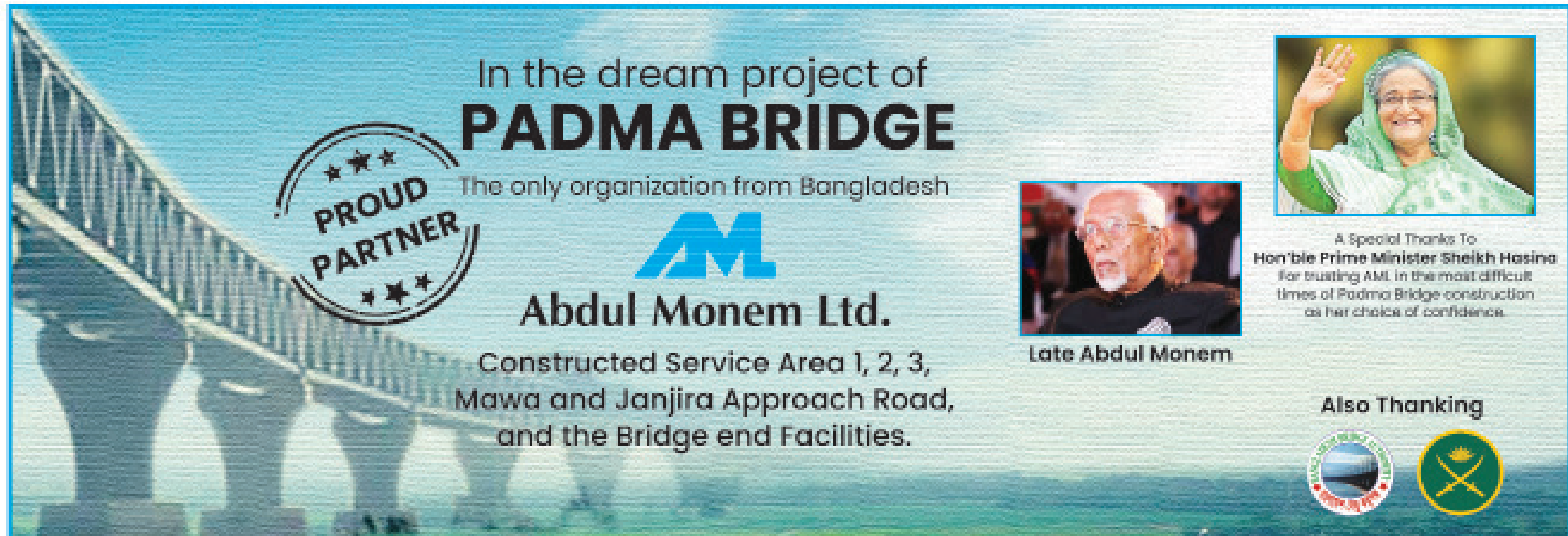
The Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC), in its 6:00pm forecast yesterday warned that the situation may remain steady in Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Rangpur, Kurigram, and

Gaibandha for the ensuing 24 hours, while in Bogura it could actually deteriorate.

Over 2.5 lakh people have been affected by the recent flood in the two northern districts of Kurigram and Lalmonirhat.

The situation is worsening as the region's three major rivers — the Brahmaputra, Teesta and Dharla — were flowing above the danger level,

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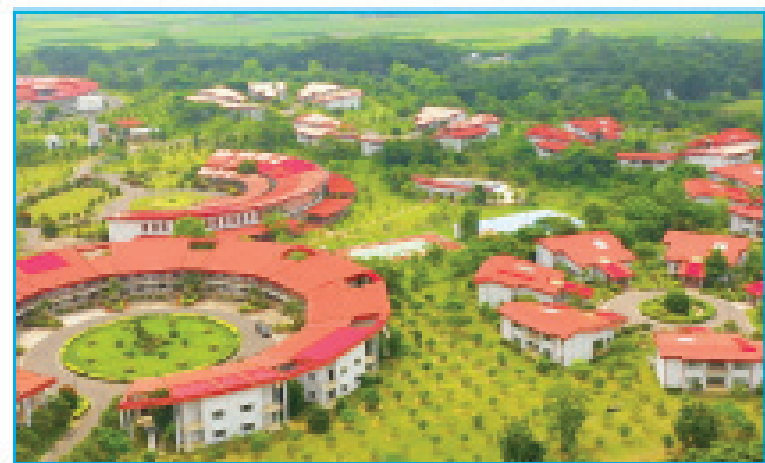
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