

Schools worst victim

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to shift the school as soon as possible..."

"Ours is a school of around 200 students. Most of the students, along with the teachers, have stopped coming to school amid the looming threat of river erosion," he added.

However, Primary Education Officer Jahangir Firoz said the five erosion-hit schools have around 1,000 students, and efforts

are on to keep the academic activities ongoing.

"We have already ordered the schools to hold classes in safe places so that the academic activities are not hampered," he said.

Chowhali UNO Afzana Yesmin said this is an unlikely time for the river to swell. However, the Jamuna has swelled up in the last few days and the situation is growing increasingly serious at every turn.

Divided by border

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came. The temple falls on the Indian side and the Puja is mostly organised by them," he added.

Seventy-year old Nani Bala of Dighaltari village said, "We prayed and ate the prasad. I got to see my relatives from India. However, we had to leave the temple before 4:00pm under the close watch of

"We have asked all the chairmen in the upazila to prepare a list of erosion victims," said the UNO.

Contacted, Milton Hossain, sub-divisional engineer of Sirajganj Water Development Board, said due to excessive rain in the upstream of the river in India, the Jamuna has seen an increased level of water.

"We have already taken urgent steps to protect erosion-hit areas," he said.

members and the puja committee keep a strict vigil to ensure that the puja is completed peacefully."

"We receive donations for the temple from Bangladeshi citizens as well. It is not only a place of worship, but also of reunion," he added.

Chairman of Lalmonirhat's Durgapur Union Parishad Asaduzzaman said, "There were no obstacles to participating. All the Bangladeshi who participated in the fair returned peacefully after the completion of the rituals."

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HC blasts Cox's Bazar

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Earlier in the day, DC Mamunur appeared before the HC bench in compliance with its August 25 summons order.

The HC bench told Mamunur's lawyer Md Momtaz Uddin Fakir that the DC had been given opportunity several times to implement the court directives. "We don't initiate contempt of court proceedings in a sweeping manner. The deputy attorney general (DAG) Tushar Kanti Roy) has informed him (DC Mamunur) the directives of the highest court of the country, but he did not abide by the directives.

"We have already taken urgent steps to protect erosion-hit areas," he said.

Justice JBM Hassan said.

Lawyer Momtaz Uddin Fakir, also the president of Supreme Court Bar Association, told the court that his client is respectful to the court and his office has taken initiatives for complying with its directives.

He said Mamunur could not fully comply with the directives, as there was an order of status quo from the Appellate Division. Mamunur told the court his office has complied with the HC directive to some extent and will implement the directive soon.

The HC bench ordered the DC to evict the illegal structures and submit a compliance report by November 9.

Dhaka ranks 4th

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Produced by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), the report tracks the links between climate change, ecological threats, and violent conflict or forced migration each year.

It revealed that at least 56 percent of countries and territories (127 out of 228) are facing catastrophic ecological threats.

Bangladesh has seen 254 natural disasters since 1981, according to the report.

For example, Dhaka, a city of 22.6 million people, is affected by ecological changes in several ways. It floods regularly; it is one of the most densely populated cities in the world; and the city struggles to deal with waste, said the report.

Adil Mohammad Khan, general secretary of the Bangladesh Institute of

Planners, said every bit of the report regarding Dhaka is true. The situation is so dire that it hardly requires any study to understand the catastrophe the city dwellers deal with.

"Every year, the city loses its greenery, parks and open spaces, exacerbating the environmental and ecological problems."

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive officer of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, said without saving greenery, transforming the transport sector and reforming Rajuk, Dhaka will continue to suffer in all indexes.

From as early as 1991, Japan International Cooperation Agency has been stating that the city has failed to provide the appropriate number of parks and open spaces.

DU to hold research

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research, publication and innovation. It also aims to bridge the gap between academia and industry, said pro-VC Maksud Kamal. Publications including

but not limited to 26 special journals, 216 research projects, 624 posters and 86 brochures will be displayed at 13 pavilions in the fair, said VC Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman.

One fraudster

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"Setting up 40 offices in different upazilas, they lured people with promises of high profits and stole crores from people. The money was collected monthly through a DPS-like system," said Moin.

Their main targets were daily labourers, tea-shopkeepers, grocers and petty traders, and other people of similar backgrounds. To increase the number of customers, they used to attract people by announcing special packages and incentives," he said.

The official said in 2017, the number of customers exceeded 7,000. Customers would deposit Tk 10,000 to Tk 13 lakh. In 2017, the amount of savings and deposits of the company stood at around Tk 50 to

70 crore.

On Eid-ul-Fitr in 2017, Azad fled Dhaka by shutting down all the regional offices and cutting off all means of communication.

Rab said they had more than 800 commission-based workers, who used to bring in customers and collect money at the field level. They were not paid any salary. They used to lure customers with the promise of 18-20 percent annual returns on their investments.

The official said Azad did not pay any rent to the building owners who rented out spaces to him in different districts. He convinced them to invest in the organisation, saying that they would get three times the return after a stipulated time.

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board of trustees of Centre for Policy Dialogue; Badil Alam Majumdar, member secretary to Shujan; Md Abdus Shahid, chairman of Committee on Estimates in Bangladesh Parliament; Nesar Ahmed, international trade expert of the finance ministry; Hosne Ara Hasi, chief executive of Jago Nari; and Md Shahid Uz Zaman, founder and executive director of Eco-Social Development Organisation, spoke at the event among others.

Student conference starts at ULAB

STAR REPORT

The Department of English and Humanities at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) will hold its 8th Inter-University Student Conference and Cultural Competition on October 20 21.

The event will explore different facets of conflict and avenues for conflict resolution within topics in literature, language, linguistics, cultural studies, communication studies, translation studies and digital humanities.

Eighteen public and private universities will compete this year in the academic and cultural segments of the conference.

Teacher stabbed

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"I was working at my office yesterday morning, when the stalker barged into the room, hurling abusive words towards me," Shamsuzzaman told this correspondent.

"With the help of locals, the stalker was handed over to police. Police have been requested to ensure safety of the teachers," he added.

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