

Swelling Jamuna brings worries of flood, erosion in Sirajganj

People on shoal in dire need of relief, authorities still in the dark

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Rising water level in the Jamuna threatens to exacerbate Sirajganj with flood and river erosion.

At present, most shoal areas of the river have been submerged under water.

Water Development Board (WDB) in Sirajganj, however, said there is nothing to be worried about as of yet.

Jamuna is flowing 45 centimetres under danger level at Sirajganj hard point, while 65 centimetres below danger level in Kazipur till yesterday morning, WDB informed.

"Due to heavy rainfall in Assam (India), Jamuna has been swelling over the last five days, raising the water level rapidly," said Ranajit Kumar, sub divisional engineer of WDB in Sirajganj.

Water level is expected to be increasing over the next two to three days and may reach close to danger level but there is nothing to be worried about flood at this moment, he also said.

"Jamuna swelled up several times last month but the water is yet to cross danger level."



Meanwhile, thousands of people are left marooned as around 50 shoal lands went under flood water in Sirajganj Sadar, Chowhali, Kazipur, Shahzadpur and Belkuchi upazilas in the district, the official informed.

People living in mainland are safe from flood at present, he added.

This correspondent visited different shoals in Chowhali and Shahzadpur upazilas in last couple of days and found several thousand people left marooned or homeless due

to rising water level and continuous river erosion.

"I have lost my homestead and shop a month ago when water level started rising in early July. I am yet to find a place in the shoal area to rebuild my house as flood water has inundated the entire shoal land," said Md Mosharaf Hossain of Char-Salimabad village in Chowhali upazila.

Md Abdur Rahim of Dhobuli village, who took shelter in Chanduir of Omarpur union, recounted the same ordeal.

People living in the shoals said even after two months flood water is yet to recede, and the situation is unlikely to change for next two or three months.

"The water is everywhere. We are living in hardship having no work due to the flood water," said Afsar Bhuian, a resident of Bonnr Char under Sirajganj Sadar upazila.

Mazeda Khatun of Dogasi Kawakola Char said she is struggling to survive in the flood situation but no help has reached them so far. Md Aktaruzzaman, relief and rehabilitation officer in Sirajganj, however, said they have received no report about flood hit people yet.

Conspirators

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"Many things are available for money and lobbying around the world, and through lobbying, reports of human rights abuses are being issued against our government, administration, police, army, and even the judiciary," he claimed.

"They didn't say anything against human rights violations in Bangladesh or against amending the Constitution to evade justice, but now, ahead of the upcoming polls, they have started an onslaught to fulfil their heinous interest."

"We know they are devotees of the strong and the yamas of the soft. The superpowers do not have permanent friends; they are governed by their interests," Nowfel added.

"The conspirators are attempting to create a situation similar to the 15th of August, 1975," Nowfel claimed.

Premier University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Anupam Sen spoke during the programme, while CMP Commissioner Krishna Pada Roy chaired the discussion.

6 robber gang

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Kabir Ahmed, 43, Delwar Hossain, 35, and Mizanur Rahman, 26.

Rab also recovered two single-barreled guns, four LGs, one short LG, seven rounds of shotgun cartridges, 10 rounds of fresh rifle cartridges, one drill machine, one fire-lighting machine, and some sharp weapons from their hideout, Maj Sadiqul also said.

Still far away

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National Mourning Day at Jatiya Press Club.

Equality, human dignity and social justice were three principles set by the first Bangladesh government in the proclamation of independence on April 10, 1971, Prof Anwar, also president of the platform, said.

"Have we achieved any of these goals yet?"

"We want a free and fair election, an environment where people can cast their votes on their own. People have turned away from voting these days. Poor turnout in every recent election pained me," he added.

"In the election of 1970, Awami League won in 167 seats among the total 169 seats. Though the party had a mandate for the next five years, after the Liberation War, Bangabandhu initiated for the national election in 1973," said

Zobaida Nasreen, professor of Anthropology at DU.

"But now, it is a big question ahead of the next national election if it will be held in a manner that reflects the desire of the people, or in the same way as the two previous elections," Prof Nasreen said in the keynote paper presented at the roundtable.

School

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enrollment of children will also increase through the school feeding.

Chaired by Directorate of Primary Education (DPE) Director Shah Rezwan Hayat, DPE Additional Director General Dilip Kumar Banik, Unicef's Country Representative Sheldon Yett, UK High Commission Education Advisor Mohammad Golam Kibria, DPE Director Shahinor Shaheen Khan, among others, spoke at the event.

Raushan assures PM

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The meeting was held against the backdrop of Raushan and Quader feuding since last year's August over establishing supremacy in the party.

While Raushan is considered to have good relations with the PM, Quader, on the other hand, has been critical of the government and the PM.

Prioritise safety

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Abu Morshed Chowdhury, co-chair of Cox's Bazar CSO-NGO Forum (CCNF), proposed a risk-sharing concept involving all partners, including donors, to ensure that project designs incorporate effective risk management strategies.

Nilima Jahan stressed the need to create a positive environment for female humanitarian workers at camp levels and provide them with necessary logistical support.

Khandakar Faruk Ahmed suggested allowing non-registered organisations to work as associated entities in emergency projects.

Amir Hossain of NGO Platform advocated for direct funding from donors to local organisations to minimise costs and promote local leadership.

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Held hostage

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Jahirul's case is not an isolated incident, said Rab. The syndicate enticed 22 individuals, including Jahirul, with promises of a brighter future in Malaysia, revealed Khandaker Al Moin, director of Rab's legal and media wing.

Quoting Ismail, Moin said the syndicate operated by transporting these individuals from Teknaf to Myanmar using two fishing boats. However, one of these boats, carrying 19 individuals, was intercepted by the Myanmar Coast Guard before reaching the coast.

"They were subsequently handed over to the Myanmar police and are currently held at Mawmyine Prison there," said Moin.

He assured that efforts are underway to repatriate these 19 individuals to Bangladesh with support from the foreign ministry. Despite the interception, the syndicate managed to take three individuals, including Jahirul, into their torture cell at Akyab in Myanmar.

Subjected to brutal torture, Jahirul passed away in a Malaysian hospital on May 24. His body was repatriated to Bangladesh after a week.

JP delegation

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and European Union ambassadors.

JP's position is considered critical for holding free, fair, and inclusive elections.

Both BNP and AL want JP in their respective fold ahead of the next election.

It is still unclear what JP will do in the next election.

A Rohingya individual named Jamal leads the syndicate in Myanmar, while Rashidul is at the helm of the syndicate's operations in Malaysia, said Moin.

Investigations have revealed that Ismail, the arrested ringleader, was in Malaysia from 2001 to 2005 and came into contact with Myanmar nationals Rashidul and Jamal during this period.

Upon returning to Bangladesh, Ismail formed a syndicate consisting of 10-12 members to support Rashidul and Jamal. The syndicate has been actively engaging in such activities since 2013, he said.

"Rashidul has been residing in Malaysia for the past 25 years and is deeply involved with this trafficking syndicate," he added.

Jashim and Elahi played a pivotal role in sourcing fortune-seekers from various regions and funneling them to Ismail's operations.

"We are diligently tracing other members of the syndicate to uncover further details about additional victims and their whereabouts. Currently, we lack information about two other individuals who were with Jahirul," he concluded.

The JP leaders say they are preparing candidates for 300 seats.

Party insiders, however, stated JP will make the final decision after considering the mindset of major global and regional powers, including USA and India.

Sources said JP may clarify its position on elections after the India visit.

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KEY INFORMATION		
01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
02	Agency/office/procuring entity	Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, Barishal.
03	Procuring entity designation	Director, Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, Barishal.
04	Procuring entity code	MSR-3252105, 3252109, 3256102.
05	Procuring entity district	Barishal.
06	Invitation for	Supply of Medical & Surgical Requisite (MSR) (2023-24).
07	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (OTM).
08	Budget and source of funds	GOB (Revenue/Development or any other fund).
09	Tender Package No.	Group No. Ka (ক) Medicine Group No. Kha (খ) Surgical Items Group No. Ga (গ) Gauge Bandage Cotton & Linen Group No. Gha (ঘ) Chemical Reagent X-Ray Film Group No. Umo (ঙ) Furniture Kitchen Articles
10	Tender publication date	20th August, 2023.
11	Tender schedule last selling date and time	17th September, 2023 at 2-30pm/during office hour.
12	Tender dropping date and time	19th September, 2023 at 08:00am to 12-00 Noon.
13	Opening of tender documents, place, date & time	Office of the Director, Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, Barishal. Date: 19/09/2023 at 12.30pm. (In front of present tender, if any).
14	Name and address of the office	Director, Sher-e-Bangla Medical Collage Hospital, Barishal.
15	a) Sites/availability of tender documents b) Site/place to dropping tenders documents	Office of the Director, Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, Barishal.
16	Tender security	Submitting Earnest Money Pay Order Group No- Ka, Taka-13,00,000/= (Thirteen lac only) Group No- Kha, Taka-15,00,000/= (Fifteen lac only) Group No- Ga, Taka-16,00,000/= (Sixteen lac only) Group No- Gha, Taka-6,00,000/= (Six lac only) Group No- Umo, Taka-3,00,000/= (Three lac only) (Refundable)
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a) If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.

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