

# 34mm rain floods Khulna city

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Just 34 millimetres of rainfall was enough to inundate two-third of Khulna city, effectively washing away the tall claims of monsoon preparedness by the authorities.

The rainfall was recorded from 1:00pm to 2:30pm, said Amirul Azad, senior meteorological officer.

The status quo caused immense sufferings to city dwellers, who were seen wading through ankle- to knee-deep water to reach their destinations.

Many were stranded in different mosques of the city following Friday prayers.

They blamed lack of proper drainage system for the perennial menace of waterlogging.

Besides, unabated encroachment and pollution over the years has filled up the local canals, contributing to the existing misery, they added.

City dwellers alleged that their sufferings are persisting due to authorities' indifference.

This correspondent observed knee-deep water in many areas of the city, including Abu Naser Hospital area,

BNS road, Sonadanga Muigunni road, Khulna Jashore Highway, Sheikhpara, Moilapota, KDA Avenue, Khanjahan Ali Road, Lower Jashore Road, Rupsha Strand Road, Polytechnic College Road, Sher-e-Bagla Road, Iqbalnagar, and Gallamary.

Rainwater also flooded Bastuhara Kitchen Market, Chittrali Market, Bastuhara Colony, Boyra, Royer Mahal, Gallamary, Khalishpur BIDC Road and Crescent Jute Mill area. Many human hauliers and battery-run three-wheelers were found stranded on waterlogged roads while many commuters were seen struggling to find transports to reach homes.

According to Asaduzzaman Rokon, a trader in Muigunni Park, after an hour of rain, the entire area was submerged.

He alleged that the Conservancy Department of KCC does not clean drains regularly. Besides, KCC workers use traditional methods to clean these drains instead of modern technology.

"The situation has been particularly worse for the last couple of years. Meanwhile, encroachment of water bodies has added to the

menace," he added.

A narrow drain behind his shops almost filled with garbage validated his claims. Mujibar Rahman, who lives in ward no -6, echoed the same.

"Our road becomes like a canal after a little rain. Today, roads were inundated within an hour," he added.

Anisur Rahman, conservancy officer of KCC, told The Daily Star that they regularly clean the drains. However, he admitted to having a shortage of manpower and equipment.

Aminul Islam Munna, panel mayor -1, told this newspaper that works to repair and construct drains as well as excavate 22 canals at a cost of Tk 823 crore are underway. After completing these projects, city dwellers will be benefited.

According to KCC, the total length of the city's drainage network is 651.50km. Of it, 291.23km is concrete, 55km half concrete and 305km earthen. Khulna city was once blessed with over 50 canals. Now, more than half of those water bodies are dead, while the remaining 22 are struggling for survival.



Unaware of the risks of drowning, unsupervised children opt to enjoy fishing at a water body at Shahjalal University of Science & Technology in Sylhet. The photo was taken yesterday.

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## Vulture population 597 and counting

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flock of vultures was seen in the field of Atghar village adjacent to Dighirpar Bazar of Moulvibazar Sadar upazila. These vultures may come from the Rema-Kalenga Wildlife Sanctuary in Habiganj. Apart from this, there are vulture shelters in Deorachhara, Kalachhara, Madhabpur and Karimpur in Moulvibazar.

According to an IUCN 2016 survey, there are about 100 Bengal vultures in the greater Sylhet region. This could be a sign of the

vulture's return to nature.

In the greater Sylhet region, vultures are still doing well. In order to sustain these cleaners of nature, the sale of banned painkillers for livestock must be stopped altogether. Tall trees in various places and tea gardens should not be cut down. Only then, the number of these birds can return to previous levels, said Md Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, former Sylhet Divisional Forest Officer of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation Department.

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vomiting. "If a patient is not hospitalised within 48 hours of showing these symptoms, they may go into dengue shock syndrome," said Nazmul.

There are two types of dengue shocks – compensated shocks and decompensated shocks.

"If a patient is hospitalised immediately after their compensated shock, they won't reach decompensated shock – during which chances of recovery are only 50 percent," he added.

Patients suffering from cancer or heart, kidney, and liver complications have to be taken under special supervision, said Nazmul.

Death rate is also high among patients of high-risk groups, like obese and aged people, pregnant women, infants and comorbidity patients, he added.

Co-infection is also increasing the risk of deaths. For instance, a person infected with

dengue and typhoid at the same time increases the chance of mortality, he said.

Highlighting the importance of understanding serotype sequences, Nazmul emphasised that identifying the variant requires tests in RT-PCR labs.

However, he noted that these facilities can be quite costly.

Severity in dengue cases depends on several factors, including serotyping, genotyping, and the sequence of cross infection.

"Serotype sequence is crucial in determining the severity, but we haven't conducted a comprehensive study on a larger scale yet," he explained.

This year, serotype-2 and serotype-3 have been identified, with serotype-2 being the most prevalent. Among the four serotypes, serotype-2 and serotype-3 are associated with higher severity, with serotype-2 being particularly dangerous.

## Hilsa brings hope

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the sea to catch hilsa but returned to the shore empty-handed due to rough weather. However, all the fishermen are being able to catch hilsa in good numbers once the weather got better," said fisherman Abdul Malek Khan.

"I managed to catch 60 maunds of hilsa which was sold for Tk 20 lakh," he added.

Kalapara Upazila Senior Fisheries Officer Apu Saha said the fishermen are satisfied as they are getting good price for hilsa this time.

Each piece of hilsa weighing up to 300-400 grammes is being sold at Tk 700-800 per kg, 500-600 grammes is being sold at Tk 900-1,000 per kg, 700-900g Tk 1,200 per kg, and 1-1.5kg sized hilsa is being sold at Tk 1,300-1,600 per kg, said Apu Saha.

The price of hilsa this year is at least Tk 500 higher compared to that of the last year, he added.

Raju Ahmed Raja, general secretary of Mahipur Fishery Owners Association, said the catch of hilsa is fairly good as each fisher is returning with an average of 20-25 maunds of hilsa. This has brought relief among fishermen, traders and trawler owners, and other

professions in Patuakhali's Kalapara.

"As we are also trying to develop our hilsa resources..., it is also important to raise awareness among sea-bound fishermen to prevent sea and coastal pollution. The Bay of Bengal especially needs to be saved from plastic pollution," said Ansar Uddin Molla, president of Alipur Fishery Wholesalers Cooperative Society.

Patuakhali District Fisheries Officer and hilsa researcher Kamrul Islam said the hilsa harvest is on the rise following implementation of various plans, including mother hilsa conservation, jatka (hilsa fry) preservation, special operations to remove illegal nets, and above all the 65-day ban on fishing in the sea.

It has appeared that lack of timely rainfall due to climate change delayed hilsa harvest, he added.

## Son hacks

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Initially, the family members said that Badshah was killed by robbers.

Later, Enamul Haque confessed to killing his father in the face of police questioning.

Meanwhile, Assistant Superintendent of Anwara Circle Police Kamrul Hasan and Banshkhali Police visited the spot in the afternoon.

According to the police, the family is preparing to file a murder case.

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Notice is hereby given to the members of AITAA-B that Annual General Meeting (AGM)-2023 of Asian Institute of Technology Alumni Association, Bangladesh Chapter (AITAA-B) will be held on 15th September, 2023 (Friday) at 5:00 pm. Registration will start at 4:00 pm

Venue: Hotel Amari, Dhaka, Eden Ball Room, 47, Road No. 41, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212

Prime Agendum  
Formation of a new executive committee of AIT Alumni Association, Bangladesh Chapter (AITAA-B)

For Pre-registration & participation in the AGM-2023, and for membership of the association contact the under mentioned addresses.

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## Gridlocks make people suffer

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rally, started around the same time. The rally started from the party's central office in Nayapaltan, then passed through Fakirapul Intersection, Notre Dame College, Shapla Chattar, and Ittefaq Intersection, finally ended in Tikatuli's Rajdhani Market. The march resulted in massive gridlocks and long tailbacks along these routes.

Additionally, vehicular movement was completely suspended from Matsya Bhaban Intersection to Shahbagh, as processions, led by BCL leaders and activists, crowded the road.

DMP's traffic division closed 11 access points around the Suhrawardy Udyan area, resulting in severe traffic congestion on nearby alternative routes.

By late afternoon, the

congestion affected several key roads in the capital, particularly the stretches from Dhanmondi 32 to Azimpur and Jatrabari to Paltan.

Drivers were left stranded for extended periods while irritation mounted among commuters, a significant portion of whom restored to walking. Many others had to wait hours on the streets as they failed to access any form of transportation to reach their destinations.

Pedestrians were also not spared, as they had to navigate through crowded streets.

"Headed towards Farmgate from Jatrabari, I had to walk the entire distance. Having to undergo such distress on a public holiday is disappointing," said Aminur Rashid, a Jatrabari

resident.

Sirajul Islam, a Dhaka University student who had to reach Green Road area for tuition, shared a similar experience.

"Despite knowing of the situation, I had to make it to the area as my student's exam is approaching," said Sirajul who covered the entire distance on foot.

During the BCL rally, the university area became a "bus depot", reports UNB quoting students and locals.

Sohel Rana, additional deputy commissioner of Ramna traffic zone, said, "Generally, there isn't much traffic on the roads during a holiday. However, some traffic congestion occurred around the rally areas. Traffic conditions on other roads remained normal."

## A 'clear threat' to judiciary

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The open letter calls to suspend the ongoing judicial proceedings against Prof Yunus which is an 'unnecessary interference' to Bangladesh's judicial system, they added.

In the open letter to PM Hasina on Monday, 104 Nobel Laureates and 79 other global figures expressed concern about the safety and freedom of Prof Yunus.

They urged PM Hasina to "immediately suspend the current judicial proceedings against Prof Yunus", followed by a review of the charges by a panel of impartial judges drawn from within Bangladesh with some role for internationally recognised legal experts.

Prof Yunus is one of only seven people to receive the Nobel Peace Prize,

the US Congressional Gold Medal, and the US Presidential Medal of Freedom.

On September 9, 2021, Labour Inspector (general) SM Arifuzzaman of the Inspection for Factories and Establishments Department filed a labour law violation case against four people, including Prof Yunus, with the Third Labour Court of Dhaka.

On June 6 this year, the court framed charges against the accused – including Prof Yunus – in the case. The trial began on August 22.

In the joint statement, the eminent citizens said words of the open letter are contradictory to workers' rights guaranteed by Bangladesh's constitution and the International Labour Organisation.

The open letter's call for a review of the charges by

a panel of impartial judges looks like demeaning Bangladesh's judicial system, they added.

The eminent citizens include former chairman of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh Prof Nazrul Islam, social-scientist Prof Anupam Sen, former governor of Bangladesh Bank Atiur Rahman, artist Hashem Khan, social-scientist Prof Bulbon Osman, artist Rafiqun Nabi, former vice-chancellor of National University Bangladesh Prof Harun-or-Rashid, former president of Asiatic Society of Bangladesh Prof Mahfuza Khanam, economist Prof Abul Barkat, historian Prof Syed Anwar Hossain, and cultural and theatre personalities Hasan Imam, Ramendu Majumdar, Nasiruddin Yousuff and Mamunur Rashid.

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1	867970	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/RW-08	Periodic Maintenance of Bannir Bazar RHD-Muchirhat via Gupinapur UP Road from Ch. 3550-4740m & 8350-9550m, ID 185033002 [Badarganj] [LTM]	17/09/2023 16.00 PM
2	868005	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/RW-09	Rehabilitation of Haragach UP Office-Ekatar Bazar via Mora Tista River Road from Ch. 3665m-4065m, ID. 185423015 [Kaulia] [LTM]	
3	868022	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/RW-10	Rehabilitation (Widening) of Haragach R&H (Degree College) – Haragach UP Office via Jay Bangla Bazar Road from Ch. 00m-1045m, ID. 185583029 [Mithapukur] [LTM]	
4	868025	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/CW-01	Rehabilitation of Double Vent 3.00mX3.00m RCC Box Culvert on Sathbari NHW – Balamashimpur UP Office (Morahatti) via Dabra Road at Ch. 1420m, ID. 185582007 [Mithapukur] [LTM]	
5	868030	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/CW-02	Rehabilitation of Double Vent 3.00mX3.00m RCC Box culvert on Jaigirhat (Auto Rice mill) – Balarhat UP Via Miarhat Road at Ch. 3450.00m, ID. 185583029 [Mithapukur] [LTM]	
6	868043	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/RW-18	Periodic Maintenance of Pirgacha UZHO – Jaigirhat GC via Gopalgonj Ghat Road from Ch. 00m-2900m, ID. 185732004 [Pirgacha] [OTM]	24/09/2023 16.00 PM
7	868089	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/RW-19	Periodic Maintenance of Bamon Dighi-Parghat Via Dangirhat Road From Ch. 2400m-6300m, ID. 185922003 [Taraganj] [OTM]	
8	868110	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/RW-20	Periodic Maintenance of Badarganj-Mondolerhat Via Kalupara Basdha Bil Road from Ch.00m-6000m & 8980-11780m, ID. 185033018 [Badarganj] [OTM]	
9	868125	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/RW-21	Periodic Maintenance of Emadpur UP office (Tatalia) – Paddapukur Hat (Jonidpur Madrasa) Road from Ch.00m-5700m, ID. 185583050 [Mithapukur] [OTM]	
10	868130	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/RW-22	Periodic Maintenance of Balushat Mor To Nagerhat Via Borobela Road [Mithapukur Part] from Ch.00m – 3855m, ID. 185582003 [Mithapukur] [OTM]	
11	868166	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/RW-23	Rehabilitation (Widening) of Shyampur GC – Keranirhat GC Road from Ch. 3000m-6200m, ID. 1854922007 [Rangpur-S] [OTM]	
12	868181	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/RW-24	Rehabilitation (Widening) of Khalashpir hat –Gopalpurhat via Tukuria U.P. Road from Ch. 00m – 2708m, ID. 185762013 [Pirganj] [OTM]	
13	868134	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/RW-25	Rehabilitation (Widening) of Khalashpir hat-Gopalpurhat via Tukuria U.P. Road from Ch. 6870m – 8900m, ID. 185762013 [Pirganj] [OTM]	
14	868151	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/RW-26	Rehabilitation (Widening) of Hariswar Kaulia GC (Topikohat) – Tapamadhupur GC via Kaulia Bus Stand Road from Ch. 00m-1970m, ID. 185422001 [Kaulia] [OTM]	
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16	868152	e-Tender/LGED/ Rang/GOBM/2023-24/RW-28	Rehabilitation (Widening) of Burirhat GC – Kalkina RHD Road (Gangachara Part) from Ch. 7918m-10720m, ID. 185272012 [Gangachara] [OTM]	

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