COP-BNP CLASHES

Over 2,200 sued in 4 dists

Law enforcers have filed three cases accusing more than 2,200 people-- mostly BNP leaders and activists -- in Netrakona, Magura and Patuakhali districts, report our local correspondents and UNB.

In Magura, a case was filed yesterday against 1,400 people, of whom about 1,300 are unnamed, following a clash between police and BNP activists during the party's procession marking its founding anniversary.

The incident happened in Mohammadpur upazila on Friday, said police.

In the case, filed by Mohammadpur Police Station Sub-inspector Jannatul Badsha, the people were accused of obstructing government work, assaulting police and vandalising vehicles.

A total of 101 upazila BNP activists were named among the accused. Four people were arrested, said police.

In Netrakona, police filed a case yesterday accusing 285 BNP men under the Special Powers Act for allegedly attacking police and obstructing them from performing their duties during a clash between Awami League and BNP activists in Kalmakanda upazila.

Over 50 people -- including four police personnel were injured in the clash that ensued on Friday.

Thirty-five named and 250 anonymous persons were accused in the case, said Kalmakanda Police Station Officer-in-Charge Jalal Uddin.

In Patuakhali, a case was filed on Friday night against 225 BNP men in connection with a clash with police in Dasmina upazila during the party's procession marking its founding anniversary earlier in the day.

At least 13 people, including three policemen and 10 BNP leaders, were injured in the incident.

Dasmina Police Station SI Mehedi Hasan filed the case accusing 25 named BNP men and 200 unnamed others. Two BNP men have been arrested in this connection so far, said Dasmina Police Station OC Anwar Hossain Talukdar.

In Gaibandha, a case was filed against 36 BNP leaders and activists and some 300 unnamed individuals for

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Water, water everywhere, not a drop to drink!

Hospital in Netrakona's haor area runs amid array of crises



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Khaliajury Upazila Health Complex in Netrakona's Khaliajury upazila has a tale of irony to begin with.

Established in the haor area of the district in 1996, the hospital has water everywhere around it. In fact, it is the only hospital in Netrakona that has a water ambulance service to reach critical patients to upazila and district headquarters during the monsoon.

And yet, the 31-bed hospital has no supply of pure drinking water.

The only deep tube-well at the hospital went out of order more than six months ago but has not been replaced yet to mitigate the drinking water crisis.

"Soon after I joined the hospital in March this year, I informed Public Health Engineering Department about the crisis. They repaired the old deep

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tube-well but it went out of order again within few days," said Dr Hasanul Mahmud, upazila health and family planning officer in Khaliajury.

The deep tube-well should be replaced by new one, the official added.

"It is beyond imagination that a hospital has been running for months without having the facility of pure drinking water supply. It is a basic need for patients, their attendants and hospital staff as well," lamented Mrinal Kanti Deb, a local journalist.

For thousands of poor people in the haor area, the hospital is very much the only place to go for treatment. More than 500 patients throng to the hospital for outdoor and indoor treatment every day, while an average of around 40 patients remain admitted to the hospital daily.

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FLOOD IN KURIGRAM

7000 families still stranded

UNB, Kuriaram

The water levels of 16 rivers in Kurigram started receding on Friday morning, but nearly 7,000 families of five upazilas have been struggling in stagnant floodwater without drinking water and cooked food.

Over the past two days, 60-80 houses were swept away by the Brahmaputra River due to intense erosion in Chilmari upazila's Nayarhat and Shakhahati Chars.

The unfortunate residents of these areas now find themselves bereft of homes, enduring an inhumane existence under the open sky.



Visiting the flood-affected areas, UNB correspondent witnessed the desolate scenes unfolding as people huddled inside their homes, cowsheds, or seeking refuge in boats.

The persisting waterlogging and submerged tubewells is exacerbating the clean drinking water shortage. To add to their misery, they are forced to subsist on dry rations.

The scarcity of cooking fuel has rendered cooking nearly impossible in these areas. Some families have resorted to pooling resources, with 4-5 households sharing a single stove, cooking together to conserve fuel while preparing their meals.

Homes and agricultural land along the riverbanks in Kurigram Sadar, Ulipur, Chilmari, Nageswari, and Rajarhat remain submerged. While erosion along the Teesta's banks has slightly decreased, fresh erosion has emerged within the Brahmaputra basin.

According to the district administration's Disaster Management unit, 18,626 people are still marooned after the third flood hit the district. At

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Body of child recovered

STAR REPORT

The Fire Service yesterday recovered the body of a child who went missing earlier while taking a bath under Bakrail Bridge in the Tongi West area of Gazipur.

The rescued child, Bayezid (10), is the son of Alamgir Hossain of Gaibandha district. Bavezid went

missing on Thursday afternoon. Later, the fire service's diving team recovered his body from the bridge's side, confirmed Tongi West Police Station OC Md. Shah Alam.

ROAD CRASH 1 killed, 2 hurt in Dinajpur

UNB, Dinajpur

An autorickshaw driver died and two Nepalese students of Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University in Dinajpur sustained injuries as a speeding truck rammed into their autorickshaw nearby the university yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was named Ikramul, 40. The injured students Makbul Hossain, 25, and Trafing Kachhi, 22, are pursuing higher education at the university.

Locals and witnesses said the accident happened around 2:00pm when the truck ran over the autorickshaw, leaving the driver dead on the spot.

20 hurt as BNP, cops clash in Rajbari; 15 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajbari

At least 20 people including four police personnel were injured as BNP leaders and activists clashed with police in Rajbari town vesterday.

Police detained 15 people after the clash. Around 12:00pm, Ali Newaz Mahmud Khayyam, former lawmaker of Rajbari- constituency and former president of Rajbari BNP, brought out a procession with thousands of BNP leaders and activists on the occasion of BNP's 45th founding

anniversary. When the procession reached the court gate intersection, police fired rubber bullets, and tear gas, Khayyam claimed.

Police, however, said they were provoked by the BNP members to take necessary actions in order to contain the situation.

Khayyam claimed that sixteen BNP leaders got injured in the incident.

GM Abul Kalam Azad, Superintendent of Police in Rajbari stated, "The activists of BNP started throwing brick chunks at the police. They also tore down Mourning Day placards, festoons. Police opened fire with shotgun pellets to bring the situation under control. 4 cops were injured. They took treatment at Rajbari Sadar Hospital."

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