

Five killed as Hamoon lashes Ctg

Hundreds left homeless in Cox's Bazar

STAR REPORT

The cyclonic storm Hamoon lashed the southern part of Chattogram district on Tuesday night, leaving behind a trail of destruction in Banshkhali, Chandanish, and Satkania upazilas.

Two women were killed and more than 85 were injured due to the cyclone, while hundreds of homes were damaged in the three upazilas.

One of the women, aged 70, died in Banshkhali upazila, while the other, aged 65, died in Satkania upazila when uprooted trees fell on them, according to Chattogram district administration.

With the two deaths, five persons were killed in total as Hamoon crossed the Cox's Bazar and Chattogram coasts early yesterday.

The storm also snapped electricity connections in the three upazilas, leaving thousands of residents in darkness amid inclement weather.

"We are working to restore both road communication and electricity connection as soon as possible," said Banshkhali UNO Jesmin Akhter.

"At least 85 electric poles were damaged by the cyclone in the southern part of the district in Satkania, Chandanish and Banshkhali upazilas. Our engineers and

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A tin house completely damaged by fallen trees after Cyclone Hamoon hit Cox's Bazar on Tuesday evening. The photo was taken from the district town's Samitypara area yesterday.

PHOTO: MOKAMMEL SHUVU

Conspirators still active: PM



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday told parliament that conspirators are active at home and abroad to halt the progress of the country.


However, different government agencies are working to prevent anti-Bangladesh propaganda, she said.

The premier said this in reply to a query of Awami League MP Nazrul Islam Babu from Narayanganj-2.

With Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, the question-answer session of the premier, who is now in Brussels, was tabled.

She said the Ministry

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Dengue death toll
1,295

Total number of patients
2,60,829

7,599 still undergoing treatment

Number of recovered patients
2,51,935

11 more died, **1,917** hospitalised yesterday

SOURCE: DGHS

PRAYER TIMING

OCTOBER 26

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:50	12:45	4:00	5:36	7:15
JAMAAT 5:25	1:15	4:15	5:39	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Shikalbaha on deathbed

Untreated dairy farm waste poisoning the canal for over a decade

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Shikalbaha Canal, a major waterbody in south Chattogram directly connected to Karnaphuli and Sangu rivers, is struggling to survive amid rampant pollution.

Waste from hundreds of dairy farms in Karnaphuli upazila and its surrounding areas is being dumped into this canal for over a decade.

Visiting the area recently, this correspondent saw dairy farms continuously dumping cow dung and urine directly into the canal through pipes and drains. The unbearable stench coming from the untreated waste polluted the whole canal.

The act is a punishable offence under the Environment Conservation Act.

"The pollution depleted the canal's fish to such an extent that we hardly find any fish anymore," said Mahabubul Alam, a seasonal fisherman.

According to the livestock department, dairy farmers are rearing over 25,000 cattle on 600 farms in the upazila, producing 3,000 tonnes of dung and 2 lakh litres of urine daily.

However, only 50 farms have in-built waste treatment plants.

Shikalbaha union's Shah Islamia Dairy Farm's owner Habibur Rahman said, "We are



Untreated waste from dairy farms pollutes the Shikalbaha canal.

PHOTO: STAR

forced to dump the waste water in the canal as we have no waste treatment facility on our farm."

The canal protects three upazilas during monsoons by draining away floodwater, while thousands of farmers use its water for irrigation, according to the Water Development Board.

The waterbody is important, as the country's first hydraulic elevator dam, and many industries located in the three upazilas are situated beside it.

Contacted, Ferdous Anwar, deputy director of the Department of Environment in Chattogram, said, "We failed to take proper legal action against polluters due to our manpower shortage."

"We have no branch office in Karnaphuli upazila, so it's not possible to constantly monitor the entire area with the small staff of our district office," he said.

"However, we have already fined several people and stopped giving clearance to farms without waste management plans," he added.

Aliur Rahman, general secretary of Movement to Protect Rivers and Canals of Chattogram, said Sangu and Karnaphuli rivers are also being polluted along with the canal, as both rivers are connected to this waterbody.

In 2022, the livestock department initiated the construction of a central plant in Karnaphuli upazila for making compost from cow dung to mitigate pollution. This initiative, however, has yet to see the light.

"We are working to set up a central plant, as the problem of pollution will not be solved without it," said Rumon Talukder, upazila livestock officer. "We are also encouraging farmers to set up biogas plants to use the farm waste. Some of them have already installed it," he added.

Don't harm zoo animals, you may end up in jail

JS passes Zoo Bill 2023 with stricter measures

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Zoo Bill 2023 was passed in parliament yesterday keeping stricter provisions of jail time and fines for visitors who will injure or harass any animal there.

According to the bill, a zoo visitor will have to pay Tk 2,000 as compensation if he/she harasses any animal. For injuring or giving food without permission, he/she may face two months' imprisonment and a Tk 5,000 fine.

Fisheries Minister SM Rezaul Karim placed the Bill which was passed by voice vote.


Currently, the Bangladesh National Zoo is managed through an advisory committee.

The bill also allows the provision of painless death of an animal in case of age-related issues or if it is infected with infectious diseases.

The infrastructure of cages should be made considering the natural behaviour of animals, and the safety of people involved in raising the animals and visitors.


The government may designate one or more zoos to preserve any endangered species.

It said that no foreign species of wild animals can be bought, bartered, gifted or otherwise collected in any zoo without government approval.



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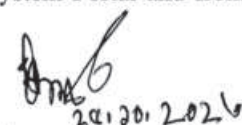
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01	892215	Procurement of ICU Ventilator for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024	07-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00
02	892216	Procurement of Multifunctional Patient Monitor for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024	07-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00
03	892255	Procurement of Central Monitoring System For 20 Monitors for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024	07-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00
04	892260	Procurement of Central Monitoring System For 10 Monitors for the fiscal year 2023-24	07-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00
05	892296	Procurement of Syringe Pump for the fiscal year 2023-24	07-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00
06	892335	Procurement of Anesthesia Machine with ventilator for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024	07-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00
07	892338	Procurement of LED OT Light for the fiscal year 2023-24	07-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00
08	892343	Procurement of ECG Machine (12 Channel) for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024	07-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00
09	892345	Procurement of Electric Sucker Machine with all standard accessories for the fiscal year 2023-24	07-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00
10	892347	Procurement of Diathermy Machine for the fiscal year 2023-24	07-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00
11	892402	Procurement of Ultrasonic surgical Aspirator (CUSA) for the fiscal year 2023-24	07-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00	08-Nov-2023 14:00

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