



After their home in Phulchhai upazila of Gaibandha got inundated in the ongoing flood, Rafiq and his wife Rabeya had no other option but move to a higher ground. They were seen waiting for a boat to rescue them and whatever could be salvaged vesterday. PHOTO: MOSTAFA SHABUJ

# Rain increases flood woes in the north

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With the ongoing flood already making the lives of Kurigram residents miserable, more downpour further added to their woes.

"As floodwater inundated our house, five of us in the family left for the embankment on Tuesday with our belongings, two cattle, three goats and some hens to seek shelter there. Since then, we have been living under this polythene wrapped shanty. The rains make it very hard for us to live in this condition," said Amena Bewa, 68, of Rajarvita village on Brahmaputra's shoal in Kurigram's Chilmari upazila.

"The floodwater is not receding, so we cannot return to our house. We have to struggle to find pure water for drinking, sometimes treading the floodwater for miles to find a source. We have no food. There is no work in the area. No one has come to

us with any assistance or relief vet. added. Who knows how long our miseries will continue," she added.

Kohinoor Amena's neighbor Bewa, 70, echoed her.

Amena and Kohinoor are not alone. Several hundred families had to take shelter on BWDB dam in Chilmari upazila and are going through a similar ordeal.

Amid the flood and rains, there is an acute lack of work for labourers, leaving many of them unemployed and struggling to remain afloat with their families.

"Our house is submerged under four feet of water. There is no work in the area, no food in our house, and no assistance came from government or private initiatives. We are in dire straits," said Ayub Ali, 60, a day-labourer from Putimari village of Raniganj union.

local, but how long can we survive among flood victims in the district, with such a meagre amount?" he

Golam Ashek, chairman of Ramna union parishad, informed that of the 4,000 flood-affected families in his union, only 600 got relief assistance of 10kg rice from the government. Manjurul Islam, chairman of

Raniganj union parishad, said only 300 of the 5,500 flood-hit families in his union received government

Contacted, Minhazul Islam, UNO of Chilmari, said they are trying to tackle the flood situation with the government's relief allocation.

Vast stretches of croplands, along with houses and educational institutions remain submerged in the district, affecting at least 1,35,939 people in nine upazilas.

So far, 397 tonnes of rice, Tk 21,85,000 cash, and 21,330 packets "I took a loan of Tk 3,000 from a of dry food have been distributed according to officials.



Joydeb, 40, carries a variety of summer fruits and vegetables on this small boat along a canal. He paddles towards the market, hoping to sell all his produce and earn enough to support his family. The photo was taken in the Bhimruli area in Jhalakathi district recently.

#### **TK 115CR GRAFT** Execute arrest warrant against UZ chairman Jasim: court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

Chattogram court ordered the deputy inspector general police, superintendent of police and local police station to execute arrest warrant Chattogram's Chandanaish Upazila Parishad chairman Jasim Uddin Ahmed.

On April 30 this year, the court issued the warrant against Jasim for embezzling Tk 115 crore from Padma Bank.

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## Dhaleshwari erodes bridge approach road

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The erosion of Dhaleshwari river caused the approach road of Charabari Bridge in Tangail Sadar upazila to collapse on one side, snapping the road link between five unions in the shoal areas and the upazila headquarters.

As such, thousands of people from the shoal areas are suffering with their

According to locals, around 50 metres of the approach road collapsed within a short time due to erosion early on Tuesday, halting movement of all vehicles through the bridge.

The Local Government Engineering Department constructed the 170.64-metre-long bridge in 2006 connecting Tangail-Torabganj road.

The road is the only route for about one lakh people from five unions in shoal areas -- Katuli, Hugra, Kakua,

Mahmud Nagar unions in Sadar upazila and Bharra union in Nagarpur upazila to reach the district town, said

Tofazzal Hossain Tofa, chairman of

Tangail Sadar upazila parishad. Many students of Mawlana Bhashani University of Science and Technology in Santosh area also use the route to reach their campus, he said, adding that agricultural products, raw

materials of textile industry, and daily necessities are also transported using Contacted, Rafiqul Islam, executive engineer of LGED in Tangail, said the bridge and the connecting road became vulnerable as the river's course had changed due to illegal sand extraction and its flow through

Preparations are underway to address the issue, he added.

Charabari area became stronger over

### Fodder crisis hits cattle farmers

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, back from Sirajganj

Cattle farmers in Sirajganj are in dire straits due to an acute crisis of fodder for around 40,000 animals amid the ongoing flood in the district.

While people are finding it tough to find shelter in the flood-hit areas, the situation is worse for the animals.

When flood water entered my house 10 days ago. I took my family members along with my two cows and three goats to a nearby mosque for

shelter. Since then, we have been struggling to manage feed for my animals," said Mazeda Begum of Dogasi Kwakola area under Sirajganj Sadar upazila.

"With all pasture lands being inundated by floodwaters, I am compelled to feed them catkin and banana leaves," she added.

Md Sharif Hossain of Choto Koyra village echoed her.

"The floodwater washed away the straws I had kept at my house to feed my cattle. Now I am finding it difficult to feed my cattle, which

### AL leader held in loan default case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakali

Police yesterday arrested a local Awami League leader in a loan default case filed by Sonali Bank in Patuakhali.

Zakia Sultana Baby, general secretary of the district unit of Mahila Awami League, was held in the town's Fire Service area around noon. Patuakhali Sadar Police Station Officer-in-

Charge (Investigation) Md Asad said earlier a court issued an arrest warrant against Zakia who owes Tk 9 crore to the bank's Patuakhali branch, according to the case. The branch Manager, Md Zillur Rahman, said

in the name of Patuakhali Textile Mill jointly owned by Zakia and her now deceased husband Sirajul Islam Khan, the couple took a loan of Tk 2.23 crore in 1985 from the bank.

Although the bank approved 100 percent interest waiver, the couple did not repay the loan. Now the recoverable amount of that money stands at Tk 88.89 crore, bank sources said.

The bank authorities declared Zakia and Sirajul as defaulter and filed a loan default case with a Patuakhali court in 2004.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, RHD Sarak Bhaban, Boyra, Khulna

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#### Request for Expression of Interest (FIRM)

Date: 10-07-2024

1	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges/Road Transport and Highways Division
2	Process and the same	Roads and Highways Department
3	Procuring Entity Name	Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Khulna Zone, Khulna & Project Director, Land Acquisiti and Utility Shifting for Improvement of Bhanga-Jashore-Benapole Highway to 4-Lane project.
4	Procuring Entity Code	: khuz001
3	Procuring Entity District	: Khuina
6	Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of	Land acquisition and utility relocation related services
1	EOI Reference No.	01/E01/NGO/ACE Khm/2024-2025
8	V INFORMATION	:   11 July 2024
9	Procurement Sub-Method	: Quality and Cost-Based Selection (OCBS)
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10	Budget and Source of Funds	: Development Budget (GnB)
11	Development Partner (if applicable)	: NA
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12	Project/Program Code (if	224398500
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10	applicable)	to 4-Lane project.
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	8. The FOI shall be submitte 9. The final selection of NG Procurement Rules 2008.	wement of Bhanga-Jashore-Benapole Highway to 4-Lane project and delivered to the address of old in one (1) original, two (2) copies, and one soft copy in USB in a sealed envelope.  GO shall follow Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) procedure in accordance with the Pub are advised to visit the site at their own cost before submitting the EOL.  N/A
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