



# Flood situation worsens in Kurigram

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

The ongoing flood situation in Kurigram has deteriorated further as the water levels of Brahmaputra, Dudhkumar, and Dharla rivers started rising again in 12 hours till yesterday morning.

According to Bangladesh Water Development Board sources, Brahmaputra's water has risen by 10cm since Wednesday evening and was flowing 46cm above danger level at Chilmari Point yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, Dudhkumar was flowing 3cm and Dharla 10cm above danger level at Pateshwari and Bridge points respectively yesterday morning.

"Heavy rains and onrush of water from upstream in India caused the water level to rise again, deteriorating the flood situation," said Rakibul Hasan, executive engineer of BWDB in Kurigram.

Suruj Ali, 65, of Hatia village under Kurigram's Ulipur upazila, said, "After Brahmaputra's water started receding, we hoped the situation would improve. However, the water has started rising again. We are living in an inhumane condition inside these polythene shanties on the BWDB embankment."

Meanwhile, cattle farmers are having a hard time finding fodder for their animals, with vast stretches of pasture land inundated and stocked hay washed away in floodwater.

Around 15 lakh domestic animals have been affected by the flood, said Monakka Ali, district livestock officer in Kurigram.

Meanwhile, the ferry service at Kurigram's Chilmari river-port is suspended as the ghat's connecting road has been submerged.

At least 1,000 people use the ferry service daily to commute from Chilmari to Roumari, Char Rajibpur, Mymensingh, and Jamalpur. Now they have no alternative to using boats to cross the swelling Brahmaputra amid risk while also spending more money.

Prafulla Chauhan, manager of Chilmari Ghat of BIWTC, said the service will resume once the floodwaters recede and the ghat is renovated.

"This ferry ghat is a temporary one. A permanent ghat is under construction," he added.



**EROSION WORSENS IN LALMONIRHAT**

In Lalmonirhat, even though the flood situation saw gradual improvement, the erosion of the Teesta has worsened, leaving riverbank residents with sleepless nights.

At least 15 houses, a mosque, and around 100 bighas of arable land have been devoured by the river in Gobardhan village under

Aditmari upazila since Saturday, while around 50 more homesteads and several hundred bighas of arable land are at risk of erosion, said Matiar Rahman Mati, a union parishad member.

A similar situation prevails in the Dawabari union where 110 homesteads, around 500 bighas of arable land, a government primary school and two mosques have been devoured in the last five days.

At least 300 houses, several hundred bighas of agricultural land and a community clinic are under threat of erosion.

"BWDB authorities took no steps in this regard. I have dumped 150 sand-filled geo-bags myself, but it is insufficient to stop the erosion," said Mosaddek Hossain Chowdhury, chairman of the union parishad.

Mashiur Rahman, Dawabari Union Parishad chairman, echoed him.

Shunil Kumar, executive engineer of BWDB in Lalmonirhat, said steps will be taken in this regard.

## SIRAJGANJ FLOOD No respite as Jamuna continues to swell

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The flood situation in Sirajganj continues to deteriorate as Jamuna river's water level has been rising since yesterday morning.

According to Bangladesh Water Development Board in Sirajganj, Jamuna was flowing 37cm and 17cm above danger level at Sirajganj Hard Point and Kazipur Point respectively at noon yesterday.

Rainfall enhanced onrush of upstream water, causing water level to rise by 3cm and 4cm at the two points respectively in previous 12 hours, said Md Nazmul Hossain, sub-divisional engineer of BWDB in Sirajganj.

"The water level is expected to increase till July 14," he added.

At least 336 sq km area in 34 unions in the district have become inundated, leaving over one lakh people marooned, said sources at Relief and Rehabilitation department in the district.

## 2 schoolboys die as boat sinks in beel

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Two schoolboys died after a boat capsized in a beel in Sadar upazila of Sherpur yesterday afternoon.

The victims -- Sujon Mia, 14, and Sumon Miah, 14, from Dubarchar Dakshinpara in Sadar upazila -- were eighth-graders at a local high school, said police.

Md Emdadul Haque, officer-in-charge of Sherpur Sadar Police Station, said the teenagers went to the waterbody for a boat ride around 4:30pm.

Suddenly, during the ride, they lost control of the boat due to a heavy current and it sank, said the OC.

On information, police, with support from locals, recovered the bodies and handed them over to the families.

An unnatural death case was filed with the police station, said the OC.

# 'We've been surviving on just puffed rice'

### Flood-hit people grapple with food, water crisis in Jamalpur



SAHIDUL ISLAM NIRAB, Jamalpur

The flood victims in Jamalpur's shoal areas are passing days amid an acute crisis of food and drinking water.

Also, they are having a hard time feeding their domestic animals due to shortage of fodder.

Visiting different shoal areas in Islampur, Sarishabari and Dewanganj upazilas of the district, this correspondent saw flood-affected people have left their homes and taken shelter in any possible higher grounds, including railway station, school buildings, bridges and union parishad premises, with their family members and cattle.

Vast stretches of residential and arable lands, roads, markets, fish enclosures and educational institutions have been inundated.

Many of them have been living on dry food for several days without having received any relief.

The flood has so far affected 2,03,028 people of 32 unions and one municipality in the district, according to sources at the Relief and Rehabilitation Department in Jamalpur.

Also, around 1,000 residents in five upazilas of the district lost their homes to erosion of Jamuna and Brahmaputra rivers.

"We have been surviving on just puffed rice...", said Moynal Ali of Islampur upazila. Echoing him, Momana Begum of Dewanganj upazila urged the government to provide the victims with food and fodder.

"I have decided to sell four of my cows as I cannot feed them in this situation," said Badsha Miah of Sarishabari upazila.

Shafiur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Jamalpur, said 500 tonnes of rice, Tk 10 lakh cash relief and 4,500 packets of dry food have been allocated for the flood victims in the district, of which 480 tonnes of rice, Tk 6 lakh in cash and 4,050 packets of dry food have already been distributed.

"The UNOs of the flood-affected upazilas have been distributing the relief. If necessary, we will distribute more food among the victims," the DC added.

Rafiqul Islam, executive engineer of BWDB in Jamalpur, said they have taken temporary emergency measures to ensure safety of the residents in riverbank areas.



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