

### 3 workers missing after boat capsizes

UNB, Gaibandha

Three workers -- who went missing in the Teesta river after a boat capsized in Gaibandha's Sundarganj on Saturday afternoon -- were not found as of yesterday morning.

Workers Atwar, Raju and Rashid went missing while dumping cement blocks to prevent river bank erosion on Saturday afternoon.

They remained traceless despite the divers' efforts, said Sundarganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Tariqul Islam.

Eleven other workers, who suffered injuries in the boat capsize incident, were admitted to Gaibandha General Hospital. District Water Development Board Executive Engineer Md Hafizur Haq said at least 30 workers were engaged in dumping blocks to prevent river erosion in the Sreepur area on Saturday afternoon, when the boat capsized.

### RECENT VIOLENCE

## Livestock dept incurs damages worth Tk 5.5cr

### Says minister

UNB, Dhaka

The Department of Livestock has incurred damages amounting to Tk 5 crore to Tk 5.5 crore due to the nationwide violence over the quota reform protests, said Fisheries and Livestock Minister M Abdur Rahman yesterday.

During the protests, the Savar upazila livestock office and a mobile veterinary hospital were vandalised, resulting in damages worth nearly Tk 3.75 crore, the minister informed reporters at the Secretariat.

Refrigerators, televisions, air conditioners, and other valuables were destroyed during the attacks, he added.

The minister also revealed that two officials who visited the Savar upazila livestock office two days after the attack were physically assaulted.

A case has been filed, and 14 individuals have been arrested in connection with the incident. Looted valuables have been recovered from four of the arrestees, he said.

Additionally, vandalism was reported at the Rangpur district and divisional livestock offices.

Addressing a question about the identification of the attackers, the minister said, "Regardless of their political affiliation, they are not students of any schools or colleges. Those who attacked BTV Bhaban, the Metro Rail, toll plaza, Disaster Management Bhaban, and Setu Bhaban could have carried out these attacks."

Regarding the assessment of damages to farmers caused by the violence, the minister said a committee would be formed to investigate, and necessary actions would be taken based on the committee's report.



It's almost impossible to realise this vast field is actually Kharia river. Over the past 20 years, Kharia has become a victim of encroachment and pollution. Due to indifference of the authorities concerned, the river also lost its navigability and remains filled with water hyacinths.

PHOTO: STAR

### KHARIA RIVER IN MYMENSINGH

# No let-up in grabbing, pollution in 20yrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

There has been no step taken to save Mymensingh's Kharia river from unabated pollution and encroachment even in 20 years due to indifference of the authorities concerned.

The 25km river is a tributary of Old Brahmaputra, flowing through Phulpur upazila of the district to join Kongsho river in Netrakona, while also connecting to several large local waterbodies including Chitolia Beel, Buiddyar Beel and Kurhar Doba.

"It is frustrating to see the river, once a great source of fish as well as water for irrigation, in such a sorry state. Over the past 20 years, Kharia has become narrow due to illegal grabbing, overgrown with water hyacinths, and filled up with garbage," said ATM Robiul Karim, a local journalist.

Visiting the river recently, this correspondent observed a huge amount

of garbage being dumped on the river bank adjacent to Dak Banaglow area near Amuakanda Bazar.

Locals alleged people have been dumping their household garbage, as well as waste from kitchen market on the river bank for past two decades while the municipal



authorities turned a blind eye to this menace.

Butchers from Amuakanda Bazar have also been slaughtering animals on the river bank and throwing the animal waste into the river, they also alleged.

Shamu Mia, a butcher at

the market, admitted the matter.

As this correspondent inquired more, he came to know that the Phulpur municipality has yet to develop a proper waste management system for its 40,000 residents in the past 23 years since it was

Sen, mayor of Phulpur municipality, said they are working to contain dumping of wastes on the river bank and into its water.

Regarding allegations of encroachment, the mayor claimed many have taken lease of the river's land from the government.

Dr Md Nazrul Islam, civil surgeon in Mymensingh, said dumping wastes into a river can have serious impact on the environment as well as public health.

Md Habibur Rahman, chairman of Phulpur upazila parishad, said the menace must be stopped immediately to save the river's ecosystem.

Contacted, ABM Ariful Islam, UNO of Phulpur upazila, said several structures from the riverbanks have been removed recently while steps are on to restore the river's natural flow.

Necessary steps would be taken soon against polluters and grabbers, he added.

### MORRELGANJ TERMINAL

## People suffer as tidal water inundates road

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Even though the situation seems normal most of the time at Morrelganj Ferry Terminal in Bagerhat, during the hours of high tide, the connecting road to the pontoon on its eastern side gets submerged by the rising water of Panguchi river.

As such, passengers and transport workers have been facing difficulties in reaching the ferry to cross the river.

Residents and vehicle drivers have called for immediate steps to elevate the connecting road to alleviate their distress.

"For two-three hours during high tide over the last four days, the connecting road to the terminal's pontoon has been getting inundated, making it difficult for vehicles to board the ferry," said Bholu Das, a pick-up driver.

Kalu Sheikh, a local, said, "Crossing the ferry has become very distressing for us. This needs to be fixed immediately."

According to Abdur Rasid, a local businessman, this is a recurring issue every monsoon but the authorities are yet to address it.

Contacted, Mohammad Farid Uddin, executive engineer of Roads and Highways Department in Bagerhat, said elevating the road will not be an effective solution as the water level of the river fluctuates across the year.

"If the connecting road is raised too high, it will create problems for vehicles and pedestrians to board the ferry during low tide. We have to consider both high and low tide scenarios to construct the connecting road and pontoon," he also said.

"However, we will take the necessary steps to alleviate people's sufferings, keeping the technical aspects into consideration," he added.



### Two held over rape in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police arrested a man and one of his accomplices in Tangail yesterday on charges of raping a woman.

Following the arrest, Shahidul Islam Tikka, 50, and his associate Mohammad Khokon, 40, were sent to jail after being produced before a court, police said.

Earlier, the woman's husband filed a case with Ghatail Police Station after returning from work upon receiving a phone call from his wife.

According to the case, Tikka, along with two accomplices, forcibly entered the woman's house on Saturday noon, after which Tikka raped her, said Miah Abu Salam, officer-in-charge of the police station. Tikka's other accomplice, Monir, 23, is currently on the run, said the OC.

The woman was sent to a local hospital for medical tests.

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Corrigendum

The Submission and Opening date of Tender Notice No. 63/2023-2024/Tender(OTM) has been re-scheduled as follows:

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1	999489	Last Date and Time for Submission Tender Security	29-Jul-2024 16:00	07-Aug-2024 16:00
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