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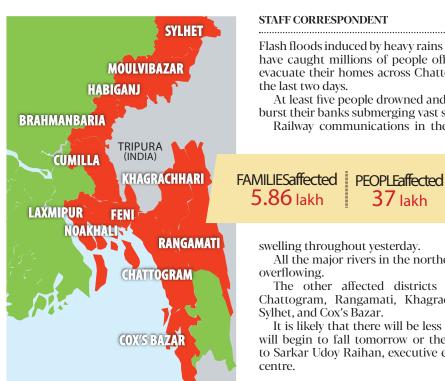
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Pedestrians use a rope to stay on course as floodwater rushes across the Dhaka-Chattogram highway in Feni's Lalpool area vesterday. Vehicles heading for Chattogram are seen crawling their way through. PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

# Flash floods wreak havoc in 12 dists

Five killed, 10 go missing as vast areas inundated in Sylhet, Chattogram divisions



### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Flash floods induced by heavy rains and rush of water from upstream have caught millions of people off guard, giving them no time to evacuate their homes across Chattogram and Sylhet divisions over At least five people drowned and 10 others went missing as rivers

burst their banks submerging vast swathes of land.

Railway communications in the two divisions were suspended

and yesterday authorities cancelled 26

situation The Cumilla, Noakhali and Feni was particularly

worrying as the Muhuri and Feni rivers kept

swelling throughout yesterday.

All the major rivers in the northeastern and eastern regions were overflowing.

The other affected districts are Laxmipur, Brahmanbaria, Chattogram, Rangamati, Khagrachhari, Moulvibazar, Habiganj, Sylhet, and Cox's Bazar.

It is likely that there will be less rain today and the level of water will begin to fall tomorrow or the day after tomorrow, according to Sarkar Udoy Raihan, executive engineer at the flood forecasting

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### 'Opening of dam gates sans notice inhuman' **Adviser Nahid** blames India for

flash floods here STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opening the gates of a dam by India without any prior notice is "inhuman", Information Broadcasting Adviser Nahid Islam said yesterday.

asked neighbouring country to stop its "antipeople policy" towards Bangladesh, saying that India should change its approach so that the two countries can build

fairer relations. "We can see the upstream water coming in and causing a flood situation. India has SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

### Jt initiative needed to deal with floods Chief adviser tells

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**Indian envoy** STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Yunus Muhammad proposed a yesterday high-level collaboration between Bangladesh and India to manage floods and emergencies.

He put forward the proposal when Indian High Commissioner Pranav Verma paid a courtesy call on him at the State Guesthouse Jamuna in the capital.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam briefed the media at the Foreign Service Academy after the meeting.

Yunus said Bangladesh and India share many and high-level collaboration between the two countries would help dissemination of information fast and prompt decision-making.

The Nobel laureate also emphasised the need for the two countries working

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## NBR seeks bank details of 5 business tycoons

**TYCOONS UNDER** 

**SCANNER** 

**BEXIMCO VICE-CHAIRMAN** 

Salman F Rahman

**NASSA CHAIRMAN** 

Nazrul Islam Mazumder

**SUMMIT CHAIRMAN** 

Mohammed Aziz Khan

**BASHUNDHARA CHAIRMAN** 

Ahmed Akbar Khan

**ORION CHAIRMAN** 

Mohammad Obaidul Karim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Board of Revenue yesterday asked banks to provide account details of the chiefs of five business giants who benefitted much during the Awami League rule of 15 years to scrutinise their two field offices asked banks to provide tax compliance.

revenue authority's Central Intelligence Cell (CIC) sought the details of Salman F Rahman, vice-chairman of Beximco; Islam Mazumder, chairman of Nassa Group; Mohammed Aziz Khan, chairman of Summit Group; Ahmed Akbar Khan, chairman of Bashundhara Group; Mohammad and Obaidul Karim, chairman of Orion

The

Group. The NBR sought information on term deposits, savings accounts, current

accounts, loan accounts, foreign currency accounts, credit cards, lockers and vaults owned by the tycoons are their family members beginning July 1,

In a notice, the tax administration said its CIC has started a special inquiry

into the allegation of tax evasion by the persons who made a lot of wealth.

As such, the cell has prepared a list of tax dodgers based on specific information

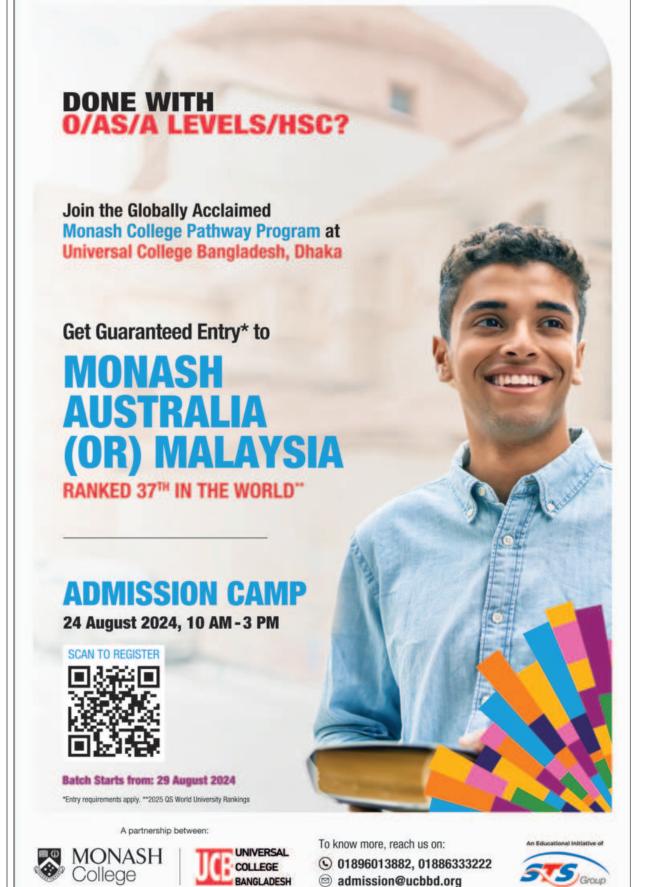
and by analysing media reports. The move comes days after NBR's

> account Chattogrambased businessman Mohammed Saiful Alam, the chairman of S Alam Group, and his family members, and the Commissionerate Chattogram formed four teams to audit the VAT compliance of 18 concerns of S

> Alam Group. The NBR said it would detect tax evasion through its special investigation into those who made huge wealth under the Income Tax Act 2023 and the Money Laundering Prevention Act 2012.

The tax detectives also requested the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Savings Directorate and the other related offices to provide information.

The CIC said its special investigations to hunt tax dodgers will continue.





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