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'We want a sustainable embankment'

Say residents of 13 villages in Khulna's Paikgachha

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

After the flood-protection embankment was breached and 13 villages in Deluti union under Khulna's Paikgachha upazila were flooded last Thursday, around 7-8 thousand people had to leave their homes and take shelter on higher grounds, including other parts of the dyke, roadsides, and different educational institutions.

Kalpna Mandal and Chanchala Mandal of Kalinagar were among 300 families who have sheltered at Kalinagar College since then.

Many organisations are providing them with relief, including dry food, biscuits, or cooked food.

Although villagers repaired the dam last Tuesday, water has yet to recede from Kalpana's home.

"Our two mud houses were damaged in the flood. I managed to bring our three goats with us, but I couldn't manage much food for them yet. I am worried," said Kalpana.

She said they had to face the same ordeal in May after Cyclone Remal.

"We had 11 cattle, which we had to sell since there was no way to feed those. Now we have only these three goats left, and there is hardly any food for them either," she said.

She wanted a permanent solution to the repeated breach of the dam.

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PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Music with a mission

Young musicians unite to raise funds for flood victims in Moulvibazar

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

With this month's flood ravaging communities, sweeping away homes and leaving people and livestock amid acute shortage of food and drinking water, a grim scenario now prevails across Moulvibazar.

In an effort to come forward and support the flood-hit people, young musicians have hit the streets, singing their soulful melodies to raise funds for relief campaign.

Every day, young singers from the town are performing at Choumohana Chatwar in Moulvibazar Sadar upazila and at Shaheed Minar premises and Bhabaniganj Bazar in Juri upazila to



collect contributions for flood relief.

"The funds raised will directly reach flood-affected areas for relief effort. I am personally coordinating it," said Oishi Chakladar, a young singer.

Subrata Sutradhar, who brought his two daughters to join the effort, said, "My daughters want to contribute and stand beside the flood-hit people by singing songs."

Locals have praised the initiative saying such efforts will engage the community in addressing the crisis and provide valuable assistance to those affected by the flood.

Mir Yusuf Ali, an organiser of the initiative, said, "I posted on my Facebook on last Saturday about our initiative

and received overwhelming response. About 50 artists and their families have joined us."

In Juri upazila, similar street performances by a group of cultural activists took place on Tuesday.

The musicians performed numerous songs, including "Manush dhoro manush bhojo", "Manush manusher jonnno" and "Ami manab dharme manab karme sapinu e pran-mon", among others.

The event attracted people from all walks of life, with many seen to sing alongside.

Husna Begum, a local, said, "Watching the children sing so soulfully

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Dr Yunus seeks int'l investment, support for reform

Meets UN, France, Canada, Malaysia envoys

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday said the student-led revolution has ushered in a new era of hope for Bangladesh and created historical opportunities.

"It will be a big failure if these opportunities are not used... These chances may never come back," he said.

The Nobel Laureate made the remarks when foreign envoys and UN officials made separate calls on him at the state guest house Jamuna yesterday, according to the chief adviser's press wing.

He said the interim government will stay "as short as the people want or as long as they want".

However, the government is committed to launching vital reforms in the country's key institutions in an effort to hold a free, fair, and transparent election and help people truly enjoy

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Govt to probe 'model mosque' corruption

Says religious affairs adviser; plans to revamp Islamic Foundation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Religious Affairs Adviser AFM Khalid Hossain yesterday said the interim government will form an investigation committee to address allegations of corruption related to the construction of "model mosques."

Besides, legal action will be pursued against those found guilty of these corrupt practices, he added.

Speaking as the chief guest at a day-long seminar held at the Islamic Foundation in Agargaon, Hossain said the ministry will set up a committee to investigate those responsible for destroying the Islamic Foundation.

Hossain emphasised that the Islamic Foundation will undergo significant transformation to enhance its effectiveness. He said long-serving

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Contempt petition filed against seven ex-SC judges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday filed a contempt of court petition with the High Court against three former chief justices and four former judges of the Appellate Division for punishing him in a case in October, 2020.

The accused former chief justices are Syed Mahmud Hossain, Hasan Foez Siddique and Obaidul Hassan and four former apex court judges are M Imman Ali, Mirza Hussain Haider, Abu Bakar Siddiquee and Md Nuruzzaman.

Advocate Md Eunos Ali Akond submitted the petition against the former judges, saying that they had punished the lawyers abusing their powers and in violation of the law.

In the petition, he prayed to the HC to issue a contempt of court rule against them.

Eunos Ali told The Daily Star that a hearing of the contempt of court petition may be held next Sunday.

An Appellate Division bench of the accused seven judges, when they were sitting judges, on October 12, 2020, barred Eunos Ali from practicing law --

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A promising life cut short

Newly-wed software engineer killed by muggers

RAFIUL ISLAM

Just four months ago, Zarraf Ahmed, a young and promising software engineer, married Saima Rahman Labannya, dreaming of a shared future filled with possibilities.

To bring those dreams closer to reality, Labannya had travelled to Australia to pursue higher studies.

But in a cruel twist of fate, those dreams were shattered on Tuesday when Zarraf was stabbed to death by alleged muggers in Dhaka's Darussalam area.

The families are now left in utter shock and devastation, struggling to comprehend the heartbreaking loss.

"The loss of Zarraf has shattered dreams of his family and left a void that can never be filled. We want justice for the killing through a proper investigation," Ahsanul Haque Zahid, a childhood friend of the victim, told The Daily Star.

Ahsanul said Zarraf's wife went to Australia to pursue her dream of higher study and Zarraf, a senior software engineer of Newroz Technologies Limited, was striving to make his mark in the country by founding his own enterprise.

"But everything is finished now due to the mindless act by the muggers," he said.

Labannya is now travelling back to Dhaka to say a final goodbye to her husband.

Hearing the news of Zarraf's death, his elderly parents with the help of other family members started for Dhaka in a private car from their village home in Naogaon in the afternoon.

But they were taken back to Naogaon after reaching Bogura as the couple fell ill and lost consciousness on numerous occasions on the journey, family members said.

Zarraf's cousin Kaniz Sharmin filed a murder case with Darussalam Police Station early yesterday.

Kaniz said Zarraf started for Dhaka around 10:00pm on Monday after visiting his parents in Naogaon.

After getting down from the bus, he took a rickshaw to reach his house.

As he reached Darussalam around 5:00am on Tuesday, two muggers intercepted the rickshaw. When he tried to resist them, the muggers stabbed him and took away his mobile phone, laptop and cash, she said quoting pedestrians who took him to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital.

Hospital authorities could not identify his body and he was kept there for several hours.

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POLICE REFORM Home adviser seeks UK assistance

STAR REPORT

Home Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday said the government has initiated steps to reform the police force, aiming to create a more efficient, neutral, and people-friendly law enforcement agency.

To support this effort, the adviser has requested training and ancillary assistance from the UK.

Jahangir made this appeal during a meeting with the British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Sarah Cooke at the Secretariat.

The meeting covered a range of topics, including inter-state cooperation in combating terrorism, tackling illegal immigration, support for police reform, flood rehabilitation, and aid for the Rohingya community, according to a statement from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

In response, Sarah Cooke confirmed that a UK expert team is scheduled to visit Bangladesh in September, offering the necessary cooperation for the police reform initiative.

Jahangir also informed the high commissioner

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[অবশিষ্ট/অদাবিকৃত নগদ লভ্যাংশের অর্থ ক্যাপিটাল মার্কেটে স্টাবিলাইজেশন ফান্ড বা পুঁজিবাজার স্থিতিশীলকরণ তহবিলে স্থানান্তর সক্রিয়]

সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বাংলাদেশ সিকিউরিটিজ অ্যান্ড এক্সচেঞ্জ কমিশন (বিএসসিপি) এর গত ১৪ জানুয়ারি, ২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখের নির্দেশনা নং- বিএসসিপি/সিএমআরআরসিডি/২০২১-৩৮৬/০৩ এবং বাংলাদেশ সিকিউরিটিজ অ্যান্ড এক্সচেঞ্জ কমিশন (ক্যাপিটাল মার্কেট স্টাবিলাইজেশন ফান্ড) বিধি, ২০২১ অনুসারে লভ্যাংশ ঘোষণা/অনুমোদনের দিন/রেকর্ড ডেট হতে ০৩ (তিন) বছরের অধিক কাল যাবৎ অবশিষ্ট/অদাবিকৃত নগদ লভ্যাংশের অর্থ ক্যাপিটাল মার্কেটে স্টাবিলাইজেশন ফান্ড বা পুঁজিবাজার স্থিতিশীলকরণ তহবিলে স্থানান্তর করতে হবে।

এমতাবস্থায়, বিএসসিপিএলের যে সকল সম্মানিত শেয়ারহোল্ডার/বিনিয়োগকারীগণ এখনো ২০২০-২০২১ অর্থ বছরের জন্য ঘোষিত নগদ লভ্যাংশের ওয়ারেন্ট সংগ্রহ করেননি তাদেরকে আগামী ২৯ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০২৪খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে কোম্পানির প্রধান কার্যালয়ে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে উপযুক্ত প্রমাণকসহ হাজির হয়ে বর্ণিত নগদ লভ্যাংশের ওয়ারেন্ট সংগ্রহ ও ৩০ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০২৪খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে নগদায়নের জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা হলো। তাছাড়া বিএসসিপিএলের যে সকল সম্মানিত শেয়ারহোল্ডার/বিনিয়োগকারীগণ এখনো ২০২১-২০২২ ও ২০২২-২০২৩ অর্থ বছরের জন্য ঘোষিত নগদ লভ্যাংশের ওয়ারেন্ট সংগ্রহ করেননি তাদেরকে অনতিবিলম্বে কোম্পানির প্রধান কার্যালয়ে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে উপযুক্ত প্রমাণকসহ হাজির হয়ে বর্ণিত নগদ লভ্যাংশের ওয়ারেন্ট সংগ্রহের জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা হলো।

এ প্রসঙ্গে উল্লেখ্য যে, ২০২০-২০২১ অর্থ বছরের জন্য ঘোষিত নগদ লভ্যাংশ ওয়ারেন্টের বিপরীতে যে সকল ক্ষেত্রে আগামী ২৯ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০২৪খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে কোনও বৈধ দাবি পাওয়া যাবে না, সে সকল অবশিষ্ট/অদাবিকৃত নগদ লভ্যাংশের অর্থ বিএসসিপি'র নির্দেশনা অনুসরণকরতঃ ক্যাপিটাল মার্কেটে স্টাবিলাইজেশন ফান্ড বা পুঁজিবাজার স্থিতিশীলকরণ তহবিলে স্থানান্তর করা হবে।

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