

Sundarbans fire doused after 48 hours

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

The fire in Teisher Chila-Shaplar Beel area near Dhan Sagar Station, under the Eastern Sundarbans Forest Division, has been doused after nearly 48 hours.

By 8:00am yesterday, teams of firefighters, forest officials, and volunteers crossed the dry Bhola river to reach the affected area for a final inspection. A thorough ground assessment was conducted to ensure no lingering embers or smoke remained.

The forest department will now deploy drones for an aerial survey before officially declaring the fire extinguished.

SM Ariful Haque, senior station officer of the Khulna Fire Service and Civil Defence, who was involved in overnight operations, said, "As soon as the tide came in, we resumed spraying water and continued until 3:30am."

"Throughout the night, we monitored the area, and no active fire was detected. Our teams are still inside conducting final checks, alongside the forest department's own inspections. If no signs of fire are found, an official declaration will be made," he added.

The fire first broke out on Saturday in the Tepar Beel area under the Kalomteji Forest Patrol Outpost of Dhan Sagar Station. It was extinguished by Sunday morning, but drone surveillance later detected another fire several kilometres away in the Teisher Chila Shaplar Beel area of the Chandpai Range.

The forest department has yet to confirm the extent of the damage, but locals estimate that nearly 10 acres of forest in the Shaplar Beel and Kalomteji areas have been burned.



The two little sisters are overjoyed to be heading to their village home in Netrakona to celebrate Eid. The town is home to both their maternal and paternal families, meaning they will get to enjoy the festivities with all of their relatives in one place this year. The photo was taken at Kamalapur Rail Station yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

River resource centre lying idle for over 2 years

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

The country's first river-based Halda Resource Centre has remained dormant for the past two and a half years since its inauguration, due to a shortage of necessary equipment and inadequate workforce.

The centre, constructed at a cost of Tk 2 crore, has become a temporary labour shed for the Water Development Board (WDB) rather than serving its intended role as a hub for scientific research and resource management.

Located in Garduara union under Hathazari upazila of Chattogram, the centre was established as part of the "Dyke Protection Work (2nd Revised)" project of the WDB and officially began operations in October 2022.

Covering approximately two acres, the centre consists of two single-storey buildings equipped with a laboratory, a conference room, three bedrooms, a



kitchen, and a combined drawing-dining area.

A recent visit to the centre revealed that the laboratory, originally intended for research, had been converted into a temporary workers' shed. At the time, 17 workers employed on a project by the WDB were residing there.

"I arrived here before the centre was officially

inaugurated. Over the past two and a half years, I have seen three senior officials' visit, and two discussions have been held here," said Anupam Chakma, a temporary worker.

Sahin Badsha, sub-divisional engineer of the WDB (Madunaghat), is currently overseeing the centre's operations. He permitted the contractor to use it as a temporary labour shed.

When asked why workers were allowed to reside there, Badsha said, "Since the centre has been lying

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Karangi river dam non-functional for 10 years

Farmers in peril without water for irrigation

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

A dam built on the Karangi river in Chunarughat upazila of Habiganj has been non-functional for nearly 10 years, leaving hundreds of farmers in peril.

The 25-metre-long structure, made from rubber tyres and tubes, was constructed in 2011 by the Local Government Engineering Department at a cost of Tk 3.5 crore to provide much-needed irrigation facilities to farmers, particularly during the dry season.

However, just two years after its construction, the dam collapsed, and has been lying without any repairs since then.

The dam's primary purpose was to retain water in Karangi river, ensuring a reliable source of irrigation water for farmers cultivating Boro paddy and other



crops. When it was operational, the dam supported up to 550 hectares of agricultural land across 10-12 villages nearby.

However, after its collapse, the situation has become dire for farmers to secure irrigation water for their cultivation during dry season.

"We don't understand why it hasn't been repaired. Now, about 420 hectares of cropland remain uncultivated due to a lack of water during dry season," said Azad Mia, a local farmer.

Miftaul Ahmed, another farmer, said, "Earlier, we used to get water easily when the dam was working. Since it collapsed, it has become increasingly difficult to irrigate our crops using pumps due to the high cost of fuel."

Due to limited irrigation facility, the production of crops including paddy, chili, brinjal, cauliflower, and tomato dropped significantly in the area.

Imam Hossain, an engineer of LGED in Chunarughat, said they have inspected the dam and informed the district office about the need for repairs.

"We are hopeful that necessary repairs will be made soon," he added.

Faridul Islam, executive engineer of LGED in Habiganj, said steps will be taken to repair the dam to make it operational again.

Mohammad Robin Mia, upazila nirbahi officer of Chunarughat, said they will take necessary steps to address the issue.

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GRAFT CASE Iskander and his wife discharged

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday discharged Shamim Iskander, younger brother of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, from a case filed for amassing wealth worth Tk 1.33 crore illegally and concealing information of Tk 81.81 lakh to the ACC.

Shamim's wife Kaniz Fatema was also discharged from the case.

Judge Md Kabir Uddin Pramanik of Special Judge's Court 9 of Dhaka passed the order after concluding a hearing on the framing of charges against the couple.

In the order, the judge said he discharged them as he found no cogent grounds to frame charges brought against the couple.

On August 18, 2008, ACC Deputy Assistant Director AFM Jabid Hassan, also investigation officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet against Shamim and his wife to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in Dhaka, showing 36 people as prosecution witnesses.

In the charge sheet, the IO mentioned that Shamim amassed wealth worth about Tk 1.34 crore through illegal means and concealed information regarding wealth worth Tk 81.81 lakh.

Mob beats man accused of attempted rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Aman was beaten by a mob in a schoolyard yesterday in Munshiganj Sadar, following allegations of attempting to rape a fourth grade student.

Law enforcement agencies went to the spot and brought the situation under control.

The accused Abul Hossain, 55, a clerk of the school, was taken to Munshiganj General Hospital.

Later, locals and relatives of the victim took position in front of the hospital, demanding his capital punishment.

Munshiganj Sadar Police Station, in a press release, said the 10-year-old victim went to the school around 10:00am on Monday. Finding the classroom empty, Abul tried to rape her. However, he fled when other students came to the classroom.

The victim told her family about the incident later that day. Yesterday morning, locals held the accused and beat him. Abul was referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for better treatment, but his transfer was being delayed due to the blockade.

Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Saiful Alam, around 7:00pm said the crowd was still surrounding the hospital.

Robbery on bus in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A suspected gang of armed robbers blocked the Bakerganj Barguna highway with a log and looted cash and phones from passengers of a bus in Patuakhali's Galachipa early yesterday.

The incident took place around 3:00am in Galachipa on the regional highway. The Imran Paribahan bus was travelling from Dhaka's Abdullahpur to Barguna.

Receiving the news, Barguna police went to the spot, but the robbers had fled by then.

Barguna Sadar Police Station OC Dewan Jaglul Hasan said, "The bus and its passengers were safely escorted to Barguna Police Station." Legal action will be taken following investigation, he said.

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