

Momtaz on
6-day remand
in two cases

Eggs hurled as she
was being escorted to
prison van from court

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Manikganj

A Manikganj court yesterday granted a six-day remand for former MP and singer Momtaz Begum in two cases — one filed over a murder in Singair and another over assault and vandalism in Harirampur upazila.

Eggs were thrown at her when she was being taken to a prison van after the court proceedings.

Judge Mohammad Abdun Noor of Manikganj Chief Judicial Court-1 granted a four-day remand in the Singair upazila murder case around 10:30am.

Later, Judge Ivy Akhter of Chief Judicial Court-3 granted a two-day remand in the case filed over attack, assault, and vandalism in

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Met office
forecasts
more rain in
next 4 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) has forecast rainfall across the country for five days starting from 9:00am yesterday.

In its regular weather bulletin issued yesterday morning, the BMD also said rainfall may intensify in the following five days after this initial period.

It also said day and night temperatures may rise slightly over the country today. Additionally, it is likely to remain unchanged over the next three days.

According to the bulletin, the southwest monsoon has advanced up to Akyab coast of Myanmar and conditions are favourable for further advancement.

A low pressure area is likely to form over the South Bay by May 26, it also said.

A trough of low lies over West Bengal to North Bay

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A man casts his net into the water, taking advantage of the rising water levels in the haor following several days of rainfall. The increased depth has also made fishing easier. The photo was taken in Humaipur of Bajitpur upazila, Kishoreganj recently.

PHOTO: TAFSILUL AZIZ

BHUANPUR IN TANGAIL

Jamuna's erosion sparks
panic among locals

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

With the Jamuna river's water level rising over the last couple of weeks, erosion has started in Tangail's Bhuanpur upazila, leaving riverside residents in distress.

Locals alleged that illegal sand lifting from the river using dredgers during the previous Awami League tenure has made the riverbank areas highly erosion-prone, especially during the monsoon.

This year, the river has already devoured vast stretches of cropland in Jigatala, Gopinpur, Rampur and Basudevkal areas.

Local farmers, who have cultivated maize, oilseed, jute and paddy in the affected areas, are facing the prospect of heavy losses.

Residents of Konabari, Patitapara, Matikata, Kosthapara, Chituliapara and Bhalkutia are panicked, fearing significant damage from erosion like in previous years, said Farman Sheikh, a local rights activist.

Residents alleged that their long-



standing demand for the construction of a dam to protect the localities from erosion has been ignored for years.

They said each year, Development Board (BWDB) only dumps some geo-bags when erosion intensifies, which hardly makes any difference.

"Earlier, locally influential Awami League men continued illegal sand lifting for years under the patronage of former local lawmaker Chhoto Monir, who is now on the run. The villagers could

not protest the ill practice fearing retribution from the vested group," said Saiful Islam of Jigatala village.

Contacted, Bhuanpur UNO Abu Abdullah Khan said BWDB will take necessary steps to prevent erosion.

Shamim Miah, a sub-assistant engineer of BWDB in the upazila, said they are monitoring the situation.

Md Matiur Rahman, executive engineer of BWDB in Tangail, said an economic zone is supposed to be developed nearby and a plan for the construction of a river protection embankment for it has been submitted to higher authorities.

Shipbreaking
workers want
Eid bonuses
by May 31

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
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Shipbreaking workers yesterday urged yard authorities to ensure disbursement of salaries and Eid-ul-Azha bonuses by May 31.

The workers, under the banner of Shipbreaking Workers Trade Union Forum, held a rally yesterday morning at the gate of Hafiz Jute Mill in Sonaichhari area of Chattogram's Sitakunda to press home their demand.

At the rally, union

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Thousands
trapped after
bridge collapses
in Roumari

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Around 20,000 residents of 11 villages under Kurigram's Roumari upazila have been cut off from the upazila headquarters after a wooden bridge over the Jinjiram river collapsed last week due to the pressure of rising waters.

The 50-metre bridge, constructed with wood and bamboo in the Lalkura area of the upazila in April last year, was the only means of communication for the residents of these remote villages.

With the bridge now collapsed, villagers are left with no choice but to cross the river by boat to access essential services including healthcare, markets, and administrative offices.

"We're now practically trapped in our villages. My child is ill and needs to be taken to hospital. There is no other way than crossing the river on boat at risk of our lives at night," said Shahina Begum, 30, of Lalkura village.

Local farmer Akkel Mia, 60, said, "Even though the bridge was fragile, we could still walk on it. Now, especially after dark, we can't go anywhere."



The bridge was constructed under an initiative of the Upazila Project Implementation Office. However, locals said its condition began to deteriorate just weeks after construction was completed.

"Until the bridge is repaired, we will have to depend on boats. Even some basic tasks like buying food or visiting the doctor will now become an ordeal. We demand construction of a concrete bridge over the river," said Mohor Ali, 50, a grocery shop owner in Lalkura village.

Jadurchar union parishad chairman Sarbesh Ali said the local administration has been informed about the bridge's collapse and the crisis being faced by residents.

Contacted, Uzzal Kumar Halder, Roumari upazila nirbahi officer, said they are working on a plan to rebuild the bridge on an emergency basis.

"Instructions have already been given to the union parishad chairman, and repairs will begin soon to restore connectivity," he added.

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999 swamped with prank calls

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-- were not related to any emergencies. These included blank, prank, and missed calls.

This high number of unnecessary calls increases waiting times, delays responses to genuine emergencies, and puts added pressure on call handlers.

This hampers the effective delivery of emergency services, said the press release signed by

Mohiul Islam, additional DIG (telecom) of police and chief of the 999 service.

Although Section 70(I) of the Telecommunications Regulation Act, 2001 allows a fine of up to Tk 1 lakh, or six months' imprisonment in default, for making nuisance calls, no legal action has been taken so far by the 999 service.

Instead, the helpline has focused on public

awareness, said the press release.

However, the press release noted that due to growing public trust and awareness efforts, the number of unnecessary calls has been gradually decreasing.

In order to bring this number down to zero, the 999 team urged citizens and the media to help further raise awareness and reduce such calls, said the press release.

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Director, SAC

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01	1114845	JB/IT-Proc-33/OTM/Virtualization Solution /2025	Tender for procurement of Virtualization Solution (Supply, Installation & Commissioning) for Janata Bank PLC. following Open Tendering Method.	21.05.2025 04.00PM	17.06.2025 12.15 PM

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

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