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## Flood situation worsens across Sylhet division

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The flood situation across Sylhet division has deteriorated further as more low-lying areas were inundated, leaving thousands of people marooned.

The Surma, Kushiyara and Manu rivers were flowing above the danger level at five points in Sylhet and Moulvibazar. Manu river's water level, however, has been showing downward trend over the past 24 hours till yesterday morning.

Google satellite data shows that low-lying areas are inundated in Zakiganj, Kanaighat, Jaintiapur, Beanibazar, Golapganj, Balaganj, Osmanagar, Fenchuganj, Dakshin Surma and Bishwanath upazilas of Sylhet.

It also shows that parts of Moulvibazar's Barlekh, Juri, Kulaura and Rajnagar upazilas, and Sunamganj's Jagannathpur, Shalla and Chhatak upazilas are submerged.

In Dakshin Konagaon of Moulvibazar's Juri upazila, about 15 feet stretch of the Juri river embankment broke last night,



causing water to enter and inundate some 40-50 houses in Konagaon and neighbouring areas, said Imtiaz Gafur Maruf, a member of Fultala Union Parishad.

Parts of the Kapnaphar Tea Garden, Hafizi, and Dakshin Sagarni areas were also submerged under two to three feet of water, said locals.

Meanwhile, many are still stranded in several areas of the district as the water level is yet to recede, said officials.

According to the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre of Bangladesh Water Development Board, flood situation in Sylhet, Moulvibazar and Sunamganj is likely to deteriorate further in the next 48 hours with increase in water levels of Surma and Kushiyara rivers.

In Sylhet division, highest rainfall of 64mm was recorded in Maheshkhola area under Sunamganj's Madhyanagar upazila. Meanwhile, Bangladesh Meteorological Department has forecast light to moderate rain and thundershower in Sylhet division till today.



An illegal fish enclosure built by blocking the Sholmari river in Khulna continues to disrupt its natural flow. Meanwhile, rampant encroachment is also choking the river. As a result, monsoon waterlogging has worsened in nearby villages, damaging farmland, threatening biodiversity, and disrupting the region's ecological balance. The photo was taken from the Sholmari Kheaghata area recently.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

3 of a family killed as microbus hits parked truck

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

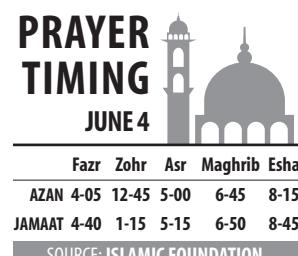
Three members of a family were killed and three others injured when a microbus collided with a parked truck on the Dhaka-Tangail-Bangabandhu Bridge highway yesterday.

Amjad Mandal, 60, and his sons Ratul Mondal, 25, and Atul Mondal, 14, from Kamarchar in Sherpur Sadar upazila, died on the spot, said police.

Amjad, who lived with his family in Badda, Dhaka, was involved in the construction business. Yesterday morning, he rented a microbus to travel to his village home in Sherpur to celebrate Eid with his family.

The injured -- Maksuda Begum, 55, wife of Amjad, their daughter-in-law Maryam Begum, 25, and driver Nazmul, 40, -- were admitted to Tangail General Hospital.

Basail Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Jalal Uddin said the microbus driver lost control near the Karatipara Bypass area of Basail upazila. The vehicle then crashed into the truck.



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## GOPALGANJ MUNICIPALITY Safe water a daily struggle for residents

SUZID DAS, Faridpur

Gopalganj municipality is currently unable to ensure uninterrupted supply of potable water to its residents due to the declining capacity of its water treatment plants and the lack of necessary renovations.

At present, the municipality can meet only 25 percent of the daily demand for safe drinking water, leaving thousands of residents in distress.

The area of the municipality was expanded in 2021 from 13.82 to 30.70 square kilometres. The total population now stands at around 2,09,450. A total of 9,900 households are connected to the municipality's water supply network. Water is treated at four plants with a combined daily output of 13 to 14 million litres, against a daily demand of 60 million litres.

"We get water only for an hour early in the morning. We store water in buckets, bottles -- whatever we can find. However, the quantity supplied is hardly enough, and if we fail to collect water timely, the whole day becomes a struggle," said Masum Sheikh, a resident of Hemangon area.

"After bathing my three children with stored water, we often have to skip showers ourselves. I never thought in a town like Gopalganj, I'd have to plan my daily chores based on when the water comes," said Asma Begum, a schoolteacher residing in Courtpara area.

Swaroop Bose, sub-assistant engineer (Electricity and Water) of the municipality, said the main water treatment plant, which has been running continuously for years without proper maintenance, saw its capacity decline from 540 cubic metres per hour to around 250-300 cubic metres per hour. Without urgent repairs, the plant could fail entirely at any time.

The town's two primary treatment facilities, located in Shishubon area, were established in the 2000-01 and 2019-20 fiscal years respectively. While the newer plant is still functioning normally, it is under significant strain due to overdependence. Other

supplementary sources -- including an iron removal plant, a groundwater-based facility at Kazulia Beel, and a surface water plant sourcing from the Madhumati River in Manikhar -- are also operating below capacity due to a lack of maintenance, he added.

Md Faiz Ahmed, executive engineer of DPHE in Gopalganj, said they had discussed a new plant plan with higher authorities, but no steps had been taken



yet. Moreover, installing deep tube-wells in the municipality is not feasible as the underground water is laden with arsenic and iron at 50-100 feet depth. Deeper down, the water is saline. As such, water can only be sourced from the river, purified and supplied to the residents.

"Meanwhile, applications for new connections are coming daily," said Bishwajit Kumar Pal, administrator of Gopalganj Municipality and deputy director of Local Government Division in the district.

"We submitted a DPP to expand plant capacity and extend pipeline coverage in the newly added areas. We hope to receive a prompt decision from the ministry concerned," he added.

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1	1099412 OSTETM	Package No: <a href="http://www.eprocure.gov.bd">http://www.eprocure.gov.bd</a> Ref: 28.09.0000.000.088.38.0003.25/ BAPEX Bhaban (4th floor), 4, Kawran bazar, C/A, Dhaka-1215. (Construction Division)	29-Jun-2025 17:00	30-Jun-2025 13:00	30-Jun-2025 14:00	30-Jun-2025 14:00

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Govt mulls amendment to public service ordinance  
Hints law adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In response to the ongoing protests by Secretariat employees, Law Adviser Asif Nazrul has indicated that the government is considering amending the "Public Service (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025."

He said a high-level committee is being formed to review the ordinance.

However, the protesting employees are demanding its complete repeal.

Speaking to reporters after receiving memoranda from leaders of the Secretariat Officers and Employees Unity Forum, Asif Nazrul yesterday said, "As far as I know, a high-level advisory committee will be formed. The committee will be tasked with reviewing the objections raised by the employees and making recommendations accordingly. Since a committee is being formed, it means there is scope for reconsideration."

Earlier, Energy and Mineral Resources Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan also expressed concern over the possible misuse of the newly issued ordinance.

Before submitting the memoranda, the protesting employees held a brief rally at Secretariat. They termed the Public Service (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 a "black law" and vowed to continue their movement until it is repealed.

## Ishraque suspends protest till Eid

Warns of self-oath if swearing-in delayed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ongoing movement demanding BNP leader Ishraque Hossain's swearing-in as the mayor of Dhaka South City Corporation has been suspended until the Eid-ul-Azha holidays.

Ishraque made the announcement while expressing solidarity with protesters at Nagar Bhaban yesterday.

Supporters of Ishraque and a large number of DSCC employees continued their sit in protest in front of Nagar Bhaban for the 21st consecutive day yesterday.



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01	ID No. 1123217 & LGCRRP/Mymensingh/2024-25/W-12	Rehabilitation of RCC Road starting from Maskanda Mosque (Khanka Mosque) to Barera Bypass Road in Ward No. 26 (Ch. 00-550m)	04/06/2025 10:00am	02/07/2025 16:00pm	03/07/2025 13:00pm
02	ID No. 1123218 & LGCRRP/Mymensingh/2024-25/W-13	Installation & replacement of Smart LED Street light from a) Chorpara More to Beltoli Bridge in Ward No. 14, 15, 19, 24, 25, 26 & b) Around of (i) Circuit House Math in Ward No. 3, 7 (ii) Maskanda Bus stand in Ward No. 19, 20 (iii) Patgudam bridge bus stand in Ward No. 18, 19 under Mymensingh City Corporation.	04/06/2025 10:00am	02/07/2025 16:00pm	03/07/2025 13:00pm

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