PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Inadequate, faulty sluice gates leave farmlands inundated

Waterlogging damages Aman seedbeds across Khulna's Batiaghata upazila

DIPANKAR ROY, *Khulna*

A lack of adequate sluice gates and poor maintenance of existing ones are causing widespread waterlogging in Khulna's Batiaghata upazila, significantly affecting Aman paddy cultivation -- the region's only major crop.

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Locals said unless urgent action is taken, thousands of farmers in Polder 30 area and beyond risk losing their main harvest season, placing further strain on livelihoods already battered by climate variability and infrastructural neglect.

The area has over 68 canals and is connected to four active rivers. But there are only 15 sluice gates in the entire area, and just eight of them are currently operational.

As a result, floodwaters from the recent heavy rainfall cannot be discharged properly. This has left large portions of agricultural land inundated, causing irreparable damage to paddy seedbeds and even early-winter vegetable fields.

Manoranjan Mondal, former chairman of Batiaghata's Sadar union, said, "Eight functional sluice gates are not enough for Polder 30, which contains 53 beels and 68 canals. Proper water management is impossible. As a result, crop yields have declined dramatically in recent years. Excess rainwater causes flooding, while in the dry season, farmers cannot retain sufficient water for vegetable or watermelon cultivation."

Local farmer Bibhash Mondal from Amtala village in Gangarampur union said Aman paddy is the only dependable crop in the area, but farmers can no longer grow it reliably due to poor water management.

"We live in a saline zone. In the dry season, the local water becomes too salty to use. If the existing sluice gates were functional, we could have allowed sweet water from rivers to enter the canals and stored it for cultivating vegetables and other crops," he said.

Palash Roy, a farmer from Khalashibunia village, said the main sluice gate at Parbatiaghata has been ineffective for years. Several key canals -- Hetalbuniya, Dashkathia, Parbatiaghata, and Patharighata -- remain clogged and unmaintained, affecting over 20 villages.

According to data from the Khulna Agriculture Extension Department, the district received 628 mm of rainfall in July 2025 -- more than triple the 192.37 mm recorded in July 2024. This excessive rainfall has destroyed seedbeds in most beels across the region, especially in Batiaghata and neighbouring upazilas.

Out of 575 hectares of total seedbed area, 106 hectares have

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Six killed, 4 hurt in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Six people were killed and four others injured in road accidents in three districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Sunamganj, three people were killed in a head-on collision between a bus and a CNG-run auto-rickshaw.

The accident occurred around 1:00pm on Sunamganj-Sylhet highway in Bahadurpur area, said Mohammad Abul Kalam, officer-in-charge of Sunamganj Sadar Police Station.

The deceased are as Afsana Khushi, 17, a student of Sunamganj Textile Institute; Sneha Chakraborty, 18, a student of Sunamganj University of Science and Technology; and Shafiqul Islam, 50, a resident of the upazila.

The bus driver fled the spot after the accident.

In Mymensingh, two passengers of a battery-run auto-rickshaw were killed and two others injured as the vehicle collided head-on with a human haulier at Kazipara in Bhaluka upazila. Monju Mia, 40, and Alal Uddin, 50, from Gafargaon were declared dead at a local health complex.

In Faridpur, a motorcyclist was killed and two others injured when a Khulna-bound bus hit the motorcycle near the Bhanga intersection on the Dhaka-Bhanga Expressway.

Billal Khan, 35, died on the spot.

US to work with govt on regional peace, security

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Washington wants to work with Bangladesh's interim government to advance ties and regional peace and security, said US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Allison M Hooker.

She shared her comment on X after a meeting with Bangladesh's National Security Adviser Khalilur Rahman in Washington on August 4.

"I had a great meeting with Bangladeshi National Security Advisor Rahman to discuss US policy priorities and advance US-Bangladesh ties. I look forward to continuing to work with the Interim Government to advance regional peace and security," she said.

Khalilur was in Washington as part of the Bangladesh delegation to negotiate the tariff talks with the US Trade Representative.

3 more die of dengue, 428 get hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least three dengue patients died while 428 others were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

The deaths have been reported in Chattogram division, Rajshahi division and Dhaka North City Corporation.

With the new deaths and cases, the total number of deaths rose to 92, while total cases rose to 22,812.

Among the total cases, a total of 21,461 dengue patients have been released, of whom 16,833 were from outside Dhaka.

Currently, 1,259 dengue patients are undergoing treatment at different hospitals across the country, 895 of whom are from outside Dhaka.

Health experts have warned that the current weather is highly conducive to the spread of Aedes mosquitoes, the primary vector of the disease, and have urged immediate action from the authorities.

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চট্টগ্রাম সমুদ্রবন্দর হতে এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিঃ কর্তৃক আমদানীতব্য স্কুটার/বাইকের সিবিইউ/এসকেডি/সিকেডি/খুচরা যন্ত্রাংশ/এক্সেসোরীজ খালাস করন এবং ঐ স্থান হতে উক্ত আমদানীতব্য পণ্যদ্রব্য গাজীপুরে অবস্থিত টংগীস্থ কারখানা প্রাঙ্গন পর্যন্ত পরিবহনের জন্য এ ধরনের কাজে কমপক্ষে ৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রকৃত ক্লিয়ারিং এন্ড ফরওয়াডিং এজেন্টদের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা হচ্ছে।

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১। হিসাব বিভাগ, এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড অথবা হিসাব বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ ইস্পাত ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন, "বিএসইসি ভবন", ১০২, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫ হতে আগামী ২০-০৮-২০২৫খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে নগদ মূল্যে দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাবে।

২। বাংলাদেশের যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংক হতে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি মানি এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড এর অনুকূলে জমা দিতে হবে।

৩। দরপত্রসমূহ এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিঃ এর কারখানার ক্রয় বিভাগে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাক্সে অথবা মহাব্যবস্থাপক (ক্রয়), বাংলাদেশ ইস্পাত ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন এর ক্রয় বিভাগের দপ্তরে রক্ষিত বাক্সে গ্রহণ এবং নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ে উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) তা খোলা হবে।

৪। দরপত্রের অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী সম্বলিত কাগজপত্র দরপত্র সিডিউলের সাথে পাওয়া যাবে।

৫। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

৬। টেন্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তিটি এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড এবং বিএসইসি' এবং সিপিটিইউ এর ওয়েব সাইটে পাওয়া যাবে। www.atlas.gov.bd & www.bsec.gov.bd & www. eprocure.gov.bd

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Man, 2 others to die for killing daughter to frame rivals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kishoreganj*

A local court yesterday sentenced a man and two of his family members to death in a case filed for killing his daughter in Kishoreganj's Karimganj upazila in 2016.

The convicts are Anwarul Islam Angur, 73; his brother Khurshid Mia, 52; and his nephew Sadek Mia, 36.

They are on the run now.

Judge Muhammad Nurul Amin Biplob of the Senior District and Sessions Judge's Court of Kishoreganj announced the verdict and also fined the convicts Tk 50,000 each.

Another accused Nazmunnahar, mother of the victim, was acquitted by the court, as the charges brought against her were not proved, said

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Railway staffer stabbed to death in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Netrokona*

An employee of Bangladesh Railway was stabbed to death by unidentified miscreants in Netrokona's Purbadhala upazila early yesterday.

The victim, 28-year-old Md Kakon Mia, worked as a pointsman at Gauripur Railway Station, said OC Nurul Alam of Purbadhala Police Station.

"The incident occurred around 1:00am when Kakon was returning home from Dapunia Bazar. As he reached a deserted area, miscreants intercepted and stabbed him with a knife," the OC said.

Locals took him to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. The body has been sent to the morgue for autopsy.

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Establishment of 160 Upazila ICT Training and Resource Centre for Education (UITRCE) Phase-II, Project

Memo No: HobanE&C/bd/ad/202508-002 Date: 07 August, 2025

NOTICE FOR INVITATION OF QUALIFIED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES

Project Title:
Establishment of 160 Upazila ICT Training and Resource Centre for Education (UITRCE) - Phase II

1. Project Overview
The Consortium invites qualified and experienced construction companies to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for participating in the construction of 160 ICT Training & Research centers across various Upazilas in Bangladesh. Each center will be a two-storied RCC (Reinforced Concrete Cement) building with a total floor area of approximately 411 m².

2. Submission Details
Government Ordering Agency: Ministry of Education, BANBEIS
Issuing Entities (Consortium):
- Taihan Cable & Solution Co., Ltd.
- Hoban Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.
- Ubion Co., Ltd.

Funding: Financed under the EDCF loan from the Export-Import Bank of Korea (Korea EXIM Bank)

3. Required Documents
Must submit the following documents in Hardcopy (**2 Copies**) & Softcopy (**1 Pen drive**) format:
1) Company Profile (including company overview and organizational structure)
2) Last **5 years**' Construction Turnover with supporting certificates (**only Building Construction**)
3) Audit Reports for the last 3 fiscal years (with DVC)
4) Valid Trade License, TIN, VAT Registration, and Incorporation Certificate
5) CVs and IEB Certificates of proposed technical manpower (Civil Engineer, Electrical Engineer)

4. Submission Address & Drop-off Locations:
1) BANBEIS Office: 3rd Floor, Eden Lake, BANBEIS Bhaban, 1 Jahir Raihan Road, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh.
2) Hoban E&C Office: A6, House-9/B, Road-117, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh.
Submission Duration: 18 - 20 August, 2025, **10:00 - 16:00** (Bangladesh Standard Time)
Remarks: Companies that have already submitted an EOI for this project cannot apply. Please submit your documents to only one of the two drop-off locations.

5. Contact Information: Hoban E&C, Contract Manager, HYUK KIM, Cell: +88 01521-582180

6. Important Note: This is not a bidding notice, but a pre-qualification invitation. Only shortlisted companies will be contacted for further stages.