

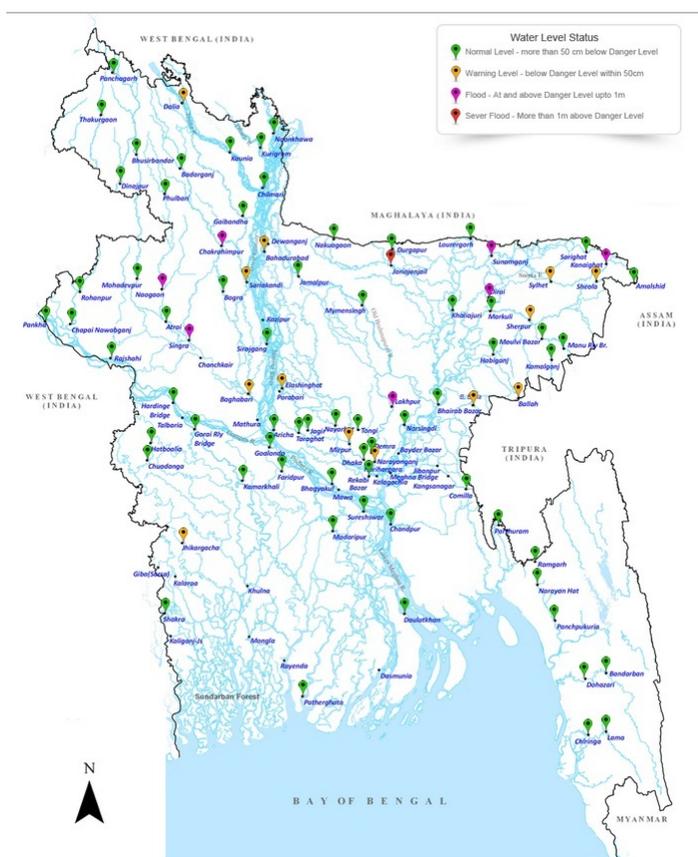
Autumn Flood (Second spell in a Row)

The second spell of flood hit in six districts of the country due to incessant rains and on-rush of water from upstream. Several lakhs of people of Kurigram, Netrakona, Bogra, Naogaon, Jamalpur and Brahmanbaria districts have been marooned; many dwelling houses damaged and road communications collapsed. The farmers are worried due to extensive damage caused to the Aman paddy, vegetables and other seasonal crops. On the other hand, about six hundred schools of the districts have remained closed.

Although the flood-hit people are passing their days with miseries along with their children and cattle, the distribution of relief items is insufficient. The flood victims in several areas did not receive any relief till now. In some areas, the local administration is facing hindrance in distributing the relief materials due to collapse of rural roads. In the absence of adequate relief, the flood-affected people are facing acute crisis of food and drinking water.

In Kurigram, at least one hundred thousand people were marooned, as over 200 villages under 32 unions of the eight upazilas in the district, and 30 educational institutions at Roumari and Rajibpur upazila were flooded again. A box culvert at Gachhidangha under Bhurungamari upazila has been washed away due to overflow of the floodwater. At least 150 families at Chilmari upazila were displaced from their homes. The road communications in most of the areas collapsed. The flood victims are also facing acute crisis of safe drinking water and food. According to Department of Agriculture, transplanted Aman and vegetables on at least 17 thousand acres of land have gone under floodwater.

In Netrakona, at least 80 villages of seven unions under Purbadhala upazila have been inundated due to collapse of an embankment of the WDB at Rajakhali in the upazila. The flood situation in Netrakona Sadar, Mohanganj, Kalmakanda and Durgapur is unchanged, as the water in Someshwari, Dholai and other rivers were flowing above the danger levels. Over one



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hundred thousand people in the upazilas of the district were marooned, while the educational activities in about four hundred institutions in the seven upazilas remained shut due to the flood. The hill downpour has been continuing more than eight days and for this vast areas of the lands of transplanted Aman and vegetables went under floodwater. Fishes of thousands of ponds in the upazila have been washed away. Four people drowned (1 child, 1 woman and 2 men) in floodwater in Durgapur upazila on September 24, 2014.

The district administration and the concerned upazila administrations have already geared up relief operations in all the flood-hit areas of the district. The district administration has already sent 225 tonnes of rice and “adequate quantity” of dry-foods to flood-hit areas of the district for distribution among the flood victims on an emergency basis. A district administration's mobile monitoring team, led by Deputy Commissioner continued visiting the flood-hit areas of the district to oversee the relief operations, the DC office sources said.

In Naogaon, the flood situation has deteriorated further in the district. About three lakhs people of the district have been marooned, while nearly six thousand hectares of rice crops were flooded. Rural roads also went under floodwater. Floodwater entered the areas through the river erosion at Mirapur of Atrai. Water-logging has been created in several parts of the Naogaon district town, as the water of the little Jamuna River was entering there through water outlet of the town protection embankment.

In Bogra, the flood situation worsened in the district, as the Jamuna River was flowing 9 cm above danger level in the district, while Bangali River's flow was 18 cm in Sariakandi point. At least 20 villages under nine unions of Sariakandi upazila were inundated due to the floodwater.

In Jamalpur, the Jamalpur town protection embankment collapsed at three places in almost half a kilometer. For this reason, important establishments in the district town, including residence of the Deputy Commissioner, are now under threat. The WDB was dumping sacks of sand to protect the embankment.

In Brahmanbaria, the transplanted Aman and seedlings in at least one thousand acres of lands in Kosba, Akhaura and Ashuganj upazilas in the district were damaged due to the flood. If the flood situation continues for several days, the farmers of the upazilas will face further damage. Deputy Director of Department of Agriculture of Brahmanbaria said that they prepared a list of the flood victims and sent the list to the ministry.