

## Rain-induced floods engulf fresh areas



The flood situation which has been improving in the North for the past few days deteriorated again on yesterday (September 2, 2015) and inundated fresh areas due to heavy rain and swelling rivers water level. Many affected people who went back to their homesteads from their makeshift shelters on higher areas in the North, have been rushing to the high lands and roads again as the water level in their homesteads increased. A few lakh people in those regions were

suffering due to lack of fresh water and food. Some families were in trouble with their cattle and poultry while many farmers saw their crops getting destroyed. Aman seedbeds, seedlings, saplings and standing vegetable crops have been submerged by floods in several north-eastern districts, causing heavy losses for the farmers. The floods snapped road communication, eroded embankments and disrupted school activities in some areas. Some schools went under water and a few were devoured by rivers.

The situation, meanwhile, remained almost unchanged in the central part of the country while it improved slightly in Northeastern districts. The overall flood situation in the North and central part of the country may deteriorate in next 48 hours while the situation in the North-eastern part may start to improve, according to Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre.

The Met office said the country had already had over 40 percent above the usual rain in the monsoon and it feared more was to come from Friday next, worsening the situation. The flood forecasting and warning centre said low-lying and char areas were inundated afresh as water levels of major rivers were above their danger marks.

As the water level of the Brahmaputra-Jamuna were rising, many areas in Kurigram, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Bogra, Jamalpur and Sirajganj went under water, official sources in the Water Development Board (WDB) said. Heavy rain over the last two days flooded many places along the Jamuna and Bangalee rivers including areas under Shariakandi, Sonatola and Dhunat upazilas of Bogra.

Below is the comparison between the river water levels of this year and the previous year (2014) as on September 2.

Basin	Station	Danger Level	2015	2014
Dharla	Kurigram	26.50	26.95	25.91
Teesta	Dalia	52.50	52.65	52.30
Jamuna	Bahadurabad	19.50	19.65	19.58
Jmauna	Sariakandi	16.70	16.97	17.21
Jamuna	Serajganj	13.35	13.61	13.40
Gur	Singra	12.35	12.72	11.70
Atrai	Baghabari	10.40	11.74	11.24
Dhaleswari	Elasinghat	11.40	11.98	12.16
Lakhya	Lakhpu	5.80	6.10	6.74
Padma	Goalundo	8.65	8.90	8.71

Padma	Bhagyakul	6.30	6.40	6.46
Padma	Sureswar	4.45	4.48	4.56
Kobadak	Jhikargachha	4.11	4.39	3.92
Surma	Kanaighat	13.20	14.69	11.98
Surma	Sylhet	11.25	11.74	10.07
Surma	Sunamganj	8.25	8.76	7.89
Kushiyara	Amalshid	15.85	16.41	13.49
Kushiyara	Sheola	13.50	13.97	11.91
Khowai	Ballah	21.64	21.77	20.58
Oldsurma	Derai	7.00	7.45	7.05
Kangsha	Jariajanjail	9.75	10.80	10.28
Titas	B. Baria	5.50	5.89	-
Halda	Narayan Hat	15.25	15.85	12.12

Source: Disaster Forum Archive

Significant rainfalls recorded during last 24 hrs ending at 09:00 am as on September 2, 2015.

Station Name	Normal for Sep	Rainfall in mm	Station Name	Normal for Sep	Rainfall in mm
Cox'S Bazar	340.9	137.0	Dhaka	296.7	62.0
Sylhet	575.2	115.0	Barguna	367.0	57.0
Jamalpur	368.7	95.0	Lama		57.0
Rangpur	407.3	81.0	Naogaon	273.2	50.0
Chittagong	289.0	81.0	Kaunia		49.0
Teknaf	1950	70.8	Barisal	313.0	45.0
Sheola	551.3	68.0	Patuakhali	340.6	44.5

Source: FFWC

Disaster Forum received flood situation report from its member organizations GUK in Gaibandha and SDS Shariatpur.

**In Gaibandha** the report said Nearly 46,000 families in 62 unions of Gaibandha Sadar, Sundargonj, Fulchari, Shaghata, Gobindaganj, Sadullahpur & Palashbari Upazila under Gaibandha district have been affected by flood-water. Most of the people of these areas have been marooned by the flood-water. Aman paddy field 39,488 hectors, Aman seedlings, vegetables garden, flood protection embankment near about 4,050 meters, Kwacha road 87 km have been damaged. On the other hand cow, goat and in some places poultry has died in those affected areas (257 numbers) and near about 4,000 fishing ponds are over-flowed and 55 primary schools are temporarily declared closed as flood-water has entered into class-rooms.



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**Kurigram district:** Nearly 97,700 families of char and lowland areas in 63 unions of Kurigram Sadar, Rowmari, Rajibpur, Ulipur, Nageshwari, Chilmari, Bhurungamari, and Fulbari Upazila have been trapped by flood-water. Due to upstream shower and wave 5,799 no. of house, 62,661 hectors of amon crops & seedlings, 422 km of kwacha road, 96 no. of bridge/culvert, 26.52 km of flood protection embankment, 163 no. of educational institutes are damaged and 1,250 no. of fishing ponds are over-flowed.

**Rangpur district:** About 15 unions of Gangachara, Kaunia and Pirgacha Upazila under Rangpur district has been affected by flood water. In those areas around 41,000 families of 146 villages are affected. But till now no humanitarian assistance has been provided to the people of those affected areas.

**Lalmonirhat district:** Nearly 12,000 families of 70 villages alongside the Teesta river of Lalmonirhat district have been affected by flood water.

**Nilphamari district:** All around 7,000 families in 15 unions of Dimla and Zaldhaka Upazila alongside the Teesta river of Nilphamari district have been affected by flood.

**Government Initiatives:**

Gaibandha Zilla Administration has taken initiative to distribute rice 240.500 metric ton and cash Taka 6,11,000 under GR among the flood affected people.

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**Initiative of GUK:** GUK is closely observing the situation and communicating with the field staffs and other sources for collecting information of flood. Staffs and Volunteers of GUK are ready for rescue and emergency response if required.

**In Shariatpur district,** Charatra, Nowpara, Moktarercharand Kederpur union of Naria upazila, Kanchikata and North Tarabunia of Bhedargonj upazila and Kunderchar and Borokandi union of Zanjara upazila is the most vulnerable areas due to flood and river erosion. In these areas, the river erosion has severely been attacked in both part of the Padma River such as Charatra, Nowpara and Gharisar union since 26 August 2015 and still going on. Already 526 houses have been totally damaged due to river erosion.

**Govt. Assistance:** District Administration so far distributed 12 MT rice among the 393 affected families in Bhedargonj, Naria and Jajira UZ and 10 bundles of CGI sheet and cash 30 thousand.

**SDS initiatives:** From 26 August, SDS DRR team conducted three meeting with 2 WDMC of Charatra union and Charatra UDMC. They assessed people's demand in this situation. At least 08 flood shelters are ready for the affected people, if require 4 rescue boats are always ready to evacuate the flood and erosion affected peoples.