

Landslides, flashfloods hit Cox's Bazar, Bandarban; 12 (?) dead

Landslides and flashfloods, triggered by early torrential monsoon rains, left 12 people dead in Cox's Bazar and Bandarban districts on Friday (June 26, 2015). Among them 5 children, 5 women and 2 of them are men.

In Cox's Bazar, two people (a man and a woman) were killed in a landslide in Juyaria Nala and Kaoyar Kup areas of Ramu upazila in the morning, Friday June 26. Besides, three people (A child, a woman and a man) drowned in floodwater in the upazila. Another landslide in Gonapara area of Sadar upazila killed three-year-old boy. Meanwhile, two women drowned as a boat carrying them capsized in a canal due to strong current at Gojania in the morning.



In Teknaf upazila, a woman and her minor daughter were killed as a coconut tree collapsed on them in Saint Martin's island at noon.



District relief and rehabilitation officer of department of disaster management and relief of Cox's Bazar, confirmed about the deaths.

In Bandarban two siblings were killed and their parents injured in a landslide at Banarupa Para in Bandarban municipality area early Friday. The incident took place in the area when a portion of a hill crushed on their house at the foot of the hill around 3 am, leaving the two children dead on the spot and their parents injured. Firefighters and local

people recovered the bodies and rescued two others after frantic efforts.

Eviction Drive in Rain

Chittagong district administration yesterday (June 26, 2015) dismantled at least 25 houses and evicted 75 families living in risky hill slopes at Lalkhanbazar Motijharna in the city to avoid loss of life in landslides. They arranged temporary shelter for the evicted family and provided them dry food. But most of the families went to their relatives' instead of the "mass shelters".

In a similar drive, Cox's Bazar district administration destroyed 15 houses in Adarshagram, Chaddagram and Lighthouse Para areas yesterday.

Low lying areas of the cities go under knee deep waters

Incessant rains for the past three days submerged low lying areas in Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal cities while it initially appeared as a welcome shower to relieve residents of sufferings from scorching heat. The civic lives almost came to a standstill as office-goers and school going children faced untold sufferings in three cities. Mechanised vehicles stopped moving in areas under water while many of those were seen stuck in waters with their engines downed in knee deep waters. Makeshift shops, hawker markets remained closed in most of the parts of the day and kitchen markets facing very few customers as people not coming out from home without emergency needs. Imported goods worth several crores were damaged after a shed of Benapole Land Port warehouse was flooded by rainwater.

46 rivers register rises, 34 falls

Water levels in 46 river stations monitored by Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) on Friday marked rises and 34 stations recorded falls. Among the 84 monitored water level stations, four river stations have been registered steady and five river stations were registered flowing above danger level, a bulletin issued by FFWC said on Friday (June 26, 2015).

Below is the comparison between the river water levels of this year and the previous year of 2014 as on June 26.

Basin	Station	Danger Level	2015	2014
Kangsha	Jariajanjal	9.75	9.92	9.90
Sangu	Bandarban	15.25	16.10	8.35
Sangu	Dohazari	7.00	7.40	4.30
Matamuhuri	Lama	12.25	13.36	8.71
Matamuhuri	Chiringa	5.75	7.38	3.29

Source: Disaster Forum Archive

Significant rainfalls recorded during last 24 hrs. ending at 06:00 AM Friday.

Name of the Station	Normal for June	Rainfall in mm	Name of the Station	Normal for June	Rainfall fall in mm
Cox's Bazar	881.2	282.0	Bhagyakul	286.3	112.0
Lama	712.6	250.0	Barguna	454.0	112.0
Teknaf	262.0	2018.5	Barisal	437.0	90.0
Rangamati	539.8	165.0	Narsingdi	388.1	85.4
Bandarban	542.7	149.0	Pachpukuria	576.0	84.0
Chittagong	628.4	111.0	Noakhali	622.0	77.0
Chandpur	334.3	225.0	Chapainawabganj	208.0	72.2
Patuakhali	488.1	126.8	Rajshahi	243.2	88.0
Pabna	279.0	117.2	Faridpur	148.9	86.5
Kushtia	262.3	116.4	B'Baria	374.4	70.0
Naogaon	262.7	55.0			

Source: FFWC

Oil spill spreads again

More oil spilled from the train wagons that fell into a canal in Chittagong a week ago, threatening the ecosystem in and around the Karnaphuli river. Oil started gushing out of the wagons when the authorities on Wednesday afternoon tried to pull the tankers out of the canal that flows into the river. The salvage work was taking longer than the initial estimate due to inclement weather. However, oil slick was seen flowing towards the Karnaphuli with the tide at Military Pool, around 6km west of the accident site. Locals said the spillage spread this far after more oil spilled on Wednesday afternoon (June 24, 2015). The booms, placed around the spill site to prevent oil from floating farther, were not of much use, they said.

Impact Began?

At Khitabchar, a large number of dead fishes floating in a pond, barely half a kilometre from the spill site. The pond gets water from the canal through a drain during high tide.

"Most of the Rui and the Katla fries I released in the pond around a month back have already died. It's all because of the oil spill," he claimed, adding that this had cost him at least Tk 3 lakhs.



Dead fishes float as the oil slick spread to a nearby pond.