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Bangladesh flood toll rises

120 people killed since July; one-third of country affected

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With nearly one-third of Bangladesh hit by monsoon floods, which have killed about 120 people since mid-July, authorities said on Saturday that an estimated 5 million people in more than 28 northern and central districts are the worst affected.

Most of the victims were washed away by flood waters, while some were electrocuted and killed by snake bites.

According to the Department of Disaster Management, the floods, caused by a rush of water from upstream rivers and incessant rainfall, has damaged crops on over 6,18,000 ha and destroyed at least 15,000 houses completely and 2,50,000 partially.

Authorities have closed thousands of educational institutions in 18 districts in north and central Bangladesh, where most houses went under water and both road and rail communications were badly disrupted.



Water world: Bangladeshi schoolchildren waded through flood waters in Gaibandha district on Saturday. ■ AP ■ AP

All the major rivers in the affected areas, including Brahmaputra and Padma, are flowing at above the danger levels. More and more areas in the central parts of the country are being inundated.

The main concern of the government is to get adequate relief for the victims, said officials. Food Minister Quamrul Islam said the government has sufficient stock to feed the people. However, media reports said in most areas, the relief distribution was not adequate.

The disaster management department said that cash of around 60 million taka, about 16 tonnes of rice and 36,500 packets of dry food have been distributed among the flood-affected people. After causing a havoc in the north, the flood waters have now started inundating the central districts surrounding Dhaka. However, the capital is still out of danger as the rivers surrounding it - Teesta, Balu and Buriganga - are all flowing at below the danger level.

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Death toll hits 253 in Bihar; heavy rains in Mumbai affect traffic

AGENCIES

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Floods continued to wreak havoc in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Assam which reported 88 more deluge-related deaths today. The death toll in Bihar floods rose from 202 to 253. **Uttar Pradesh:** With fresh flood-related deaths reported from across Uttar Pradesh, the death toll in the current wave of floods has risen to 69. Over 20 lakh people have been hit by the floods in 24 districts of the state.

"The death toll in the floods has reached 69 in the state, where 2,523 villages in 24 districts are flooded affecting a population of over 20 lakh," the relief commissioner's office said here citing a flood report compiled till yesterday.

It said 39,783 persons have taken shelter in relief camps in the affected districts of eastern UP where there was no let up in flood fury as raging waters of the rivers emanating from Nepal caused havoc in vast swathes of human habitation.

The Army on Sunday rescued more than 250 people in Gorakhpur's Moharipur, Maniram and Gau Ghaat areas who were marooned in flood-hit Gorakhpur city in



Uttar Pradesh, a military official said. Three teams from the Army have been pressed into service at the request of the state. They were also distributing relief material such as food packets, water, medicines and dry ration.

Release of water in the rivers emanating from Nepal and incessant rains impeded rescue work and evacuation of people to safer areas, they said. A Central Water Commission report here said that Sharda was flowing above the red mark at Palia Kalan and near the danger mark at Sharda Nagar while Ghaghra was flowing above the red mark at Elgin Bridge, Ayodhya and Turtipar (Ballia).

Mumbai: Rains continued to lash Mumbai for the second consecutive day today which

led to water-logging in some low lying areas affecting traffic on these routes, a senior civic official said.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) official said though no major traffic snarls were reported in the city traffic was diverted in areas like Dadar and Andheri which witnessed water logging. From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, the weather station in Mumbai recorded 63.29 mm rain, that in eastern suburb recorded 64.45 mm rain, while the station in western suburb registered 64.34 mm rainfall, said BMC's deputy municipal commissioner Sudhir Naik.

He said buses were diverted in Andheri and Dadar, while pumps were pressed into service to flush out excess water in low lying areas.

"Besides, the met department has predicted heavy rain for the next 24 hours and our machinery is ready to tackle any eventuality," he said while briefing reporters at the BMC headquarters.

Jammu: Two persons, trapped in the flash floods in Tawi river near Har-ki-Poudhee temple in the city, were rescued in a joint operation by the police and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel. An information about two persons, Varun and Shubham of Resham Garh Colony, getting trapped in the flash flood in the river was received at the Bagh-e-Bahu police station, a police official said. A police team was rushed to the spot and rescue operation was launched with the help of ITBP personnel.

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China withholds data on rivers

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NEW DELHI: India has not received hydrological data from China this year despite a bilateral agreement, the external affairs ministry (MEA) said on Friday, but maintained that it was "premature" to link it with recent floods in some parts of the country.

The development comes in the backdrop of the ongoing standoff between the troops of both countries in Doklam.

MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar also did not confirm if

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will travel to China next month to attend the BRICS summit, saying he does not have any information about it. Asked about the current status of the standoff, he said, "It is a sensitive issue. We will continue to engage with China to find a mutually acceptable solution. Peace and tranquillity in border areas are important prerequisites for smooth development of bilateral relations."

However, when asked by when the standoff will be resolved, he said, "I am not an astrologer, so I cannot predict."

Asked if China has shared hydrological data with India in the backdrop of floods in Assam, Kumar said there was an existing expert-level mechanism, established in 2006, and there were two MoUs under which China was expected to share hydrological data on rivers Sutlej and Brahmaputra with India between May and October every year.

"This year we have not received hydrological data from the Chinese side," he said, adding that there could be "technical reasons" behind China not sharing the information.

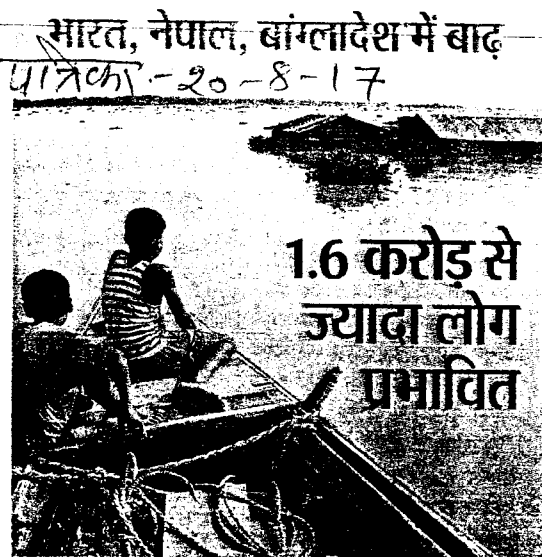
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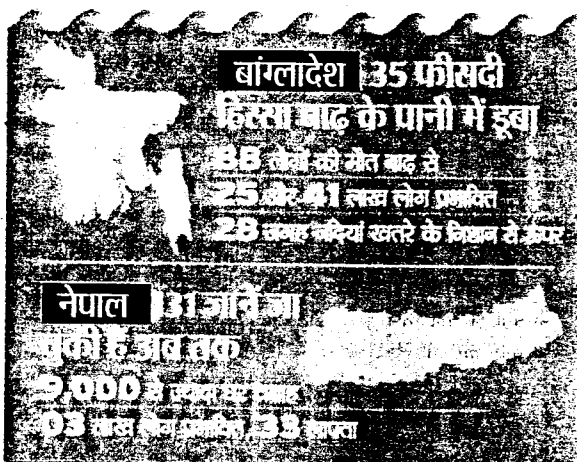
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• बिहार	17	153
• असम	37	60
• यूपी	37	40
• प. बंगाल	05	07

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Brahmaputra water level recedes, Assam flood toll rises to 150

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THE WATER levels of the Brahmaputra and its tributaries have gone down but 11 more deaths in Assam took the flood toll to 150 on Friday.

Rail connectivity between the Northeast and the rest of India remained cut for the seventh consecutive day.

Three fresh deaths were reported from Dhubri district and two in Morigaon. One death each was reported from Baksa, Barpeta, Bongaigaon, South Salmara, Kamrup and Kokrajhar, official reports said.

Of the 150 deaths so far, 60 have occurred in the second wave of floods that began on August 10. Of the 60 deaths in the second wave, 12 were reported from Morigaon, nine each in Kokrajhar and Dhubri and seven in Bongaigaon.

The rail link to Assam snapped after floods in Bihar caused serious damage to tracks and bridges August 12 onwards.

A spokesman of the



A boy rows a makeshift raft in Morigaon district of Assam on Friday. Reuters

Northeast Frontier Railway in Guwahati said it would take a few more days to restore movement of trains. Restoration work of Bridge No 3 between Kuretha and Maniyan stations in the Katihar-Malda section is expected to be completed by Friday night, the spokesman said.

Supply of essential commodities, including foodgrains, has been hit because of the lack

of trains, which in turn has led to a price rise across the north-eastern region.

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Friday held a high-level meeting with senior officials of different central government departments to chalk out plans to find a lasting solution to the perennial floods and erosion problem in the state.

The meeting, held after the

announcement of the PM's Rs 2,000-crore package for Assam and the north-eastern region for relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and flood mitigation, deliberated on the dredging of the Brahmaputra in order to enhance its water holding capacity.

The dredging of the river from Sadiya to Dhubri would begin in September, an official press release said.

New Delhi