



Special agro-meteorological advisories on rainfall & flash flood (for haor areas)

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According to the special outlook of Flood Forecast and Warning Center (FFWC), Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), there is a chance of moderate to heavy rainfall and some places very heavy rainfall is likely in the northeastern haor areas of Bangladesh (Sylhet, Sunamganj, Habiganj, Moulvibazar, Kishoreganj, Brahmanbaria and Netrokona) from May 08 to May 15, 2021. *During this time (08-15 May 2021), short-term flash floods are likely to occur in crossing some places in the rivers of said areas with respect to danger level.* With the approval of the Director General, Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), the following advisories have been provided to protect standing crops from the harmful effects of flash floods in the haor areas:

- If the transplanted boro paddy is matured 80%, harvest immediately and keep it safe and dry place.
- Immediately harvest the matured vegetables.
- Clean the irrigation channel so that there should not be any standing water in the paddy field.
- Increase the height of bunds around the crop fields.
- Make suitable arrangements so that excess water can be drained out of the crop fields.
- Avoid application of fertilizer, pesticides, irrigation during this time.
- Provide mechanical support to the standing banana and other horticultural crops and also stacking of vegetables.
- Arrange for migration of livestock and poultry birds to high land.
- Maintain a good height of embankment around the pond. If possible, provide net or bamboo chatai around the pond to protect from flowing out with flash flood.