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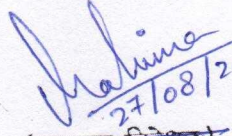
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12 killed as rain, landslips wreak havoc in Tripura

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AGARTALA

At least 12 people have died and two are missing in Tripura following flash floods and landslips due to torrential rain over the past few days.

The State government has opened nearly 450 relief camps where 65,400 people have taken shelter.

The Indian Air Force deployed two Mi-17 helicopters on Thursday to evacuate people stranded in the flood-affected areas. Eleven National Disaster Response Force teams, 26 SDRF units, and emergency service teams are engaged in relief and rescue operations.

While landslips occurred at 2,032 locations, 1,789 of these have been cleared and restoration work is under way.

The water level of rivers



NDRF members evacuate people from a flood-affected area in Adhaynagar village on the outskirts of Agartala on Thursday. PTI

is above the danger mark in Dhalai, Khowai, South Tripura, West Tripura, North Tripura and Unakoti districts.

More rain on Friday

The India Meteorological Department has forecasted more rain for Friday.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to Tripura Chief Minister Manik Sa-

ha and assured him of all support.

State officials have reported extensive crop damage, particularly to early and late kharif crops in all eight districts of the State. Preliminary estimates suggest that around 5,000 hectares of vegetable crops and 1.2 lakh hectares of paddy have been submerged.

Tripura dam didn't cause Bangladesh floods: MEA

Protesters in Bangladesh blame India for deluge; MEA says Dumbur dam is 'auto releasing' water owing to heavy rain; Indian envoy meets Yunus, flags security threat to High Commission and staff

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NEW DELHI/DHAKA

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Thursday denied that floods in eastern districts of Bangladesh were caused due to the opening of the Dumbur dam in Tripura.

The clarification comes after protesters in Bangladesh blamed India for floods in eastern districts, triggering security threats for the Indian High Commission in Dhaka.

Later in the day, Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma met Chief Adviser to the interim government of Bangladesh, Mohammad Yunus, in Dhaka and expressed "concern" about the heightened se-



Common concern: People wading through floodwaters in Feni, Bangladesh, on Thursday. AFP

curity threats to the Indian mission and personnel based there.

Incorrect, says Ministry
"We have seen concerns being expressed in Bangladesh that the current situa-

tion of flood in districts on the eastern borders of Bangladesh has been caused by opening of the Dumbur dam upstream of the Gumti river in Tripura. This is factually not correct," the MEA said in a statement.

Western Tripura and parts of Bangladesh have been inundated with rain in the last few days and this was largely responsible for the flooding in downstream Bangladesh. The Dumbur dam, a hydropower project, had been "auto releasing" water as a consequence of the rainfall, the MEA statement noted.

The Dumbur dam is built on the Gumti river which flows through India and Bangladesh.

Tripura has witnessed heavy rain, with 'extremely heavy' rainfall being reported over southern and western parts from August 19 to 22, the India Meteorological Department said.

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