

A threat to Teesta bridges

Illegal sand lifting from Lalmonirhat major rivers continues for long

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Illegal sand lifting from the Teesta and Dharla rivers in five upazilas of Lalmonirhat have been continuing for long, posing serious erosion threat to nearby farmlands and homesteads.

First Teesta Bridge and Teesta Railway Bridge in Sadar and Second Teesta Bridge in Kaliganj upazila are also under threat due to the mindless sand lifting.

A group of influential locals continued lifting sand from at least 60 spots along the rivers for long, said villagers.

The spots include Gokunda, Teesta, Kalmati, Kulaghat, Shiberkuti, Parulia, Dawabari, Bhotmari, Madhupur, Dowani Bazar, Saniazan, Bawra, Kuchlibari, Barakhata, Durgapur, Dighaltari, Gaddimari, Gobordhan, Kutirpar, Jamirbari, Parulia Bazar, Durakuti, Bongram and Rajpur.

No one dares to protest against the illegal sand lifters as they are very powerful people having political clout, said locals.

The rivers would devour many areas if the illegal sand lifting continues, they said expressing fear.

Many farmers lost their dwellings and

cropland to the rivers during the rainy season last year, said Shaher Ali, a grower of Gaddimari area in Hatibandha upazila.

Another farmer Fazlur Rahman of Gobordhan area in Aditmari upazila said when mobile court conducted drives, the sand lifters left the area, but they returned again after a few days.

Nur Islam, a farmer of Gokunda village in Sadar upazila, said illegal sand lifting continued near the Teesta rail and road bridges in the area.

Atiar Rahman, a resident of Kalmati village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, alleged that they informed the officials of local union land office about the matter several times, but any step is yet to be taken to stop the illegal sand lifting.

Contacted, Sumon Islam, a member of the syndicate of illegal sand lifters, denied talking on lifting sand from Teesta riverbed in Teesta area under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Lalmonirhat Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abu Jafor said he was not aware of this.

He will take immediate steps in this regard after investigation, said the DC.



Mindless sand lifting from Teesta riverbed at Teesta village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila poses erosion threat to nearby Teesta Road Bridge.

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Son among 4 to die for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A Tangail court yesterday sentenced four people to death for killing an elderly man in Mirzapur upazila in 2013.

The convicts, Asaduzzaman Miah, 42, son of slain Abdul Awal of Banguli Dakkhinpara village in Mirzapur, and Jarirul Islam, 55, Mohammad Lukimuddin, 40, and Abdul Mannan, 40, of Bharra village in Nagarpur upazila, were tried in absentia.

Tangail Second Additional District and Sessions Judge Farhana Ferdous also fined the convicts Tk 20,000 each, Court Inspector Tanvir Ahmed said.

Of the convicts, Asaduzzaman and Jarirul have been on the run after securing bail from the court.

According to the case statement, there had been a feud between Awal and his son Asaduzzaman over a piece of land.

As a sequel, Asaduzzaman with the help of other three convicts killed Awal at his room on June 30, 2013.

The then Sub Inspector of Mirzapur Police Station Shamol Kumar Dutta filed a murder case against five people in this regard on August 1.

After investigation, police submitted charge-sheet in the case accusing four people including Awal's son Asaduzzaman.

Trader found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Police recovered the body of a cattle trader in Ranishankoil upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Toiyab Ali, 40, was son of Khamir Uddin of Gogor Jharbari village in the upazila.

Inspector (Investigation) of Ranishankoil Police Station Khairul Anam said Toiyab went out of his house on Saturday afternoon and remained missing since then.

As he didn't return home, family members started searching him yesterday morning and, at one stage, they found Toiyab's body, with severe stab injuries, at a wheat field around 10:30am.

On information, police went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

The reason behind the murder is not clear, the Inspector said, adding that they were investigating the incident.

Meanwhile, victim's elder brother Mohammad Babul filed a murder case with Ranishankoil Police Station yesterday.

INDURKANI HEALTH COMPLEX

No inpatient service for 12yrs

There is no indoor service at the government hospital in Pirojpur since it was built

HABIBUR RAHMAN, PIROJPUR

Over a decade into construction of Indurkani Upazila Health Complex, the inpatient service at the hospital is yet to start providing health facilities, causing immense sufferings to treatment seekers.

In 2002, Indurkani, previous name Zianagar, upazila was formed with five unions of Pirojpur Sadar. Indurkani was renamed Zianagar during the BNP-Jamaat alliance government in 2002.

Most residents of Indurkani upazila situated on the banks of the Kacha and Baleshwar rivers are low-income people. They mainly depend on catching fish.

In 2008, the 30-bed hospital was constructed with only outpatient service but for some unknown reasons, the inpatient service is yet to commence, said locals, adding that as a result, critical patients have to face immense sufferings while going to different hospitals in Pirojpur, Barishal and Khulna for treatment.

As the building has been lying unused for years, its mostly windows and doors are broken and plasters on the walls fell off at many places, said villagers, adding that even the ultrasonography machine lies inoperative for long.

Mahmuda Akter, a resident in the upazila, said mostly people in the area are very poor and it becomes difficult for them to go to Pirojpur or other places for treatment when they face any serious disease.

They have to leave the hospital after taking emergency treatment, said Mahmuda.

Another resident Kamal Hossain of the upazila said as there is no indoor service at the health complex, they have to spend more money to take treatment at hospitals in distant areas.

The situation becomes worse at night, he said. At least 30 patients come to the outdoor



Indurkani Upazila Health Complex in Pirojpur.

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every day, said Parvin Begum, an employee of the health complex.

M Matiur Rahman, chairman of the upazila parishad, said he has already informed the authorities concerned about the sufferings of patients.

Shakil Ahmed, resident medical officer (in-charge) of the health complex, said there is no supply of water at the hospital.

The hospital is being upgraded to 50 beds, said the resident medical officer (RMO).

Apart from this, renovation work of the health complex is going on, said the RMO, adding that after completion of the work, all problem will be resolved.

Rasel Kabir, sub-assistant engineer of health engineering department in Pirojpur, said the upgradation work of the hospital will be completed at the end of March this year.

Six among ten posts of doctors are vacant at the health complex. Besides, all the 18 posts of nurses remain vacant.

Man killed over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A man, who was injured in an attack allegedly by his rivals over a disputed land in Ishwarganj upazila on Saturday, died at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) the same night.

The victim, Azizul Islam, 40, was son of Kalim Uddin of Morichar Char Namapara village in the upazila.

Quoting the victim's family members, Officer in Charge (OC) of Ishwarganj Police Station Muklesur Rahman said there had been a longstanding rivalry between Azizul and his cousin Tachhir Uddin, 50, over the ownership of a disputed land.

As a sequel, Tachhir's men assaulted Masud Mia, brother-in-law of Azizul, while he was crossing Tachhir's house on Saturday morning.

Later, an altercation took place between Azizul and Tachhir over the matter at a tea-stall around 8:00pm the same night.

At one stage, Tachhir and his men stabbed Azizul with sharp weapons, leaving him severely injured.

Locals rescued injured Azizul and admitted him to MMCH, where he succumbed to his injuries around 9:30pm, the OC said.

Following a case filed by victim's wife Shamsun Nahar yesterday, police detained three women for their alleged involvement in the murder.

The arrestees are Hajera Khatun, 35, Laily Akter, 23, and Sharmin Akter, 24.



A potter makes an earthen pot while a craftswoman, inset, keeps clay-made kitchen utensils for drying. Many of them are now changing their ancestral profession as it is no longer a desired job. The photo was taken from Baroghoria Nutun Bazar area in Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila.

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নিলাম দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নিম্নের ছকে বর্ণিত বাতিলকৃত পুরাতন কাগজ (ব্যবহৃত উত্তরপত্র, কাগজের কাটা অংশ ও কভার/খাত্তা) নিলামে বিক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে ক্রয়কারি প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে নির্ধারিত ফর্ম যথাযথভাবে পূরণ করে সীলমোহর ও গালায়ুক্ত খামে নিলাম দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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- নিলাম কোর্টেশন ফর্ম আগামী ০৮-০৩-২০২০ তারিখ পর্যন্ত প্রতিদিন অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে বাংলাদেশ কারিগরি শিক্ষা বোর্ড, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকা এর নতুন ভবনের (৪র্থ তলা) প্রশাসন বিভাগের স্টোর শাখা হতে বিনামূল্যে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।
- আগামী ০৯-০৩-২০২০ তারিখ বেলা ১.০০ টা পর্যন্ত নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে "সচিব, বাংলাদেশ কারিগরি শিক্ষা বোর্ড, ঢাকা-১২০৭" এর বরাবরে প্রেরণ করা যাবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ২.০০ টায় অত্র বোর্ডের নতুন ভবনের তৃতীয় তলায় সভাকক্ষে সংশ্লিষ্ট কমিটির উপস্থিতিতে দরপত্র খোলা হবে। দরদাতাগণ ইচ্ছা করলে (একজন করে) দরপত্র খোলার সময় উপস্থিত থাকতে পারবেন।
- কোন দরদাতা কর্তৃক বা দরদাতার সঙ্গে অন্য কোন দরদাতা অথবা অত্র বোর্ডের কোন কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারিকে কোনরূপ ভয়-ভীতি প্রদর্শন বা অন্য কোন উপায়ে প্রভাবিত করণের মাধ্যমে দরপত্র দাখিলে বাধা প্রদানের অভিযোগ প্রমাণিত হলে সংশ্লিষ্ট দরদাতার দরপত্রটি বাতিলপূর্বক অভিযুক্তকে রাষ্ট্রীয় আইন-শৃঙ্খলারক্ষাকারী কর্তৃপক্ষের হাতে সোপর্দ করা হবে।
- দরদাতাগণ যে কোন একটি আইটেমের বা একাধিক আইটেমের অথবা সকল আইটেমের দর দাখিল করতে পারবে, তবে একই ব্যক্তি কর্তৃক বিভিন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠানের নামে একাধিক দরপত্র দাখিল করা যাবে না। প্রাপ্ত দরপত্র আইটেম ভিত্তিক মূল্যায়ন করা যেতে পারে। প্রত্যেক দরদাতাকে তার দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত মোট টাকার ৩০% (ফেরতযোগ্য) জামানত হিসেবে পে-অর্ডার অত্র বোর্ডের সচিব, বাংলাদেশ কারিগরি শিক্ষা বোর্ড, ঢাকা বরাবর জমা দিতে হবে।
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