

Thousands face river erosion in Panchagarh

Villagers suffer as the lone road connecting the upazila headquarters got badly damaged

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Thousands of people of several villages in Panchagarh's Boda upazila are facing extreme sufferings as the lone road connecting the upazila headquarters got damaged badly due to erosion of the Karatoa river.

The villages include Sonchandi, Sarcarpura, Bandarmoni, Nicharghat and Araj Shikarpur in the upazila.

Due to onrush of water from upstream and heavy rain, erosion has taken a serious turn, devouring different establishments, homesteads and croplands in the areas.

On the other hand, schools, mosque, graveyard and houses of over 100 families are under threat of being washed away due to erosion of the river, said locals.

The villagers alleged that despite repeated pleas, the authorities concerned are yet to take any steps to resist the river erosion and save the important road from further damage.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found that different parts of Fultala-Shalshiri-Manikpur-Gaerdanga road have collapsed into the river, causing immense sufferings to commuters. It is the



Erosion by the Karatoa river has taken a serious turn, devouring vast tracts of croplands and a number of houses in Panchagarh's Boda upazila. The photo was taken from Shikarpur village in the upazila recently.

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lone road connecting the upazila headquarters and important haat-bazars.

The erosion has begun near Araj Shikarpur Sarcarpura Government Primary School, devouring a number of establishments, houses and croplands.

Asadul Islam, a resident of Sarcarpura area, said traffic movement has almost come to a halt due to damage of the road,

causing immense sufferings to locals. The villagers, especially critically patients, are the worst sufferers.

Abdur Razzak of the same area said they have to suffer a lot at the time of bringing agricultural products to the markets for sale due to dire state of the road.

He further added that local people are now passing their days in fear of losing their homesteads

and croplands due to the river erosion.

Although the erosion has taken a serious turn, the authorities concerned are yet to take any steps to resist it, said Razzak.

Abul Kalam Azad, chairman of Banghari Bangram Union Parishad, said in the last financial year, the Water Development Board (WDB) in the district allocated Tk 30 lakh to prevent the river erosion of the site but it did not work actually. Sand bags were dumped only to resist the erosion.

Asar Ali, an elderly citizen from Bandarmoni area, said every year the river devours a number of establishments of the village.

He also said that despite repeated promises pledged by public representatives, any sustainable embankment is yet to be built.

If immediate steps are not taken to build the embankment, houses, mosques and schools may go into the river anytime, said Asar Ali.

Thakurgaon WDB Executive Engineer Rabiul Islam said the river has taken a serious turn at various places.

They have already informed the higher authorities about construction of embankment in the erosion-prone area but yet to get any response, said the WDB official.

New deadline for Lohalia Bridge construction work

The contractor gets six months more to complete the work

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The contractor concerned has got six months more to complete construction work of the bridge on the Lohalia river adjacent to the district town.

The authorities concerned have extended the deadline for completion of the bridge construction work till June 2021.

Earlier, the bridge was scheduled to complete construction in December this year but the authorities rescheduled the deadline in response to the contractor's request due to coronavirus situation. Shortage of labourers is hampering the construction work of the bridge in the challenging time.

Md Zakir Hossain Akand, secretary of the Planning Commission and a member of the Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural Organisation, made the announcement while inspecting the construction work of the bridge on Sunday noon.

Project Director Mollah Mizanur Rahman, Patuakhali municipality Mayor Mohiuddin Ahmed, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Education and ICT) GM Sarfaraz, Local Government Engineering

Department (LGED) Executive Engineer Md Abdus Salam, its Senior Assistant Engineer Jugul Krishna Mandal, Deputy Assistant Engineer Md Kamal Hossain and Deputy Assistant Engineer Md Moimul Islam, among others, were present at that time.

Md Zakir Hossain, secretary of the Planning Commission, told the local journalists that it was scheduled to complete the construction work of the bridge on the Lohalia river in December this year. But the construction work of the bridge has been extended till June 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

He also instructed the contractor to complete the construction work of the bridge within the new deadline.

The contractor got the work order of Tk 43 crore to construct the 576.25-meter long bridge. After completion of the construction work of this bridge, the road communication between Patuakhali upazilas -- Bauful, Dashmina and Galachipa-- and Bhola district will become easier and people of the areas will be economically benefitted.

Honey production in Sundarbans increased amid pandemic

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

It has been seen a significant improvement in the Sundarbans in the last few months amid the pandemic. The production of honey and wax has increased in the Sundarbans due to coronavirus situation and various reasons. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the authorities concerned have stopped giving the visitors passes and permits to enter the world's largest mangrove forest from May 19 this year. The authorities have also increased vigilance here in the crisis time, decreasing tree looting.

The number of trees like Sundari, Gewya and Garan in the Sundarbans has increased during the time, said Mohammad Belayet Hossain, divisional forest officer (DFO) of the Eastern Sundarbans Division, adding that as a result, honey and wax production has increased this year due to the increase in bee habitat.

The DFO said the beekeepers have collected 1,220 quintals of honey from the Sundarbans in the 2019-20 fiscal year. In the 2018-19 fiscal year, the honey production was 742 quintals. So, 478 quintals of honey have been produced more than last fiscal year. Earlier, 488 quintals of honey was produced in the 2017-18 fiscal year.

The amount of revenue has also increased a lot in the 2019-20 financial year. In this fiscal year, the revenue from honey is nine lakh 15 thousand three hundred and 75 taka. In the financial year 2018-19, the revenue was five lakh 56 thousand eight hundred and 75 taka and in the financial year 2017-18, it was only three lakh 93 thousand four hundred and 80 taka.

The forest officer further said apart from the honey production, wax production has also increased this year. In the 2019-20 financial year, the Sundarbans East Forest Department has produced 366 quintals of wax. The revenue collected from this is three lakh 66 thousand one hundred and 50 taka. In the financial year 2018-19, the production of wax was 229 quintals and the revenue was Tk 2.29 lakh. In 2017-18, the production of wax was only 158 quintals and the revenue collection was one lakh 58 thousand and 453 taka.

Regarding the increase in honey and wax production, the honey collectors said the number of trees in the Sundarbans has increased. As a result, bees have been able to build more hives. Due to this, honey and wax production has increased. Besides, the habitats of monkeys, deer, birds and many other animals have also increased this year.

DFO Mohammad Belayet Hossain of the Eastern Sundarbans Division said the trees in the Sundarbans have increased due to coronavirus situation and various other reasons. Tree density has increased in many parts of the forest. The Sundarbans has regained its life.

As a result, the habitat of all animals including bees has increased in the Sundarbans, said Belayet, adding that due to this, honey and wax production has increased in the forest in the 2019-20 fiscal year.

IMPACT OF COVID-19 Childbirth at Nilphamari hospitals falling alarmingly

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Childbirth at government hospitals and healthcare facilities in the district fell sharply during the past several months amid the Covid-19 pandemic situation.

Expecting women have been avoiding visits to the medical facilities out of fear of contracting the virus, said locals.

Various types of medical services, including pre and post-natal care, are available for expecting women at 260 different levels of healthcare facilities and a 250-bed general hospital in Nilphamari.

As opposed to 6,500 natural births administered at the facilities between March and July in the year before, there have been only 4,000 natural births during the same period this year.

Deaths of 19 expecting women and 37 newborn were reported during the period this year in the district where the pandemic fear has been driving people to adopt unsafe childbirth measures at their homes.

Mohammad Shahjahan, deputy director of family planning office in Nilphamari, said, "The number of safe deliveries at hospitals fell from March to July as hospitals and clinics were deemed unsafe by pregnant women and their relatives after the government enforced all out shutdown from the last week of

March."

"Our facility offers 24-hour safe delivery service for pregnant women as well as anti-natal and post-natal care. But the number of service seekers has dropped during the novel coronavirus pandemic situation," said Roksana Begum, medical officer at Maa O Shishu Kolyan Kendro, a government healthcare service facility in Nilphamari town.

The situation is worse in flood-affected Teesta chars where communications are poor, said Sarwar Alam, health and family planning officer in Dimla upazila.

In July, two women died in the areas during childbirth, being administered by untrained midwives, he also said.

Abu Taleb, a resident of the chars, said his wife Morzina Begum died at home on July 20 when he arranged the procedure there with the help of a midwife, who was apparently untrained.

As to why they made such a decision, he said they thought the government hospital would be unsafe for his wife and the unborn as Covid-19 patients were treated there.

Contacted, Nilphamari Civil Surgeon Jahangir Kabir said they would adopt measures to regain people's confidence on government healthcare facilities in their attempt to bring down mother and child mortality rates.



Maa O Shishu Kolyan Kendro in Nilphamari town is among other healthcare facilities that are seeing a decline in the number of childbirths since March this year.

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ইস্টার্ন রিফাইনারী লিমিটেড
Eastern Refinery Limited
(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, North Patenga, Chattogram-4000)

Invitation for National Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.
3	Procuring entity name	Eastern Refinery Limited (ERL).
4	Procuring entity district	Chattogram.
5	Invitation for & Invitation Ref. No.	1) Renovation of canteen kitchen & surrounding verandah Ref. No. ER/Civil-24/2019-2020 2) Making earthing boring pit surrounding to crude tanks of ERL Ref. No. ER/Civil-25/2019-2020
KEY INFORMATION		
6	Procurement method	National One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method.
FUNDING INFORMATION		
7	Budget and source of funds	Eastern Refinery Limited.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
8	Tender Package No.	ER/TN/C-03/2020-2021
9	Tender publication date	27 August 2020.
10	Tender last selling date	13 September 2020, 15:00 Hrs.
11	Tender closing date and time	14 September 2020, 14:50 Hrs.
12	Name & address of the office(s)	
	Selling tender document	Manager (Accounts), ERL, North Patenga, Chattogram-4000, Bangladesh.
	Receiving tender document	Office of the Asst. General Manager (C&P), Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram.
	Opening tender document	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Development)/ERL Board Room, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
13	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	For (1) First class experienced civil contractor and successfully completed large construction works within the last (05) years in gov/semi-govt./autonomous organization, with a single W/o value of at least Tk 13,00,000.00 (thirteen lac) & as per Tender Data Sheet (Section-2) (Year will be calculated from tender publication date to backward). For (2) First class experienced civil contractor and successfully completed construction works within the last (05) years in gov/semi-govt./autonomous organization, with a single W/o value of at least 6,50,000.00 (six lac fifty thousand) & as per Tender Data Sheet (Section-2) (Year will be calculated from tender publication date to backward).
14	Brief description of works	Price of tender document 1) Renovation of canteen kitchen & surrounding verandah Ref. No. ER/Civil-24/2019-2020 Tk 1,000 (one thousand) only (non-refundable) 2) Making earthing boring pit surrounding to crude tanks of ERL Ref. No. ER/Civil-25/2019-2020 Tk 500 (five hundred) only (non-refundable)
	Tender opening date and time	14 September 2020, 15:00 Hrs.
	Tender opening date and time	14 September 2020, 15:30 Hrs.
15	Sl. No.	Identification of tender
	01	ER/C-24/2019-2020 Inside ERL
	02	ER/C-25/2019-2020 Inside ERL
	01	Tk 50,000.00 (fifty thousand) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order issued by any scheduled bank of Bangladesh
	02	Tk 25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order issued by any scheduled bank of Bangladesh
	Completion time in days/weeks/months	120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of getting Hot/Cold permission from Safety Dept. of ERL 90 (ninety) days from the date of getting Hot/Cold permission from Safety Dept. of ERL
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
16	Name of official inviting tender	Ahmad Fazle Rabbi.
17	Designation of official inviting tender	Manager (Construction).
18	Address of official inviting tender	Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram, Bangladesh.
19	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tele No. 88-031-2501261-67, Ext-441, Fax: 88-031-2501269. E-mail: md-office@erl.com.bd Website: www.erl.com.bd, www.erl.com.bd
20	a) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings. b) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue. Contact: 01912250632/01675255742.	
Ahmad Fazle Rabbi Manager (Construction)		

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