



They do not know whether the few sand-filled bags they are placing on the edge of the river will make the aggressive Teesta stop devouring their land. But the inhabitants of Purbo Ichli village in Rangpur's Gangachara upazila have no other choice. PHOTO: KONGKON KARMAKER

TEESTA EROSION IN GANGACHARA UPAZILA

# Hundreds lose all in one week, thousand others await same fate

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Hundreds became homeless in the last seven days as houses belonging to at least 200 families were lost to the Teesta river in Rangpur's Gangachara upazila -- an area prone to the river's erosion.

Near about 17 thousand inhabitants of three villages -- Purbo, Pashchim and Madhya Ichli in Lakkhitari union of the upazila -- might lose all their property to the erosion, said locals.

An educational institution, an Eidgah ground and a temple have already gone into the river during this week in Purbo Ichli village where a madrasa is also on the verge of collapse into the river.

The banks of the Teesta started eroding in early August, but the extent of the erosion intensified since September 12, following massive rainfall in the region.

Due to a couple of back-to-back floods since July, the inhabitants of the area already suffered great losses. And now the erosion is eventually going to turn them penniless by taking away their homes and agricultural land, they also said.

"How will the people bear such loss -- losing their homes that they built with their lifetimes savings?" asked Rozina Begum, a resident of Ichli village.

Another villager, Rafiqul Islam, said although there is an embankment along the river, built for their protection against flooding or erosion, the villagers become homeless every year.

Many of the villagers this correspondent spoke with said that the number of erosion victims, who are taking shelter on higher ground, is getting higher this year as the river is apparently changing its course towards its old path.

Due to the reason, the road to the Sheikh Hasina Bridge in the upazila is also under erosion threat, they also said.

Aside from houses and other structures, the river has devoured a large amount of agricultural land as well as several hundred fishing ponds, said Abdul Kader Mollah from Ichli village. "The Ichli Eidgah ground is nowhere to be found -- it has also disappeared into the river."

Primal Roy, from the same village, said the village temple has also gone into the river.

Lakkhitari Union Parishad Chairman Abdullah Al Hadi said a seven-kilometre-long embankment along the river can save Purbo, Pashchim and Madhya Ichli villages. "Otherwise, hundreds will be displaced as the villages that they call home will no longer exist."

## FARMING IN BARIND REGION

# Entrepreneur shines in Arabian date cultivation

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

Even before the trees are fully matured to bear fruits, a young entrepreneur has fully recovered his investment of Tk 9 lakh by just selling tree saplings of Saudi Arabian dates.

His vast orchard, full of three thousand date plants of different varieties on 90 decimals of land in Barind region of Nachole upazila, is now an inspiration for many others.

Barind is an area in Chapainawabganj, where the reddish soil is rough, dry and arid.

Obaidul Islam Rubel, aged 31, started setting up the orchard on his land in Bherendi village of Nachole upazila after his relative Raisuddin Mirza, who works in Saudi Arabia, sent one thousand seeds of different Saudi Arabian date varieties in 2017.

Following Raisuddin's advice, Rubel succeeded in growing 600 saplings from the seeds. Rubel later received more seeds, from which he grew all the rest of the saplings for the orchard.

The plants mature in five years and he hopes to harvest 100 kilograms of dates from each mature tree every year, said Rubel.

But before selling the fruits

commercially, he has already sold 7,000 date saplings for a total of Tk 9 lakh, which is how much he had invested in the orchard so far.

Depending on the variety, the sapling prices range between Tk 250 and Tk 5,000. He also made Tk 3 lakh from the sale of three fruit bearing date trees.

Encouraged by Rubel's success, many locals over the last couple of years have come forward and invested in large-scale exotic date orchards in the Barind area.

Tohirul Islam, from Bandra village in the same upazila, is among them. He made an orchard of exotic dates on 33 decimals of land.

He said in his orchard, he already planted 250 saplings that he bought from Rubel and he will buy 200 more saplings from him this year.

On what grounds he decided to risk such a large sum of money in an arid land, Rubel, who passed HSC in 2007, said climates in Saudi Arabia and Barind region in Bangladesh are almost similar. "If so much sweet dates grow there, why won't they grow here?"

Besides, after watching different videos on date farming techniques on the internet, he grew confident that there is a great potential in producing dates and its

saplings in the country.

It took hard work and help from his father to prepare the land for planting the saplings in the orchard. Finally, many of the date trees in the orchard started producing fruits in small quantities since last year and this year, they plucked 10 kgs of dates.

Saplings sprout from date trees from the second year and when fruits start to develop, they need to be covered with polythene bags, for protection from hail or rain, Rubel said.

Ajwa, Khelus, Helalee, Mariam, Ambar, Nakhla, Halwa, Darida, Shukkari and Barhee are some of the date varieties currently being grown in his orchard. Among those, Ajwa is the most expensive, while Helalee has the highest yield.

The dates grown in his orchard are sweeter than the imported varieties available in the market, Rubel said, adding that he would expand his orchard next year as he anticipates greater yields in coming years.

Jahirul Islam, germ plasm officer at Horticulture Centre in Chapainawabganj, said the climate in Barind region is suitable for date trees and if the produce grown there is of high quality, more exotic date orchards will be set up there.



Entrepreneur Obaidul Islam Rubel shows a bunch of Saudi Arabian date variety in his orchard at Bherendi village under Nachole upazila of Chapainawabganj. PHOTO: STAR

## RICE EMBEZZLEMENT

# UP chairman lands in jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A Kushtia court yesterday sent four people, including a local union parishad (UP) chairman to jail in connection with a case for embezzling government rice.

The accused are Goshwami Durgapur UP Chairman Dabir Uddin Biswas, also general secretary of the union unit Awami League (AL), Maruful Islam, a member of Ward No under the same union, Sarwar Hossain, president of Ward No 1 unit AL, and rice dealer Montu Hossain.



Ethnic community people in Tangail's Madhupur upazila form a human chain in front of Dokhala Forest Range Office yesterday to press home their different demands, including resolving land issues. PHOTO: STAR

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### নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। বাংলাদেশ নৌবাহিনী কর্তৃক পরিচালিত ডকইয়ার্ড এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ওয়ার্কস লিঃ, সোনাকান্দা, নারায়ণগঞ্জ এ নিম্নলিখিত পদে চুক্তিভিত্তিক জনকল নিয়োগের নিমিত্তে প্রকৃত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাবেঃ

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০১।	আইন কর্মকর্তা	০১ (এক)	ক। ন্যূনতম ০৪ (চার) বছরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতাসহ এলএলএম ডিগ্রী অথবা ০৬ বছরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতাসহ এলএলবি ডিগ্রী। খ। স্বীকৃত ও স্বনামধন্য প্রতিষ্ঠানে কর্মরত ছিলেন এমন অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন আইনজীবী অগ্রগণ্য।	সরকারি বেতনস্কেলের সাথে সামঞ্জস্যপূর্ণ অর প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিজস্ব বেতন কাঠামো অনুযায়ী	সকল জেলা
২।	মূল বেতনের সাথে অন্যান্য ভাতাদি প্রতিষ্ঠানের বেতন কাঠামো, নিয়োগ নীতিমালা ও প্রচলিত নিয়মানুযায়ী প্রদান করা হবে।				
৩।	নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে বয়স অনধিক ৩০ বছর, তবে ব্যয়োজ্যেষ্ঠ আইনজীবীদের প্রাধান্য দেয়া হবে।				
৪।	অর প্রতিষ্ঠানের চিকিৎসা কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত মেডিক্যাল ফিটনেস সার্টিফিকেট সন্তোষজনক প্রতিপাদিত হলে চাকরিতে নিয়োগ প্রদান করা হবে।				
৫।	অগ্রাধী প্রার্থীদেরকে পূর্ণাঙ্গ জীবন বৃত্তান্ত, ০৪ (চার) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের রঙিন ছবি, নাপরিকল্পিত সনদ, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র/জন্মনিবন্ধন, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সংক্রান্ত সকল সনদপত্রসমূহের সত্যায়িত কপি এবং ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক বরাবর আবেদনপত্র "ডকইয়ার্ড এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ওয়ার্কস লিঃ, বাংলাদেশ নৌবাহিনী, সোনাকান্দা, বন্দর, নারায়ণগঞ্জ" এর ঠিকানায় আগামী ০৮ অক্টোবর ২০২০ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে প্রেরণ করতে হবে।				
৬।	প্রার্থীকে বাছাই কমিটি কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত লিখিত/মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে। এ জন্য প্রার্থীকে কোন প্রকার টিএ/ডিএ দেওয়া হবে না।				
৭।	অসম্পূর্ণ এবং ত্রুটিপূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।				

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e-GP Tender ID	Name of work	Tender Document Last Selling/downloading date and time	Last date and time for Tender Security submission	Tender Closing date and time
497245	Bamboo & Bullah Palisading work at 45th (p) km of Bogura (Jahangirabad) Natore Road (N-502) (Natore Part) under Road Division Natore during the year 2020-2021.	08-Oct-2020 17:00	11-Oct-2020 12:00	11-Oct-2020 12:30
497246	Rehabilitation of existing damaged pavement by providing Aggregate base type- II & carpeting with seal coat, fill placing of synthetic bags and Palisading work at 48th (p) km & 53th (p) km of Naogaon- Atrai- Natore Road (R-548) under Road Division Natore during the year 2020-2021.	08-Oct-2020 17:00	11-Oct-2020 12:30	11-Oct-2020 12:40
497247	Bamboo palisading work at different km of different Road under Sub-Division 2, Road Division Natore during the year 2020-2021.	08-Oct-2020 17:00	11-Oct-2020 12:30	11-Oct-2020 12:45

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01.	497192	158695	PUST/PD/e-GP/OTM/36	Construction of Elevated Platform under Pabna University of Science and Technology Development Project, PUST, FY 2020-21.	21 September, 2020 11.00	20 October, 2020 11.00	OTM

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