Jamuna devours fresh areas near Bangabandhu Bridge

Part of village protection embankment of BBA has collapsed into the river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Tangail*

A portion of a village protection embankment went into the Jamuna river near Bangabandhu Multipurpose Bridge in Kalihati upazila of Tangail on Saturday night, washing away concrete structures and a number of homesteads.

The concrete blocks of around 50-meter area located about 1.5 kilometers south from the main structure of the eastern end of the bridge subsided at night due to the pressure of the river water in Gorilabari Beltia area, officials of Bangladesh Bridge Authorities (BBA) said.

Ahsanul Kabir Pavel, executive engineer of BBA at the sight office in Tangail, told The Daily Star that the reason behind the erosion is natural.

The depth of the river water was 35 feet near the embankment only few days ago but now it increased to 45 feet. As a result, underwater sand was washed away due to strong current in the river and the concrete blocks of the embankment collapsed.

"Now we are dumping Geo textile bags to check further erosion in the area. The permanent works for repairing the embankment will be started in the next dry season," said Pavel.

Local people, however, blamed low quality works of the embankment and said the CC blocks of the embankment collapsed after rainwater entered through the leaks of the blocks.

The bridge authorities constructed a 200-metre embankment in the area in 2003 to protect the land of BBA and houses in the locality from the river erosion. The entire embankment, however, was devoured by the river in 2017 and 2018.

In response to a signed petition of around 250 residents of Gorilabari and Beltia villages, the BBA started building a 450-metre new embankment in the same area last year at a cost of Tk 33 crore to protect the area from the erosion.

The works for constructing the embankment completed this year and the Water Development Board (WDB) was supposed to start building embankment from the end where the BBA ended up, sources at BBA said.

Nazrul Islam Talukder, member of Gohaliabari union parishad, said as the WDB failed to start the works, about 50-metre area at the last end of the newly constructed embankment of BBA was devoured by the river in July last year and many houses in the area were also washed away.

He further added that several hundred homesteads in the area went into the river in the last two years. Locals fear the Gorilabari and Beltia villages and its surrounding areas might have gone into the river if strong embankment was not constructed in the area immediately.

The continuous erosion also threatened the bridge protection embankment as well as the bridge itself in future, he added.

Asked about the matter, BBA Executive Engineer Pavel said there is nothing to be worried about the Bangabandhu Multipurpose Bridge as the damage took place under water at a private land outside the bridge.

Contacted, Shajahan Siraj, executive engineer of WDB in Tangail, said they have been filling sand in the affected area since erosion started in the area in July last year.

Besides, emergency works were also going on at nearby Alipur village, he said.

The works for constructing a guide embankment in the area will be started in the next dry season, said Shajahan.

A part of village protection embankment collapses into the Jamuna river near Bangabandhu Multipurpose Bridge at Gorilabari village in Tangail's Kalihati upazila on Saturday, washing away many houses. PHOTO: STAR

Youth gets life term for rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Faridpur*

A Faridpur court on Saturday sentenced a youth to life term imprisonment in connection with a case for raping a schoolgirl in Bhanga upazila in 2017.

The convict, Pius Mia, 21, is a resident of Fukhurhati village in the upazila.

Faridpur Woman and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal Judge Mohammad Alamgir Kabir also fined him Tk 50,000, Public Prosecutor Swapan Kumar Paul said.

Accordion to the case statement, the victim, then a Junior School Certificate (JSC) examinee, was returning from her couching centre at Ucha Bazar area around 6:00pm on September 23, 2017.

On her way back home, Pius waylaid her and dragged her to a roadside field and forcibly raped her there.

Hearing her scream, local people rushed to the spot and rescued the victim, but the culprit managed to flee the spot.

The following day, victim's mother filed a rape case with Bhanga Police Station accusing Pius.

After investigation, Sub Inspector of Bhanga Police Station Abdulah Azad, also the investigation officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the court on November 26 the same year.

Journo stabbed in broad daylight

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Benapole*

A journalist was injured in an attack allegedly by his rival over previous enmity in Navaran Satkhira area in Jashore's Sharsha upazila yesterday afternoon.

He was admitted to Navaran Hospital in critical condition.

Injured Nazrul Islam, 35, son of Taiyabur Rahman of the area, Benapole correspondent of Samprotik Deshkal and Barta Kantho, is now undergoing treatment at Navaran Hospital.

Meanwhile, following a case filed by the victim with Sharsha Police Station, police detained one Iqbal from Navaran Bazar.

Injured Nazrul said due to a previous feud over land, he was staying outside home and went to meet his mother yesterday afternoon.

Taking advantage of the situation, Iqbal swooped on him with a sharp weapon and stabbed him in an attempt to kill him.

Locals rescued him in critical condition and admitted him to the hospital.

With a large part of the bamboo bridge, in the background, washed away about a month ago by strong current of the Kapotakhya river, boats have now become the only means of ferrying thousands of villagers in Sagardari union of Jashore's Keshabpur upazila. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Damaged bamboo bridge lies unrepaired for month

Thousands now have to brave strong current in the Kapotakhya river on boats

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Benapole*

Thousands of villagers on both sides of the Kapotakhya river, in Sagardari union of Jashore's Keshabpur upazila, are risking their lives while crossing the river in small boats as the bamboo bridge over the river got partially washed away almost a month ago.

A section of the bridge was washed away by unseasonably strong current that was getting obstructed by piles of water hyacinth tangled around the bamboo piers of the bridge, locals said.

Sagardari market committee built the bridge at a cost of about Tk 1 lakh.

With the bridge out of order, livelihoods of hundreds of farmers and traders from eight villages including Sharsha, Sarulia, Senergati, Dhandia, Keshnagar, Panchpara -- all in neighbouring Satkhira -- are now in jeopardy as they depend on the Sagardari market to sell their produce and merchandise.

Locals are now passing days in anxiety as their children are also risking their lives while crossing the river in boats to reach their tutors' houses for lessons.

Ramesh Chandra, a teacher at Keshabpur Government Pilot High School and a resident of Sharsha village in Satkhira, right across the river, said repair of the bridge should be the highest priority of the authorities before any fatal accident takes place in the river.

Razzak Ahmed, general secretary of Sagardari market committee, said a permanent bridge on the Kapotakhya river is a longstanding demand of Sagardari residents as it would allow easy and safe movement across the river for thousands of locals as well as visitors.

Contacted, Mustafijul Islam, chairman of Sagardari Union Parishad, said the bamboo bridge sustained damage due to unusually strong current in the Kapotakhya river and they would take urgent steps to repair it.

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This Notice of Corrigendum will be treated as a part & parcel of the tender documents. All other terms and conditions will be remained unchanged.

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