

Thousands of haor people under erosion threat

Twenty villages in Netrakona's Khaliyajury upazila have already been washed away in the last 30 years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Some 50 villages in Netrakona's Khaliyajury upazila are under threat of erosion due to heavy rain accompanied by gusty wind and high waves in the haor waters.

This type of natural calamity is locally known as Afal, said villagers.

At least 20 villages in the haor area have already been washed away in the last 30 years, said Swagoto Sarker Shuvo, president of Haor Unnayan Parishad.

The villages are Jagdishpur, Maganpur, Bikrampur, Kanainagor, Sultanpur, Aminpur, Khurshiganj, Kalipur, Hemnagor, Achhanpur, Nurpur, Kacharibari, Habibpur, Durgabari, Nagor, Shibpur, Kamarbari, Norsinghpur, Nayanagor and Saotal.

This type of natural disaster continues from June to November every year in the upazila, said Md Shamim Mia, chairman of Krishnapur union parishad (UP).

This time, some 50 villages out of 85 in six unions are facing threat of erosion due to high waves created in the haors following onrush of waters from the hills across the border through the Surma river and some major haors including Chhayar Haor and Dingaputa Haor, said the UP chairman.

The villages in Krishnapur union-Nazirpur, Muradnagar, Shyampur,

Krishnapur, Kutubpur, Kallyanpur, Dulatpur, Muslimpur and Jaherpur are at worst state due to erosion, he added.

The work of setting up of concrete blocks beside Krishnapur Eidgah to Kutubpur road was going on and 50 percent work was done but it has been

their dwellings from the wrath of natural calamities.

He added that a project titled "Village Protection" has been taken up to save the haor areas from erosion.

The upazila chairman also urged the authority concerned to take necessary

The natural calamity, locally known as Afal, continues from June to November every year. This year about 50 villages out of 85 under six unions of the upazila are facing erosion threat due to high waves in the haors and onrush of waters from the hills across the border

eroded, said the chairman.

The boundary wall of some educational institutions in the union have also been affected due to this year's natural disaster, he said.

Golam Kibria Jobber, chairman of Khaliyajury upazila parishad, said most of the families living in the haor areas are poor but they have to spend a good amount of money every year to save

steps to save thousands of haor people from the wrath of natural calamities.

Contacted, upazila Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) engineer Md Yunus Ali said to save the haor areas from erosion, the guide wall should be constructed alongside the village roads.

Khaliyajury Upazila Nirbahi Officer AHM Ariful Islam said they have already sent a proposal to the ministry concerned in this regard.



Haor people of Patra village in Netrakona's Khaliyajury upazila face erosion threat.

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Criminals poison to death different species of fish worth Tk 15 lakh allegedly over personal enmity at Paikora village in Naogaon's Atrai upazila on Sunday night.

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Damaged bridge passes a year without repair



PHOTO: AZIBOR RAHMAN

In an attempt to keep the vehicle from flipping over on the damaged part of the bridge's ramp, a rickshaw puller rides towards the narrow asphalted strip of the road. The photo was taken recently from Jhenidah-Marikelbaria road in Baliadanga village of Jhenidah Sadar upazila.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Thanks to the indifference of the authorities, a bridge in Jhenidah Sadar upazila has been causing sufferings to thousands of locals for a year now.

The bridge is on Jhenidah-Narikelbaria road in Baliadanga village of Kalicharanpur union.

With a gaping hole in a significant area and no guardrail on either side, the bridge poses hazards for all, especially for young children. Moreover, asphalted layer of a ramp of the bridge is damaged so severely that three-wheeled vehicles run the risk of overturning while getting on or off the bridge.

Locals said thousands of inhabitants in four unions -- Kalicharanpur, Ghorshal, Furshandi and Dogachhi -- use the road and over the past year, many passersby and vehicles got into a number of accidents on the bridge.

While talking to this correspondent, Pintu Shikdar, a member of Kalicharanpur Union Parishad (UP), said about one lakh people from the four unions and around 1,500 vehicles use the road every day on an average.

Accidents on the bridge are quite frequent and unless it is repaired urgently, ambulances

carrying critical patients as well as vehicles of other emergency services -- such as the fire service and police -- may get into a fatal accident any moment, he also said.

Battery-run auto-rickshaw driver Saddam Hossain said while it is very difficult for two vehicles to steer clear of the hole on the bridge and at the same time give way to each other, many vehicles flip over on the damaged ramp of the bridge.

Abed Ali, a trucker who frequents the road, said as the hole turned the bridge narrow, it now takes too long for vehicles in both directions to take turn and cross it.

Besides, without guardrails on its sides, it is really difficult for a driver to keep the vehicle from falling off the bridge, he added.

Contacted, Kalicharanpur UP Chairman Motiur Rahman said he would soon communicate with the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in Jhenidah Sadar upazila and urge them to take necessary steps in repairing the bridge.

Ahsan Habib, the engineer at LGED in Jhenidah Sadar, said their estimations of the bridge's repair work have already been submitted to the authorities concerned.

Local fish aplenty in Chalanbeel

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPI, back from Chalanbeel

Azim Uddin from Handial village has been catching fish at Chalanbeel in the village, under Chatmohar upazila of Pabna, over the last one decade.

During this time last year, he got only 10 to 15 kilograms of local fish at the beel every day. But this year, he is catching 25 to 30 kg of fish every day.

"The entire Chalanbeel is filled with water now and we are getting a huge amount of local fish in the water body. I have been catching 25 to 30 kg of fish from Handial area of Chalanbeel over the past one month," said Azim.

A total of 81 fish species -- 72 indigenous and 9 exotic -- exist in the Chalanbeel, the largest wetland in

the country and a significant source of local fish species such as Rui, Katol, Chitol, Air, Boal, Puti, Tengra, Bayim, Kholse, Guchi, Sorputi and Bele.

"Production of local species of fish in Chalanbeel has increased remarkably due to lingering floods in the area this year. The floodwater as well as heavy rainfall helped good breeding of various local fish in Chalanbeel," said Shahed Ali, fisheries officer in Sirajganj.

The fish population in the water body has increased by around 50 to 60 percent due to the floods, he added.

This correspondent during a visit to of Chalanbeel's Handial area, Mannan Nagar in Tarash upazila of Sirajganj and Gurudaspur upazila in Natore, saw hundreds of locals

catching fish all day in the vast wetland.

Handial resident Raisul Islam said, "The fishermen are using various nets for catching fish. I have been getting good catch of fish, using Khora Nets for the last few weeks."

More than 50 locals have been catching fish from Handial area. But, due to excessive supply, they are not getting good price for the fish at local markets.

Each kg of small fish is selling for Tk 60 to Tk 100 and each kg of medium sized fish is selling for Tk 120 to Tk 200 at the local market, he said, adding that finding only a handful of customers at the local market, the fishers oftentimes bring their catch back home and dry those in the sun.

Trader found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Police recovered the throat-slit body of a trader from Bhairab river near Churamankathi area of Jashore on Sunday.

The deceased, Golam Mostafa, 50, a timber trader, was son of Pachu Mandal of Bagdanga village in Jashore Sadar upazila.

Churamankathi Union Parishad Chairman Abdul Mannan Munna said Mostafa went out of his house on Saturday night and did not returned home.

Local people spotted his body floating in the river and informed the police, Officer in Charge (OC) of Jashore Kotwali Police Station Moniruzzaman said, adding that, they recovered the body and sent it to Jashore General Hospital for autopsy.

3 teenagers held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police arrested three teenage boys for their alleged involvement in attempting to snatch money from a pedestrian in Sadar upazila early Sunday.

OC of Sadar Police Station Mozaffar Hossain said eight teenage boys, riding on three motorbikes, intercepted a man at Bagdanga village and tried to snatch his money early Sunday.

Hearing the victim's cry for help, locals rushed in and manage to catch three of the alleged snatchers.



An everyday scene at Chalanbeel, where fishers are getting good catch of local fish. The photo was taken recently from Mannan Nagar area of the water body in Tarash upazila of Sirajganj.

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