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Breach at main flood control embankment in Pabna

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, May 5: Severe erosion in the river Jamuna has grabbed a vast area of 150 feet portion of the main flood control embankment near Nakalia within Bera thana of Pabna district.

If the embankment experiences further breaches the main structure of the Pabna Irrigation and Rural Development Project would also be severely affected.

The Water Development Board, it may be recalled here, in this connection, spent Tk 500 crores towards the construction work of the project and its main objectives might also be severely disrupted.

Nearly 120 feet area out of the said 150 feet portion has already been devoured completely.

It is being widely apprehended that in case the erosion is not immediately checked, the said flood control embankment may collapse any moment. About 1,20,000 hectares of land having standing crops like IRRI-Boro paddy, jute would face widespread destruction, local farmers apprehend.

The North Bengal Highways from Nagarbari to Bogra would also face a severe threat of existence at some parts.

Meanwhile, to check the embankment erosion by the river Jamuna, the BWDB has already dumped cement blocks and sand bags at a cost of about Ten crore in the area.

ruption in implementing, the embankment protection scheme.

Due to such corruption resorted by a section of officials of WDB, angry people of the locality rebuked, used flytengs against the officials and employees of the Water Development Board and drove them away from the site on April 27.

The Executive Engineer (Circle II), the Superintending Engineer and 12 other officials and employees of the Water Development Board from Dhaka arrived at the area but before visiting the area, they fled for fear of being rebuked by the angry people of the locality who lost faith in them due to alleged corruption and their failure to take effective permanent steps against the erosion which has been continuing for years.

Erosion freshly it started on April 27 and it took a destructive turn on the night of April 29. During this period, about 75 per cent of the 150 ft area of the embankment who devoured.

"Erosion was still continuing," they said.

It is learnt that during the said three days of erosion, over 100 houses under the villages Natunpara, Pechakhola and Hariampur of Natun Bharuga Union and nearly 200 shops and establishments of Nakalia Bazar were devoured by the river Jamuna.

An engineer of the Water Development Board admitted the above facts of erosion and the huge losses suffered by the local people. According to him, it was almost impossible to resist the erosion and protect the embankment at the present stage.

The local Water Development Board sources said that a scheme for the construction of a ringembankment for protecting the original flood control embankment has been submitted to the higher authorities in the water resources ministry.

The estimated cost for this would be around Tk 10 crore and if approved execution of the same would be taken up on an emergency basis.

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One gets life term, 7 others punished on different terms for murder

Two murdered in Kushtia

One commits suicide

Metropolitan 100th Annual General Council International Chamber of Commerce - Bangladesh

Trade policy should be reviewed immediately

The Annual General Council 1996 of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Bangladesh, The World Business Organisation, was held on May 4 at the MCCI Conference Room.

closed and Bangladesh exports are on the decline. Bangladesh should, therefore, review its trade policy immediately as there is scope to give support to Bangladesh industries under WTO legal system.

to protect their business against export of developing countries in the garb of bringing in completely new issues like labour and environmental standards, social labelling, eco-labelling, corruption in government procurement, extortion and bribery etc. which are outside Uruguay Round Agreement.

Unless the government seriously addresses these problems on an emergency footing through pro-active policy ensuring proper and timely implementation, Bangladesh will miss the opportunity perhaps once for all.

The Council also expressed its deep concern that Bangladesh has been too liberal to open its market at the behest of World Bank, IMF much before many WTO member countries especially in the absence of level-playing field and socio-political instability.

The Council lauded the Board of ICC Bangladesh for the load of responsibilities they were called upon to discharge in order to promote Bangladesh Trade and Investment in spite of various limitations, the press release added.

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