



## Sirajganj to Baintarchar

The once mighty Jamuna River is now drying up, jeopardizing the lives of thousands of families from Sirajganj to Tangail. Absolute desertization and an alarming level of erosion are changing the riverbed constantly. Thanks to the Farakka Dam and the Jamuna Bridge itself, this has become one of the most unfortunate manmade disasters in Bangladesh. Thousands of people are always on the run, as their fate is dictated by the route the river moves, the water channels in or out, and the constant drying out of the river: due to the precariousness of their existence, these neglected souls live a life without any provision for basic education, healthcare, or even the ability to earn a living. People from Balughat, Sirajganj to Baintarchar, Tangail -- where mile after mile of land has come under desertization -- are waiting for immediate steps by government and non-governmental organisations for their urgent rescue.

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