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LABOUR OF LOVE: People of Hajipara village in Gangachara upazila under Rangpur district render voluntary service to construct a 2000-foot-long embankment to save their croplands and houses from flooding and erosion by the Teesta River.

Self-help their last help for building the dyke

MEHEDY HASAN, Rangpur

Hundreds of people of Hajipara village under Alambiditor union in Gangachara upazila under the district have joined voluntary service to construct a 2000-foot-long embankment to protect their croplands and houses from flooding and erosion by the Teesta River.

Started on March 7, the initiative now sees completion of about one-third of work and locals have continued giving money, materials and voluntary service to complete the embankment construction before the rainy season, said Sohrab Hossain Raju, coordinator of the embankment construction committee.

On several occasions during the last couple of years, the villagers appealed to the Water Development Board, the upazila administration and local political leaders to take steps for building the embankment but to no effect, he added.

"To save our croplands and houses from flooding and erosion, we have started the embankment construction work through voluntary service," said Nur Alam, 45, of Hajipara village.

"The embankment will save hundreds of houses, vast areas of cultivable land, bazaar, roads, and other properties from erosion of the Teesta," said Mokarram Hossain, chairman of Alambiditor union parishad.

Abu Jafar, upazila nirbahi officer of Gangachara, said they have been extending all possible help for the embankment construction.

"Now the embankment needs strengthening by geo-filters and CC blocks for protection when strong current of the Teesta River hits it. We need government help for the purpose," said Majibar Rahman Pramanik, chairman of Gangachara upazila parishad.

Md Abul Kalam, executive engineer of Water Development Board Rangpur office, said he will try to take initiative for protection of the embankment after talking with the high officials concerned.

Toxic waste pollutes Lauhajang River

Pitch-black water threatens aquatic life, crops and greenery

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Water of the River Louhajang, a tributary of Dhaleswari in the district, has turned extremely toxic due to rampant dumping of toxic industrial waste.

The water is now unusable and the increasing pollution threatening aquatic life, crops and greenery, alleged locals.

Frequent protests by the local people and environmentalists and action by the authorities concerned failed deter the industries from dumping wastes into the river.

The water of the river in Khudirampur, Karatia, Bhatkura, Taratia and Gosaibari Kumulli villages under Sadar upazila has become pitch-black.

People of those villages said they cannot use the water even for washing purpose.

Mahfuza Begum, a housewife of Gosaibari Kumulli, said her cattle suffered from diarrhoea after drinking the riverwater.

Niamot Ali of the same village alleged he had skin diseases from the river water as he had no alternative to bathing in it.

Veteran Mofiz Miah of Dakkhin Khudirampur village said boro paddy in the fields around the river are dying due to lack of water, as the river water cannot be used for irrigation.

Ripon Miah of Uttar Khudirampur village said the river was once full of fishes but the industries on the riverbanks made it impossible for them to survive.

Dr Mahbulul Hoque, chairman of the Environmental Science and Resource Management



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The water of Louhajang River at Taratia in Tangail district turns pitch black as chemical waste from nearby BSCIC Industrial Area are regularly dumped there.

Department at Mawlana Bhasani Science and Technology University, told this correspondent that no crop can grow and no aquatic life can survive in such water.

Wazed Ali Khan Panni Tipu, chairman of Karatia union parishad (UP) in Sadar upazila, said he wrote to the authorities concerned on many occasions for steps against pollution but to no effect yet.

"The authorities should take stern action against the polluters and continue regular monitoring to save the important river," he added.

The polluting industries however always refuted the allegations and said they had already installed efflu-

ent treatment plants by spending crores of taka. They also claimed that the water released from their industries was not much hazardous.

Jafar Ahmed of Bhatkura village said the treatment plants at the industries were just eyewash as they keep them shut down most of the time.

On July 9, 2011, a mobile court led by Mohammad Munir Chowdhury, the then director (monitoring and enforcement) of Department of Environment, examined the water of Louhajang River and fined a textile mill in Khudirampur area, a dying industry and one chemical

industry in BSCIC industrial area Tk 60 lakh for polluting the river.

Of the mills and industries, Alauddin Textile Mills in Khudirampur area was fined Tk 30,10,560 for not setting effluent treatment plant (ETP) properly and polluting the river.

The mobile court also directed the authorities to keep their production shut until setting up ETP properly.

The Universal Yarn Dying in Tangail BSCIC industrial area at Taratia area was fined Tk 2,23,320 for not running the ETP, polluting the river as well as not renewing the DoE clearance certificate.

The Supti Chemical

Works in the same area was fined Tk 7 (seven) lakh for not having ETP and polluting the river.

The mobile court also directed the authorities to keep their production shut till installation of the ETP.

The Tangail office of the DoE is only three kilometers away from the area and the river has been polluting continuously due to lack of monitoring of its officials, sources said.

When asked recently about the continuous pollution of the river, Zillur Rahman, deputy director of DoE in Tangail, avoided the matter saying that the industries have ETPs while refusing to give details.

Jamaat men torture BCL activist, resist police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police faced resistance during their drive to rescue a BCL man abducted by Jamaat activists at Chondidasgati village under Sirajganj Sadar upazila yesterday morning.

Jamaat men picked up BCL activist Md Uzzal Hossain from his house at the village at around 11:00am, confined to the house of one Ishaque Ali and beat him up.

Being informed by victim's family, police went to the village around 11:30am and launched a drive to rescue Uzzal. But Jamaat activists along with the villagers cordoned off the law enforcers and forced them to leave the village.

"In the face of strong resistance, we gave up the drive," officer in-Charge Md Rofikul Islam of Sirajganj police station said, adding that the Jamaat men later freed Uzzal.

Man, daughter electrocuted

UNB, Chandpur

A man and his daughter died from electrocution at their house in Uttar Sreerandi area in the district town yesterday.

The victims were identified as day labourer Abul Hossain, 55, and his daughter Farzana Begum, 18, of the area.

Police said, Abul Hossain was electrocuted at about 8.30 am while getting onto the rooftop of his tin-shed house to repair a pipe for passing rain water.

After a couple of minutes, Farzana, not getting any response from her father, went there and touched him.

Consequently, she also got electrocuted.

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Reports to : Head of Facility Management Division
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Position : Electrical Engineer
Reports to : Head of Facility Management Division
Job Location : Based in Dhaka with frequent field visits
Compensation & Benefits : As per Bank's policy
Job Category : Regular employment
Number of Position : 2 nos.

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 - i) B.Sc in Electrical Engineering from any Public or recognized Private University
- Experience:
 - i) One Engineer with 5-6 years experience
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Position : Architect
Reports to : Head of Facility Management Division
Job Location : Based in Dhaka with frequent field visits
Compensation & Benefits : As per Bank's policy
Job Category : Regular employment
Number of Position : 1 no.

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