A New Piece of Paradise

Another unspoilt sea beach surfaces in the Bay of Bengal

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When I reached the sea beach on a Wednesday afternoon after walking down around ten kilometres of muddy land and wading through half a dozen canals only one word came out from my mouth 'amazing'. I wondered whether I was watching a programme on the Discovery or National Geography channel. Located around 40 kilometres away from Hatia Upazila, Noakhali, was this unspoilt stretch of a sandy sea beach, a rare gem waiting to be discovered.

On one side a calm and quiet untouched beach lay on the lap of the sea, on the other side thousands of birds chirped in the air, amid herds of cattle grazing around on the vast green grass land along the beach. The air was filled with the sweet warbling of birds. The flocks of migratory ducks in rows were swinging on the smaller waves in the nearby sea water. I was surprised that such a natural gift had remained unnoticed by the government officials and people in the main land.

The beach is regularly charmed with the melodies of thousands of local and migratory birds. Birds flock there for the small fishes available on the swampy land along the long sea beach. Sun rises and sunsets are equally spectacular making this spot an idyllic haven for tourists and nature lovers.

The sandy sea beach developed in the southern part of Damar Char (island) on the opposite side of the River Meghna near Nijhum Dwip. The locals said the sands began accumulating there since 2005 and recently took the shape of a sandy sea beach. It is around ten kilometres far from Nijhum Dwip in Hatiya under Noakhali district.

Now, one third of Damar Char is covered by a mangrove forest and the remaining two third lands are green grassland. Herds of cows and buffaloes belonging to the influential of Hatia and Nijhum Dwip, move about freely. Ordinary people hardly go there because of fear of pirates who lurk about in gangs, the remoteness of the area being ideal for hideouts. They take easy shelter in the nearby forest to hide from the law enforcing agents.

So far the existence of such a sea beach is unknown to the people of Noakhali and Hatia. Even the people in Nijhum Dwip did not know that such an attractive sea beach exists in Damar Char. The locals call the area which is covered by white and black sands 'Dail' or 'Sagartila'. In local language, Dail means 'where sand piles up'.

"We do not know the existence of any sea beach in Damar Char. There is a Dail where lot of sands were piled up by the sea water," said Mehraj Uddin, chairman of Nijhum Dwip Union Parishad. He said people go there for fishing in the nearby sea and for catching big size crabs on the surface.



The calmness of the untouched sea beach is something many crave for.
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