

80 khas ponds in Kalapara under illegal occupation

Locals suffer as sweet water sources become unusable

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Influential people have occupied at least 80 khas ponds in Kalapara upazila under the district, making the sweet water sources virtually unusable for locals, especially the Rakhines.

The khas pond at Kalachandpara in Kuakata area served as the only source of sweet water there for long.

But some influential men have already built several establishments including concrete structures, occupy-

ing a portion of the pond belonging to Patuakhali Zila Parishad (district council).

Some people are cultivating fish occupying Char Dhulashar khas pond while several business establishments have been built occupying Mohipur Bazar khas pond and Haripara khas pond.

A market is being built, filling up a khas pond near Nachnapara under Kalapara municipality, locals said.

Around 80 khas ponds grabbed by local influential people are facing similar

conditions, said leaders of Rakhine community.

According to the district administration, there were 108 khas ponds in Kalapara upazila but most of these ponds are now under the occupation of local influential people who have already filled up some of the water bodies and built structures there.

SM Rakibul Ahsan, mayor of Kalapara municipality, said, "We have renovated eight of the 24 khas ponds in the municipality area and set new bathing

ghats (spot with stairs) to facilitate locals to use the water."

Contacted, Khan Mosaraf Hossain, administrator of Patuakhali Zila Parishad, said steps will be taken to free Kalachandpara khas pond as well as other ponds from occupiers as soon as possible.

Around 200 years ago, many Rakhines from Arakan in Myanmar came to Kalapara area and settled there. They dug a number of ponds to meet the need of drinking water.

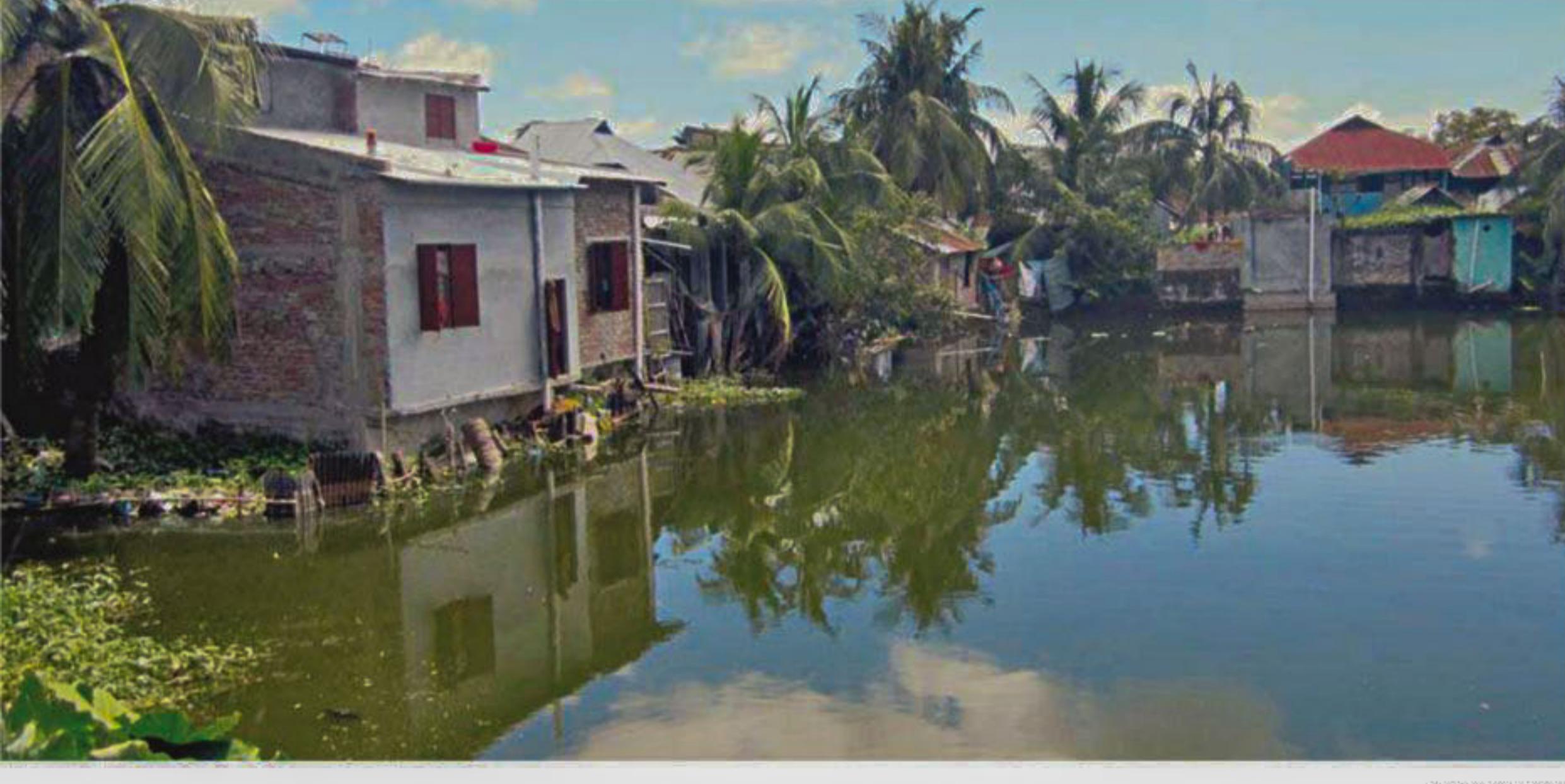


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Land grabbers have built structures on this khas pond at Mohipur Bazar in Kalapara upazila under Patuakhali district, squeezing the water body once serving as a source of drinking water for the locals. A number of ponds in the upazila are facing a similar fate, thanks to the negligence of the authorities concerned.

BID TO GOUGE OUT WIFE'S EYE

Culprit's father demands due punishment

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Yakub Ali, father of Bulbul Ahmed who badly damaged an eye of his wife Jinnah Fatema Runa on Sunday night, has demanded exemplary punishment for the crime.

"It is hard for me to believe that my son would commit such a heinous crime. I want his due punishment," Yakub told this correspondent yesterday.

"I am dead against dowry but it is an irony of my fate that I failed to prevent my son from his constant pursuit of dowry and torturing his wife," he added.

Since marriage four years ago, Bulbul used to torture Runa for dowry and Bulbul was given Tk 2 lakh in phases, family sources said.

Recently he escalated his pressure

on his wife Runa, 23, mother of a three-year-old boy, but Runa, daughter of Abdur Razzaq of Ranida village in Bhaluka upazila under Mymensingh district, declined to ask her parents for more money.

Razzaq, retired headmaster of a high school, is ailing and bedridden now, said family sources.

On Sunday night, Bulbul demanded 1 lakh from his wife.

As Runa expressed her failure to meet the demand, Bulbul, 35, got furious and tried to gouge out Runa's right eye with a spoon, said family members and police.

After the incident, neighbours took her to Bhaluka Upazila Health Complex and then shifted her to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH).

The eye suffered vitreous haemor-

rhage and serious damage to its retina, said Mohammad Habibullah, assistant professor of the eye department of MMCH.

The eye bled profusely and after an investigation, doctors at MMCH referred her to the National Institute of Ophthalmology in Dhaka yesterday, where she is undergoing treatment now.

Runa's elder brother Khalilur Rahman lodged a case with Bhaluka Police Station, accusing four people -- Bulbul, his elder sister Falani Begum, 45, her husband Abdus Sattar, 50, and brother-in-law Sabur Munshi, 45.

Police arrested Bulbul and produced him before a Mymensingh court that sent him to jail on Monday.

The three other accused are yet to be arrested.

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Bring Piero's attackers to book

Demands human chain in Dinajpur town

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Dinajpur

Local people formed a human chain in front of Dinajpur Press Club in the district town yesterday, demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the culprits who attacked Piero Parolari, 57, an Italian doctor and pastor, on November 18 in the town.

People from all walks of life, including foreigners, took part in the hour-long programme organised by North Bengal Christian Association, a platform of Christian communities, around 11:00am.

The participants condemned the recent attacks on foreigners in Bangladesh.

Later, they held a press conference at the press club where Robert RN Das, member secretary of the association, read out the keynote.

They condemned the attack on Piero Parolari and pastor Luke Sarker of Ishwardi upazila in Pabna district and urged the government to bring the attackers to book immediately.

They also condemned the death threats on many pastors across the country.

The speakers at the press



PHOTO: STAR

Locals form a human chain in front of Dinajpur Press Club yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the criminals who badly injured Dr Piero Parolari, an Italian physician cum pastor, in the town on November 18.

conference announced different programmes to protest the attacks on Christian community in Bangladesh in recent months.

As per the programme, they will hold candle lighting at churches and prayers on November 29.

The following day, the Christian people will observe work abstention, wearing black badges. They will also keep outdoor ser-

vice of hospitals closed and hang banners in front of their respective institutions across the northern region in the country.

Sister Titina D Souza and Father Gianito Nitti said they are here, spreading the messages of peace. But the attack on them was unjust.

They think that the government will act properly for their protection and find out the attackers.

Dr Piero Parolari was

shot in the back of his head near the BRTC bus terminal in the town where he was riding a bicycle towards Dinajpur Medical College Hospital on November 18, said witnesses.

The same day, he was taken to CMH in Dhaka by a helicopter of Bangladesh Air Force.

Biroy Toppo, a member of the committee, said health condition of Dr Piero

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