

Faced with erosion by the Dharla River, a family prepares to move to a safer place from their house at Baparitai village in Mogholhat union under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila yesterday.

SADAR UPAZILA IN LALMONIRHAT

Dharla continues to devour homesteads, farmlands

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Around 100 homesteads, 150 bighas of farmland and fruit orchards have been devoured by the Dharla River in Mogholhat union under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Nazrul Islam Bhutta, member of Mogholhat Union Parishad (UP) said the affected villages are Baparitai, Etapota, Karnapur and Badaitari. He said many homesteads, croplands and fruit orchards in the areas are still under threat of erosion by the river.

Farmer Nayebor Ali, 56, of Baparitai village, said his five bighas of land with standing maize crop were devoured by the Dharla in the last two days. "I had only five bighas of arable land, and now my homestead with eight decimals of land is under threat of erosion," he added.

Mujibar Rahman, 60, of the village said he along with his five-member family have become homeless as their homestead was washed away by the river yesterday. "The river has also devoured our fruit orchard on two bighas of land," he said.

Noor Hossain, 48, of Etapota village said the Dharla devoured his homestead and two bighas of land with standing maize crop in the last two days. Hossain said his six bighas of land and a fruit orchard face erosion threat.

Asaduzzaman Miah, 44, of Baparitai village said they have become landless as their homestead was eroded by the Dharla yesterday.

Ershadul Islam, 42, of the same village said he and his family members have become homeless as the river engulfed their homestead. "I don't

know where we will go, or how I will maintain the family," he added.

Habibur Rahman, chairman of Mogholhat Union Parishad (UP), said it was not possible to save homesteads, croplands and fruit orchards from erosion by the Dharla River without emergency protection work at these villages. "I have already informed the Water Development (WDB) authorities about the situation and requested them to take immediate steps to save the villages from the onslaught of the river," he said, adding that the erosion-affected people will get government help soon.

Abu Bakkar, executive engineer of WDB in Lalmonirhat, said he has already informed the authorities concerned and sought funds. "If I get funds, we will take necessary steps to check erosion," the engineer said.

Remains of missing BNP man found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

The remains of Mirazul Islam, who went missing a year ago, were recovered from a char in the Gorai River under Kumarkhali upazila of the district on Wednesday night.

Locals said a group of 6/7 criminals abducted Mirazul, 46, from Joynabad village under the upazila on June 4, 2015. He was joint secretary of Chapra union unit of BNP, and owner of Gorai Brick Kiln in the area.

On June 6, 2015, the victim's wife Sakhi Khatun filed a case with Kumarkhali Police Station, accusing Mominur Rahman Momiz, former general secretary of Kushtia town unit of Awami League and business partner of Mirazul, and eight others.

Ziaur Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Kumarkhali Police Station, said they have arrested seven of the nine people involved in the killing.

One of the accused, Soleman Hossain, gave a statement to Kushtia Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court under Section 164 on Wednesday, admitting his involvement in the killing of Mirazul. Soleman said one Alamgir knew where the body was buried.

Police arrested Alamgir on Monday. During interrogation, Alamgir identified the spot where Mirazul's body was buried.

Police went to the spot and exhumed the remains from the Gorai River char at around 8:30pm. Mirazul's wife, his relatives and newsmen were present there.

FELLOW CRUSHED UNDER WHEELS OF BUS

HSTU students go berserk, vandalise admin bldg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Students of Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University went on the rampage after a fellow student was crushed under the wheels of a university bus on the campus yesterday afternoon.

They vandalised the administration building, demanding removal of the driver of the university as he was allegedly drunk while driving the bus.

When police reached the campus the students chased them, leading to a chase and

counter-chase.

The situation was brought under control after the university authorities suspended the bus driver and formed a three-member probe committee to investigate the incident.

Witnesses said Mir Moniruzzaman, 21, a second year student of Agriculture faculty, was getting on the bus at around 3:50pm when the driver Chunnun Soren suddenly moved ahead. As a result, Moniruzzaman was crushed under the rear wheels and died on the spot.

Police have been deployed at the university

campus to avert further untoward incident.

On April 3 this year, Rahima Khatun Rima, 24, a final year student of food engineering, was killed in a road accident just a kilometer from the university. Sajid Hasan, a student of the same department, was injured in the accident.

On the same night, Md Tito, 35, a helper of a university bus was killed under the wheels of a university bus while returning to the campus from Nawabganj upazila of Dinajpur. Chunnun Soren was driving that bus.



Aggrieved due to death of a fellow under the wheels of a university bus on the campus, students of Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University in Dinajpur went on the rampage there.

MURDER ATTEMPT ON PABNA TRADER

Prime accused arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Wednesday night detained the key accused in the case for attempting to kill a Christian trader in Chatmohar upazila of the district on May 29.

The arrestee, Mohammad Badsha Mia, 40, is son of late Abed Ali of Nengri village in the upazila.

Officer-in-Charge Subrato Kumar of Chatmohar Police Station said a team of the law enforcer, acting on a tip-off, raided a tea shop in the capital's Agargaon area around 7:30pm on Wednesday and arrested Badsha from there.

The arrestee was later brought to

Chatmohar Police Station the same night for quizzing, the OC added.

After quizzing, police produced Badsha before a Pabna court yesterday, seeking a five-day remand. The court fixed Sunday for hearing on the remand prayer.

On May 29 night, a gang of 4/5 people led by Badsha Mia hacked Ranjit Rosario, 30, a fertiliser dealer of Failzana Christian Community area in the upazila, with machetes, leaving him seriously injured.

Ranjit, son of George Rosario, who sustained injuries in his head and neck, took treatment at Pabna Medical College Hospital and was later released from the hospital about a week ago.

Dhaka vs Dhaka

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your part of the city, but our kebabs are truly special," he commented.

"Offal is a must-try from here," Abed continued, buying 'gurda fry' and 'khiri fry' whilst Mishaal eagerly waited for iftar-siren to go off.

The friends walked from one place to another, often stopping to buy food items -- from 'papor' to 'paratha' -- and also to greet acquaintances along the way.

It seemed Abed was a very popular face there, frequently bumping into friends and neighbours -- handshaking and hugging and catching up. Or perhaps, this is also one of the charms of the old part of Dhaka: neighbours still know each other, the community bonding still runs strong.

After Nazira Bazar, the two friends visited Abul Hasnat Road. With the marvellous dome of the Saat Rowza shrine on the background, it was time for some last minute iftar shopping. From Shaane-Mughal, Abed bought haleem. And then, he entered Ananda, an iconic confectionery that has been in business for generations. Apart from purchasing 'jilapi', Abed did not forget to buy some 'poneer'.

"It is almost like a staple for the people of Old Dhaka," he explained. "Poneer is extremely popular and is eaten with tea, snacks and what not."

Finally, the friends were back in Nazira Bazar, where they took seats at Beauty Shorbot. The completely unpretentious and plain eatery serves kachchi biriyani, lassi and lemonade. And their lemonade is legendary!

The small street-side restaurant was buzzing with people as the time of iftar drew near. And finally, the siren went off.

"Nothing beats Beauty's lemonade when you are thirsty. It's very refreshing," Mishaal spoke after breaking the fast by finishing his drink.

"Old Dhaka is superbly unique. The chaos, the friendliness, the hospitality and the vibrancy are unparalleled. And the iftar, needless

to say, is superbly delicious."

Thoroughly impressed Mishaal was.

THE MELTING POT

After the culinary adventure in Old Dhaka, it was Mishaal's turn to show his part of the city to Abed.

Mishaal invited his friend for sehri. They met up at Nawab Chatga, a Chittagonian restaurant.

"Nawab Chatga is a perfect example of what the culinary scene of New Dhaka is all about," Mishaal explained, adding, "New Dhaka features a diverse mix of cuisines. From Italian to Japanese to Korean, the palate of the people of New Dhaka seeks a wide array of foods from different countries and regions."

And hence Nawab Chatga, the Chittagonian eatery, is a perfect example.

The owners, who hail from Chittagong, have brought their cuisine to Dhaka. Mezbaani beef is perhaps the signature dish of the port city. "It's a beef dish like no other, with a unique mix of ingredients and cooking process," Mishaal said as he served a spoonful of the dish on his friend's plate of rice.

"Another beef item that you must try is the kaala bhuna," he continued.

With the meal served, the friends indulged in the delicious Chittagonian food. "You may have had a version of kaala bhuna in Old Dhaka," Mishaal explained. "But this is the authentic one. The difference is in the slow and intricate cooking process."

Abed from Old Dhaka ate wholeheartedly, enjoying the beef curries and also the 'loitta fry'. "These are things we would never get in Old Dhaka," he admitted.

New Dhaka is known for its sleek lounges and famous franchises and the large variety of different cuisines. Old Dhaka, on the other hand, sticks to its traditional food, along its unique ambience.

And just like these two friends -- Mishaal Aziz and Md Abed Ali Khan -- both the worlds have a lot to be proud of and to learn from one another.



The Roads and Highways Department with the help of local administration demolishes 52 illegally constructed shops in Manikganj bus stand area yesterday.

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