



With ferry services across the Padma river, between Najirganj and Joukura points, suspended for several months, people have been risking their lives by crossing the mighty river on engine boats, motor launches and even dinghies. The photo was taken last week.

NAJIRGANJ-JOUKURA FERRY SERVICES

Poor navigability in Padma falters Pabna-Rajbari communications

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Near about a thousand people travelling every day on Pabna-Rajbari road are facing immense sufferings as ferry services between Najirganj and Joukura points, over the mighty Padma river, remain suspended over the last couple of months due to poor navigability.

Roads and Highways Department (RHD) operates the service, but they do not have the capacity to maintain navigability of a river through dredging, said AKM Samsuzzoha, executive engineer of RHD in Pabna.

With the service suspended, many people are risking their lives to cross the river at Najirganj and Joukura points on dinghies, engine boats and ramshackle

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motor launches.

Enamul Haque, from Rajbari Sadar upazila, said he commutes on the route two times a week,

from Rajbari to his work in Pabna, as the distance between Rajbari and Pabna Sadar upazila via Najirganj and Joukura is only 47 kilometres.

If I wanted to get to Rajbari district on bus via Kushtia, I would have to travel at least 80 to 100 kilometres. So, to cut the distance short, I prefer crossing the river at Najirganj and Joukura ghats.

Ever since the ferry services got suspended, he has been crossing the river on a boat or a launch, he added.

When the ferry services were available, it would cost only Tk 50. But now, taking advantage of the situation, boat and launch operators are charging Tk 80 to 100," said another frequent traveller, Mohammad Ronny,

from Aphra village of Rajbari. Nurul Islam, manager of Najirganj-Joukura ferry services, said they used to operate ferries four times a day and 20 to 25 buses used to carry over a thousand passengers every day.

Poor navigability started to disrupt the services from March and they finally had to suspend the services around mid-September, he added.

Asked how they intend to restore the ferry services, AKM Samsuzzoha, the RHD executive engineer in Pabna, said since they are unable to dredge the Padma river, they were exploring options to relocate the ferry docks.

However, the process might take some time, he also said.

Swapan's success in prawn farming

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Swapan Kumar Biswas, a resident of Mahdebpur village in Jhenidah's Kaliganj upazila, has been success in prawn farming. He is a field assistant of the upazila fisheries office by profession.

Swapan said when he was posted in Sathkhira's Shyamnagar upazila in 1989/90, he got inspiration to cultivate prawn as the district contributes greatly to foreign exchange earnings from shrimp export. There are a number of prawn farms in Sathkhira.

Last year, he set up a farm named Shohag Fishery Farm at his own village Mahdebpur where he dug a pond on 80 decimals of land and started prawn farming.

He released 3,200 prawn fry into the pond in February this year, said Swapan, adding that he has spent Tk 1.30 lakh for the farming till now.

He started harvesting from the last week of November. He has already sold 130 kg of prawn. Per



Swapan Kumar Biswas produces sweet water prawn at Mahdebpur village in Jhenidah's Kaliganj upazila.

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kg comprising six to seven prawns was sold for Tk 1000 to Tk 1100.

He added that he will be able to sell more 150 kg within the shortest possible time.

Swapan hopes that he can earn a profit of Tk 1.50 lakh by selling the rest prawns in his pond.

Young entrepreneurs from different areas in Jhenidah and

other adjoining districts throng the pond when the men of Swapan catch the fish. They seek advice from him.

He further added that he will expand his farm in the next year as it is very profitable venture. The ponds on sandy land is very suitable for this farming.

A jobless youth, Setu Ghosh of Khedapara village in Kaliganj upazila, said hearing Swapan's success in prawn farming, he has recently visited the pond. Its farming is different from other fish farming.

Md Saidur Rahman, officer of Kaliganj upazila fisheries office, said sweet water prawn is more profitable than shrimp cultivation in saline water. Swapan Kumar has found success in the prawn farming.

Many people, especially local youths, are now following Swapan's footsteps, he said.

From now, they will practice this farming and encourage the locals for farming this variety, said the officer.

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Remark on Sculpture: Protest sparks in dists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

People in Dinajpur and Joypurhat formed separate human chains in the district towns yesterday, demanding arrest of Hefajat-e-Islam leader Mawlana Mamunul Haque for opposing establishment of Bangabandhu's sculpture.

In Dinajpur, several hundred people took to the street and formed a human chain in front of Dinajpur Press Club in Kalitola area of the town in the morning.

Speakers alleged that some people are intentionally trying to destroy the communal harmony in the country.

Away in Joypurhat, people from different political and socio-cultural organizations formed a human chain and staged demonstration at Zero Point in this regard yesterday.

A hospital falling apart

MD AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Nothing seems to be working for Upazila Health Complex in Khalajuri of Netrakona.

Only five out of the 15 allocated doctors now serve around 300 people every day at the outpatient services of the 31-bed hospital that does not have any clinical diagnostic laboratory.

The operation theatre has been collecting dust over the past for 20 years as technicians as well as the hospital's specialised physician positions such as surgeon, anaesthetist, gynaecologist and medicine specialist had gone unfilled.

The posts of a resident medical officer, a dental surgeon, a medical officer, two medical assistants, two lab technicians and a radiographer have also been vacant for a while now, said Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer Ataul Ghani Osmani.

There are 20 posts for nurses in the 130-member staff assigned for the medical facility. But presently, 16 nurses are in



The Upazila Health Complex in Khalajuri may look all right from outside for a small medical facility, but inside it is plagued by various impediments.

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service and four among them are on deputation, he added.

There is no blood bank at the facility and its lone X-Ray machine, installed 10 years ago, is turning into junk without any technician to operate it.

The health complex could be a blessing for thousands of impoverished people in the upazila that largely remains inaccessible most of the year due to a number of haors (wetlands).

But without much of the essential services and diagnostics unavailable at the healthcare facility, they are being compelled to spend an additional Tk 1,000 to Tk 1,500 in transport cost for availing medical services at Netrakona General Hospital, said Nazim Uddin Sarker, former chairman of Krishnapur Union Parishad in the upazila.

Sufferings are inexplicable when a critical patient or a mother-to-be has to be taken all the way to the district hospital for critical care or for childbirth, he added.

The Khalajuri health complex needs to be made fully functional for the sake of the haor people who are helpless without any private medical facility or diagnostic centre in the upazila, said Mohsin Mia, a local journalist.

Contacted, Netrakona Civil Surgeon Selim Mia said expectant mothers from dirt poor families are especially at risk, as they cannot afford to go to the district hospital for their childbirth. However, critical patients can avail the water ambulance service of the Khalajuri health complex to reach the district hospital during the monsoon.

On how to make the hospital in Khalajuri more attractive to health professionals, he said a special allowance specifically for serving in haor areas might be one way to attract the health professionals.

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Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court
Chattogram

Memo No. 75/CMM(Chat)/Nezarat/20

Date: 01/12/2020

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Whereas a warrant of arrest has already been issued against the following accused and whereas the Court after the compliance with the requirements of section 87 and 88 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898, has reason to believe that the following accused has absconded or concealing himself so that he cannot be arrested and produced before trial and whereas there is no immediate prospect of arresting him:

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