

Tk 114-crore excavation work washed back in river

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About Tk 114 crore was spent only last year to excavate a 80-kilometre stretch of Nilphamari's second largest river Charalkantha. But most of the excavated earth, piled up on its side, has already made it back to the river and shrunk it to a mere channel at most places.

Locals are now cultivating paddy on large patches of the filled up river that is also known as Dewnai or Jamuneshwari.

The river is now constricted by washed down earth that had been piled up on its bank and its bed is silted up again -- thanks to unplanned and unmanaged dumping of the excavated earth by the BWDB, alleged locals.

Nilphamari and Saidpur Divisions of Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) conducted the work last fiscal year as part of a government programme undertaken to improve navigability of different water bodies including rivers and canals in 64 districts across the country.

The massive work, however, has been a waste of time and money as thousands of inhabitants living alongside the river will not be able to reap its intended benefit, said locals.

This correspondent witnessed the destruction of the Charalkantha

river during a recent visit to Ambari, Bamunia, Horishchandrapat, Baromashi Ghat, Laxmichap, Bamunia Barobisha, Kachukata, Beradanga, Kalikapur, Beltoli and Bahagli villages in Sadar, Jaldhaka and Kishorganj upazilas.

Azizul Huq, resident of Horishchandrapat village, said one side of the river near his house is now facing erosion as the excavated earth and sand had been dumped only on the other side.

The loose earth and sand, dumped on the riverbank, washed back in the river during rain, as proper compaction measures were not taken during the work, said Sagar Roy, from Bamunia Barobisha village and a former member of the local union parishad.

Farmer Abul Hossain, from Baromashi Ghat village, said privately-owned agricultural land along the riverbank was also damaged by the excavated earth.

Contacted, Aminur Rahman, subdivisional engineer in Nilphamari Division of BWDB, claimed that only 10 percent of the project area had suffered refilling of the river with the excavated earth.

Admitting that the river bed has silted up again, BWDB's Executive Engineer in Saidpur Division Krishna Kamol Chandra Sarker blamed it on "last year's devastating flood".



Children frolic in ankle- to knee-deep water of Charalkantha river near Kachukata bridge on Nilphamari-Jaldhaka road in Nilphamari. The second biggest river in the district lost its depth and turned into a narrow channel after more than half of it was filled up by earth that had been piled up on its bank after its excavation work last year.

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Demra massacre: How far is the state recognition of the martyrs?

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It was May 14 in 1971, when residents of Demra village and traders of Demrahaat (one of the leading rural markets during that time) were closing their daily works in the evening, suddenly Pakistani occupation troops cordoned off Demra and adjoining villages Rupshi and Bausghari in Pabna and started firing on unarmed villagers.

Demra, a remote Hindu majority village, during liberation war where many people from different areas came for taking shelter, but occupation army along with their local collaborators launched a brutal attack on the villages killing unarmed people, pillaging their houses and then burning them down.

More than 800 people including over 300 Hindus were massacred in the attack. However, there has been no state recognition of the martyrs till now.

"The occupation army killed my elderly father Monindranath Nandi in front of my eyes. I managed to save my life climbing up a tree but my old father could not flee from the troops," said Ratan Kumar Nandi of Demra village adding that most of the Hindu houses came under attack on the day.

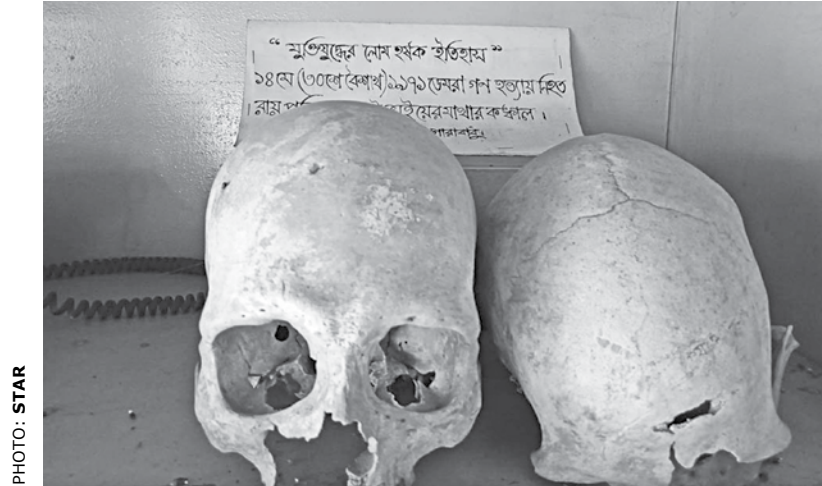
"The occupation army set fire to the house of Roy family (exact name of victims could not be confirmed). Two brothers were burnt alive in the house as the occupation troops set fire keeping them in the house." Ratan, also an eye witness to the incident, said.

Many people took shelter at the Roy family, an elite Hindu family, but none of the family survived after the massacre, Md Shah Alam, a resident of Demra village, said.

"Demra has turned into a graveyard as the mortal remains were strewn everywhere in Demra during the massacre. There is hardly any house in the village which was not subjected to bullets, arson attacks or pillage on that day," Shah Alam, also said.

"My father Jagadish Kundu, a cloth trader at Demra haat during that time, was a well-established businessman in the village. When the Pak army started attacking the Hindus, my father and my uncle Jatish Kundu went to resist them while I along with my family members was running for a safe shelter." Ashok Kundu, son of Jagadish, said.

"When I was moving along with my



The skulls of two siblings of Roy family who were burnt alive in their home at Demra of Pabna's Faridpur upazila during the massacre. A local library has preserved the two skulls of the martyrs as the sign of massacre.

mother my younger brother found the body of my father lying near the Bausghari road. After returning home, I found nothing. Our house was ravaged by the arson attack by the Pak army," Ashok also said.

"Overwhelmed with the loss, we were hiding inside a canal in Rupshi area, suddenly we heard the sound of a baby crying. After sometime, we discovered my cousin crying by the side of the dead body of my uncle," he went on saying.

"My uncle Joush could manage to save life of his baby but he was shot dead. We could not arrange funeral for my father and uncle, they were buried in the mass killing spot in Rupshi-Bausghari along with several hundred martyrs," Ashok said.

Ashok Kundu, however, said the country is observing 50-year anniversary of independence but the martyr families have been waiting for the recognition of the martyrs till now.

"We have lost my father, my uncle, our business, house everything, the rich families were reduced to beggars. My father and uncle who sacrificed their lives in the massacre are yet to be recognised as martyrs," Ashok said demanding the state recognition of the martyrs of Demra.

My father Khorshed Prang, uncle Khobir Prang, cousin Eusuf Ali embraced martyrdom in the massacre, they were buried in a day after the massacre, said Abdul Hai, of village

DemraChorpara.

A memorial was built in the mass graveyard in 2009 where over three hundred people were buried while a monument was built in Demra bus stand area for commemorating the martyrs, the permanent memorial is under construction in the Demra area, he said, adding that till the martyrs of the massacre could not be recognised.

"We, the family members know the names of three martyrs in our family. For the last 50 years, we have been struggling to get their recognition as martyrs, till their names are yet to be enrolled in the list of martyrs." Abdul Hai added.

"Like my family members most of the martyrs are going to be faded from the memory of the people with the passage of time so the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the nation must be recognized," he demanded.

Kabir Mahamud, deputy commissioner of Pabna, however, said the memorials have been built here to preserve the memory of the massacre but the enrollment of the martyrs in the list depends on the proper study of the incident.

"Due to the lack of detailed study of the massacre, names of most of the martyrs are yet to be available. If a proper study is carried out and the details about the martyrs can be known, it will be easier to enroll their names into martyr's list," the DC said.



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Request For Expression of Interest (EOI)

Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Labour and Employment (MOLE)
Agency	: Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments (DIFE)
Procuring Entity Name	: Md. Yousuf Ali
Procuring Entity Code	:
Procuring Entity District	: Dhaka
Expression of Interest for Selection of	: Consulting Firm (National) Lump Sum
Title of Service	: Documentary preparation on life sketch of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
EOI Ref. No	:
Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	: 17/05/2021
KEY INFORMATION	
Procurement Sub-Method	: Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION	
Budget and Source of Fund	: Revenue Budget and GOB
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
EOI Closing Date and Time	: 30/05/2021

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

Brief Description of the Assignment:

The firm will be responsible for preparing video documentary on life sketch of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Documentary will be covered the below segment:

- 1920-1947** (The socio economic condition of British Bengal, Bangabandhu Childhood (Tungipara, Primary school, High school, Islamia College (Kolkata), Bekar Hostel, Dhaka University), Bangabandhu's involvement in social welfare and beginning of politics, Effort to help in the communal riot)
- Language Movement and Bangabandhu** (Bangabandhu rising in politics, Foundation of student league and Awami League, Leadership in language movement)
- United Front Election** (Election campaign, Bangabandhu as Minister, roles as Industry Minister, Leaving the cabinet to work for the people and the party)
- Six point movement and 69 movement** (Six point declaration and movement, Agartala conspiracy case, Leaving the cabinet to work for the people and the party)
- Bangabandhu title and declaring the name of a new nation**
- Election of 1970**
- Liberation war of 1971** (7th march speech, Excellence in leadership of the father of the nation, How sonar Bangla was imagined in that time of liberation war)
- Head of the government (1972-1975)** (Return to Bangladesh on 10th January, International recognition of Bangladesh as a sovereign and strong nation, Economic and labour reforms (May day declaration in Bangladesh), Effort to create employment, Speaking for the labour and farmer class of Bangladesh)
- 1975, death of dreams**

Also the requirement as per TOR.

Experience, Resource and Delivery Capacity Required

- Must have similar working experience under Govt. / Semi-Govt. / Autonomous body (Work order with work completion certificate must be submitted, during last three years)
- Valid trade license, VAT and TIN.
- Company certificate of Incorporation in case of company.
- Bank credit / working capital / bank liquid certificate of at least BDT 20 lac.
- Proof of overall working experience minimum three years in Govt. / Semi-Govt. / Autonomous body.
- List of working personal and expert shall have to be submitted.

Association with foreign firm	: Not encouraged
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Note: the detail TOR can be seen in the DIFE website (www.dife.gov.bd).

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e-GP: Tender Notice No.32(2020-2021)

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Sl No	Package no.	Tender ID & Ref No	Description of goods	Tender Documents Last selling (Date & Time)	Tender Closing date & Time	Tender Opening date & Time
4.	PN: GD-07	578660 & IRN: 486	Field Equipment 03 items	30.05.2021 12:00	30.05.2021 13:00	30.05.2021 13:00

The interested persons/firm may visit the website www.eprocure.gov.bd to get the details of the tender.

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Project Name: "Farm Machinery Technology Development for Profitable Crop Production" Project.

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