



Char Dakshin Gabura Government Primary School is on the verge of being devoured by the Teesta river in Pircachha upazila of Rangpur.

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## Primary school at risk of going into the Teesta

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A government primary school on the Teesta river is now on the verge of being devoured by the river due to erosion in Rangpur's Pircachha upazila.

The Teesta is just 50 yards away from the school building in Chhawla union of the upazila, said Headmaster Md Akram Hossain of Char Dakshin Gabura Government Primary School.

"Workers hired by the local administration are trying hard to protect the school building from erosion by dumping sandbags," he told The Daily Star.

A total of 5,500 sandbags have already been dumped in the affected area since Friday to protect the building, he added.

Locals said a building of the school, which

was established in 1991, had gone into the river in 2013 due to erosion of the Teesta.

The following year, a new building was constructed on the school land. This structure is now threatened by erosion.

According to locals, erosion has been a common problem for them over the years. The Teesta was flowing far away from the school building a couple of years ago, but it has moved closer to the structure swallowing homes and land.

The authorities were quite late in taking steps to protect the school from erosion. The situation would not have been so grave if they had taken measures on time, said locals.

The headmaster said the school had many students before its previous building was devoured by the Teesta. But the number dropped later as many local residents were

forced to relocate due to erosion, he added.

Badsha Alam, chairman of Chhawla Union Parishad in Pircachha, said the flow in the Teesta remained stable in the last few days. "Hopefully, there will be no problem as enough sandbags have already been dumped in the affected area. But if the river swells further, it would be tough to protect the school."

The chairman said about 50 families have so far been affected by erosion in the area in the last three weeks.

Sheikh Samsul Arefin, upazila nirbahi officer of Pircachha, said he along with several other officials of the local government and water development board visited the school several times and decided to dump sandbags in the erosion-hit area.

He said steps have already been taken to protect the school from erosion.

## 200 metres of dreadfulness

SUZIT KUMAR DAS

It's just 200 metres of road but it is a key part of a thoroughfare that has been in appalling state for a year in Bhanaga municipality of Faridpur.

The people of Bhanaga town say they can't even walk on that piece of road after a light shower as the pothole-ridden surface becomes filthy with stagnant water and mud.

During monsoon, the road becomes almost unfit for traffic movement as water remains stagnant for days.

While visiting the municipality, this correspondent saw that the road, locally known as Thana Road on the west of the Dhaka-Barishal highway, was in a sorry state.

The road connects Bhanaga Bazar Bus Stand and Kumar river and locals say the road is one of the most significant roads in the upazila as vegetable, fish and meat markets, Bhanaga Government KM College, Bhanaga Post Office, Additional Police Superintendent's Office of Bhanaga Circle, Bhanaga Police Station, Bhanaga Land Office and other important government offices are on both sides of the road.

At least 5,000 people have to use

the road every day, they said.

The road was repaired two years ago under the supervision of the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED).

This work was done by the company, locals said.

They said protests were held about the poor quality work being done two years ago but the "repairs" went ahead anyway.

M Nazrul Islam, a jeweler, said, "All traders like me are suffering due to the condition of the road." He claimed that he was getting fewer customers because of this.

Imdad Sheikh, who drives a three-wheeler, said, "We often can't go on the road with goods from the market due to the road condition. Our vehicles have to be pushed passed the area some times."

Abdul Malek Mia, engineer of Bhanaga upazila Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), said the road is under Bhanaga municipality but the LGED repaired it under a project two years ago.

"Now we have no funds to repair the road. The area needs a drainage system too."



The pothole- and crack-ridden Thana Road in Bhanaga municipality of Faridpur. It is hard to tell that this road was repaired two years ago.

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## Teen calls UNO to avert child marriage

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A 15-year-old girl was saved from child marriage in Nilphamari Sadar on Monday night after she contacted the upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) over phone seeking help.

Before the arrival of the would-be groom for the wedding, the girl sent a text message to the UNO's cell phone saying the marriage was taking place against her will.

The girl, a class-X student, lives in Nittayanandi village of the upazila.

Shantona Chakrovarti, vice chairperson of the upazila, said the girl's parents tried to married her off with a youth from nearby Itakhola village on Monday night.

Before the arrival of the would-be groom for the wedding, the girl sent a text message to the UNO's cell phone saying the marriage was taking place against her will.

She pleaded with the UNO to save her from the marriage. She also said she wanted to continue her studies, Shantona said.

Receiving the call for help, UNO Jesmin Nahar accompanied by Shantona and others rushed to the spot and foiled the child marriage.

The parents were also reprimanded, Shantona added.

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