

Landslides endanger Habiganj Tripura village

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

An indigenous village of the Tripuras, located on hillocks in Chunarughat upazila of Habiganj, is facing decimation due to landslides.

The Satchhari Tripura village, now inhabited by 24 families, has been in existence alongside a creek inside present-day Satchhari National Park since 1947.

But indiscriminate lifting of sand from the creek about 25 years ago has led to erosion of the banks of the creek and that ultimately has been causing recurring landslides of the hillocks every year, especially during the monsoon, said Chitta Ranjan Debbarma, a resident of the village.

At least five houses were destroyed ever since and three more will face the same fate unless an embankment is made along the creek before the next monsoon.

The Tripura village is about to disappear, but their repeated requests of building an embankment along the stream fell on deaf ears, he alleged.

According to Chunarughat upazila administration, they so far relocated five of the families whose houses were at the risk of collapse.

"My house might tumble down any time. Where would I go then?" said villager Nirmal Devbarma, 58.

A 92-year-old villager, Shri Ram Devbarma, said only the prime minister can save the indigenous community as the local public representatives including the upazila nirbahi officers (UNO) over the past ten years had given them nothing but assurances.

The villagers said they witnessed a massive landslide following a few days of incessant rain last year and they were wary of a catastrophe any time.



A house on the verge of collapse near the landslide site of a hillock at Satchhari Tripura village in Chunarughat upazila of Habiganj.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

Range Officer Mahmud Hasan of Satchhari National Park confirmed that parts of the hillocks, inhabited by the Tripuras, have been subsiding.

A walk bridge and a watch tower in the area are also at risk of collapse due to landslides, he added.

Tofazzal Sohel, general secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon's Habiganj unit, said illegal sand lifting causes damage to homes and roads every year and homes of a good

number of Tripura families are now in danger due to the same cause.

Chunarughat Upazila Parishad Chairman Abdul Qadir Lashkar said the poor villagers have nowhere else to go and they need to be rehabilitated.

Contacted, former Chunarughat UNO Satyajit Ray Das, who was transferred out of the upazila recently, said he informed Habiganj deputy commissioner of the situation and Bangladesh

Water Development Board was already making assessment in the affected area for a permanent solution to the problem.

Narayan Saha, former head of Forestry and Environmental Science department at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, said among other factors, unplanned tree felling in the hills could also contribute to landslides.

Potholes rule roads in Kalapara town

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Around 4 Kilometres of road in Kalapara municipality is in a dilapidated condition due to absence of proper drainage network and routine maintenance.

The condition of the pothole-riddled roads worsened further due to accumulation of rainwater during this monsoon season. The roads have become impassable for all sorts of vehicles, let alone for pedestrians.

Orphanage Road resident Abu Musa said most of the roads in the municipality are now unfit for movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

The roads get muddy or submerged in ankle-deep rainwater even after a short spell of rain, making those extremely difficult for vehicles or pedestrians to pass.

Although the municipal authorities are repairing some of the roads, but that is still not enough, considering the overall situation, he also said.

Urging the authorities to relieve the townspeople of sufferings by repairing the roads urgently, Rahmatpur resident Abdur Rashid Khan said people walking through these roads cannot reach their destinations

without having their clothes tainted with mud or dirty water.

Auto-rickshaw driver Abdur Rahim said at least four kilometres of roads in different parts of the town are full of potholes, leading to traffic congestion and frequent accidents.

During a visit to the area recently, innumerable mud and water-filled potholes were found in various roads including the road between Old Ferry Terminal and College, Rahmatpur Road via Orphanage, Thana Road, Upazila Road, Animal Resources Road and both roads beside the radar station.

Especially the Sadar Road, Thana Road and Rahmatpur Road were not even safe for pedestrians to walk through.

Locals alleged that the roads turned for the worse as those did not undergo any repair work in a long time.

Contacted, Bipul Haldar, the mayor of Kalapara, admitted that the state of some of the roads in the town has worsened.

However, work was underway to repair some of the roads and the townspeople would get relief from the sufferings once all the roads are repaired after the monsoon.



Part of a dilapidated road in Patuakhali's Kalapara town. The photo was taken recently.

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Over 600 bighas of farmland in Tentulia waterlogged

Local influential blocks water passage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

About six hundred bighas of Aman paddy have remained under water at Kaldaspara village in Tentulia upazila of Panchagarh as a local influential person has built a poultry shed blocking the waterflow through a culvert.

Being worried about of incurring huge losses, the affected farmers have submitted a complaint with the local administration but no action has yet to be taken.

According to the complaint, it was learnt that the local government department built a culvert on the road at Kaldaspara village for ensuring passage of rain waters during monsoon decades ago.

Recently, one Amir Hamza son of Abu Bakkar of the village set up poultry

shed on the passage of the culvert causing waterlogging and the cropland went under water after the rainfall started in monsoon.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw a vast tract of Aman paddy has gone under water as the passage of the culvert was blocked. If the poultry shed is not removed immediately, there is apparently no hope for the Aman crops to mature.

Nur Mohammad, a farmer of the village, said, "We are getting frustrated and worrying about facing huge losses in this Aman season as the passage of water has been blocked by the poultry shed."

Makbul Hossain, another farmer of the village, said over 70/80 families depend on the Aman crop as it is the only cash crop to bear the family

expenses.

"To resolve the problem, we went to the officials concerned but we are yet to get a solution. I do not know how we will manage the family expenditure for the next year," he also said.

When the villagers went to talk with Amir Hamza, he told them that he built the shed on his own land.

Contacted, Amir Hamza said, "I have built the shed for doing my business on my land, will I keep my land unused forever?"

Officer-in-Charge of Tentulia Police Station Abu Sayem Mia said that they were looking into the matter.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Tentulia Sohag Chandra Saha said after visiting the spot physically, the local UP chairman has been asked to settle down the matter talking with both the sides.

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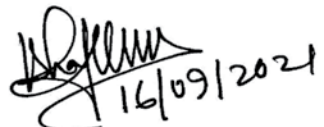
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2	610113	Supply of Process Chemicals for Water Treatment Plant (Under Framework Contract)	15-Sep-2021	06-Oct-2021 03:00 PM	07-Oct-2021

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Invitation For Tenders

Machinery and Equipment	
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH	
1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
2. Agency	Essential Drugs Company Limited (EDCL), Dhaka, Bangladesh
3. Procuring Entity Name	Project Director
4. Procuring Entity District	Gopalganj
5. Invitation For	Procurement of Machinery and Equipment
6. Invitation Ref. No.	EDCL/PD-Gopalganj/ ICT/Machinery & Equipment/2021/37
7. Date	13 September, 2021
KEY INFORMATION	
8. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) -International
FUNDING INFORMATION	
9. Budget & Source of Funds	GOB (Government of Bangladesh)
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
10. Project Code	1270101-22402000
11. Project Name	Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3 rd Plant), Gopalganj
12. Tender Package No.	GD - 15
13. Tender Package Name	Machinery and Equipment
14. Brief Description of Goods	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Qualification and Validation of Blow Fill Seal (BFS), Cap Welding, Tablet Compression Machine and High Particulate Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) Machine.
15. Location of the Project	Gopalganj Sadar, Gopalganj, Bangladesh
16. Tender Publication Date	17 September, 2021
17. Tender Last Selling Date	Date : 01 November, 2021, Time : 03:00 PM
18. Tender Submission Date and Time	Date : 02 November, 2021, Time : 02:00 PM
19. Tender Opening Date and Time	Date : 02 November, 2021, Time : 02:30 PM
20. Name & address of the Office (Selling, Receiving and Opening of Tender Document)	Office of the Project Manager, EDCL (3 rd Plant), Gopalganj C/O: Essential Drugs Company Limited (EDCL) 395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh
21. Pre-Tender Meeting (Place/Date/Time)	Conference Room of EDCL Essential Drugs Company Limited 395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh Date: 06 October, 2021, Time: 11:30 PM
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
22. Eligibility of Tenderer :	Any legal tenderer from any country of the world except Israel. Other eligibility criteria of tenderer shown in the Tender document.
23. Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	BDT 10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Taka) only or equivalent USD in the form of Pay Order in favor of the "Project Director, Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3 rd Plant), Gopalganj."
24. Lot No.	Identification of Lot Location Tender Security
01	Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Qualification and Validation of Blow Fill Seal (BFS), Cap Welding, and Tablet Compression Machine. Gopalganj USD 1,70,000.00 (One Hundred Seventy Thousand US Dollar) or any equivalent currency.
02	Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Qualification and Validation of High Particulate Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) Machine. Gopalganj USD 2,900.00 (Two Thousand Nine Hundred US Dollar) or any equivalent currency.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
25. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Prof. (Dr) Ehsanul Kabir
26. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3 rd Plant), Gopalganj.
27. Address of Official Inviting Tender	395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh.
28. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone : 48116110-11, 58151080, 58152038 Fax : 88 02 8119697 E-mail : 3rdplant@edcl.gov.bd Website: www.edcl.gov.bd
29.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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