

Landslides endanger Habiganj Tripura village

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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

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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.

PHOTO: SOHRAB HOSSAIN

Zia was involved, no doubt: PM

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involved in the conspiracy. Besides, it was stated in the books of Anthony Mascarenhas and Lawrence Lifschultz.

"So, how can they [BNP] deny it?" she asked.

DEBATE ON ZIA'S BODY

Referring to the ongoing debate on Zia's grave at the city's Chandrima Udyan, Hasina said a box was brought from Chattogram which was claimed to contain his body.

She also said freedom fighter Mir Shawkat and the late army chief and former president Hussein Muhammad Ershad had admitted that the box did not contain Ziaur Rahman's body.

The prime minister said discussion is going on about the grave of Ziaur Rahman and whether his body is indeed there, but said that she did not want to say anything more about it.

She said Zia's body was not found after his death in May 1981.

The PM also said "gayebana janaza" of Ziaur Rahman was held.

A few days later, a well decorated box was brought and shown.

She said the question of whether the body was found has come up time and again in parliament and queried that if indeed the body was found, why should there not be a picture of it?

It has been said Ziaur Rahman's body was identified by Colonel Mir Shawkat, a BNP leader, she said.

"I knew him [Shawkat] as a freedom fighter. Once I met him and I asked him to tell the truth [whether he

saw Zia's body] and he replied 'where will I find the dead body?'"

Hasina also said, "I also asked General Ershad that 'you brought a box?', 'Where is the body?'"

"He told me, 'Sister, where will I find the dead body?'"

ZIA WAS 'ODHINAYAK'

In her speech that lasted about an hour, Sheikh Hasina said, "Ziaur Rahman was a freedom fighter and Bangabandhu provided him with a gallantry award. All these are true, but what is his role in the Liberation War actually?"

She said Colonel Aslam Beg, who was in Bangladesh during the Liberation War and later became the chief of the Pakistan army, wrote a letter to Ziaur Rahman during the war complimenting Zia's work.

Beg in his letter said Zia did a good job and Pakistan were satisfied with his work. He also asked Zia not to worry about his [Zia's] wife and sons. Aslam also assured that Zia would be given more work in future, said the PM.

She said she has a copy of the letter. She would bring it to read out in parliament on another day as it should remain in the proceedings of parliament.

"When Khaled Mosharraf had been injured, Major Haider took over the charge. Zia didn't become a sector commander, rather he worked as an 'Odhinayak'," said Sheikh Hasina.

Referring to BNP MP Harunur Rashid, she said the MP mentioned that casualties were high in the area where Zia was in charge. If so, there is a question about what Zia did in the

war.

"Whether he made an arrangement in favour of Pakistan so that our freedom fighters would die... that is my question," she said.

PM URGED MPs

Mentioning that a lot of people were killed in different jails during the regime of Ziaur Rahman, Hasina asked MPs to take an initiative to find out how many people were hanged in different jails during his regime.

"I think our MPs should take an initiative to find out how many people were killed in total during Zia's regime. So many people were hanged in every jail particularly in Dhaka, Bogura, Rajshahi, Khulna, Cumilla and other places. There were coups one after another and hundreds of people were killed," she said.

Hasina said Zia and his allies had accommodated killers, terrorists, militants, war criminals, rapists... but the irony is that they are the ones talking of issues of human rights, knowledge and rule of law.

'DON'T RUN THE COUNTRY ON THE BASIS OF.....'

In her speech, PM said she never ran the country by listening to what the media said and what people said on talk shows.

"I run the country from my heart. Because, my father made this country independent. He had spent years in prison for poor people and dedicated his life. I have learnt from my parents what needs to be done for this people and I use that. I check whether people are getting its benefits. I don't like being disappointed or encouraged by what anyone says," said the premier.

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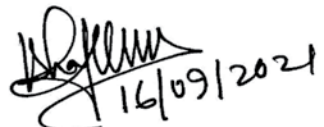
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1	606142	Procurement of General Tools & Consumable items for Sirajganj 225 MW CCPP (Unit-2)	08-Sep-2021	11-Oct-2021 03:30 PM	12-Oct-2021
2	610113	Supply of Process Chemicals for Water Treatment Plant (Under Framework Contract)	15-Sep-2021	06-Oct-2021 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	1270101-224020000
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
Name & address of the Office	Office of the Project Manager, EDCL (3 rd Plant), Gopalganj
20. (Selling, Receiving and Opening of Tender Document)	C/O: Essential Drugs Company Limited (EDCL) 395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh
21. Pre-Tender Meeting	Conference Room of EDCL Essential Drugs Company Limited 395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh
(Place/Date/Time)	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
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