

## Jamuna devours 1,000 homes in Tangail

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With erosion by the river Jamuna taking a serious turn, over 1,000 dwellings and vast tracts of croplands have been devoured in Tangail.

Numerous houses and other structures – including educational institutions – have also remained under erosion threat.

The homeless people are living under the open sky or have taken shelter in safer places, including their relatives' homes, said locals.

Although the local administrations provided financial support to some of the victims, they demanded the construction of an embankment for a permanent solution.

The worst affected areas are Doptior, Solimabad and Bharra in Nagarpur upazila, Beltia and Alipur in Kalihati upazila, Govindasi, Arjuna and Nikrail in Bhuanpur upazila and Kakua and Hugra in Sadar upazila.

Mohammad Danej Sheikha, a farmer from Khash Tebaria village in Nagarpur, had relocated his home from the riverside six times in the last few years. But he could not save the house this year.

"Now I have nowhere to go with my wife and children," Danej said.

Like him, numerous riverbank people in three unions under the upazila faced a similar fate.

Altab Hossain from Solimabad said he already lost his dwelling house to river erosion.

"We have to get our children admitted to another school due to erosion, hampering their education," he added.

The Water Development Board



recently told us that a project was already approved regarding the construction of an embankment," said Shahidul Islam Apu, chairman of Solimabad Union Parishad.

Affected by the flood and erosion, Jorina Begum (35) from Konabari in Bhuanpur along with family and valuables has taken shelter in the flood control embankment in Govindasi. "We do not know where we will go now. No one comes to us with any assistance so far."

On the other hand, a portion of the newly constructed embankment near Bangabandhu Bridge in Beltia, Kalihati collapsed due to erosion, creating a possibility for the nearby localities of being washed away.

Mohammad Jinnah, chairman of Kakua Union Parishad under Sadar upazila, said the dumping of geo bags cannot stop erosion in the area.

Md Sirajul Islam, executive engineer of WDB in Tangail, said they were dumping such bags on an emergency basis.

Asked about the damage caused by the erosion, Tangail District Relief and Rehabilitation Officer Dilip Kumar Saha told The Daily Star, "The number of damaged houses must be at least 1,000."

He added that the district administration has already allocated a total of Tk 7.5 lakh in the three upazilas – Nagarpur, Kalihati and Bhunapur.

When contacted, Tangail Deputy Commissioner Dr Ataul Gani said assisting the affected families is continuing. However, this assistance is not enough for them, he added.

"We have already sent a proposal to the government through the Water Development Board to take measures to prevent river erosion permanently."

## Building wall at old

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The prison authority earlier claimed that the pole was being installed inside the area where a new wall of the jail is planned to be constructed.

The minister said, "He [DIG of Prisons], not sure whether he admits it or not, did a wrong thing by removing the pole. He should have informed the authorities concerned about this disagreement, as both are government offices."

"He [DIG of Prisons] may have shown security reasons while approving the project of Tk 70 lakh, but this is useless and the approving authority must have overlooked it," he said.

Momen said, "I will inform the home minister in this regard, and I believe he will cancel the project."

On Tuesday, SCC Mayor Ariful Haque Chowdhury said the pole was installed as part of the project

"Dhopadighi Area for Better Environment and Beautification", funded by the Indian government, which was inaugurated on June 11. The mayor then informed the matter to the foreign minister and higher authorities of the local government.

Contacted on Tuesday, Muhammad Manjur Hossain, senior jail superintendent of Sylhet Central Jail, said,

"For security reasons, the wall needs to be constructed, and the pole was erected at the location. We will settle this matter soon by discussing with the corporation."

DIG Prisons Md Kamal Hossain could not be contacted after repeated phone calls.

Notably, the old jail near Dhopadighi remains as a backup jail, since a new jail at Badaghali in Sylhet Sadar upazila is being used as the main jail since January 2019.



An "ator (perfume)" seller hands out a sample to a customer to have a smell in Barishal's Chawkbazar area. Traditionally during the time of Eid, these sellers are seen in front of different mosques, selling 30 to 60 ml bottles at a price ranging from Tk 120 to 600. This photo was taken yesterday.

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## A battle to reach

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Shyamoli to Gulistan. Fare of Tk 25 for Dhamondi to Sadarghat rose to Tk 200, it mentioned.

However, Khandaker Enayetullah, general secretary of Bangladesh Road Transport Owners' Association, said the allegations of overcharging are not true. Some isolated cases may have occurred, which is another matter.

Tk 300 bus fare was being taken to go from Uttara to Sayedabad, when the regular fare is Tk 50. Passengers had to pay Tk 200 instead of Tk 30 for

## Univ teacher arrested

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in Uttara on Wednesday night. Even after declining multiple times, she was urged by Nahidul to go, as other classmates will also

be there.

There the two accused molested her, the statement read. The OC said they are currently looking for Nahidul.

## Dhaka cattle

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I've spent around Tk 10 lakh in the last six months to raise these two, I'm getting very low offers."

He's demanding Tk 12 lakh for his Australian bull and Tk 8 lakh for his Shahi Wall.

### MANY TRADERS WAIT FOR LAST DAY

Although there's only one day left, many traders are still waiting to lower prices, just like last year.

Irfan Hossain, a resident of Kazipara, said his budget is Tk 60,000 to buy a bull,

and he will go to the market after evening today.

"Last year, prices were lower on the last day, so we'll wait till then. If we don't get any bulls in our price range, we'll buy goats," he said.

Although the number of customers and sacrificial animals were low in Gabtoli cattle market till Thursday, a huge number of cattle carrying trucks were seen in the afternoon yesterday, which made cattle traders more worried about getting good prices.

## Abu Musa

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August 1971, Avloz was his third operation. The heroism of the freedom fighters spread all over the world after the destruction of the Greek oil-laden ship MT Avloz at Chattogram port on October 2, 1971 under his leadership.

After the accomplishment of Operation Avloz, he took part in operations to destroy MV Turag in Buriganga-Dhaleshwari estuary, to destroy the UN supply ship Mini Lady and Mini Lion in front of the World Godown in Narayanganj and to blow up Kanchpur ferry and pontoon. These naval operations have been marked as milestones in the history of the Liberation War.

The head injuries he sustained during Operation Avloz turned into serious illness two decades after the war, and he bore the brunt of the battle till his last breath, said Mohsin.

**Online cattle**

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her farm were sold online last year.

"This year, we put 12 bulls for sale from our farm. All of them have been sold. We provide home delivery, which has made our sales faster," she explained.

Many have also opted for online purchases due to their convenience.

Robin Raihan, a resident of Uttara, said, "I buy sacrificial animals from an online shop because it is hassle-free."

## In a dire state for 50 years

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hospital, while the number was 5,331 in 2019. This year 2,100 patients have been admitted to the hospital till June.

The authority should put some boundaries at least," she said.

Md Rashed Ahmed got admitted with food poisoning in the first week of May, along with his four colleagues.

"I couldn't bear the odour that was all around the hospital, coming from the abandoned spaces. The wash rooms were a nightmare too," he said.

"When we asked them to clean the wash room, the hospital authority said there was no cleaner."

Medical Officer Md Habibur Rahman said there are only two medical officers, whereas at least

five are required to run the hospital properly.

"There are three vacant posts for cleaning staff. There are no night guards or office assistants. The pharmacist himself performs all these duties. Sometimes, doctors need to be on duty for 24 hours," he said.

"We have sent a letter to higher authorities seeking support to construct a new building and transform it into a 50-bed hospital. But we are yet to receive any response from them," said Suzat Ahmed, Khulna civil surgeon.

About lack of doctors, he said no doctor wants to stay in the hospital due to its poor condition. The situation will improve once the new building is constructed, he added.

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## সেতুর ইজারা কোটেশন আহ্বান বিজ্ঞপ্তি

### (যে আহ্বান)

সড়ক ও জলপথ অধিদপ্তরে তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদার/কিম্বালী প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং ইজারাহার/ইজারার প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হচ্ছে স্ব লাইসেন্স এর ক্ষমতা/অভিজ্ঞতা অনুযায়ী সীলনোহরকৃত থামে বাংলাদেশ স্বর্ণ নং-২১১১-তে কোটেশন আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

০১। ইজারা কোটেশন নং: ০১/ইজারা/কেজারাই/২০২১-২০২২ (যে আহ্বান)।

০২। ইজারার বিবরণ: ০২০২০-২০২০, ২০২০-২০২০ অর্থিক বছরে এর জন্য সড়ক বিভাগ, খুলনা-এর অধীন বেতুমুর-তালা-পাইকগাঁথা-কয়রা সড়কের গুরুত্বপূর্ণ বিনোদন পথে অবস্থিত শিবসন সেতু হচ্ছে প্রাপ্ত প্রকারভাবে যানবাহনের টেল আদায়ের নিষিদ্ধে ইজারার নির্মাণ।

০৩। ইজারা মুক্তির মেরুদণ্ড: ০৩ হাতি ও আহিটসহ মোট উচ্চত সরে ১০% টাকা মাত্র।

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০৭। মুখ্যবন্ধ অবস্থায় ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণ করার পর্যন্ত ও সময়: ০২/০৭/২০২২ তারিখ- মূল্য: ১২:৩০ পর্যন্ত।

০৮। ইজারা তাকে অবশ্যই কোটেশন করার পর্যন্ত ও সময়: ০২/০৭/২০২২ তারিখ- মূল্য: ১২:৩০ পর্যন্ত।

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