



## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



Louhajang River in Tangail town is on its deathbed due to dumping of waste and encroachment, while at least 27 canals have fallen victim to urban sprawl. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

# The tragic demise of Tangail's waterbodies

MIRZA SHAKIL

Tangail, once known for its picturesque waterbodies, now finds itself in the clutches of an alarming environmental crisis. Over the past three decades, this district has been transformed into an unforgiving concrete jungle at the cost of its rivers and open spaces.

Environmentalists have blamed the insatiable greed of the people, the indifference exhibited by a section of public representatives, and the sheer negligence demonstrated by the responsible authorities.

Tangail's natural drainage system, a lifeline that has sustained the municipality for 134 years, now lies in ruins, a casualty of rampant and reckless development. The consequences are dire, with the town's residents now grappling with the agonising aftermath of chronic waterlogging and its accompanying tribulations.

As we observe World Environmental Day today, it is a stark reminder that the urgent need for action cannot be ignored any longer.

## LOUHAJANG RIVER FILLED UP

According to locals and environmentalists, the 76 kilometre-long river has already been filled up in the municipal area with waste.

Originating from the Dhaleswari at Baisnabbari in Sadar upazila, Louhajang flows through the district town and falls on the Banshi at Jamurki in Mirzapur upazila.

Till the '80s, launches and goods-carrying boats plied the river, said locals.

During a recent visit, this correspondent witnessed the waterless river bed filled with bushes.

Additionally, the continuous dumping of industrial

waste from mills and factories at Taratia, Bhatkura, and Khudirampur in Sadar upazila pollutes the river water so badly that locals can't utilise it.

Thus, the river's aquatic life has disappeared while odour from its stagnant and filthy water made living near the river a living nightmare.

Writer and environmentalist Masum Ferdous said illegal encroachment of the riverbank narrowed the river, especially in the municipal area. The river immediately needs dredging, he added.

## 27 CANALS LOST

Citing cadastral survey, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) officials said 27 canals flowed across 18 Tangail wards even three decades ago. As the canals were lost to urban sprawl, the natural drainage system has been destroyed, which resulted in perennial waterlogging.

With the Louhajang losing its navigability, many canals turned waterless, and have become vulnerable to encroachment and pollution.

The municipality has built roads, drainage, and markets, killing these canals. Shaym Babur Khal, also known as

Victoria Canal, which runs through the town is one of them.

The 5km canal used to flow into Burai Beel from Louhajang in Paradisepara.

In the 1990s, the municipality dug a drain on the 30-foot-wide canal from Paradisepara to Godown Bridge, allowing interest groups to claim the site permanently.

After 2001, the municipality built multiple concrete markets on the drain, ignoring objections from locals and environmentalists.

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## Join hands to save rivers

### Speakers tell Rajshahi rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Protesting some of the government's development plans that could affect the country's rivers, green activists brought out a rally in Rajshahi city's Shaheb Bazar area yesterday.

The rally was organised by Poribartan Rajshahi, Bangladesh Working group on External Debt, Coastal Livelihood and Environmental Action Network, and Asian People's Movement on Debt and Development.

The speakers said the plans for shrinking the width of some rivers and developing a city in the Padma in Rajshahi might be suicidal. They said these plans were formulated without the participation of people and would leave a negative impact on the environment and biodiversity of the river areas.

They called for a ban on plastic and urged the government to move to renewable energy. Afzal Hossain, director of RULEAO, and Rashed Ripon, executive director of Poribartan, also spoke.

## Plastic waste plagues Kuakata

### Despite ban, ineffective efforts fail to curb pollution

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Patuakhali's scenic coastal town of Kuakata is grappling with the persistent issue of non-biodegradable plastic waste, including one-time use plastic products and polythene, which are causing significant damage to the environment and neighbouring rivers.

The adverse effects of these pollutants are alarming, and despite efforts to tackle the problem, effective implementation of the ban remains a challenge.

**Kuakata Beach, a popular destination for both locals and foreign tourists, has become a dumping ground for plastic and polythene waste. A recent survey conducted by Blue-Gard, a voluntary youth organisation, in a survey in 2022 found that approximately 23kg (22.77kg) of non-biodegradable waste accumulates on the beach daily.**

Fisherman Abdul Alim, who relies on the Andharmanik river for his livelihood, said that he has noticed a considerable decline in the river's fish population, especially in the last couple of years, due to the presence of plastic waste strewn along the riverbanks.

The pollution of river water has worsened, primarily due to improper disposal of human waste in close proximity to the river, he added.

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## A threat to marine life

### Say speakers on plastic pollution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Plastic pollution is not sparing anything from its wrath, from entering into human food chain to clogging rivers and damaging marine ecosystem, said speakers at a programme yesterday.


The event "Air Pollution from Plastic Burning: Environmental and Legal Aspect" was organised by the Department of Environmental Science of Stamford University on the campus yesterday.

Begum Habibun Nahar, deputy minister for the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, said, "We have to refuse or reuse plastic if we can't recycle it at individual level..."

Manjurul Hannan Khan, former additional secretary, urged the government to apply the law strictly to stop the menace.

Mohammad Anuwarul Haque, general secretary of Bangladesh Nature Conservation Alliance, said, "In a survey, Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation had found 475 species of fish in the Bay of

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Date : 29 May 2023

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e-Tender is invited in the e-GP system Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following goods. Details are given below:

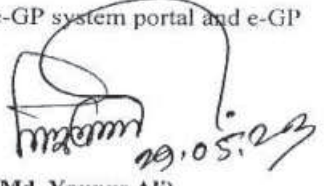
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1.	PN: 15	839794 & IRN : 653	Office Equipment 02 items	07.06.2023 16:00	08.06.2023 12:15	08.06.2023 12:15

The interested persons/firm may visit the website [www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) to get the details of the tender.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, Registration in the National e-GP system portal is required.


Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and e-GP Help Desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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Memo No: 87.402.105.00.00.182.2021.495

Date: 04.06.2023


### "2nd TIME EXTENSION NOTICE OF INTERNATIONAL TENDER"

The Following date of the below mentioned tender is hereby extended as shown below:

Sl. No. in the IFB	Item	Description						
4.	Invitation for Bids for (Package-2)	Renovation, Reinforcement and Augmentation (RRA) of 3 nos. 33/11kV Substations and AIS breaker replacement with GIS breakers at different substations under DPDC.						
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All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

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Sl. No.	Tender ID. No.	Name of Package	Last Date and Time of Tender Security Submission	Tender Closing Date & Time
01	839870	G-08: Campus Networking For Bandarban Government College	22- June-2023 01:00 PM	22- June-2023 02:00 PM

This is an on line tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-Gp portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-Gp portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-Gp system portal have to be deposited online through any registered Banks Branches up to 22-June-2023, 1:00 PM

Further information and guideline are available in the National e-Gp System portal and from e-Gp Help Desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).



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