



Several villages in Jhenidah and Magura are on the verge of disappearing from the map due to the Madhumati river erosion. Inset, the situation is similar in Kurigram and Lalmonirhat where the Teesta has continued to devour homesteads and arable lands. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

Madhumati devours roads, homesteads

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

The erosion of Madhumati river has taken a severe turn in Magura and Jhenidah districts, engulfing roads, crop lands and homesteads.

In Jhenidah, several villages under Shaikupa upazila — Charparia, Moheshpur, Gopalnagar, Harekrishnapur, Armajhi, Raoyupur, Ruijani and Bholanathpur — are fast disappearing from the map due to erosion.

More than two-kilometre stretch of land on the river bank has been lost to erosion already, while many houses, shops and establishments, and crop lands are at risk.

Panic is prevailing among the residents of Gopalnagar, Moheshpur, and Armajhi areas, where enough preventive measures have not been taken.

This correspondent visited the areas recently and found that erosion has

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LALMONIRHAT, KURIGRAM Teesta erosion worsens

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The Teesta river has continued eroding homesteads and arable lands at 12 places in Lalmonirhat and Kurigram districts, after water level rose following heavy rains.

At least 50 homesteads and about 150 bighas of arable lands have already been devoured by the river in the last two days, while around 200 more homesteads and about 1,000 bighas of arable lands are under serious threat.

Marjina Begum, 70, a resident of Kalmati village under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, lost her homestead on five decimal lands to the river on Tuesday noon, and has since then been living under the open sky.

"I don't know how I will move on," she said.

Amjad Hossain, 67, of the same village also lost his homestead and two bighas of arable land to erosion on Tuesday morning, and is now facing a similar plight.

"Teesta has left me destitute," he said.

Executive Engineer of WDB Kurigram Abdullah Al Mamun said they have been dumping sand-filled geo bags at vulnerable places to check erosion. Due to a rise in Teesta water level, the erosion has turned severe, he added.

Mashiar Rahman, project implementation officer in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, said he visited the erosion-hit areas and prepared a list of affected families, who will be given support from the government.

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বিষয়: সেক্টর-৯-১, ২০২৩ সীমিত আয়ের প্রকল্পের সীমিত ব্যক্তিদের এর কারণে বন্ধক স্যাটেলাইট-১ এর সম্প্রদায় কার্যক্রমে সাময়িক বিঘ্ন ঘটা হয়েছে। উপর্যুক্ত বিষয়ের প্রেক্ষিতে জানিয়ে যাচ্ছে যে, সীমিত ব্যক্তিদের (Sun Outage) এর কারণে আনুমানিক ৩০ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০২৩ হতে ০৭ অক্টোবর, ২০২৩ পর্যন্ত নিম্নলিখিত সময় অনুযায়ী বন্ধক স্যাটেলাইট-১ এর সম্প্রদায় কার্যক্রমে সাময়িক বিঘ্ন ঘটতে পারে:

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01-Oct-23	9:31 AM	9:41 AM	10
02-Oct-23	9:30 AM	9:42 AM	12
03-Oct-23	9:29 AM	9:42 AM	13
04-Oct-23	9:29 AM	9:42 AM	13
05-Oct-23	9:29 AM	9:41 AM	12
06-Oct-23	9:30 AM	9:40 AM	10
07-Oct-23	9:31 AM	9:37 AM	6

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Visa policy imposed for political purposes

Says agriculture minister

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Agriculture Minister and Awami League presidium member Md Abdur Razaque yesterday said the United States may have imposed the visa policy due to political purposes.

The minister said this while interacting with local journalists, after inaugurating the agricultural fair at Madhupur Upazila Parishad premises in Tangail.

"Sheikh Hasina will be the prime minister during the election period based on our constitution. We don't care about anyone's visa policy. No one can spoil the election with or without visa restriction," the minister said.

Regarding BNP's 48-hour ultimatum, the minister said, "No matter how many ultimatums BNP gives, they will not succeed in anything."

"I feel sad that BNP's movement will fail again and its activists will sink into despair," he further said.

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Applications in prescribed form, obtainable from the office of the Registrar, are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for filling up 04 (four) permanent posts of Lecturer in the Department of English in Pay scale of Tk. 22,000-53,060/- (NPS-2015).

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AMJAD HOSSAIN
Resident of Kalmati village in Lalmonirhat

DENGUE TESTS IN NOAKHALI Tk 50 on paper, up to Tk 1,500 in reality

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Dengue patients are being over-charged by a syndicate at Noakhali General Hospital, capitalising on the shortage of test kits and intravenous (IV) saline.

While the government fixed dengue test kit prices at Tk 50, with private hospitals charging Tk 300, many patients in Noakhali claimed that they were forced to pay up to Tk 1,500 for the test.

A syndicate of hospital staffers, fourth

class employees, Ansar members, and brokers is cashing on the helplessness of the dengue patients by demanding whatever they can from them for the tests or convincing them to conduct dengue tests at private hospitals instead, alleged locals.

Md Selim, 40, who was admitted to the hospital on Monday, said, "Even though this is a public hospital, I was charged Tk 400 for the dengue test."

Meanwhile, Anis Mahmud, 22, said he

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Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

1. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Agriculture
2. Agency	: Department of Agricultural Marketing (DAM)
3. Name of Procuring Entity	: Agency Program Director, Program on Agricultural and Rural Transformation for Nutrition, Entrepreneurship, and Resilience in Bangladesh (PARTNER-DAM Part), Department of Agricultural Marketing (DAM)
4. Invitation for	: Selection of Firm for "Planning, Design, Development, Upgradation, Deployment, Support & Maintenance of Smart Krishi Market System".
5. Invitation Reference	: 12.02.0000.549.43.017.23.49 Date: 27/09/2023
6. EOI Submission Deadline	: EOI shall be submitted on or before 11/10/2023 at 4:00 PM in sealed envelope delivered to the undersigned and be clearly marked on outer envelope "Request for Expression of Interest for Design, Development, Upgradation, Deployment, Support & Maintenance of Smart Krishi Market System".
7. Procurement Method	: Selection under a Fixed Budget Selection (SFB)
8. Budget and Source of Fund	: GOB (Development), IDA (World Bank)
9. Project Code	: 224374700
10. Name and Address of Receiving EOI Document	: Agency Program Director, Program on Agricultural and Rural Transformation for Nutrition, Entrepreneurship, and Resilience in Bangladesh (PARTNER-DAM Part) Room 513, Front Building, 4 th Floor, Department of Agricultural Marketing, Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.
11. Place of Opening EOI Document	: Room 513, Front Building, 4 th Floor, Department of Agricultural Marketing, Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.
12. Brief Description of the Assignment	: The proposed Smart Krishi Market System is to be developed high-quality and high-capacity software for an integrated and automated Smart Krishi Market System and implement it in all offices under Department of Agriculture Marketing (DAM), including at the field level. To increase dynamism and transparency in all activities by implementing software called "Smart Krishi Market System" for an integrated Krishi Market Management. The system has the following modules: Portal Development, Wholesale Management, Retail Management, Farmer Profile management, Wholesaler / Buyer Management, Admin /Super admin features, others user management, Product Management, Order Management, Communication Management, Reports and Analytics, Dashboard, Common Module Management, Capacity Development, Support & Maintenance Service.
13. Eligibility of Firms	: 1. Must have 8 years experiences in working experience in software development. 2. Must have Valid RJSC Incorporation Certificate, Updated Trade License, TIN, VAT, BASIS Membership certificate. 3. Must have a minimum turnover of 2 crore in each of last three years financial audit report. 4. Must have project completion certificate of a minimum of 5 (five) projects in last 5 (five) years in the field of web or application development out of which at least 3 (Three) projects must be in digitization/automation of a government service/function where all the design, development, implementation and maintenance support (covers SDLC full cycle) service were provided. 5. Each completed project shall have a minimum value of Tk. 50 (fifty) lacs 6. Must have three web application/software development in government public service delivery sector with completion certificate. 7. Documents demonstrating the management and operational capacity of the firm (Brochure, Company Profile and other documents describing company expertise, strength and experience, core functions, products and services, similar assignment or project experience, availability of relevant professional staff and experience among applicants' staff/resources to carry out this assignment.) 8. List (Name, designation, years of experience, number of projects, expertise) of IT personnel who will be engaged to perform the assignment. 9. The minimum amount of Liquid asset/Line (s) of Credit of the firm shall be Tk. 75 lacs (certificate for proving available liquid asset must be issued 03 (three) Months from the date of tender invitation). 10. ISO 9001/ ISO 27001/CMMI L3/CMMI L5 Certified firms will be given preference. NB: Joint Venture not allowed.
14. Details Information of EOI and Proposal	: Firms are requested to submit 01 (one) original copy of EOI with necessary documents at the Program office between 9.00 a.m-4.00 pm within the deadline. In addition, soft copy of EOI (in zipped folder) must be submitted at partner.dam@gmail.com. The procurement shall be regulated as per PPA-2006 and PPR-2008. For submitting proposal details Terms of Reference (ToR) can be obtained from notice board at www.dam.gov.bd.
15. Name of Official Inviting EOI	: Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Al-Faroque
16. Designation of Official Inviting EOI	: Agency Program Director
17. Address of Official Inviting EOI	: Room No-513, Front Building, 4 th Floor, Department of Agricultural Marketing, Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.
18. Contact Details of Official Inviting EOI	: Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Al-Faroque Agency Program Director, Telephone: 02-55028448 E-mail: partner.dam@gmail.com
Note	: The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any packages or all EOI.

Signed/-

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