

BAKKHALI RIVER IN COX'S BAZAR

GRABBERS BACK IN BUSINESS

Months after eviction drive, around 100 structures built encroaching upon the waterbody

MOKAMMEL SHUVO

Months after an eviction drive that demolished over 200 structures illegally built along the bank of Bakkhali river in Cox's Bazar town, the area has been grabbed yet again.

In a recent visit to Kusturaghat area, where the Kuruskul bridge is being built over the river, it was seen that at least 100 structures have been built again by grabbing 54 acres of land, right under the nose of the district administration.

The grabbed land was earlier reclaimed through a drive in March this year.

New structures were also seen being built on both sides of the connecting road to the Kuruskul bridge, along with signs of mangrove trees being plundered in a bid to grab the land.

At least 30,000 trees had been felled just days before the eviction drive was conducted. The Department of Environment (DoE) in Cox's Bazar earlier filed a case accusing 42 people in this connection in February.

Several reports from the district administration, Bangladesh Inland Water Transportation Authority (BIWTA), and DoE identified around 132 grabbers. However, no fruitful step has been taken to recover the river's land from their clutches.



This area in the photo was once part of the mighty Bakkhali -- a river which flows through Nikkanchari and Bardanban upazilas before falling into the Maheshkhali channel in Cox's Bazar town. The waterbody was freed from encroachers just eight months ago, only for grabbers to return to their old ways amid a lack of monitoring. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

The Bakkhali, originating from the hilly region of Nikkanchari upazila of Bandarban and falling in the Maheshkhali channel in Cox's Bazar town, flows spirally through these two districts over a 68-kilometre stretch.

The river used to flow near Badarmokam, before it changed course and currently flows through Kusturaghat.

Land grabbing has occurred on a 5-km stretch of the river from Samuda bridge to the Nuniachhara area near Cox's Bazar airport.

Following a petition filed by the Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association in 2014 and a subsequent High Court order, the district administration conducted the eviction drive on March 1.

After the drive, the administration, however, did not demarcate the land and failed to save it from the hands of grabbers.

Md Jillur Rahman, assistant commissioner (land) of Cox's Bazar Sadar upazila, however, said the structures were demolished as per court directive following the laws of Cox's Bazar Development Authority, which

does not permit construction of any structures without its approval.

While no structure is allowed on lands purely owned by the government, the official said the lands on the Bakkhali bank, however, were recorded as private land in the Revisional Survey (RS) and Bangladesh Survey (BS).

"As an AC (Land), I have no authority to evict the structures on private land. After the eviction drive in March, several violation cases were filed and legal notices were served against us," Jillur added.

Abu Morshed Chowdhury, an environmentalist and president of Cox's Bazar Chamber of Commerce, said there are controversies over the river area. The government should make it a priority to conduct a survey to demarcate the land for the sake of saving the river.

Earlier, through a gazette notification, the government in 2010 employed BIWTA as a conservator of the Bakkhali River Port.

The gazette also directed to hand over 269 acres of land on the river shore at Kusturaghat to BIWTA.

Nayan Shil, BIWTA deputy director in Chattogram, said the land has not been handed over to them yet as they are awaiting the approval of the land ministry in this regard.



'We have never seen so many deaths at once'

Six of a family cremated following Ctg road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg



The Dupapara cremation ground in Chandanaish upazila's Joara area turned into a place of grief and mourning as the bodies of six family members, killed in a bus-auto-rickshaw collision on Tuesday, were cremated yesterday. Hundreds of mourners gathered at there, their silence only broken by the cremation of each body, lasting from 12:30pm to 3:30pm.

The bodies of Rita Rani Das, her two daughters Srabanti Das and Barsha Das, her twin sons Dwip Das and Diganta Das, and her nephew Biplob Das were cremated there.

"The people of this union have never seen so many deaths at once in the last four decades," said Amin Ahmed Chowdhury, 55, chairman of the Joara union.

"I did not dare to look at the faces of the deceased, as I used to see them regularly," said Bimol Das, a neighbour.

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DENGUE OUTBREAK

7 more die, 1,912 hospitalised in a day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least seven more people died from dengue in the 24 hours preceding 8:00am yesterday as the country grapples with a record outbreak of the mosquito-borne disease.

Of the seven deaths, three were reported in the capital.

At least 1,912 dengue patients were hospitalised in the 24-hour period, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

Dengue has so far claimed at least 1,432 lives this year and nearly 285,505 were infected, making this the deadliest year since the first recorded epidemic in 2000.

At least 6,413 dengue patients were undergoing treatment at different hospitals across the country. A total of 277,660 patients have so far been released from hospitals.



PRAYER TIMING

NOVEMBER 9

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5:00 12:45 3:45 5:25 7:00

JAMAAT 5:35 1:15 4:00 5:30 7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the District Primary Education Office

District: Thakurgaon

www.dpe.thakurgaon.gov.bd

Memo No. dpeo/thak/2023/1511

Date: 07-11-2023

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| 01 | Furniture supply for 118 Nos. Classroom and 13 Nos. Teacher Room of selected 29 Nos. of Govt. Primary School at different location of Thakurgaon district. | e-Tender NBIDGPSP-1/ G1.0109 | 670985 | 27-Nov-2023 16:00 | 28-Nov-2023 15:00 | 28-Nov-2023 15:00 |
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| 01. | 897722 | Construction of upazila model mosque and Islamic Cultural Center at Palash, Narsingdi under the project of Establishing 560 model mosques and Islamic Cultural Centers in Zila and Upazila of Bangladesh | 06-12-2023 12.00 | 07-12-2023 12.00 |

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Dated: 06/11/2023

e-Tender Notice-LGCRRP/CCC/dly-03/2023-24/02

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| Sl No | Package No. | Name of the sub-project | Tender ID | Tender document last selling/download ing date & time | Tender closing & opening date & time |
|-------|--------------------------------|---|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | LGCRRP/Chattagram/2023-23/W-24 | Emergency response and development of Iqbal Road Old Fisheries Ghat Road at 34 No. Patharghata ward. | 897778 | 07-Dec-2023 11:00 | 07-Dec-2023 14:30 |
| 2 | LGCRRP/Chattagram/2023-23/W-25 | Emergency work response and development of Rasulbag R/A to Bakalia Excess Road at 17 No. Bakalia ward. | 898526 | 07-Dec-2023 11:00 | 07-Dec-2023 14:30 |
| 3 | LGCRRP/Chattagram/2023-23/W-26 | Maintenance Work of City Corporation Urban Health Care Center (Sayed Shah Road, west Bakalia) at 17 No. ward. | 898537 | 07-Dec-2023 11:00 | 07-Dec-2023 14:30 |
| 4 | LGCRRP/Chattagram/2023-23/W-27 | Emergency response and development for Khal Par Road at 35 No. ward. | 898577 | 07-Dec-2023 11:00 | 07-Dec-2023 14:30 |
| 5 | LGCRRP/Chattagram/2023-23/W-28 | Emergency work response and development work in Jalilganj area road at 34 No. Patharghata Ward. | 898545 | 07-Dec-2023 11:00 | 07-Dec-2023 14:30 |
| 6 | LGCRRP/Chattagram/2023-23/W-29 | Maintenance work of City Corporation Urban Health Care Center at 19 No. ward. | 898562 | 07-Dec-2023 11:00 | 07-Dec-2023 14:30 |
| 7 | LGCRRP/Chattagram/2023-24/W-31 | Development of Footpath at Katgor Junction to Tunnel Moor (Part-2) at 41 No. Ward (South Patenga). (Ch. 00-3000.00) | 898559 | 07-Dec-2023 12:30 | 07-Dec-2023 14:30 |
| 8 | LGCRRP/Chattagram/2023-24/W-32 | Development of Footpath at Saltgola Moor to Katgor Moor (Part-2) at 40 No. North Patenga Ward. (Ch 00-3000.00) | 898560 | 07-Dec-2023 12:30 | 07-Dec-2023 14:30 |
| 9 | LGCRRP/Chattagram/2023-24/W-30 | i. Development of Dailpara Primary School Road at 41 No. Ward. (Ch 00-385.00 m) ii. Development of Dailpara Primary School Road side Drain and Footpath at 41 No. Ward. (Ch 00-385.00m) | 898561 | 07-Dec-2023 12:30 | 07-Dec-2023 14:30 |

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