



Dead raintrees beside the Satkhira-Ashashuni road. With their frail trunks that can collapse at any minute, the tress that once shaded the locals and left commuters with a serene memory now pose a serious risk of accidents.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Dead trees a safety hazard on Satkhira roads

DIPANKAR ROY, *Khulna*

Curled up leafless twigs rattling with every breeze and decaying tree trunks crowd the roads of Satkhira.

With little or no care, hundreds of dead raintrees, locally known as Shirish, lay abandoned across nine roads in the district.

Planted about three decades ago, their dried-up frail carcasses now pose a serious risk of accident for commuters.

However, there was a time when these trees use to flaunt their green leaves with the rhythm of winds as locals enjoyed their cool shade.

"The trees started to dry-out about 5-6 years ago. Over a thousand have died so far while many others are counting their final breath," said Abdul Hai, a local who regularly commutes on

the Satkhira-Ashashuni road.

According to Satkhira Zilla Parishad, 307 big trees on both sides of Satkhira-Chandpur road, 227 on Kadamtala-Baikari road, 200 on Kulya-Romnagar road, 147 on Patkelghata-Doluya road, 27 on Jhowdanga-Baliadanga road, 450 on Nazimganj-Nurnagar road, 250 on Shyamnagar-Kashimari road, 200 on Shyamnagar-Nawabeki road, and 270 trees on Satkhira-Kaliganj road are dead.

THE REASON

Prof Dr Md Kamruzzaman of Khulna University's forestry and wood technology stream told this newspaper that he had inspected some of the dead raintrees near the Khanjahan Ali Bridge on the request of the Roads and Highways department about a decade ago.

He observed insects had infested the trees, making holes into their trunks.

This meant the trees were unable to make any food. All of them died eventually. Failing to identify the pests, he had recommended in-depth pathological research, he said.

But it took years for the authorities concerned to respond. In 2022, some researchers from the Forest Research Institute in Chattogram came to collect samples from the dead trees, said GM Maruf Billah, officer-in-charge of Social Forest Department, Satkhira.

"They found the trees under the attack of 'Lac insects' and these parasites were taking away the trees' natural ability to produce food," he added.

Terming the condition of the trees on Satkhira-Ashashuni road most vulnerable, he said the department now refrains from planting raintrees as these are

more likely to be infested.

A SAFETY CONCERN

Visiting the Satkhira-Ashashuni and Satkhira-Kaliganj roads recently, this correspondent saw hundreds of dead trees on both sides of the roads.

Multiple partially-broken branches were still seen hanging from the shrunken trunks, waiting to collapse any minute on the pedestrians using the roads.

"The risk multiplies during storms and on windy days. A cyclist was injured last month after a branch fell on him while he was riding his bicycle on the Satkhira-Kaliganj road," said Moniruzzaman, a teacher.

Nazrul Islam, chairman of the Zilla Parishad, said, "The forest department had already finished their survey and pricing. The dead trees will be removed through a tender soon."

Stay vigilant to BNP, Jamaat conspiracies

Says law minister

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Brahmanbaria

BNP-Jamaat is patronising militant organisations, and people of the country should remain alert to any conspiracies they may hatch, said Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday.

The minister was talking to journalists after inaugurating a 97-meter-long bridge constructed at a cost of Tk 5.77 crore over a canal at Bongai village in Brahmanbaria's Akhaura upazila.

Later, he spoke as the chief guest at a public meeting organised at the Eidgah ground.

The law minister claimed there is a threat of terrorist attacks on critical projects and installations, including Padma Bridge, Bangabandhu Tunnel, Elevated Expressway, and television channels.

The minister said BNP-Jamaat is good at creating situations where people would suffer.

"If you (BNP-Jamaat) want to do terrorism, want to destroy the achievements of Bangladesh, then I want to tell you, the law will run its course. The law will be strictly implemented to deal with it," the minister said.



A lake was created for fish farming inside the forest by building a dam. The Forest Department in a drive yesterday recovered the land.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

2,500-acre forest land recovered destroying dam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

A forest department team yesterday recovered around 2,500 acres of forestland Chattogram's Satkania where a dam was built by local influentials.

The team led by Abdullah Al Mamun, divisional forest officer of Chattogram south, conducted a drive from 3:30am till 9:00pm in Sonakanian area under the Forest Division.

"We destroyed the dam and recovered the forestland from encroachers. We will file cases against the culprits after identifying them," said the DFO.

He said the encroachers earlier built a dam, 200ft in length and 20ft wide, to create a waterbody for fish farming in 2021.

The forest is home to different species of trees and wildlife.

During the drive, dozens of farmers came to the spot and expressed their happiness, saying their crop cultivation faced setbacks due to the dam.

Nasir Uddin, an accused, told reporters, "We built the dam after getting a no-objection certificate from the upazila administration in 2021."

However, Ahsan Habib, former upazila nirbahi officer, told reporters, "I didn't give any NOC to build a dam in forestland during my tenure."

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Must protect Chandranath Dham

Speakers tell press conference

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A group of Hindu community people yesterday demanded a ban on tourists at Chandranath Dham in Sitakunda upazila of Chattogram.

The area is a sacred pilgrimage site for the community but now-a-days, a large number of tourists are travelling there, they said.

Only devotees and worshippers should be allowed to visit the area for performing rituals and religious purposes, they demanded.

They came up with a 10-point demand at a press conference organised by Shri Shri Chandranath Dham Rakkha Parishad and Barabkunda Tirtho Dham Unnayan Committee at Chattogram Press Club.

Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari, convener of both the organisations, read out a written statement.

The Barabkunda Dham's priest and worshippers came under attack by miscreants a few days ago, he said.

The attack was carried out to intimidate them as part of a conspiracy hatched by some local influential people to grab the land of the

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| 7 | Invitation Ref No. | 14.39.0000.012.07.002.23-21(M) | | |
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| 10 | Budget and Source of Funds | Company's Own Fund | | |
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