

A flood the north will remember

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This year, the flood in the north has been the worst in recent memory. And it continues to worsen.

New areas in Kurigram, Sirajganj, Lalmonirhat and Thakurgaon, Gaibandha and more are being inundated every day.

In Kurigram, over two lakh people are affected by flooding as the Brahmaputra, Dudhkumar, and Dharla rivers are flowing above danger levels.

The Brahmaputra was 67cm above danger level at Chilmari Point, the Dudhkumar 51cm above danger level at Pateshwari Point, and the Dharla 31cm above danger level at Bridge Point as of yesterday morning, according to the Bangladesh Water Development Board.

"Despite a slight decrease in the Brahmaputra's water level, the overall flood situation is worsening due to rising water levels in the Dharla and Dudhkumar rivers," said Rakibul Hasan, executive engineer of BWDB in Kurigram.

Floodwaters from the Dudhkumar caused a 120-metre dyke collapse in Nageshwari upazila, inundating 17 villages and affecting at least 3,000 families. Many residents have taken refuge on higher ground with their belongings and cattle.

The floodwaters have also damaged vast areas of croplands and Aman paddy seedbeds.

Temporary shelters have been opened for flood victims, and efforts are underway to check water flow through the collapsed dyke by dumping sand-filled geo-bags.

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'We could only save our lives'

Jamuna erosion leaves 100 families homeless

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, back from Sirajganj

It was the night of June 28. Suddenly, Ajuba Begum felt a tremor in the ground that sent shivers down her spine.

It could only mean one thing – the Jamuna, which was at least half a kilometre away from her home in Haat Pachil village under Shahzadpur upazila of Sirajganj, has reached dangerously close.

Ajuba took a glance outside to only confirm the inevitable.

Panicked villagers scrambled for safety, as the water devoured the land beside her home.

Inside, her family tried to salvage whatever they could from the approaching Jamuna. But it was too late.

Within minutes, water started breaching their residence. That is when Ajuba knew it was time. She took a deep breath, looked back at her home for one last time, and then ran for her life along with family members.

Within half an hour, the house went beneath the cold embrace of the river.

"Only a week ago, I was living happily with my family in our house. Now we are homeless," Ajuba said as she shared her story.

"We could only save our lives, nothing else," she said.

Ajuba is not alone. Jamuna devoured around 100 homesteads in the village as its erosion has turned severe, leaving around 200 people homeless.

The ongoing floods are only worsening the situation.

Both river erosion and floods are interconnected processes, and they can influence each other in various ways.

Over 1,000 schools closed in Sylhet, Rangpur

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Over 1,000 educational institutions remain closed in the Sylhet and Rangpur region due to the ongoing flood.

In Sylhet, Sunamganj, and Moulvibazar districts, over 800 educational institutions remain closed. According to district primary education offices, 594 primary schools have been affected by the floods, with 356 in Sylhet, 102 in Sunamganj, and 136 in Moulvibazar. Many of these schools are either flooded or being used as shelters.

In addition, 211 higher secondary schools, colleges, and madrasas are also closed in these districts.

Warning Centre of Bangladesh Water Development Board has reported that the water level in the northeastern region is gradually reducing, with a downtrend expected to continue for the next 72 hours.

Meanwhile, in Rangpur division, education for hundreds of primary school students has been severely disrupted due to recent floods.

In Gangachhara upazila, five primary schools have been closed for the past seven days as flash floods inundated low-lying areas due to rising water levels in the Teesta River. Additionally, 39 schools in Kurigram, Gaibandha, Rangpur, and Lalmonirhat districts have suffered

Education, said education services in 376 schools in these three districts have been suspended for the past seven days due to flooding. Seven schools, three in Kurigram and four in Gaibandha, have been washed away by river erosion.

Efforts are underway to relocate vulnerable schools to prevent further erosion damage.

As floodwaters recede, preparations are being made to resume education in the affected schools, although the majority remain closed. Teachers have been instructed to cover their syllabuses quickly once schools reopen, he added.

In Pargachha upazila, Char



This includes 73 in Sylhet, 80 in Sunamganj, and 58 in Moulvibazar.

The overall flood situation in the region has not improved significantly, with the Koshiyara river still overflowing at several points in Sylhet, Moulvibazar, and Habiganj.

The Surma is below the danger level at most points except Sylhet's Kanaighat Point, where it remains 48cm above the danger level.

The Flood Forecasting and

structural damage from floods and river erosion.

According to the Rangpur Division Department of Primary Education, around 411 primary schools in 15 upazilas, including Kurigram, Gaibandha, and Lalmonirhat, have been affected by the floods. Fifty-one schools are currently serving as shelters.

Md Muzahidul Islam, acting divisional deputy director of the Rangpur Department of Primary

Gabura Primary School suspended classes after floodwaters washed away the connecting bank.

Headteacher Akram Hossain expressed concerns about the school's ongoing vulnerability to erosion.

Meanwhile, locals have noted repeated damage to schools near the Teesta, Dharla, Brahmaputra, and Dudhkumar rivers, with some schools being relocated multiple times due to erosion.

Sisters die from electrocution in flood-hit village

S DILIP ROY, from Kurigram

A family in Kurigram's Nageshwari upazila is devastated after two sisters were electrocuted by a submerged live cable during the recent floods.

The victims, Sumaiya Akhter, 12, and Masuma Akhter, 7, died instantly when they came into contact with a live electric cable while crossing floodwaters on a raft.

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The family resides in Begunbari village, a remote area heavily affected by the swelling Dudhkumar river.

According to locals, the tragedy occurred as the sisters were on their way to their aunt's house, 400 metres away, when Sumaiya got entangled in the live cable from an irrigation pump. Masuma tried to save her, but got electrocuted herself.

Despite the family's plight, local authorities have yet to provide any support.

"We were already suffering, and then we



River erosion can change the shape and course of a river, reducing its capacity to carry water and leading to floods. Conversely, floods increase water flow and speed, intensifying erosion of riverbanks and riverbeds.

"The river has reached my house and eroded away a portion of it. Soon it will engulf the remaining as the erosion is only worsening over time," said Omar Ali of Haat Pachil village.

The victims blamed the Bangladesh Water Development Board for the situation.

"Jamuna's erosion isn't anything new, it has been continuing for years, but what did the authority do about it? Nothing," alleged Abed Ali of the village.

Md Najmul Hossain, BWDB's sub-divisional engineer, said a Tk 650 crore project to protect a six-kilometre stretch is underway and expected to be completed by next year.

The erosion and flooding have also affected Kojjuri and Jalalpur union under Shahzadpur upazila.

Md Kamruzzaman, the upazila's UNO, said they have listed 78 victims and planned to rehabilitate them soon.

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সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতিতে ঠিকাদার তালিকাভুক্তি/লাইসেন্স নবায়ন বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, নিম্নবর্ণিত সময়সূচি মোতাবেক রংপুর সড়ক বিভাগের ২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থ বছরের সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতিতে ঠিকাদার তালিকাভুক্তি/লাইসেন্স নবায়ন করা হবে। আগ্রহী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান ঠিকাদারী লাইসেন্স নবায়ন/তালিকাভুক্তি করার জন্য নিম্নে বর্ণিত শর্তানুসারে আবেদন করতে পারবেন।

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ছক-২ (নতুন তালিকাভুক্তি)

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- ২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থ বছরের লাইসেন্স নবায়নের জন্য অত্র দপ্তরের হিসাব শাখায় লাইসেন্স নবায়ন ফি ও ভ্যাট জমা পূর্বক মানি রশিদ সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।
- নতুন ঠিকাদার তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য ১০০০/- টাকা মূল্যের তালিকাভুক্তি ফরম অত্র অফিস হতে সংগ্রহ পূর্বক ফরমে উল্লিখিত সকল শর্তাবলী পূরণ করে দাখিল করতে হবে। তালিকাভুক্তি কমিটি কর্তৃক যাচাই-বাছাই অত্রে উত্তীর্ণ ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকাভুক্তি ফি গ্রহণ পূর্বক ঠিকাদার তালিকাভুক্ত করা হবে।
- নির্ধারিত তারিখের পরে কোনক্রমে ঠিকাদারী লাইসেন্স নবায়ন/তালিকাভুক্তি ফি গ্রহণ করা হবে না।
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