

TRISHAL MUNICIPALITY

Sutia riverbank turns into garbage site

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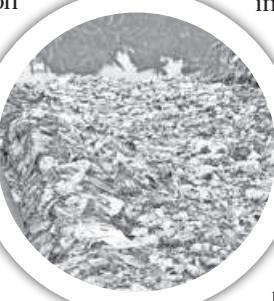
For decades, garbage was dumped openly in the Naudhar area of Trishal municipality. With no official dumping station, waste piled up in the open, causing widespread public suffering.

A year ago, the dumping ground was shifted -- not to a proper facility -- but from the right side of the Naudhar bridge to the left side in Konabari. The new site is even more harmful, as it sits on the bank of the Sutia river.

Locals alleged that garbage is now scattered on both sides of the local road and spilling directly into the river. Over the past year, large amounts of waste have been dumped on the riverbank, steadily polluting the water.

Established in 1998, the municipality spans 15.49 square kilometres and has a population of over 40,000. In 27 years, it has failed to set up a permanent dumping station. There are no dustbins either, allowing garbage to spread to various localities.

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However, locals blamed the inaction of elected representatives for the long delay in setting up the facility.

Municipality sources said around 10 tonnes of garbage are produced daily, with most of it ending up on the riverbank.

The Sutia river, which flows through the municipality, is now facing severe pollution. During the rainy season, waste is easily washed into the water, said Mahim Uddin, a local resident. Other rivers in the upazila -- including the Khiru, Banar, and Pagalia

-- are connected to the Old Brahmaputra river, raising concerns about wider environmental damage.

A former ward councillor admitted that garbage has been dumped on the Sutia's bank for more than five years and that the municipality has no dustbins.

Contacted, Abdulla Al Bakiul Bari, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of Trishal, said the dumping site has been shifted to Roads and Highways land to help curb pollution.

The UNO, also president of the Nodi Rokhha Committee's upazila unit, said they are working to secure funds for building a permanent dumping station in a safer location.

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PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN
School students ride home on vans in pouring rain. The boys were happy to experience the downpour after school rather than on their way to class. The photo was taken in the Boyra area of Khulna city yesterday.

DSCC misses

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"However, we have targeted to collect more revenue in 2025-26 than was collected in 2024-25. The arrears from last fiscal year will be collected during the current fiscal year," he added.

Contacted, BNP leader Ishraque Hossain's family said he is undergoing treatment at a hospital in the capital, and no comments could be obtained from him.

Urban planner Professor Adil Muhammad Khan said the decline was not solely due to Ishraque's movement.

"All activities were halted for about one and a half months. Additionally, there was a student-led uprising in the previous fiscal year. Following that, the mayor and councillors were removed. People were somewhat hesitant. These are also reasons."

Collecting the revenue that could not be collected this year in the next year will be a challenge for DSCC, he said.

MAHESHKHALI IN COX'S BAZAR

Illegal sand extraction poses landslide risk

MOKAMMEL SHUVO, Cox's Bazar

Illegal sand extraction in



Maheshkhali, a coastal island upazila in Cox's Bazar, is putting hundreds of hillside residents at risk of landslides, alleged locals.

They claimed political party activists have formed a syndicate extracting 20 to 50 truckloads of sand daily from a site known as "Chalifatali Balur Dale" in Kalamarchhara union.

Despite several drives by the upazila administration, authorities have failed to stop the illegal activity.

Locals said sand extraction intensifies during the monsoon, when rainwater washes sand down from the hills and deposits it in the basin. The syndicate collects and sells the sand, transporting it by truck or dumper to Matarbari, Badarkhali, and other parts of Maheshkhali.

Each truckload reportedly sells for around Tk 2,500.

Md Sajminul Islam, assistant conservator of forests of the Coastal Forest Division in Maheshkhali, admitted sand trafficking from the area.

He said the sand originates from hills under his department's jurisdiction in Mouza-12 and is

washed down to the basin by rain.

However, the basin is on khas land (government land not under forest jurisdiction), so the forest department cannot take direct action.

He said the department ensures no one extracts sand directly from the hills, but residents illegally settled near the basin now face a

high risk of landslides due to sand removal.

"These sandy hills have been severely degraded, partly because of houses built illegally and roads constructed through natural water channels," he said. "If the sand extraction stops, erosion from the hills will also reduce."

Abu Bakar, journalist and general secretary of the Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon's Moheshkhali unit, said, "Although drives are conducted in response to media pressure, traffickers are often tipped off ahead of time, making operations ineffective."

Uno Md Hedayet Ullah said the administration is aware of the issue and has carried out multiple drives against the traffickers.

"I personally led a drive and seized some equipment from the site. Local law enforcement has also been instructed to act," he said.

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ministry, urging that the proposed university site be relocated from Buripothajia in Shahjadpur, designed to attract tourists and prioritise fine arts, dance, and literature.

The four-year project is scheduled to run from May 2025 to April 2029. It will be implemented by the University Grants Commission and Rabindra University, Bangladesh, under the Secondary and Higher Education Division of the Education Ministry.

Meanwhile, the Chalan Beel Rokhha Andolon has written to the planning

ministry, urging that the proposed university site be relocated from Buripothajia in Shahjadpur, designed to attract tourists and prioritise fine arts, dance, and literature.

They warned that building the campus at the confluence of several rivers and canals -- the only outlet of Chalan Beel -- could cause waterlogging and an ecological disaster in the country's largest wetland.

The letter described the move as "the final nail in the coffin" for the already threatened ecosystem.



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