



Children pluck white kans grass and run around joyously along a river in Atrai upazila of Naogaon. With increasing urban development, the whimsical autumn blooms have become rare in cities but can still be seen along rural riverbanks. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

Brahmaputra's erosion leaves hundreds homeless

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The erosion of the Brahmaputra River has intensified recently in Char Pakshimari union under Sherpur Sadar upazila, leaving several hundred people homeless.

The erosion has become particularly severe in Bagolgarh, Kulurchar, Bepaipara, Batpara, and Dhakpara areas. In Bagolgarh village alone, around 30 families have been rendered homeless overnight.

Many victims have taken shelter in relatives' or neighbours' homes, while others are struggling to rebuild their shelters elsewhere, said Pori Begum, a member of the union parishad.

Khokhi Begum, 60, of Bagolgarh village, said she now lives in a neighbour's house after losing her homestead in the recent spate of erosion. "The Brahmaputra devoured

my home right before my eyes."

Monto Mia, 50, a share-cropper from the village, said he has lost everything and has been forced to relocate with his two children.

Hundreds of families in the area are now living in fear of further erosion.



Victims said they have appealed to the deputy commissioner of Sherpur for support and to the authorities of the Water Development Board for immediate measures to strengthen riverbank protection.

BWDB officials have started

dumping geo-bags along a 130-metre stretch of the riverbank in the erosion-hit areas. Geo-tubes will also be deployed to further enhance protection against erosion, said Akhinuzzaman, executive engineer of BWDB in Sherpur.

Due to river dredging followed by recent flash floods, the erosion has taken a serious turn in different areas of Sherpur, including Narayankhola, Kamarerchar, and Char Pakshimari, he added.

"We have also informed the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority about the erosion and sought their financial assistance to contain it. They have agreed to our proposal and official work has begun," the official confirmed.

"We have a plan for a project to build a permanent embankment along the riverbank in the affected areas."

Govt unveils 3 hajj packages

UNB, Dhaka

The government has announced three official hajj packages, setting the lowest cost at Tk 4.67 lakh and the highest at Tk 6.90 lakh.

Religious Affairs Adviser AFM Khalid Hossain disclosed the details at a press briefing at his ministry yesterday.

Hajj Package-1 (Special), which will cost Tk 6.90 lakh, offers accommodation within a maximum distance of 700 metres from the outer courtyard of the Haram Sharif in Makkah, and in the Markazia (Central) area of Madinah, said the adviser.

Accommodation will be shared by a maximum of five people per room with six attached bathrooms.

Pilgrims will stay in tents located in Zone-2 in Mina, with meals provided by the Moallem, along with D+ category services in Mina and Arafah.

AFM Khalid said Hajj Package-2 is slightly less expensive, estimated at Tk 5,58,881, and pilgrims will be accommodated within 1.2-1.8 km of the outer courtyard of the Haram Sharif in Makkah and in the Markazia area of Madinah. A maximum of six people will share each room, with attached bathrooms, he said.

Tents will also be set up in Zone-2 in Mina with meals provided by the Moallem and D category services in Mina and Arafah, he added.

Room upgrades to 2- or 3-seaters and short-stay package options in Makkah and Madinah are available under Packages 1 and 2, subject to payment of additional charges. The usual stay in Saudi Arabia for pilgrims will range from 35-47 days.

However, for short-stay packages, the duration will be between 22-30 days.

The adviser said Hajj Package 3 is newly introduced and a budget-friendly package, costing around Tk 4.67 lakh, which includes accommodation in the Azizia area in Makkah and outside the Markazia area in Madinah.

Each room will house a maximum of six people and tents will be set up in Zone-5 in Mina, with food provided by the Moallem and D category services in Mina and Arafah, he said.

Air-conditioned buses will be arranged for daily travel to the Haram Sharif for the five daily prayers.

The adviser said that this is the first time the government has arranged accommodation for pilgrims in the Azizia area.

Package 1: Tk 6.90 lakh

Package 2: Tk 5.59 lakh

Package 3: Tk 4.67 lakh

Delayed diagnosis

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"We thought it was just a regular fever and only took him to the doctor when his belly became swollen," said his mother, Chadni Akter.

Like these patients, many others in critical condition are being admitted to general wards at Mitford Hospital, most of them arriving late and only getting tested three or more days after fever began.

According to findings of the Directorate General of Health Services released on September 22, 81 percent of dengue patients who died this year were admitted to hospitals only after suffering from fever for three or more days.

The report also shows that 74 percent of patients died within 48 hours of admission, while 50 percent succumbed to Dengue Shock Syndrome. Around 43 percent of the deceased had comorbidities.

"If a dengue patient arrives at the hospital in the final stage, even if measures are taken, they are usually not effective," said Prof Md Abu Jafor, director general of DGHS.

Health officials stressed that early testing and timely hospitalisation are crucial.

Although DGHS has instructed hospitals to designate separate wards for dengue patients, Mitford authorities said they are prioritising only severe cases.

Dr Md Mafizur Rahman, assistant director (finance and store) at Mitford Hospital, told The Daily Star on Thursday, "We have separate beds in each ward for dengue patients and adequate logistics and doctors. On Thursday, the

number of dengue patients stood at 53. If the number rises significantly, we have separate arrangements ready."

Dr HM Nazmul Ahsan, associate professor at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, recommended early admission for elderly patients, those with comorbidities, and expecting women to reduce risks.

He also warned about cross-infection from different dengue serotypes, which can cause severe complications if treatment is delayed.

Ensure citizens'

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Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmed, executive director of the Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies, said, "We must reach a level where authorities are compelled to disclose information proactively, and if they do not, action must be taken."

The event was conducted by Hasibur Rahman, executive director of Media Resources Development Initiative.

NGO Affairs Bureau Director General Daud Miah and Zakir Hossain, chief executive of Nagorik Uddhyog, also spoke, among others.

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BWDB executive engineer in Sherpur

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