

## **A discussion meeting on searching way to save Kutubdia**

30 January'17 at the auditorium room of Kutubdia Upzila Nirbahi officers there held a discussion meeting on Kutubdia Protection Plan. I that meeting the chief guest was Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, Chairperson, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) as well as a famous economist. Chief speaker was Honorable Parliamentary member Cox's Bazar-2, Mr. Askek Ullah Rafiq, Special Guest was Md. Abdul karim, Managing Director, PKSF who was former Principal Secretary. Other distinguish guests were Mr. Dr. Md. Jasim Uddin, DMD,PKSF; Mr. Md. Rezaul Karim Al-Kadri, Senior Repoter, BTV, Mr, A.T.M Nurul Basar Chowdhury, Upzila Chairman, Mrs. Meherunnessa Khanum, Upzila Vice Chairman, All UP Chairmen, Govt. Officers, Teachers, Senior Reporters and other honorable political leaders & Social persons etc. Mr. Salehin Tanvir Gazi, Upzila Nirbahi Officer was the chairperson as we as the moderator in that meeting.



Executive Director of COAST Trust M Rezaul Karim Chowdhury was delivery first speech about the objectives of the meeting as well as he introduce all guests identity in participant. After than all UP chairmen and honorable person briefly told the problems of Kutubdia Island which were as following-

Mr. AASM Shahariar Chowdhury, Chairman of Uttar Dhurung said that as climate change result the sea level was increased and water flooded in this island at the tidal period. Now we have needed to change the embankment design to increase heights.





Mr Sayed Ahmed Chowdhury, Chairman of Dhakhin Durung said that there were three major problems for this island people which were respectively sustainable embankment, electricity supply and well communication. If sustainable embankment prepared the people will be happy and the island will be protected.

Mr. Nuruchoffa, B. Com, chairman of Ali Akbor Dail told that we have immediately needed the standing embankment to protect the island and its assets. The people of the island will be very happy if the embankment construct.



Mr Jalal Ahmed, Chairman of Kair Bill said that if we wanted to protect Banshakhali, Chunua, Pekua and Chakoria at first we have to save Kutubdia. He also said that standing embankment construction is indeed to save our life and assets.

Advocate Faridul Alam, Chairman of Bara Ghoup told that 100 years over,yet not,we have not found electricity supply in the island. The electricity supply is the main point for development. He also requested to the chief guest to discuss with our Honorable Prime Minister to take initiative such as special projects under take to protect Kutubdia island.



Mr. Zahirul Islam, Head teacher of Kutubdia High School said that ICT based education is not successfully run for the scarcity of electricity in this island.



Mr. S. K Liton Kutubi, Snior reporter told that Tide come and people float, but there no activities to save people permanently. He also told we have seen a lot of seminar and discussion going on but there were no initiative to save the island.

Mrs Meherunnessa Khanum, Upzila woman vice

Chairman told that we live to fighting with sea. I have given thanks COAST Trust to do their activities for the economical development of this island people. He also told now we don't hear hopeful voice, we have wanted to see the real implementation from the government.



Mr. A T M Nurul Basar, Upzila Chairman told that as wild wide climate change and increase temperature for that reason the sea level raised. In this circumstance the tidal water flooded the island in normal situation. He humble requested the Chief Guest to discuss with our Honorable Prime Minister for emergency responsible project for Kutubdia island.

If you have done this Kutubdia people will be memorized your name proudly in generation to generation.

Mr Ashek Ullah Rafiq, Honorable Parliament Member, Cox's Bazar-2 told that he had come to distribute relief after Royano attracted this island. The people of this island without any hesitation told me that we haven't want any relief. But we requested you to solve the permanent embankment as early as possible. He maintains that in 1919 cyclone 50 thousand people were died. He also told if the embankment was constructed by CC blocks that will be remain 1000 years and the island will be saved. He expected that the Chief Guest will be discussed with our Honorable Prime Minister for Kutubdia people.





Special Guest Mr.Md. Abdul Karim, MD,PKSF told that he has closed relation with this coastal people. We have heard the problems of Kutubdia island and tried hard and soul to find out solution.

The Honorable Chief Guest Dr. Qazi Kholikuzzaman Ahmad told that I have informed your problems and very near we will be discussed these issues together with our Prime Minister as early as possible. He also told that he will best try to solve these issues. He was given thanks to the Kutubdia people who were very



strong and hard labor. He also mentions that PKSF worked for sustainable development in the field of Education, Health, Training and Marketing. So we have all needed to work together for development our country. Before the meeting Chief Guest was inaugurated the Kutubdia Management and Training Center of COAST Trust.



The chairperson of the meeting Mr.Salehin Tanvir Gazi was very happy for a fruitful discussion. He closed the meeting giving thanks to the all participant as well as COAST Trust who arranged the meeting.



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