

Flood Recovery Stalls in Nazira as Fresh Rains, Rumours Deepen Anxiety



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NAZIRA, August 2, 2026 — Weeks after the devastating Dikhow floods reduced large parts of Nazira Co-District to ruins, normal life remains far from restored. Hundreds of villages—including Rajapul, Holang Kathani, Khanikar Gaon, Nepali Khuti, Bihubar, Kamal Chapori, Ramugaon, Abhaypuria, Lonpuria and Bhotorbari—continue to struggle with the aftermath of the disaster.

The powerful currents of the Dikhow River damaged thousands of homes, leaving countless families displaced and dependent on relief. Although assistance has been arriving from different parts of Assam, many flood-affected residents continue to face shortages of essential household items such as cooking utensils, bedding and basic furniture.

While floodwaters have receded, thick layers of silt still cover many homes, forcing residents to spend long hours cleaning and trying to make their houses habitable again. Intermittent heavy rainfall has further hampered recovery efforts, adding to the hardship of affected families.

Rumours Trigger Panic

The trauma of the sudden flood that struck on July 19 continues to haunt residents of Holang Kathani, Khanikar Gaon, Ligoripukhuri and other affected areas. Many families had barely half an hour to flee their homes as floodwaters rose rapidly.

In recent days, rumours circulating on social media claiming that the Dikhow River was rising again after fresh spells of rain have triggered panic among residents. Local citizens have appealed to the public not to circulate unverified information that could create fear and confusion.

They also urged the administration to identify those responsible for spreading misinformation and take appropriate action.

MLA Reportedly Unwell

Nazira MLA Mayur Borgohain, who has been actively involved in relief and rehabilitation efforts since the floods, has reportedly fallen ill. According to sources, he is undergoing treatment at home after developing a high fever.

Allegations of Relief Misuse

As relief materials continue to arrive from individuals, organisations and voluntary groups across Assam, allegations have surfaced that some people who were not affected by the floods have collected aid meant for genuine victims.

The allegations have drawn criticism in several affected areas, with residents demanding stricter monitoring to ensure relief reaches those who have suffered losses.

Even as emergency relief continues, many families across Nazira say the real challenge now is rebuilding their homes and restoring their livelihoods after one of the worst floods in recent memory.

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