

Flood Survivors in Nazira Face Ruin as Calls Grow for Long-Term Rehabilitation



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NAZIRA, July 30, 2026 — More than a week after the Dikhow River inundated large parts of Nazira Co-District, thousands of flood-affected families continue to struggle with damaged homes, silt-covered farmland and an uncertain future.

Among the worst-hit areas are Santak and Bihubar, where many houses were either damaged or buried under thick layers of silt. Residents say the floods destroyed homes, crops, livestock and household belongings, leaving many families displaced.

Eyewitnesses recalled the panic that followed the sudden rise in the river level. They said many residents were forced to flee with little time to save their belongings. Some took shelter on rooftops, haystacks and other elevated structures as floodwaters rapidly engulfed their villages.

The floods also affected Nepali Khuti, Shiloni, the Dark Cycling area and several other parts of the Nazira Co-District. In many localities, damaged houses remain uninhabitable and large quantities of silt continue to hamper recovery efforts.

Many displaced families are still living in temporary shelters or beside roads, awaiting relief and rehabilitation. Residents said access to food, drinking water and other essential supplies remains a concern in several affected villages.

Vehicles, including cars and motorcycles, remain stranded in thick mud in some areas, reflecting the extent of the destruction left behind by the floods.

Some residents of Bihubar, Ogurijan and Nepali Khuti alleged that illegal stone mining along the Assam-Nagaland border had contributed to the severity of the flooding. They urged the authorities to take strict action against illegal mining activities. Assam Times could not independently verify the allegations.

Residents and volunteers also expressed concern over discarded plastic bottles and other relief-related waste scattered across flood-affected areas. They warned that improper disposal of plastic waste could clog drains and water bodies if left unattended and called for proper waste management during relief operations.

As recovery continues, flood-affected families say immediate relief must be followed by long-term rehabilitation, including restoration of homes, farmland and public infrastructure.

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