



Fishers, traders and transport workers are way too busy dealing with a good flow of hilsa at KB wholesale fish market in Bagerhat. None of them, however, seem to be worried at all about Covid-19, the contagious disease that continues to kill people by the dozens across the country every day.

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Larger hilsa floods Bagerhat fish market

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Much to the delight of fish lovers and buyers alike, a decent sized hilsa fish of around one kilogram is now selling for a little over Tk 600 at KB wholesale fish market in Bagerhat.

The price of an 80-piece lot, locally known as 'pone', of one kg sized hilsa came down to as low as Tk 50 thousand, while a 'pone' of smaller hilsa, weighing between 600 and 800 grams, dropped to Tk 35 thousand at the market.

Located on the bank of the Daratana river, KB market in Bagerhat town is a hotspot for wholesale trading of hilsa as well as of various saltwater fish.

Usually around 6 in the morning, the market is abuzz with hundreds of buyers and sellers, with different sellers positioned at different spots and rhythmically chanting a phrase that somewhat translates to: "Come on over, take one now".

With ample supply of hilsa at the market over the last three or four days, prices remained

within the reach of buyers, resulting in a good amount of transactions.

Fishers, meanwhile, had nothing to complain as they have been netting a good number of hilsa during this time and been able to sell the catch for good profits.

"I've got a plenty of hilsa at the sea this time and the size is good too. Even though most of the ones over the size of half a kilogram have eggs in them, I got a good price," said Babul, a fisher, after selling his catch at the market.

Fish trader Akhlas Sheikh said, "This time the size and weight of hilsa are better than before. For two or three days, a hilsa weighing a kg has been selling for Tk 600 to Tk 800 and those weighing between 500 and 600 grams have been selling for Tk 300 to Tk 400 a piece."

Wholesale buyer Bappi said many buyers like him were delighted to be able to buy hilsa at very low prices at the market.

Amid all the hubbub of activities, not a single person, however, was seen at all bothered

about wearing any face covering or maintaining social distancing measures -- the health rules recommended to curb the spread of Covid-19.

Explaining the reason behind the good catch of hilsa at the Bay at this time, Khaled Kanak, fisheries officer in Bagerhat, said timely enforcement of fishing ban during the breeding season of hilsa contributed to the growth of hilsa population as well as their size.

In addition, the multiple campaigns they conducted during this period to motivate fishers to refrain from catching or destroying young hilsa, known as 'jatka', also contributed to the increase in the hilsa population at sea and adjoining rivers.

Regarding precautionary health rules being ignored at fish markets, he said, "At meetings with leaders and members of the market association, we explained the significance of health rules for both fishers and fish traders. Despite that, many are still not following the health rules."

Man arrested with heroin

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested an alleged drug dealer with two kilograms of heroin from Rajshahi's Godagari upazila on Saturday.

The arrestee, Kiron Hossain, 40, son of Jafar Ahmed, is a resident of Arambagh area of Chapainawabganj Sadar municipality.

Camp Commander of Rab-5 in Chapainawabganj ASP Azmal Hossain said, on secret information, a team of Rab-5 raided Basudebpur area around 1:00pm.

Later, seeing Kiron's suspicious movement they detained him and recovered two kilograms of heroin from his possession.

During primary interrogation, Kiron confessed that he had been involved in drug trading for long.

After filing of a case in this regard, the arrestee was handed over to Godagari Police Station, the ASP said.

LAND DISPUTE

6 get death penalty for killing couple in Tangail

STAR REPORT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced six people to death for killing a couple in a bid to grab their ancestral property in Tangail Sadar upazila in 2017.

Judge Abu Zafar Md Kamruzzaman of Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 of Dhaka handed down the verdict in presence of the six accused, said Advocate Abu Abdullah Bhuiyan, a prosecution lawyer.

The convicts are Swapon Kumar Das, a step-brother of victim Anil Kumar Das, and his associates Zahidul Islam, Farhad, Moniruzzaman Bhuiyan, Monzurul Islam and Shayan Mia.

According to the case statement, Swapon made a plan to embezzle Anil's land property in connivance with the other five accused.

As per the plan, the six convicts killed Anil Kumar Das, a retired government primary school teacher, and his wife on July 26 in 2017.

They also concealed the two bodies inside a septic tank of the victims' house.

Being informed, police recovered the bodies and sent those to hospital for autopsy.

On July 28, victims' son Nirmal Kumar Das filed a case with Tangail Sadar Police Station over the double murder.

Later, the case was transferred to Dhaka Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 for quick disposal.

On September 17 in 2018, police pressed charges against the six accused in the case and the court framed charges against all the six accused on August 7 last year.

Besides, 27 prosecution witnesses out of 35 gave their depositions in the case.



Journalist of different print and electronic media form a human chain in front of the Rangamati deputy commissioner's office in the town yesterday, protesting the attack on fellow journalist Sujauddin Rubel, Cox's Bazar correspondent of Somoy TV, and demanding immediate arrest and punishment of the attackers.

PHOTO: STAR



Lalmonirhat's Patgram upazila Assistant Commissioner (Land) Dipak Kumar Dev Sharma turns the three-hundred-year-old building into land research museum.

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Centuries-old building turned into land research museum

AC (land) Dipak Kumar Dev Sharma took the initiative

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

A centuries-old building (kachari-ghar), which is locally known as Maharajar Kachari-ghar of Cooch Behar, has been turned into land research museum.

Earlier, the three-hundred-year-old building was used as a local land office in Patgram upazila. It has been reported that this building has been used for land rent collection since the time of Maharaja of Cooch Behar.

On August 1 in 2019, Patgram upazila Assistant Commissioner (Land) Dipak Kumar Dev Sharma renovated the building and turned it as a land research museum to capture the history and heritage of land management.

There are many old monuments scattered in different parts of the upazila.

There is also information on various subjects including land measurement, land rent collection

and land allotment in ancient times. It has preserved those things used by kings at different times.

Ancient specimens include three chests, swords and gunter chains (land measuring instruments) used during the reign of the then kings and emperors are also showcased at the museum.

The museum has a land-related form gallery and a history of land management on display. Land Library has also been set up. There are different types of flowering plants in the garden next to it. There are special arrangements for visitors and union land officials to read books.

Assistant Commissioner (AC) Dipak Kumar said the building has been named the Land Research Museum as it is the centre of land discussions. Every day visitors flock to see these materials of the museum in Patgram upazila of Lalmonirhat.

Jobed Ali, 75, a farmer from Jongra village in Patgram upazila said, he is

happy seeing the old building used to collect land rent has been turned into land research museum.

Another farmer Hemanata Chandra Sen, 70, from Bawra village of the upazila said various type of land-related documents during the era of Cooch Behar kings have been preserved in the museum.

Patgram Upazila Assistant Commissioner (Land) Dipak Kumar Dev Sharma told The Daily Star that the three-hundred-year-old building was used for collecting land rent since the time of that king.

The museum has been established to capture the history and heritage of 1000 years of land management, he added.

He has preserved various materials related to ancient lands, the AC said, hoping that through this, the new generation will be able to know various issues related to the ancient land management.

Man stabs wife and son, then kills himself

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A man took his own life after stabbing his wife and son allegedly over a family feud in Gopalganj Sadar upazila on Saturday.

The victim, Monir Mollah, 55, a farmer, was a resident of Raghunathpur village in the upazila.

Critically injured Tanjila Begum, 40, and their son Emdadul Mollah, 22, are now undergoing treatment at Khulna Medical College Hospital.

Quoting the villagers, Officer in Charge of Sadar Police Station Mohammad Monirul Islam said Monir, who was suffering from mental disorder for long, had a quarrel with his wife over a family feud on Saturday night.

At one stage, he stabbed Tanjila with a machete indiscriminately.

He also stabbed their son Emdadul when he tried to save his mother, leaving them critically injured.

Later, all on a sudden, he slit his throat with the same weapon.

Hearing cry for help, local people rushed to the spot, rescued Tanjila and Emdadul and first took them to Gopalganj General Hospital.

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Package No. WD2: Design, Supply, Installation and Testing-Commissioning of Computer Based Interlocked Signaling system at 7 (Seven) stations including interlocking of selected level crossings and installation of optical fiber cable based telecommunication system for block operation and CTC interface work (Turnkey Works) in connection with construction of 3rd and 4th Dual Gauge Track in Dhaka-Tongi section and Doubling of Dual Gauge Track in Tongi-Joydebpur section.

Ref:
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Corrigendum No.-08

SI No. of IFT	Provision as per Corrigendum-07		Provision as per Corrigendum-08	
17.	Tender Last Selling Date	20.09.2020 (during office hours).	28.10.2020 (during office hours).	
18.	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date 21-09-2020	Time Up to 12:00 hrs BST	Date 29-10-2020
19.	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date 21-09-2020	Time At 12:30 hrs BST	Date 29-10-2020
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All other Terms and Conditions of the Tender Notice shall remain unchanged.

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