

Hilsa growth drastically reduced Prompt action needed to stop catching of juvenile fish

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Feb 13: Hilsa known as 'rupali ilish' is a national fish. The fish contributes thirty per cent of our total production from inland sources. It is one of the major foreign exchange earners. About forty per cent fishermen earn their livelihood by catching hilsa fish. The immature young stage of hilsa is known as 'jatka'. It grows in the rivers and streams, before returning to the fresh water as adult.

Editors honoured

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Feb 13: Harunur Rashid, Editor of local weekly 'The Muktakatha' has been honoured by the American Biographical Institute (ABI).

The ABI recently decided that they will publish the biography of Muktakatha Editor in their fourth edition of 'five hundred leaders of influence'.

This selection is made to reflect a respect for leadership and personal accomplishment.

Our Correspondent from Satkhira adds: Abdul Mutalib, Editor of local daily, 'The Daily Kafela' has been honoured by the American Biographical Institute (ABI).

The ABI recently decided that they will publish the biography of 'The Daily Kafela' in their fourth edition of 'five hundred leaders of influence' through out the world.

This selection is made to reflect a respect for leadership and personal accomplishment. Apart from publishing the biography in leather bound crown volume, Abdul Mutalib will be offered a Twentieth century achievement award.

Abdul Mutalib has to his credit 'The Daily Kafela' which he is publishing for the last 25 years. He is also a renowned social worker.

One stabbed to death in Savar

SAVAR, Feb 13: A young man was stabbed to death by some unknown miscreants at Jagatnagar village in Dhamra thana today. Police said Harunur Rashid, 25, was killed on his way to an aluminium factory at Shaturia in the morning. The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy, reports UNB.

They are at present available in other countries like Persian Gulf, red Sea, Arabian Sea. Hilsa is found in abundant in the rivers Padma, Jamuna, Meghna and other riverine areas of Bangladesh. This kind of fish is also available in India and Burma. Hilsa is produced seventy five per cent in Bangladesh, twenty per cent in India and five per cent in Burma. The maximum harvest of hilsa is obtained from the river Meghna near Chandpur.

Earlier hilsa was grown abundantly in the rivers like Tetulia near Barisal, the Padma near Goalanda and the Sibsa near Khulna. Out of the total catch of hilsa about ninety per cent are procured from the Padma, Meghna, Jamuna and the rest ten per cent from the Bay of Bengal. At present the trend has been changed. It appears that about sixty per cent hilsa is harvested from the Bay of Bengal. Many factors are responsible for the present decline of hilsa in the rivers. The construction of Farakka barrage by India over the river Ganga is the major cause of the decline of riverine hilsa of Bangladesh.

The environmental changes and gradual siltation of rivers have reduced the hilsa fishery grounds of hilsa.

During the winter, the flow of the water in the river is reduced. So, the production is hampered. During the full monsoon plenty of hilsa are caught in the areas of Aricha, Goulanda, Godabari, Munshiganj, Louhaganj under Padma river. The hilsa is grown in abundance in the river Meghna from Chandpur to Shaitnol in the north and Chandpur to Haimchar in the south.

According to Chandpur River Research Institute about four thousand metric tons of 'jatka' were caught annually in these areas. So, catching jatka fishes causes a great effect on our valuable fish resources.

Hatia, Sandip and Monpura of the Meghna region are also famous for spawning ground of hilsa. It has been observed that hilsa in flocks migrate to these areas from the Bay of Bengal for spawning during the tide of the river. The induced spawning of hilsa has been successful at Chandpur River Research Institute. So, hilsa fish are now cultured and nursed in the ponds of the institute. In future hilsa fishes can be cultivated in different ponds on commercial basis.

CHANDPUR: Hilsa fish are being processed at the Chandpur main fish market to be delivered in different places of the country. — Star photo

Strong committee formed Immediate removal of Natore DC demanded

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Feb 13: An 'Andolon' (movement) committee has been recently formed in Natore demanding removal of Azir Uddin Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner of Natore.

Advocate Mohsin-ul Haq has been made the Convener of the 'Andolon' committee which has been protesting the DC's unlimited corruptions, nepotism and his arbitrariness.

MP, Sankar Govinda Chowdhury and MP Abdul Kuddus who have resigned from the Natore-2 and Natore-4 constituencies; Khondoker Jubayer Hossain, Chairman of Natore Pourashava; ex-MP Majibor Rahman Sena; Advocate Kamrul Islam Natore Gono Forum President in Natore and President of Natore Transport Labour Union, Aminul Islam Biswas, President of North Bengal Road Transport Association, Manjur Alam Hasu, President of Natore Bus and Minibus Owners' Association, Hafiz Md. Lutfar Rahman, Secretary of Natore Inam Association, Advocate Abdul Oahab, President of Natore Human Rights Organisation; Mobsinul Haq, General Secretary of Natore Awami League and many other prominent personalities of Natore have expressed their deep concern against the DC's corruption and nepotism activities and demanded immediate removal of the DC.

The committee will announce different programmes including hartal and barricade in Natore if the DC is not removed immediately.

The committee sources said, letters have been sent to the Rajshahi Divisional Commissioner and to the Prime Minister praying for immediate steps in favour of their demand.

Manjur Alam Hasu, the President of Natore Bus and Minibus Owners' Association lodged a case against the DC recently in the District special Judge's court accusing the DC of demanding a bribe of Taka 50,000 promising, in exchange, cooperation from the district administration.

District and Sessions Judge, AKM Fazlul Karim has asked the DC, Azir Uddin Ahmed to appear before the court at 10:30 a.m on February 12, '95 with his explanation in this regard.

The committee has also demanded punishment of the DC after investigating the allegations against the DC. Some of the allegations are: 1. meddling in managing committees of different organisations like Natore Al Madrasa-Tul Zamburia, Homeopathic College, Ahamedpur College, Natore Nobo-Bidban Girls' School, Natore Green Academy Central Zame Mosque and Natore Shilpakola Academy; 2. appointing teachers in the mentioned above schools and colleges in exchange of bribe illegally interfering in the internal matters of Natore bus and minibus Owners' Association, Natore Bar Association, Natore Pourashava and the district Sports Association.



NATORE: Azir Uddin Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner of Natore giving away prizes among the winners of National Children Award competition held recently organised by the district 'Shishu Academy' at the local council auditorium. — Star photo

দরপত্র আহবানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি (২য় আহবান)

১. এতদ্বারা নিম্নলিখিত কাজের জন্য গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের তালিকাভুক্ত বিশেষ ১ম শ্রেণী, প্রথম শ্রেণীর স্যানিটারি ও গ্রাফিং ঠিকাদার এবং জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল বিভাগ, বি.এ.ডি.সি ও ওয়াশা/চট্টগ্রাম এর উল্লেখিত কাজের যোগ্য শ্রেণীভুক্ত ঠিকাদারদের (যাদের অনুরূপ ধরনের কাজ সমাধা করার অভিজ্ঞতা আছে যাহার প্রত্যয়নপত্র নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর নীচে নয় এমন কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক ইস্যুকৃত নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং ২৯১১ এ সীলমোহরকৃত বামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্র স্বাক্ষরকারী এবং নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, গণপূর্ত বিভাগ-২, চট্টগ্রাম, গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, বাগচড়াছড়ি এবং রাঙ্গামাটি গণপূর্ত বিভাগ কর্তৃক স্ব-৩ দপ্তরে আগামী ২০-০২-৯৫ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত গৃহীত হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২:৩৫ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত থাকিতে ইচ্ছুক দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে খোলা হইবে।

- ২। কাজের নাম : চট্টগ্রাম জেলা কারাগারে ১৫০ সিঙ্গিঃ ব্যাসের গভীর নলকূপ স্থাপন বিইঃ পানি সরবরাহ লাইন এবং পাম্প হাউজ নির্মাণ কাজ।
- ৩। আনুমানিক ব্যয় : টাকা = ১২,৩৮,১০৪/-
- ৪। বায়নার টাকা : টাকা = ২৪,৭৬০/-
- ৫। উপরোক্ত বায়নার টাকা ব্যাংক ডাফট আকারে নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, চট্টগ্রাম গণপূর্ত বিভাগ নং-১, চট্টগ্রামের অনুকূলে দরপত্রের সাথে অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হইবে। টেন্ডার ফরম দরপত্রের সিডিউল বিধি অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী ইত্যাদি নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী ও চট্টগ্রাম গণপূর্ত সার্কেল-১, এর অধীন সকল নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তরে এবং উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, চট্টগ্রাম গণপূর্ত উপ-বিভাগ নং-১/২/পটিয়া, চট্টগ্রাম-এর অফিস হইতে আগামী ১৯-০২-৯৫ইং তারিখে অথবা তৎপরে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে প্রচলিত মূল্যে (অফেরতযোগ্য) ঠিকাদার নিজে অথবা তৎকর্তৃক স্বাক্ষর দেখাইয়া তাহার যে কোন প্রতিনিধি খরিদ করিতে পারিবেন।

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From Satkhira dist Bright prospect of exporting handicrafts

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA Feb 13: The country has a possibility to earn a huge amount of foreign currency from the export of handicrafts made by the people of Satkhira district if proper attention is given.

The people of Satkhira, especially the women folk, possess the skills of making different kinds of jute bags and textures locally called 'chukkas' generally made by the women folk of the district during their leisure time.

Unfortunately, the craftsmen connected with these industries are not getting proper incentives and attention.

The women of the district make a kind of cake with rice powder locally called 'fool pi-

tha' or 'pakkan pitha.' Many of the distinguished foreign guests praised the arts of 'fool pithas' (flower cakes) when presented to them by the local people.

The experienced circle feel that the authorities concerned should examine the viabilities for exporting the above handicrafts and cakes which according to them possess the potentialities of earning foreign exchange and remove unemployment problems of the district to a great extent.

A kind of nylon rope especially used for the purpose of tying the whistles belonging to army and police personnel with uniforms is made by some women of the district.

But the makers of these profitable commodities are not paid well.

Many of the people of the district make fine bamboo and cane baskets of various types during their leisure time mainly in rainy seasons.

Sometimes they are beautifully coloured with a view to making them attractive. Many women make excellent embroidery works on these baskets and hand fans. But the craftsmen of these handicrafts do not feel encouraged for lack of minimum patronisation.

Anti-smuggling drive geared up in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Feb 13: The anti-smuggling drive has been geared up through out the bordering areas of Satkhira district.

The jawans of 21 rifles battalion recovered huge quantities of smuggled goods amounting to Taka one crore twenty two lakh sixty three thousand 82 during the month of January '95.

A total of seven cases were registered in different thanas and 12 alleged smugglers were arrested in this connection during the period.

According to local BDR sources, smuggled goods worth Taka one crore twenty lakh ninety four thousand two hundred 42 were seized while being smuggled into Bangladesh from India and smuggled goods worth Taka one lakh sixty nine thousand one hundred were seized while being smuggled out from Bangladesh to India.

Committee formed to probe into clash incidents in shrimp enclosures

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA, Feb 13: A two-member committee has been formed to probe into the recent clashes for and against the shrimp culture in Batia ghata thana area of the district, reports UNB.

The Additional District Magistrate and Additional Police Super of Khulna are members of the body, official sources said.

BIWTA Invites International Tender

Date : February 1995
Credit No : 2232 BD
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- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Credit from the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of the THIRD INLAND WATER TRANSPORT PROJECT (IWT-III), and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this Credit will be applied, through the BANGLADESH INLAND WATER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (BIWTA), to eligible payments under the contract for the procurement of:
 - 5 (Five) Nos. Hydrographic Survey Workboats
 - 3 (Three) Nos. Accommodation Barges.
- The Executive Engineer (Naval Architecture), Mechanical & Marine Engineering Department, BIWTA, BIWTA Bhaban (Third Floor), 141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh, now invites (through International Competitive Bidding) sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the supply of all items listed in paragraph 1 above.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of the Executive Engineer (Naval Architecture), Mechanical & Marine Engineering Department, BIWTA, BIWTA Bhaban (Third Floor), 141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.

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- A complete set in duplicate of the Bidding Documents may be purchased by any interested eligible Bidder on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 12000/- (Taka twelve thousand) or US \$ 300/- (United States Dollar three hundred) only.
- All bids must be accompanied by a security of not less than two per cent (2%) of Bid Amount and must be delivered to the above office on or before 1100 hours on 24/4/1995.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 1115 hours on 24/4/1995 at the office of the Executive Engineer (Naval Architecture), Mechanical & Marine Engineering Department, BIWTA, BIWTA Bhaban (Third Floor), 141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.

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Sterilization target fails 100 posts of various positions lying vacant under FP deptt

From Abu Ahmed

SATKHIRA, Feb 13: A total of 100 posts of different position have been lying vacant under Family Planning Department of the district for the long time. As a result the activity of the department is being greatly hampered in the district.

According to the Deputy Director, Family Planning Satkhira sources, out of the 12 medical officers and 39 pharmacists, 8 posts of medical officers and 38 posts of pharmacists respectively have been lying vacant for long time. Moreover, 17 posts of family welfare assistants, 8 posts of nurses, four posts of thana family planning assistants, and seven posts of family planning welfare inspectors are vacant.

On the other hand post of assistant director, accountant, store keeper, typist have been

lying vacant since long. Five posts of female ward helpers and 3 posts of MLSS have been lying vacant in the department.

According to reports the number of fertile couple in the district is about 3 lakh 6 thousand. There are 10 sterilization centres, 56 family planning centres and 468 satellite clinics in seven thanas of the district for implementing the family planning programmes.

The target of the sterilization programme could not be achieved in the district due to vacancies of post during the last four financial years commencing from 1990-91 to 1993-94.

According to a record the target of sterilization was fixed at two thousand 8 hundred 8 in 1990-91 financial year but only 6 hundred 49 persons were sterilized out of targeted 3 thousand 5 hundred 35. The department was able to sterilize only 929 persons in 1991-92 in the following fiscal year 1992-93 only 433 per-

sons were sterilized out of target 3937 persons and the last financial year (1993-94) 486 persons were sterilized out of the target of 3 thousand 8 hundred 48 persons. During the last four financial years percentage of achievement was 23 per cent, 26 per cent, 11 per cent and 13 per cent respectively.

On the other hand, programme of injection method in this regard has also been greatly hampered due to concerned staff shortage of the department in the district during the said period. It is reported that the achievement of percentage of this method was only 30 per cent, 39 per cent, 44 per cent and 57 per cent respectively during the last four financial years.

People of the district have urged upon the concerned authorities, to arrange of fill up the vacant posts immediately for the success of the family planning programmes in the district.

One drowns, another commits suicide in Bhola

BHOLA, Feb 13: A young man was reportedly drowned in the river Tetulia near Char Bedaria union in sadar thana, police said, reports UNB.

According to family sources, Nurul Islam, 25, of the same union went to catch fish in the river with a boat alone Thursday and his body was seen floating after eight hours.

It is suspected that Nurul Islam fell down from the boat while catching fish with his net and drowned in the river.

Another report from Moulvibazar adds: A young man named Abdu Noor, son of one Riaz Ullah, of Ruposhpur in Sreemangal thana of the district allegedly committed suicide by hanging from a tree on Wednesday.



SATKHIRA: Samsul Karim, Additional Divisional Commissioner, Khulna, distributing prize to a competitor who participated in cultural competitions held under auspices of the Satkhira Central Public Library on the occasion of week long Book Fair-95 ended recently. — Star photo