

Tk 300cr RMG accessories seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Law enforcers seized garments accessories worth Tk 300 crore from three business enterprises of Anman Group at Shimrail in Siddhirganj on Wednesday night.

The accessories were imported under duty-free facilities provided to the export-oriented garments industry but Anman Group has no garments factory.

Warehouses of the three enterprises — Anman Packaging (Pvt) Ltd, Anman Garments and Accessories (Pvt) Ltd and Safety Polyband and Garments (Pvt) Ltd — were sealed.

A joint team of army and police led by Magistrate Rokon Ud-Doula made the seizure while conducting

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PHOTO: STAR

Filthy and stinking liquid waste floods Shyamoli intersection in the capital as an underground sewerage line developed cracks.

Yunus seeks scholarships from Oxford for Bangladeshi poor students

UNB, Dhaka

Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus urged the University of Oxford to provide scholarship for at least one poor Bangladeshi student each year to study in the world's famous university.

Vice Chancellor of the university Dr John Hood welcomed the idea, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

He also invited Prof Yunus to deliver prestigious Clarendon Lecture at the university this year.

Prof Yunus had been in Oxford March 27-28 to present awards at the 2007 Skoll World Forum, which

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WORLD CUP 07

Windies 177 all out

STAR SPORT MONITOR

New Zealand had West Indies on the ropes as the hosts were all out for 177 in 44.4 overs in their World Cup Super Eight match at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in St John's on Thursday.

West Indies, playing non-stop cricket for the last three days due to rain, showed little signs of a fight after their demoralising 103-run defeat by world champions Australia on Wednesday.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul was the first man out caught by Scott Styris in the second slip off Shane Bond for four in the eighth over with the score on 14.

Bond justified Stephen Fleming's decision to put West Indies in by producing the opening spell of the tournament. He swung the ball prodigiously at high pace, and it was aided only by some extremely circumspect batting from the West Indian openers. He led the West Indies demolition with 3-31 in 8.4

overs. All-rounder Jacob Oram was however the most economical with 3-23 in 8 overs while left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori mopped up the tail to finish with 3-39.

Ramnaresh Sarwan then fell for 19, brilliantly caught by wicketkeeper Brendon McCullum off Oram in the 17th over with the score on 66.

Marlon Samuels was the third man out, again caught behind off

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PHOTO: AFP

New Zealand wicketkeeper Brendon McCullum takes a spectacular catch to get rid of West Indies batsman Ramnaresh Sarwan (not in the picture) during the World Cup Super Eight match in St John's on Thursday.

RETURNING DEPOSITS BY MAR 31 BB to take action if Jubok fails to do it

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Bank (BB) will investigate if Jubo Karmasangsthan Society (Jubok) has returned all its deposits to the depositors within March 31 as per BB directives.

Sources said the central bank

will take action against the NGO if probe finds Jubok's failure in carrying out the BB directives.

In July last year, the BB directed Jubok to stop all its activities of collecting deposits from people

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BIRD FLU IN BANDAR, N'GANJ

174 poultry farms sealed off

STAR REPORT

The district livestock administration has sealed off all 174 chicken farms and placed restrictions on transport of poultry products at Bandar upazila of Narayanganj following detection of bird flu at four local farms.

Besides, it has been keeping the farms at the adjoining Sonargaon upazila under constant surveillance after abnormal death of fowls at Kadirganj village there.

Elsewhere in the country, no case of bird flu has been reported yesterday, our correspondents report.

Meanwhile, Fisheries and Livestock Adviser CS Karim yesterday called on the private TV channels and radio stations to help the government in its efforts to develop public awareness about the avian flu that poses a serious threat to the country's poultry industry. Some 4.5 lakh families have invested over Tk 6,000 crore in the business.

Though the situation is under control now, he said, the media should carry out a campaign edu-

cating people on the potential fallout from the deadly virus. Karim made the observations when a delegation of private TV channels met him at his office yesterday.

Our Narayanganj correspondent adds: Laboratory test reports have confirmed bird flu infection at the four farms at Bandar, said District Livestock Officer Abu Taher.

Of the affected ones, two are at Sonakanda, one at Purbo Kalyandi and the other at Malivita.

Besides shutting in the 174 farms, the administration has been seeking to make aware locals about the disease by circulating information through loudspeakers. As part of the measures, 468 chickens were culled at Malivita village yesterday. The number of poultry farms in the district currently stands at 989.

Our Khulna correspondent reports: Samples from two suspected farms in Bagerhat could not be tested as those were decomposed before reaching Dhaka. Those samples were sent to the capital Tuesday following death of some 600 chickens.

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Cancellation of selection thru' 27th BCS exams demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of students, teachers and freedom fighters yesterday urged the interim government to cancel PSC's (Public Service Commission) primary selection of successful candidates in 27th BCS as the PSC, in their opinion, made most selections of the 27th BCS on political and/or other grounds ignoring merit.

A few of the successful candidates, of course, were genuinely brilliant and measures should be taken in such a way that they are

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Telenor offered to cede control of GrameenPhone

UNB, Dhaka

Telenor ASA has been offered 2.6 billion Norwegian krone (Nkr) by Bangladesh's Grameen Telecom to give up control of the pair's joint venture, GrameenPhone, according to a report run by Norwegian daily Dagbladet.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus, who represents Grameen Telecom, was quoted by the newspaper as saying, "We don't demand that Telenor sell down its stake to under 35 percent—we will be content if we have 51 percent of the shares."

For this to happen, Telenor will have to cut its stake from the existing 62 percent stake to 49 percent.

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Prayer Timing		
March 30		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-45	5-20
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-20	6-25
Esha	7-45	8-15
Source: Islamic Foundation		