

BIRD FLU High alert in Benapole, Bhomra

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Benapole border in Jessore and Bhomra border in of Satkhira have been put on high alert to check entry of poultry from India, said Md Abdul Hai, Deputy Director of Khulna divisional office of Livestock Department.

"We have taken this step with effect from Thursday (January 18) in view of outbreak of bird flu disease in some districts in West Bengal," he said.

Hai said all precautionary measure had been taken along the Indo-Bangladesh border at Benapole and Bhomra where several teams are working in cooperation with law enforcers to check entry of chicks from India.

The surveillance teams are submitting daily reports on their findings. The teams are visiting poultry farms in f these two border areas off and on to detect bird flu.

"Except a case in Jessore, all other nine districts under my jurisdiction in Khulna division are still free of bird flu," he said.

Abdul Hai said surveillance teams of his department working in border areas spray disinfectants in vehicles entering Bangladesh from India as preventive measures.

Smugglers snatch timber vehicle from BDR in Juri

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A gang of smugglers yesterday snatched a pick-up van loaded with timber from BDR at Dakshinbhag Bazar on Kulaura-Baralekha road in Juri upazila.

The smugglers also allegedly manhandled two BDR personnel who tried to intercept the vehicle.

According to witness and Juri BDR sources, the vehicle was going to Baralekha from Kulaura.

Tipped-off, two BDR personnel from Juri company headquarter reached Dakshinbhag Bazar in a motor-bike to capture the pick-up van.

Traders Tajul Islam, Nawruz Ali and Siraj Uddin at Dakshinbhag Bazar told this correspondent that when the two BDR men came to the spot, about 200 people cordoned and beating them. The smugglers escaped with the vehicle.

Lt. Col. Lutfur Rahman, commander of 38 BDR Battalion said, he was informed of the incident.

Fake milk factory found in Chandpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

A fake milk factory was detected yesterday at Alur Bazar on the bank of the Meghna, 10 kilometres southwest of Chandpur town, said sources in Coast Guard.

Factory owner Hajee Md Abdur Rab, 48, was also arrested.

Acting on a tip-off, Coast Guard team jointly led by Lt Commander Mahubur Rahman Shikder and magistrate M Saiful Islam raided the factory from where adulterated milk was supplied by an organised gang to various markets in Chandpur. The team also seized 50 maunds of adulterated milk and chemicals from the spot.

It was learnt that a few more fake milk factories are in existence on the bank of the Meghna.

Boy rescued, abductors held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday rescued a minor boy from abductors at Chandpur village in Nandail upazila in Mymensingh.

The victim is Shakil, 9, son of Abul Kalam hailing from Kashba in Brahmanbaria.

Rab also arrested two members of the gang who abducted the boy for Tk 1 lakh ransom.

Guard against abuse of power in anti-graft drive

TIB Rajshahi regional conference urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Speakers at TIB's regional conference here yesterday said the government should guard against abuse of power in its drive to curbing corruption.

They said, anti-corruption drive will have no result if it is not meaningful and can have a positive and lasting impact on the society.

They were speaking at a day-long Rajshahi regional conference on anti-graft social movement, organised jointly by Concerned Citizens' Committee (CCC) of Transparency International, Bangladesh (TIB) and Yes Group. It was held at a city community centre.

Eminent litterateur Hasan Azizul Haque, TIB executive director Dr Iftekharuzzaman, CCC conveners Golam Arif

Tipu, Amjad Hossain, Sudhin Kumar Lahidi, Saiful Islam Reja, Yes Group members Khairul Islam, Sonia Akhtar, Sonia Sultana and Hozzatul Islam spoke at the function.

Over 200 anti-graft social movement activists from Rajshahi, Natore, Kustia, and Chapainawabganj districts took part in the programme.

Prof Hasan Azizul Haque said, "Corruption should be rooted out from society, otherwise it will turn into flashy events of no value.

"Our society will remain impaired so long corruption persists.

"A totally corruption-free society can never be achieved, but it must be brought down to a tolerable level", he added.

Dr Iftekharuzzaman said, "We do not want the government to misuse power while combating corruption".

He said, TIB and ACC (Anti-corruption Commission) are working together to increase capacity of government institutions to eradicate institutional corruption and use of information technology in this regard.

"We don't care of any government is unhappy (with us), TIB is always wants governments to play a proper role against corruption", he said.

He noted that an adviser of present government expressed his dissatisfaction with TIB for making public a government anomaly in the recent past.

The TIB executive director also urged anti-graft activists to work with dedication out of a social responsibility.

The programme concluded with a visit to Padma riverbank and a cultural function.

Ex-BNP MP, municipal chairman sued in Meherpur

Allegation of taking money on job promise

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Former BNP lawmaker from Meherpur-1 Masud Arun and Meherpur municipality chairman Motassim Billah Motu and three others have been sued for allegedly taking money by promising job.

Motu is also district convenor of Jatiya party (JP-Ershad).

Awami League activist Anisur Rahman of Amjhupi village in Mujibnagar upazila filed the case with Mujibnagar police station Thursday night.

Police arrested Motassim Billah Motu on Friday from Meherpur jail gate soon after he came out on bail in other cases.

Sources said Motu is accused in 12 cases, all filed last year. He was arrested on June 6 last year.

The two others accused in the case are Meherpur district Jubo Dal president and former public prosecutor Maruf Ahmed Bijon, Meherpur Pouro BNP president Jahangir Biswas and Sahajahan

Ali, a staff of Meherpur Zila Parishad.

Maruf Ahmed Bijon, now in jail, is elder brother of former BNP lawmaker Masud Arun. The other accused are absconding, police said.

In the case, Anisur Rahman, president of Amjhupi union Awami League, alleged that Masud Arun, Motu and Bijon took Tk 1.50 lakh from him in May 2005 assuring him a job of a primary school teacher. But they could not provide him with the job.

As he asked for return of the money, they threatened him with dire consequences, he alleged in the complaint.

Some sources claimed that Masud Arun is now in Dhaka. Known as a reformist BNP leader, Arun is accused in four extortion cases filed between January and September last year, police and other sources said.

Locals said Arun was not seen in his area since promulgation of emergency.

Education key to progress

Justice Habibur Rahman says in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Former chief justice Habibur Rahman yesterday said education is the only way for development.

"If you want to make any change among people in the country, it is only by education," he added.

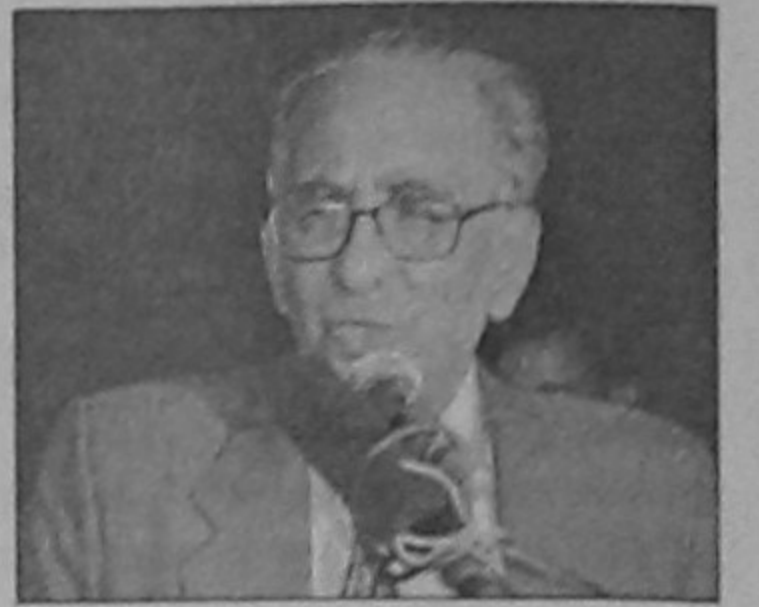
The chief adviser of a caretaker government was speaking at a prize distribution ceremony at Belat Hossain Bahumukhi High School at Delduar upazila in Tangail.

He also inaugurated a three-day science fair at the school and distributed prizes among students for good academic results.

Founder of the school Delwar Hossain presided over the function.

Former vice-chancellor (VC) of Jahangirnagar University Zillur Rahman Siddiqui and noted economist and founder president of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Rehman Sobhan attended at the function as special guests.

Among others, Tangail Deputy Commissioner Akhter Ali Sarkar, Delduar Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Rehma Rani Balo, school managing committee vice-president Shakhawat Hossain and its headmaster Golam Rabbani were also present.



Justice Habibur Rahman

Justice Habibur Rahman said all development efforts are being eaten up by illiteracy and rapid population growth.

Now, science has provided all scopes for spread of education, technology and training. The scopes will remain unutilized if basic education can not be spread, covering all sections of people in rural areas, he said.

Zillur Rahman Siddiqui said Bangladesh is a very resourceful country but the progress are being held back by corruption, which has spread to all walks of life. Unless corruption can be checked, development efforts will be meaningless, he said. Zillur Rahman however said the present caretaker government has taken some good initiatives.



Villagers repairing a road on self-help basis at Dakkhin Falia village in Gaibanda Sadar upazila.

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Tk 25CR BARISAL RUPALI BANK LOAN SCAM

ACC charge sheet against 7 bank officials, guarantor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

AKM Fazlul Huq, assistant director of Barisal Anti Corruption Commission (ACC), submitted charge sheet against nine accused including BNP leaders and bank officials in Tk 25 crore Barisal Rupali Bank loan scam case.

The accused are Jatiotabadi Mahila Dal leader and managing director of Ambia Memorial Hospital and Diagnostic Limited (AMHDL) Jannatun Nesa Nayon; her husband businessman Syed Md. Yunus alias Tube Well Yunus, chairman of AMHDL and guarantor of the loans; former managers Shamsur Rahman and Abdul Khalek of Nathullabad branch of Rupali Bank, loan officer Makbul Hossain, second officer Shamsul Azad of Sadar Road branch of the bank, principal officer Abdur Rob; and audit and inspection officials of the bank's regional office Biplob Ghosh and Habibur Rahman.

The charge sheet submitted to ACC head office in Dhaka on Thursday will be filed with police station.

Earlier, ACC conducted a probe into the scam. The probe was done by Barisal ACC assistant director AKM Fazlul Huq and the report was submitted last month.

After submission of the probe report, the ACC head office asked Fazlul Huq to submit charge sheet, the sources said.

Rupali Bank head office also found the scam in investigation in 2006.

Bank authorities lodged two cases against Nayon, some bank officials and the guarantor.

The cases were transferred to ACC in December last year for investigation.

Syed Yunus arrested by RAB on October 25, 2007 from Dhaka and now in Barisal jail as accused in a cheating case.

Sources in Barisal ACC said Yunus was wanted for long by the task forces of anti corruption department for misappropriating cores of taka by illegally taking bank loans, collecting bills from government offices without doing work.

Three other cases lodged against Yunus by PHED and two other private firms are also under investigation.

Plaintiff sent to jail for filing false case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

The plaintiff of a case was arrested and sent to jail here yesterday for filing a false case under Women and Children Repression Act, police and court sources said.

The arrestee is Morzina Begum, 45, wife of late Abiar Rahman of Dakkhin Motukpur village in Domar upazila, they said.

Morzina had a long-standing feud with Jamiruddin, 50, at the same village. Morzina filed a case against Jamir with Domar police station under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act on July 13, 2007. In the complaint, she said Jamir entered her room at dead of night on July 12 by breaking open the bamboo fence of her room and raped her forcefully.

Later, police investigated the matter and found the case to be false and baseless. Then the Investigation Officer (IO) placed the final report in the court.

Finally, the court issued warrant of arrest against the plaintiff for filing the false case. Accordingly, police arrested Morzina at dead night on Friday. She was sent to jail the next day.

Recently the number of cases under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act increased abnormally. Lawyers sources said most of the cases were proved to be false by court.

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Joypurhat unit of National Indigenous Committee and Bogra unit of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust jointly organised a law fair for indigenous people in Joypurhat recently.

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As part of the Facility & Supply-Chain team, the position will be responsible for procurement management in relation to planning, facilitating decision making and all relevant administrative functions as per policies and procedures. S/he needs to supervise procurement team along with providing technical support to field offices. **Minimum requirements:** At least Masters degree in any discipline with 7 years of relevant experience with large organizations specially on procurement under USAID/EC funded projects. Excellent written and oral communication skills in English, ability to set priorities and work independently, strong negotiation and decision making skills are essential for the position.
- 3. Deputy Manager - Payroll & Compensation (01 position)**
This position is responsible for managing payroll, overtime, time sheet, leave records, health benefits, taxes and other staff benefits and welfare issues according to agency policies and procedures. **Minimum requirements:** At least Masters degree in Accounting/Finance/ Management /equivalent with 7 years of relevant experience in similar capacity with any large organization. Higher level of computer based complex database management skills preferably with HRIS and strong inter-personal communication skills are essential.
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This position is responsible for providing training and on-going capacity building to NGO budget holders in all areas related to financial management including budgeting, budget phasing, financial reporting etc. **Minimum requirements:** At least Masters degree in Accounting/Finance/ Business Administration /equivalent with 7 years of relevant experience in similar capacity with any large development organization. Working knowledge with various Donors and local Partners, training facilitation skills, strong inter-personal communication skills are essential.
- 5. Senior Officer-Compliance (01 position)**
This position is responsible for ensuring that Agency fully complies with legal requirements with respect to agency and country rules and regulations. S/he will review and advise Senior Management Team for timely decision making. **Minimum Requirements:** At least Masters degree in Law/equivalent, depth working knowledge on relevant Bangladesh laws, rules and regulations and it's implications, at least 05 years of relevant work experience with International organization, excellent skills in written and oral communication in English, proficiency in computer and sound knowledge of editing documents are required.
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This position is responsible for managing vehicles in the pool and relevant logistics while ensuring efficient use, maintenance, safety & security, fitness of vehicles according to the country and organizational rules and regulations. **Minimum requirements:** At least Masters degree in any discipline with 5 years of relevant experience in similar capacity with any large organization, sound knowledge in safe driving, excellent staff supervision skills, good written and oral communication skills, ability to set priorities and work independently under pressure, and computer literacy are essential.
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The position is responsible for all incoming and outgoing cash transactions including liquidation, cash advance and monitoring. Key responsibilities include managing cash balance, maintaining accuracy and compliance with policies and procedures, monitoring and analyzing cash and bank transactions. **Minimum requirements:** At least Masters degree in Accounts/Finance/Business Administration, 04 years relevant work experience with any large international organization, very good written and oral communication and analytical skills, client orientation; ability to handle multi-tasks & setting priorities, ability to work under stress and deadlines, and proficiency in computer are essential requirements.
- 8. Officer-Budget & Reporting (01 position)**
This position is responsible for supporting in budget preparation, tracking expenses, and reporting as per need. **Minimum requirements:** At least Masters degree in Finance/Accounts/equivalent with 4 years of relevant experience in similar capacity with any large development organization, very good analytical skills on budget management with excellent working knowledge on spreadsheet are essential.
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The position is responsible for liaising with Government Offices like Immigration, Visa, NGO AB for processing visa, work permit, registration and other relevant approvals for smooth functioning of the organization. S/he will be responsible for all in-country travel arrangements. **Minimum requirements:** At least Master degree in any discipline, 04 years relevant experience with any development organization, excellent communication and negotiation skills are required.
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This position is responsible for maintaining an efficient Inventory Control System in the Country Office as per policy and procedures. In addition, he/she will provide support to different sub offices related to inventory management system. **Minimum requirements:** At least Masters degree in any discipline with 4 years of relevant experience in similar capacity with any large organization. Must be computer literate including knowledge on inventory management packages.

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