

Elderly residents of Hong Kong conduct a hunger strike protest outside the city's Legislative Council building yesterday. The demonstrators were seeking the right of abode for their children born outside the territory, a request that has been denied by the Hong Kong government under its immigration policy that makes it difficult or nearly impossible for family members from mainland China, to join their Hong Kong resident family members.

Of elephants and ministers Kamaruzzaman

FROM PAGE 1 These elephants which are said to be "Indians" were actually ours as well. There was a time when they used to migrate all the way from Shiliguri to Tanguar Haor. In fact, there is a water body in back the elephants, or open a Tanguar Haor called Hatir corridor to let them pass Doba where the elephants through. We could, as the last would come and frolic in option, capture the elephants water, after munching the haor's grass. They were as much our elephants as India's. But over time, we have cut

down the Sal trees and deforested the vast swath of land. The elephants' grazing range, spanning from Shiliguri through Mymensingh to done none of those. Sylhet, was lost on the Bangladesh side; and the magnificent animals found the Meghalaya range as their only place for survival. Still they would come down the hills when rice would ripen. One day while they were still on the Bangladesh side, the Indians rolled out the barbed wire fence to demarcate their

stranded. With little food left, they

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to join immediately.

roam through villages, often coming in conflict with humans. They are literally starving, but the Indians would not let them return. Nor would we take any international initiative to press India to take

and put them in captivity. Or we could even use the elephants as a tourist attraction, and introduce ecotourism to bring money for the villagers. We could have introduced compensation for the crops they damage. We have

When there has been no such initiative, it is senseless to talk about killing these endangered species. Those who think like that, are enemies of the environment. They have no idea that Bangladesh as a signatory to the International Convention on Biological Diversity cannot just kill wild animals like that. border. And the elephants got Our own Biodiversity Action Plan, which is mandatory for every country, also gives the

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highest priority to protection of wildlife.

As for the monkeys, they are local residents of Madaripur. They have been there for ages, and were happy to roam in village forests. But as we, the humans, destroyed their habitat, they had to move towards the town. They might look for food in houses, when too hungry. But to think of killing them for that, is inhuman. Like us they have a right to live. We, who are responsible for their miseries, can devise ways to make their life comfortable, and reduce conflict. They can be supplied with food, as the prime minister directed in the cabinet meeting, or if the situation is too bad, we can relocate them.

When our biodiversity is being reduced every day, it was sad to find such comments from our lawmakers and ministers. The good thing is we have a prime minister who thinks of the environment, the

ecology, and the wildlife. Thank you, prime minister.

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SK Tofael Hassan granted the petition for showing Kamaruzzaman and Quader Molla arrested in the case following an application submitted by Detective Branch (DB) Inspector Ziauzzaman, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case.

The IO also prayed for a seven-day remand for each of

them. The hearing on the remand prayer will be held when they will be produced before the court on completion of their three-day remand in another case filed with Palton police station.

The two were arrested on July 13 from the Supreme Court

premises. A group of six to seven youths stopped the car near the level crossing in Moghbazar around 8:45pm on June 26 when Faruq and three others were passing the area by it.

Before they could get down, the miscreants poured petrol on the car and set it on fire and they sustained injuries. Later, Faruq succumbed to his injuries. REJECTION OF NIZÁMI'S BAIL Metropolitan Magistrate

Kamrunnahar Rumi rejected Nizami's bail petition in the case filed with Uttara Police Station on March 15 this year for indulginginanti-state activities.

The court also ordered to send Nizami to jail after Uttara police produced him before it yesterday and did not seek further remand for interrogation.

Nizami was arrested on June 29 after a court issued arrest warrants against him and four other Jamaat leaders in connection with a case filed for hurting religious sentiment of Muslims.

Later, he was shown arrested in seven criminal cases including two freedom fighter killing cases during the country's LiberationWar in 1971.

The cases were filed with Paltan, Uttara, Ramna, Pallabi and Keraniganj police stations on different dates.

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Inspector, Nurul Islam Siddiqui, took Nizami on a five-day remand even though a Dhaka court granted bail earlier in the case filed on January 25 of 2008 with Pallabi Police Station for killing 345 people during Liberation Warin 1971.

পরিকল্পনা সমিতি (এফপিএবি) প্রজনন স্বাস্থ্য অধিকার রক্ষায় ১৯৫৩ সন থেকে কাজ করে যাচেছ। প্রজনন স্বাস্থ্য অধিকার রক্ষার এক গুরুত্বপূর্ণ নিয়ামক হচ্ছে প্রজনন স্বাস্থ্যসেবা উপকরণের নিয়মিত সংগ্রহ, সরবরাই ও বিতরণ নিভিতকরণ। কিন্তু নানাবিধ কারণে কখনো কখনো প্রজনন স্বাস্থ্যসেবা উপকরণের সংগ্রহ ও সরবরাহ বিলম্বিত হলে ব্যবহারকারী পর্যায়ে বিতরণ অনিয়মিত হয়ে পড়ে, ফলে অনাকান্তিত গর্ভধারণ অতঃপর অনিরাপদ গর্ভপাত, এমআরসহ নারীদের নানাবিধ শারীরিক ও আর্থিক ক্ষতির সম্মুখীন হতে হয়। এ গুরুত্বপূর্ণ বিষয়টি মিলিনিয়াম ডেভেলপমেন্ট গোল চার ও পাঁচ অর্থাৎ মা ও শিন্ত স্বাস্থ্যকৈ ব্যাপকভাবে প্রভাবিত করে, তাছাড়া বিষয়টি দেশের

জনসংখ্যা বৃদ্ধি তথা সার্বিক উনুয়নের সাথেও সম্পর্কিত। এ সব প্রজনন স্বাস্থ্য সেবা উপকরণের সংগ্রহ, সরবরাহ ও বিতরণ ব্যবস্থার উন্নয়নের লক্ষ্যে সরকারি নীতিনিধরিক ও সিভিল সোসাইটির সদস্যসহ সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অর্থনৈতিক ও রাজনৈতিক অঙ্গীকার বৃদ্ধির লক্ষ্যে তাঁদের সচেতন করা ও উপকরণ সংগ্রহ ও বিতরণ ব্যবস্থা নিয়মিত করতে প্রয়োজনীয় ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণের জন্য দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ করতে জাতীয় সংবাদপত্র ও টেলিভিশনে প্রতিবেদন/ফিচার তৈরি করে প্রচারের জন্য আগ্রহী সাংবাদিকদের কাছ থেকে নিমুলিখিত বিষয়ে আগামী ৫ আগষ্ট ২০১০ এর মধ্যে মহাপরিচালক, এফপিএবি, ২ নয়া পল্টন, ঢাকা-১০০০ বরাবর জীবনবৃত্তান্ত আহ্বান করা যাচেছ।

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Driver 'error' led to Indian train crash

BBC ONLINE

Driver error may have led to Monday's train crash in eastern India's West Bengal state that left 63 people dead, preliminary investigations have found.

The express had entered the station in Sainthia town at full speed, even though it had a scheduled stop there, railway officials say.

The driver did not brake or heed numerous stop messages, before the express hit a stationary train.

Another train crash in West Bengal back in May killed nearly 150 people.

Authorities blamed sabotage by Maoist rebels for that tragedy.

Monday morning's accident occurred when the Uttar Banga Express smashed into the stationary Bhagalpur-Ranchi Vananchal Express at the station in the Birbhum district, about 200km north of Kolkata.

Railway officials told the BBC the train had entered the station at its top speed of 90km/h, despite numerous warnings to stop.

"The driver did not apply either the emergency

brakes or the normal brakes even after it passed a red signal. They did not respond to frantic wireless messages to stop," said Indian Railway's board chairman Vivek Sahay, at the crash site.

According to the cabin man posted at the approach to Sainthia station, the Uttar Banga Express also did not respond to his warnings.

"I shouted in my walkie-talkie asking the Uttar Banga Express to stop. When that did not work, I waved the red flag frantically but the train passed by on to the track where the Vananchal Express was parked," cabin man Mator Let told the BBC.

The driver and his assistant both died in the

Service records of the Uttar Banga Express's driver suggest he was rated among the top 20 drivers in the Indian railway service, investigating officials said.

They found that the Uttar Banga Express had made a perfect stop at the previous station, 7km away.

When the signal at Gadadharpur Halt turned green, the Uttar Banga Express had moved on to its next scheduled stop of Sainthia.

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