



PHOTO: STAR

Fishermen beam while carrying hilsa from trawlers to a wholesale market in Patharghata upazila of Barguna district yesterday as recent good catches, after a few weeks of 'dull period' during the ongoing hilsa catching season, bring joy to the fishermen and traders.

Hilsa, at long last

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Two and a half months into the beginning of hilsa season, fishermen have started getting good catches of the popular fish off the coasts of Patuakhali and Barguna districts.

Fish landing stations at Mohipur and Alipur in Patuakhali and Patharghata in Barguna district are now buzzing with activities of fishermen and traders as trawlers loaded with hilsa are returning from the Bay.

May to October is the period for hilsa catching while there is ban on netting the popular fish from November 1 to April 30, said fisheries officials.

Over 500 fishing trawlers from coastal districts Patuakhali and Barguna sailed for deep sea to catch hilsa after the end of the ban period to hilsa catching on May 1. But this season saw very poor catches till mid-July.

The situation, however, saw a change in the second half of this month when fishermen started getting plenty of hilsa fish.

During the last ten days, over 400 tonnes of hilsa came from the Bay in an average daily, said fishing trawler owners and fish traders in Mohipur and Patharghata.

But the amount of catches for two and a half months since beginning of the season was only 20-50 tonnes daily, they added.



PHOTO: STAR

Huge quantity of hilsa arrives at Mohipur wholesale market in Patuakhali district yesterday as fishermen have started getting large catches of the popular fish in the Bay.

Hilsa worth Tk 2.30 lakh and Tk 2.80 lakh were sold from fishing trawlers FB Sobhan and FB Mizan on Saturday, said Fazlu Gazi, president of Fish Traders Association in Mohipur.

"Wholesalers, fishermen and labourers are passing very busy time as plenty of hilsa is being netted. Eight to 10 trawlers loaded with hilsa from the Bay are coming to Patharghata daily since July 16. We are very

happy as plenty of hilsa is netting for a week," said Golam Mostafa, president of Barguna fishing trawler owners association.

Price of hilsa is also decreasing in the local markets as plenty of hilsa is being netted. Its price in wholesale markets in Patuakhali now range between Tk 350 to 400 per kg depending on size.

When visited local fish market on Sunday, this corre-

spondent saw one maund (40 kgs) hilsa fish that over 1 kg weight per hilsa sold at Tk 11,000 to 12,000 per maund.

But one month ago, those fish sold at Tk 15,000 to Tk 16,000. Less than one kg hilsa sold at Tk 10,000 to 11,500 while Tk 11,500 to 12,000 sold per maund last month. Now per kg hilsa is selling at Tk 350 to 400 in the local market but in last month that price was Tk 450 to 600.

Trial of 24 'mutineers' on Charges against BDR men read out in Lalmonirhat

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Trial of 24 mutineers of 31 Rifles Battalion under Rangpur sector began at special court- 2 of Bangladesh Rifles at the battalion headquarters in Lalmonirhat yesterday.

The plaintiff, Subedar Major Habibur Rahman read out the charges against 24 jawans while prosecutor Lt Col Aslam Hossain, also the commanding officer of 31 Rifles Battalion, placed his submission before the three-member court headed by BDR Director General Maj Gen Rafiqul Islam.

Two other members of the court are Lt Col Mahfuzur Rahman and Major Didar Al Latif. Deputy Attorney General Goutom Kumar Roy was present in the court as a representative of the Attorney General's office.

Two others lawyers-- advocate Gazi Zillur Rahman and advocate



PHOTO: STAR

A special court at the battalion headquarters of Bangladesh Rifles at Lalmonirhat where trial of 24 mutineers of Lalmonirhat 31 Rifles Battalion under Rangpur Sector started yesterday.

Belayet Hossain--were present as public prosecutors.

The BDR men have been accused of looting arms from armoury at 31 Rifles

Battalion headquarters at Lalmonirhat, ransacking rooms and creating panic by firing blank shots.

Of the 24 accused, 15 were arrested earlier while

the rest nine arrested at the battalion headquarters yesterday as per court order.

The court adjourned the trial proceedings until 8:30am today.

One to die, 2 jailed for killing trader

A CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A court here yesterday sentenced a man to death and two others to 36 years' imprisonment for killing a businessman in 2001.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Dilip Kumar Debnath yesterday handed down the verdict.

The convict awarded death penalty is Shailesh Kumar Kalu, 38, son of Dr Sudhir Kumar Roy; of Dighalkandi village under Sonatala upazila of Bogra.

Those jailed for 36 years are Mahbubur Rahman Ronik, 35, and Shahidul Islam, 32. They will have to

serve one and half years more imprisonment in case of failure to pay Tk 15,000 fine.

Another accused, Uzzal Hossain, was acquitted of the charges.

According to prosecution, business partners killed Jumaal Rabbani Talukder alias Shadhin in Tebaria area of Natore town and dumped his body in a paddy field at a place at North Borogachha on September 23, 2001.

Later, police recovered the body on October 1.

Victim's uncle Abdus Salam lodged a case with Natore Sadar police station in this connection on the same day.

Another Jubo League man murdered in Natore

A CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Another Jubo League man was murdered here yesterday.

Police recovered his body from a sugarcane field in Chhatna area of Sadar upazila at about 3:00 in the morning.

The deceased was identified as Alamgir Hossain, 33, son of Afsar Ali of Shibpur village of the upazila. He was an activist of local Jubo League.

Police quoting family sources said Alamgir was called out by some unknown people at about 12:30am. Later, they took him to the

sugarcane field and stabbed him to death.

Hearing the screams, locals rushed to the place and found his body lying in a pool of blood. On information, police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy.

The reason behind the murder could not be known immediately.

"We are trying find out the culprits," said Natore police station OC Abdullah Al Mamun.

Two days ago criminals killed Jubo League leader Atiqur Rahman Bidyut of Singra upazila headquarters.

International External Verifier for Vocational & Technical Education

City & Guild of London has been at the forefront of vocational education for 130 years. Our qualifications are recognised throughout the world as hallmarks of employee excellence. As part of our commitment to ensuring the quality and integrity of our qualifications, we are seeking to recruit external verifiers to monitor the quality and consistency of assessment Practice within approved City & Guilds assessment centres.

These are prestigious appointments and as guardians of our International standards and reputation, we are looking for leading professional in the following sectors :

- International Teaching and Training Awards
- Awards in Hairdressing
- Awards in Beauty Therapy
- Engineering Skills
 - Electrical Engineering
 - Metal Machinery
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Publication & Media
- Technical Awards in Engineering
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Mechatronics
 - Productioin
- Telecommunication Engineering
- Motor Vehical Engineering
- Sales and Marketing
- International Tourism
- Construction Industry
 - Planning
 - Refrigeration & Air Condition
 - Electrical Installation
 - Timber Vocation
- Construction Industry Technician
 - Civil Engineering
 - Quality Survey
- Food Preparation and Culinary Arts
- Food and Beverage Service
- Reception Operations and Service
- Accommodation Operations and Services
- Applied Information Technology
- Electronic / Electrical Engineering
- Technician Awards
- The Engineer Council Examinations
- Access Certification in English Language Teaching
- Health Care
- Customer Service
- Retail

APPLICANTS MUST HAVE :

- Diploma / Degree in relevant field
- An appropriate occupational background and experience in the relevant sector
- Knowledge of or experience in education and/ or training
- Experience of quality assurance systems
- The ability to gather information and to make objective independent judgements about assessment practice and procedures within centres
- Good communication skills and the ability to work effectively with others
- Experience in administrative duties (eg. completing reports and maintaining records)
- A minimum of 10 days per annum available on which to undertake this role

A daily fee will be paid for work undertaken. Comprehensive training will be provided.

If you have the experience and time to capitalise on this opportunity please request an application form and further details

T : +94 11 5361427/8 F : +94 11 2314941 E : info@cityandguilds.lk

Closing date for completed applications is on 04th August 2010

Successful applicants will be invited to a training day on the month of August 2010

We regret that we can only contact short listed candidates

Our local Agent : Pinnade Institute, 34, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Awal Centre, (13th floor), Banani Commercial Area, Dhaka 1213, Bangladesh.

T : +88029882592, +88029886940
F : +88029881708
E : samir.asaf@pinnacleasiapacific.com

City & Guilds

Risky road turnings in Saidpur

10 km of Dinajpur-Dhaka Highway sees frequent accidents

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Over 100 people were killed and many more injured in around 200 accidents since opening of Saidpur town bypass on Dinajpur-Dhaka highway 18 years ago as turnings at short distances make the 10-kilometre road risky.

In the past, densely populated Saidpur railway town in Nilphamari district saw serious traffic jam as the vehicles on Dinajpur-Dhaka highway passed through it and railway

carriages frequently came to Saidpur Railway Workshop for repair work or overhauling.

There are also a good number of schools and colleges in Saidpur town. It is also a well-known wholesale market in the northern region.

To rid the town dwellers and commuters from the nuisance of regular traffic jam, Roads and Highways Department (RHD) constructed the wide bypass. It starts from Saidpur bus terminal point of Dinajpur-Dhaka highway at the eastern part of

the town, takes a U-turn in the midway and leads to the same highway at Rabeya Flour Mill point in the west of the town.

Everyday thousands of vehicles to and from Dinajpur, Panchagarh, Nilphamari and Dhaka ply this road.

Drivers tend to increase the speed of their vehicles on the wide busy road but it sees frequent accidents as the drivers often fail to watch vehicles coming from the opposite direction at as many as 11 turnings on the road, said drivers and locals.

The most risky turnings on this bypass are at Bokpara, Dhalagachh intersection, and Sarkarpara and Nap Asmatiya madrasa and Wapda office.

On May 22 last, 40 passengers were injured as a night coach turned turtle at Dhalagachh intersection. Several of them were taken to Rangpur Medical College Hospital with serious injuries.

A companion of renowned freedom fighter and journalist Shahriar Kabir, also central convener of Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, was killed as their vehicle faced a serious accident at Bokpara turning when they were going to Thakurgaon to attend a meeting demanding trial of war criminals in 2005.

RHD sources said the road is a curved one but there is no engineering defect in its construction.

"The traffic department does not have sufficient manpower to deploy at the risky points of the bypass. Still we are sincere to control traffic movement to avoid accidents," said Shamsul Haque, the traffic inspector of Saidpur.

"Sufficient signals have been set up on this road to make people aware about the position of the road. Reckless driving by inconsiderate bus and truck drivers is also responsible for frequent accidents on this road," Nilphamari RHD Executive Engineer Mahbubul Alam Khansaid.



PHOTO: STAR

Ten turnings on the 10-kilometre Saidpur town bypass of Dhaka-Dinajpur highway, like this one at Sarkarpara, make the road accident-prone as vehicles coming from the opposite direction often escape drivers' eyes.