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# Tk 90cr EU grant for Sundarbans

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€10 million (Tk 90 crore) as grant to protect and manage the Sundarbans Reserve Forest (SRF).

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Dhaka yesterday signed a five-year their livelihoods development and agreement. The project is also aiming help them in reducing their exposure The European Union (EU) will provide to protect people and nature in the tonatural disasters. Sundarbans, said a EU press release.

Department of Forest to assist com- Reserved Forest and communities of To this effect, the government and munities living in the areas adjacent Bagerhat, Khulna, Satkhira, Pirojpur the European Union Delegation in to the mangrove forest to improve and Barguna.

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cate in the city.

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The target locations of the The EU will support the programme will be the Sundarbans

NO ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE

A foam manufacturing industry in Tejgaon was fined Tk 7 lakh

yesterday for operating without environment clearance certifi-

Mohammad Monir Chowdury, director of Monitoring and

taking any environment clearance certificate, said a press

Enforcement wing, penalised Swan Foam Industry Ltd.

raw materials in an environment-friendly way either.

threaten its closure upon non-compliance.

A team of the Department of Environment (DoE) led by

The factory was found running for the last 17 years without

Swan Foam does not use and reserve the harmful and toxic

The DoE team asked the industry for all measures to control

People surrounding the factory face health hazards for the

bad odour of the chemicals. The workers are directly exposed to

the risks, as they do not use gumboot and mask during work.

and stop environmental pollution by December 31, and

#### ASSAULT OF COP Actor Dipjol apologises on remand

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Film actor Monwar Hossain Dipjol, also a Dhaka city corporation (DCC) councillor, admitted assaulting an on-duty traffic police constable at gunpoint and apologised for the offences during a one-day remand Swan Foam fined yesterday, said police.

Dipjol was quizzed by Darussalam police in a case filed by a traffic constable for assaulting and threatening him at gunpoint when he tried to protest the violation of traffic rules by the car of Dipjol on November 6 at Gabtoli in the capital.

Since the incident, the DCC councillor had gone into hiding. But he surrendered to the police on November 28 -- after 12 days of hiding.

Darussalam police station Officer-in-Charge Abdul Malek told the reporters, "Dipjol admitted the incident and also said sorry for the offences."

However, sources said Dipjol might be shown arrested in another case as at least a dozen cases filed against him are pending with different courts.

Earlier, Darussalam police on November 21 appealed to the deputy commissioner of Dhaka for cancellation of the licence of Dipjol's firearms that include a single and a double-barrel shotguns, a pistol, and a rifle.

Dipjol has already been awarded 45 years' imprisonment in absentia on different charges including possessing illegal firearms and ammunition and acquiring wealth through illegal means.



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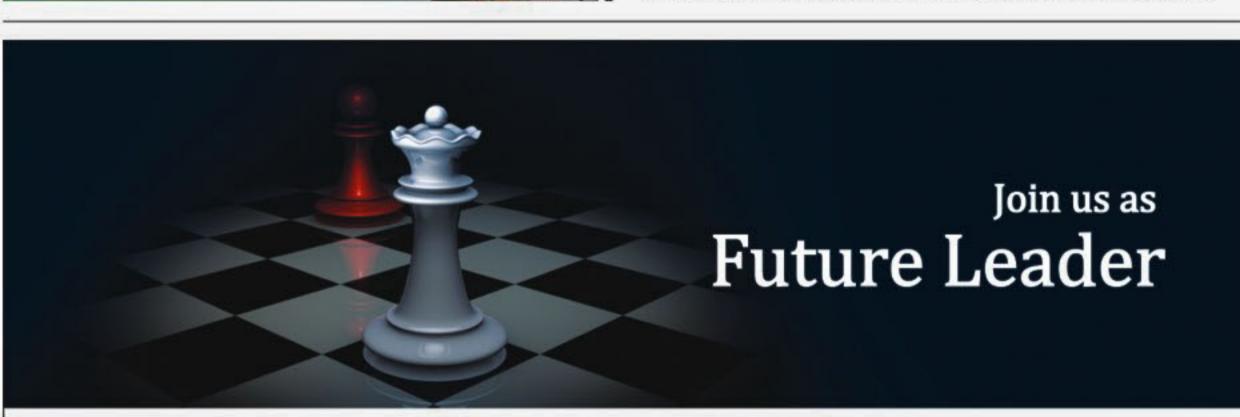
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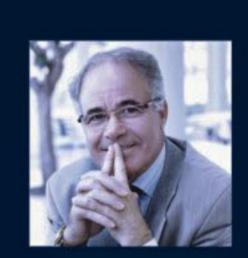
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