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This extremely rare migratory bird named large billed warbler was caught for study by bird researchers at Baikka Beel in Moulvibazar district on Wednesday and later freed in the wild.

Rare large billed warbler sighted at Baikka Beel

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Bird experts have traced a large billed warbler, a rare migratory bird, at Baikka Beel in Moulvibazar district.

"The bird is muddy-coloured and weighs only 10 grams. Only two other birds of the same kind were found in Thailand during last 10 years. The third one has been found at Baikka Beel," Dr Enam-al Haque, president of Bangladesh Bird Club, told the local reporters.

"Scientific name of the bird is Acrocephalus Orinus. Researchers do not have any detailed informa-

tion on this bird," Dr Haque said, adding that the bird was freed in the wild after setting a ring inscribing the name of Bangladesh.

"Researchers of Bangladesh Bird Club had set a trap to catch birds for their research work and the rare bird, large-billed warbler, was caught in the trap on Wednesday evening," Ferdous Nahid, communication and outreach facilitator of the Integrated Project Area Co-management (IPAC), Sylhet cluster, told this correspondent.

"We are delighted after getting the bird. Our tour at Baikka Beel has become

successful," said Professor Philp Round of zoology department of Mahidol University in Thailand, also a member of the research team.

"Bird diversity of Baikka Beel is a unique one in the world. With setting of a ring inscribed with the name of Bangladesh in the leg of the large billed warbler, name of Bangladesh has been included in the list for long term bird research in the world," he said.

Recently the number of birds at Baikka Beel has increased and migratory birds have started reaching there from the very beginning of this winter.

LEBUKHALI-AMRAGACHHIA ROAD RENOVATION FINALLY STOPS Tk 100cr needed, only Tk 2cr allocated, half of it refunded

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Renovation work of 86 km long roads from Lebukhali to Amragachhia through Dumki, Bauful, Dashmina and Galachipa upazilas has stopped at the initial stage due to fund constraints.

Authorities primarily allocated only Tk 2 crore against the estimated cost of Tk 99.20 crore for the road renovation project of Roads and Highways Department (RHD) in Patuakhali, but the department recently took back Tk one crore of the allocated fund in the name of an emergency work, RHD sources said.

As all the four construction firms engaged in the road renovation stopped their work following the fund withdrawal, the project meant for easing communication of over 12 lakh people faces uncertainty.

After approval by the Executive Committee for National Economic Council, RHD in 2010-11 fiscal year started renovation work of the 86 km roads under a three-year project.

In the first phase, RHD issued work order on April 10 this year for renovation of 18 km road from Lebukhali to Kalaiya through Dumki and Bauful upazilas at a cost of Tk 20 crore.

Construction firm Mahfuz Enterprise got work



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A three-wheeler plies run-down Lebukhali-Dumki Road in Galachipa upazila of Patuakhali, risking life of the passengers. Renovation work of the road came to halt at the initial stage due to fund constraints.

order for 12 km while Eunus and Brothers, Hazi Enterprise and AK and MA got it for two km each.

In June this year, RHD gave allocation Tk 2 crore for renovation of 18 km road and the four firms started their work by breaking main base of the road.

But all the firms stopped their work as the RHD recently took back Tk one crore in the name of an emergency work.

Mahfuz Khan, owner of Mahfuz Enterprise, said, "Authorities took back Tk one crore of the allocated Tk 2 crore but we have already

sent construction materials worth over four times the money to the site."

"We will not restart the renovation work if the authority does not give further allocation. We all the contractors informed RHD in writing about our decision," he said.

Kamolendu Majumder,

executive engineer for Patuakhali RHD, said,

"Recently the higher authorities took back Tk one crore from the Tk 2 crore that was allocated for the project. We sent letter to them narrating the situation and I hope fresh allocation will be given by December."

Diarrhoea affected boy dies for lack of doctors at upazila health complex

UNB, Sunamganj

A six-year-old boy died of diarrhoea at Borelekha village in Tahirpur upazila on Friday allegedly for lack of treatment.

The deceased was identified as Palon Dey, son of Naru Dey of the village. Sources said Palon's parents took the boy to Tahirpur upazila health complex after he was attacked by diarrhoea.

As there was no physician on duty at the complex, ward boy Shafiq and peon Salauddin told them to go back home. But the boy died on the way to his home.

Meanwhile, one-year-old diarrhoea affected child Rifa Bormon, daughter of Binod

Bormon of Maddy Tahirpur village in the upazila, was taken to the health complex on Saturday morning.

She was also sent back due to the same reason.

Contacted, Dr Iqbal Hossain, in-charge of the health complex, said a number of posts of physicians and other staff members have been lying vacant since long.

Locals said, 4-5 diarrhoea affected people including children come to the health complex a day for treatment.

The water borne disease broke out in the upazila recently due to intake of polluted water but the patients do not get treatment for lack of doctors at the health complex, they said.

BCL men vandalise principal's office room, disrupt exams

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Bakerganj Govt College principal's office, examination hall and class rooms were vandalised yesterday allegedly by the BCL activists forcing the authorities to cancel the half-yearly test examinations of the college.

Witnesses said, a group of BCL activists led by college unit BCL president Sheikh

Miraz asked the principal to handover the poor fund money to distribute those among the BCL cadres.

As the principal refused to do so, the BCL cadres locked the principal's office and vandalised it. They also disrupted the half-yearly test examinations and drove the students away from the campus at about 11:00am.

Nurul Islam, officer in charge of Bakerganj police

station, said police rushed to the spot to bring the situation under control.

No case was lodged by the college authorities till filling of this report in the afternoon.

M Enayet Hossain, principal of the college said, 347 students were appearing at the half-yearly test examinations and those were cancelled by the authorities due to the incident.



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Two kids pluck kanta shak from a mustard field at Chandpur village in Jhenidah Sadar upazila as the vegetable grows naturally during the flowering of the winter crop.

5,000 islanders suffer for lack of health care

UNB, Shariatpur

Around 5,000 people of Charatra island in Naria upazila of the district are not getting proper healthcare facilities since the Padma river devoured the lone community clinic in the area over two years ago.

The residents of the remote island now have to travel at least 10 kilometres for treatment, local people said.

Charatra, an island in the middle of the Padma river under Charatra union is about 15 km northwest of Naria upazila headquarters.

Some 1,500 families are now living there. In the last three years, many houses in the island were damaged at least twice by river erosion, said Masbauddin Munshi, chairman of Charatra union parishad.

Sufferings of those who fall ill know no bound as no government or non-government organisation has come up with any healthcare service for them after the collapse of the healthcare centre in 2009, said the UP chairman.

to any clinic outside the island for treatment, he said.

He said a number of people died without treatment in their houses after the collapse of the clinic. These hapless villagers do not have financial ability as well as they are not in a position to travel a long way for treatment, he added.

During a recent visit to the remote island this correspondent visited a tuberculosis patient, Abul Kashem.

"I could not go to Naria upazila health complex for medicines due to lack of money although I need to bring them today," Kashem said.

This correspondent also witnessed how the relatives of a patient, who became unconscious due to high fever, were facing difficulties to take him to Naria upazila health complex.

We have decided to set up a community clinic in the island again. Before doing it, we will start a satellite health clinic there, said Dr. Golam Faruk, Naria upazila health and family planning officer.

15 shops, cotton godown gutted in Chittagong

UNB, Chittagong

At least 15 shops and a cotton godown were gutted in separate fire incidents in the city and Mirsarai upazila early Saturday.

Local people said, a fire originating from electric short circuit at around 2:30am gutted the cotton godown of Abul Hossain in city's Hamjarbag area under Bayezid PS.

On information, fire fighters rushed in and doused the blaze with the help of local people after two hours of hectic efforts. The extent of loss from the fire was estimated at Tk 15 lakh.

In another incident, a devastating fire gutted 15 shops at Aburhat bazaar in Mirsarai upazila at about 4am.

Local sources said, the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a shop and soon burned down the nearby 14 other shops.

মেঘনা লাইফ-এর পলিসি বোনাস-২০১০

৩১ ডিসেম্বর ২০১০ তারিখে কোম্পানীর দায় ও পরিসম্পদের একচেয়ারারিয়াল ভ্যালুয়েশনের ফলাফল অনুযায়ী মেঘনা লাইফ লাইভসহ চালু সকল পলিসির উপর ২০১০ সালের পলিসি বোনাস ঘোষণা করেছে। পলিসি পূর্ণ মেয়াদ চালু থাকে সাপেক্ষে পরিকল্পিত অনুযায়ী মেয়াদান্তে প্রদেয় বোনাসের পরিমাণ এবং ২০০৯ ও ২০১০ সালের ঘোষিত বোনাসের তুলনামূলক চিত্র নিম্নের ছকে উল্লেখ করা হল।

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