

**STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED  
DSCC recovers  
23 kathas of  
land**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) yesterday recovered 23 kathas of land from encroachers by demolishing a two-storey building and around 50 kancha structures at Nazimuddin Road in Chankharpool.  
DSCC Executive Magistrate Ananda Kumar Biswas, who led the drive, said a syndicate along with some employees of Roads and Highway Department occupied the land.  
He said they also found over hundred empty bottles of pensesyl in the kancha structures.  
"We served eviction notice to the dwellers before the drive and 95 percent residents cleared their structures before the drive," he said.



**Two bulldozers of Dhaka South City Corporation demolish tin-structures to recover 23 kathas of land from encroachers at Nazimuddin Road in Chankharpool of the capital yesterday.**  
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**Piranha, hilsha fry seized**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**  
A mobile court seized 640 kg of contraband Piranhas and around one tonne of hilsha fry worth around Tk 1.98 lakh in the port city yesterday.  
It also fined the owner of the boat carrying the fishes Tk 10,000.  
The court conducted a drive at the Fishery Ghat in Kotwali, said a press release. The court later sold out the fishes at Tk 1.98 lakh.

**Death anniversary**

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**Participation of masses  
needed to save forests  
Says environment minister**

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Participation of the masses is essential in saving forests as it is not possible for forest guards alone to carry out the duty, said Environment and Forest Minister Hasan Mahmud yesterday.  
Illegal loggers used to cut down some six lakh trees of Modhupur forest every year but after introducing the system of co-management of forests, the figure reached zero, he said, adding that this system is being praised around the world.  
The minister was addressing as chief guest the launching of a book, "Protected Area Co-Management Where People and Poverty Intersect: Lessons from Nishorgo in Bangladesh", at the ministry.  
Speakers at the launching said co-management of forests, where local communities and the government actively participate in the sustainable management

of wetlands and forests, has become the official approach for conservation efforts.  
The book compiles the contributions of 28 authors.  
It also identifies the implemented activities of Nishorgo Network, established by the government to benefit local communities through conservation of forest and wetland biodiversity, and USAID's Integrated Protected Area Co-Management (IPAC) Project from 2003 to 2009.  
The book is part of a larger effort to ensure that current and future forest and wetland co-management efforts are informed by proper knowledge management, said the speakers.  
Chief Conservator of Forests Yunus Ali, Philip DeCose of International Resources Group (IRG), Acting Chief of Party, IPAC, IRG Ram Sharma and Country Representative of IUCN-Bangladesh Ishtiaq Uddin Ahmed also spoke at the programme.

**Shop staff murdered**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet**  
A shop employee was stabbed to death by some miscreants at the city's Khadimpara Bypass Point early yesterday.  
Kabul Hossain, 21, son of Mahmud Ali of Dattagram, and an employee of a shop near the spot was taken to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.  
Protesting the murder, locals barricaded the Sylhet-Tamabilroad around 9:00am.  
Local shopkeepers who witnessed the crime and Khadimpara Upazila Parishad Chairman Nazrul Islam Belal alleged that three youths--Luthfur, Dinar and Sadek--and their accomplices carried out the attack at 12:30am.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Conference**  
Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) will hold a national conference; Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC); Time: 8:00am.

**Discussion**  
Bangabandhu Academy will arrange a discussion; Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity; Time: 11:00am.

**Human chain**  
Swadhinata Forum will form a human chain; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

**Discussion**  
GonoForum will organise a discussion; Venue: Eden Complex,

**11 Bangladeshis languishing in Tanzanian jail**

**Relatives tell press conference**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
At least eleven Bangladeshis have been languishing in a Tanzanian jail for around seven months, as unauthorised brokers abandoned them in the East African country without travel documents.  
The news came to the knowledge of the victims' relatives when a Pakistani national, who had met the similar fate, sent a letter to Bangladesh after returning home this February.  
The job-seeking Bangladeshis ended up in the Tanzanian jail last November as they failed to produce their passports and were unable to pay the penalty for that, Jahinur Rahman Shamrat, a victim from Manikganj, wrote in a letter to his father in February.  
Relatives said at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity yesterday that the brokers promised the people lucrative jobs in South Africa in exchange for around Tk 9 lakh each.

Amid such plights, the stranded Bangladeshis are appealing to the government to bring them back.  
The victims include Ohid Hawlader, 28, of Munshiganj; Biltu Miah, 28, and Kalachan, 19, of Manikganj; Mohammad Russel, 24, of Gazipur; Enamul Huq of Comilla; Ali Nur of Brahmanbaria; and Mohammad Faruq of Dhaka. Identities of the remaining ones are yet to be known.  
Larburu Khatun, mother of Biltu Miah, said, "I have sold the last piece of land to send my son abroad. Now, I have nothing as I don't know the whereabouts of my son".  
She said a local broker, Shahabuddin, involved with recruiting agency Raj Overseas took Tk 9 lakh each from her son and two other villagers for sending them to South Africa.

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But, later Biltu Miah told her over phone that he was taken to Tanzania after a couple of months' journey on road through Uganda and Kenya, she said. When she asked Shahabuddin, he said he would reach them to South Africa, she added.  
Rafiqul Islam Khan, coordinator of SHISUK, an NGO, which organised the press conference, said the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET) had asked for Tk 88,500 each for bringing the detained Bangladeshis back home from Tanzania, which was quite impossible for the parents and relatives to afford.  
He urged the government to take initiative to bring the Bangladeshis back.

**Forum for Saarc news agencies suggested**

**BSS, Bhutan**  
A South Asian regional seminar yesterday agreed to put forward a 9-point recommendation to Saarc Secretariat for establishing a forum of news agencies of the region for better coordination of news and information flow.  
The agreement was reached after a discussion at a three-day seminar on "Cooperation among the news agencies of Saarc" at Paro, a tiny hilly town 60km from the Bhutanese capital Thimphu.  
Representatives from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bhutan participated in the discussion organised by Saarc Information Centre (SIC).  
Saarc Director Dhan Bahadur Oli presided over the function where SIC Director Laxmi Bilas Koirala and SIC Senior Programme Manager Pankaj Pandey also spoke.  
On developing a website of South Asian news agencies, the seminar recommended that the forum in collaboration with the SIC shall create a dynamic web portal for the exchange of news and other information among the member states.  
The forum should explore the possibility of establishing a permanent Saarc or South Asia News Agency, it recommended, adding that the forum should meet at least once a year.  
The seminar also recommended that the forum should explore the possibility of establishing a Saarc Media Development Fund and SIC should provide secretarial services and work as facilitator for the forum.  
Taking part in the discussion, BSS City Editor Ajit Kumar Sarkar proposed for setting up Saarc news agencies and nomination of a focal point by the Saarc member states from their national news agencies.

**ছিনতাইকারীর গুলিতে নিহত হযরত আলীর এতিম দুই সন্তানের লেখাপড়ার দায় গ্রহণ করলো সেধুরী গ্রুপ**

**নিজস্ব প্রতিবেদন**  
গত ২৬ মে '১২ এ সেধুরী গ্রুপের মেরুল বাজার কপোর্টে হেড কোয়ার্টারে ছিনতাইকারীদের গুলিতে নিহত হযরত আলীর নিঃস্ব পরিবারকে গ্রুপের পক্ষ থেকে মানবিক সাহায্য প্রদান করা হয়। গ্রুপের চেয়ারম্যান ও মিডিয়া খ্যাত রিয়্যাল এস্টেট টাইকুন অব কুরাকাতা জনাব এম জি আর নাসির মজুমদার মরহমের সহধর্মিণী, মিরপুর ২ নং সেকশনের রাইনখোলা নিবাসী মিসেস সালামা সুলতানার হাতে অনুদানের চেক, নং ৯৯০৪০৮১, হস্তান্তর করেন। মরহমের সন্তানরা যত দিন ধরে লেখা পড়া করবেন তত দিন পর্যন্ত অনুদান অব্যাহত থাকবে। মরহম আলী ছিলেন পরিবারের একমাত্র উপার্জনশীল ব্যক্তি। মরহমের স্কুল পড়ুয়া দুই সন্তান, তানভীর হাসান প্রিন্স, ৪র্থ শ্রেণী ও তানজুম প্রীতি নাসারি শ্রেণীতে পড়াশুনারত। তাদের লেখা পড়ার ব্যয় নিবার্হের উদ্দেশ্যে মাসিক ভিত্তিতে এই অনুদান দেওয়া হয়। অনুষ্ঠানে গ্রুপের পরিচালক জনাব

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