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Govt sells sugar at higher than market price

SUMAN SAHA

Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation (BSFIC) is selling sugar at a price higher than the current market price.

The state-run agency charges Tk 60 for each kg of sugar on the open market at three points in the city, which is 15.38 percent higher than the retail price at Tk 52-53 in the city markets.

"It appears that the government is setting the price of sugar for Ramadan by selling it at higher prices. Others [private sector] will follow the price soon," said Qazi Faruque, president of Consumers Association of Bangladesh (Cab).

The BSFIC should have sold sugar at a lower cost in line with market prices, he said. "Instead, it markets sugar by saying that locally produced sugar is sweeter than its imported counterpart."

BSFIC began selling sugar to "keep prices of the daily essentials within the reach of the masses" during the

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Bengal Tiger back home after 30 hrs

A CORRESPONDENT, Sathkira

A Bengal tiger entered a locality in Shyamnagar upazila of Sathkira Sunday morning, and finally went back to the Sundarbans yesterday noon.

Two locals, Khokon Gazi and Horen Mondol, discovered the tiger standing near Khokon's shrimp enclosure in Golakhali area at the edge of the Sundarbans around 6:00am.

On information, Forest Tiger Response Team, operated by Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh (WTB), along with members of the Village Tiger Response Team, and forest department officials exploded crackers and fired shots in the air to scare the tiger back into the jungle.

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This Bengal tiger has been on the prowl outside the Sundarbans, along Golakhali village in Sathkira district, since early Sunday. The cat finally went back to the jungle yesterday afternoon.

PHOTO: COURTESY

OBSTRUCTING LAW ENFORCERS

Limon charged, secretly

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Limon Hossain, the juvenile who was maimed by Rab shooting in Jhalakathi on March 23, 2011, has secretly been charged sheeted in the second case against him in connection with obstructing law enforcers from performing their duties.

Ironically, the investigation into the case lodged by Limon's mother against six Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) personnel with Rajapur Police Station on April 10, 2011 has not been completed in 14 months.

Sub-Inspector Ariful Islam, investigation officer of the case lodged by Rab with Rajapur police on March

23, 2011, submitted the charge sheet to Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court of Jhalakathi on July 1, 2012.

General Registrar of the court Nazmul Haque received two charge sheets -- one against Limon, 17, under juvenile crime prevention act and another against local hoodlums Morshed Jamaddar, Jamal, Hatu Mizan, Jahangir, Halim Jamaddar, Labu Jamaddar and Sumon.

The fact of the charge sheet against Limon came to light Sunday, the day the case was heard. Limon's counsels Nashimul Hasan, Manik Acharya and Akkas Shikder termed the charge sheet unacceptable as it

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Suu Kyi makes debut in parliament

AFP, Naypyidaw

Myanmar Opposition Leader Aung San Suu Kyi made her historic parliamentary debut yesterday, marking a new phase in her near quarter century struggle to bring democracy to her army-dominated homeland.

Suu Kyi, whose unswerving campaigning saw her locked up for years by the former junta and earned her a Nobel Peace Prize, appeared calm as she arrived to take her seat as an elected politician for the first time

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CTG CITY CORPORATION ACC to probe corruption in 1,380 projects

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Anti-Corruption Commission has asked the Chittagong City Corporation to submit files of 1,380 projects of fiscal 2010-11 along with a list of the officials involved within seven days for enquiry.

A letter, issued on Sunday by Deputy Director of the ACC, Chittagong Abdul Aziz Bhuiyan, says the anti-graft body has received complaints of irregularities and corruption in the projects involving Tk 185 crore.

The CCC in that fiscal year repaired and resurfaced about 428 kilometers road of the port city under its four working divisions, in regard to which there are complaints of irregularities and corruption, according to the letter.

CCC Chief Executive Officer Anwara Begum told The Daily Star that it was impossible for them to submit 3,700 files of the projects within such a short time

The CCC sent a letter to the ACC in reply yesterday, in which it sought an extension of the time limit. The city corporation also asked the ACC to specify the files it wanted, Anwara added.

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PROBE AGAINST BSF Indian SC seeks govt response

PTI, New Delhi

The Indian Supreme Court yesterday sought the central government's response on a plea for probe into the alleged torture and extrajudicial killings by Border Security Force personnel in the

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Northeast India to have rail links with 3 nations

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal may soon have rail connectivity with the northeast states of India thanks to a plan that includes establishment of links between Agartala

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In tears, in loneliness

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"The lives of us two sisters remain incomplete. We, who believe in Islam, know that when anyone's near and dear ones die, recitation from the holy Quran and special prayers are offered in their memory. Even if that is not possible, at least their faces are shown to their near and dear ones for the last time. But how unfortunate are we two sisters

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Greens question new wildlife law

Fear some provisions will facilitate commercialisation of forests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Environmentalists, rights bodies and eminent persons have expressed deep concern over some provisions of The Wildlife (protection and safety) Act 2012, passed in parliament on Sunday.

In a statement yesterday, they said the act, in the name of management, would facilitate commercialisation and social forestry by dividing natural forests into

parts, thus putting wildlife and the forests at stake.

Though the act has been formulated for the conservation and safety of wildlife, it appears to have been enacted only to manage the protected areas, they alleged.

The act depicts 10 new types of protected areas, but the roles of the forest department in this regard are not

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Alim held as collaborator after war

Prosecution tells war tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution in its opening statement in the case against BNP leader Abdul Alim at International Crimes Tribunal-2 said a state probe launched just after the liberation proved Alim's anti-liberation role during the war.

It said he had even

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