

11-day ban on hilsa catching starts today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

An 11-day ban on catching hilsa, meant for ensuring safe spawning of the popular fish during the peak breeding period, starts today.

"We have imposed the September 25 to October 5 ban not only on netting hilsa in certain coastal areas including 7,000 square kilometres of hilsa breeding grounds at four points of seven coastal districts, but also on marketing, sale and transport of the fish across the country," said Bankim Chandra, deputy director of Barisal office of fisheries directorate.

Movement of mother hilsa fish is connected with *tithi* (time circle of lunar calendar) of full moon and new moon (*purnima* and *amabasya*) in the Bangla calendar-month of Ashwin and the ban has been imposed accordingly, sources in the fishing directorates said.

During the peak period of

the breeding season between the five-day before and five-day after the full moon in 'Ashwin', lakhs of mother hilsas proceed from the sea to the coast, estuary and rivers to lay eggs, they said.

Fishery researchers hoped the 11-day restriction would ensure safety to around 1.5 crore mother hilsa, giving them chance to naturally lay 46,800 kg of eggs.

If half of the laid eggs can become embryo, 29.93 crores of hilsa *renu* (pollen) will be made and if 10 per cent of the pollen survive, 2.93 crore *jatka* (fry) could be produced, fishery officials said.

If only 10-20 percent of the *jatka* can get the chance to reach maturity, then around 2 lakh tonnes of hilsa worth hundreds of cores of taka could be get every year, said fisheries officials.

The fisheries directorate has arranged awareness cam-

paign through setting posters, ganging banners, holding view exchange meetings with fishermen and authorities concerned to make the ban successful, they said.

The district and upazila administrations, navy, coastguard and the police have been asked to monitor the enforcement of the ban and take action in case of any violation. Mobile courts will conduct drives in the rivers and bazaars.

Our Patuakhali Correspondent adds: The areas where hilsa catching has been banned are Latachalee point near Kuakata beach under Kalapara upazila in Patuakhali district, Sherkali to Haitkandi point under Mirsharai upazila in Chittagong district, North Kutubdia to Gandamara point in Cox's Bazar district and North Tajumuddin to West Syded Aulia point under Bhola district.



PHOTO: STAR

A ferry carries vehicles and passengers through alternative Louhajang-Naodoba-Hazrah channel yesterday, as ferry service on Mawa-Kawrakandi route got suspended following grounding of Ro-Ro ferry Shah Makhdum at Kabutarkhola due to low navigability on Sunday evening.

MAWA-KAWRAKANDI ROUTE

Ferry services resume after 8 hrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Ferry services on Mawa-Kawrakandi route resumed yesterday morning after a disruption of over eight hours.

BIWTC sources said ferry services on the route remained suspended from 8 pm Sunday to 5 am yesterday after Ro-Ro ferry Shah Makhdum got stuck at Kabutarkhola dredging point in Kabutarkhola-Kaulia

Channel with 31 vehicles due to low navigability.

Though the ferry was salvaged at about 3:30am yesterday, ferry services on the channel remained suspended as there was only six feet water in place of six and a half feet needed for plying ferry.

Later at 5am yesterday, ferry services on alternative channel -- Louhajang-Naodoba-Hazra -- resumed and it will be used till the navigation problem is

resolved.

Sirajul Haque, manager of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) at Mawa, said around 400 vehicles got stranded on both the terminals of the Padma River due to the ferry service disruption.

The situation created long tailbacks on both sides of the route, causing immense sufferings to hundreds of passengers for about eight hours.

INFIGHTING IN MAGURA BNP

'Rebel' group boycotts meet addressed by Gayeshwar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Internal conflict of Magura municipality unit of BNP surfaced anew as a faction of the unit backed by the district unit BNP's 'rebel group' boycotted yesterday's view exchange meeting where BNP standing committee member Gayeshwar Chandra Roy addressed as the chief guest.

The meeting was organised as part of its central leaders' countrywide organisational tour to strengthen the ongoing movement for the restoration of caretaker government system, party sources said.

BNP's central executive committee member advocate Nitai Roy Chowdhury and district BNP president Kabir Murad were special guests at the meeting presided over by Ayub Hossain, convener of a faction of the municipality unit BNP.

Contacted by this correspondent, Faruk Ahmed Babul, president of the municipality unit BNP's 'rebel group', said they were not aware of the meeting.

Khan Hasan Imam Suja, general secretary of the same faction, however, said they did not attend the meeting as it was organised by

the municipality unit's 'pocket committee' made by Kabir Murad.

When asked, Kabir Murad said, "Their absence in the meeting, even when a BNP standing committee member attended, proves their disregard to the party's rule and regulations and also to the central high command."

Internal feud in Magura district BNP came to the fore after formation of the convening committee with Kabir Murad as convener in 2009, party insiders said.

The 'rebel group' led by advocate Mokaddes and Iqbal Akhter Khan refused to accept Murad as convener and demanded dissolution of the convening committee.

On November 25, 2009, Kabir Murad group held a council and formed a committee with Murad as president and Ali Ahmed Biswas as general secretary of the district unit.

The other faction from a separate council on the same day made Mokaddes the president and Iqbal Akhter Khan the general secretary of BNP's district unit.

Internal conflict in Magura BNP deepened further after the central committee approved the district committee headed by Murad and Ali Ahmed on December 2 of the same year.

Top criminal arrested in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) on Sunday night arrested the ring-leader of a notorious criminal gang, known as 'Ghena Bahini', after a gunfight at Gopalpur village in Kaliganj upazila.

The arrestee is Ghena Mollah, 45, son of Moslem Mollah of the village.

Rab-6 sources said, a team of the elite force from Jhenidah Camp launched a drive at Gopalpur around 9:30pm following a tip-off that the members of 'Ghena Bahini' were holding a secret meeting to commit crimes in the area.

Sensing the presence of the Rab men, the criminals opened fire triggering a gunfight.

The elite force arrested Ghena Mollah and recovered a single barrel gun, a shutter gun, three bullets and several sharp weapons from the spot.

Bangladeshi killed in Indian Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A Bangladeshi national, who was abducted from a bordering village in Biral upazila on Sunday evening, was stabbed to death inside Indian territory early yesterday.

The victim, Md Hossain Ali, 40, was son of Lal Mia of Dharmajan village, said Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) sources.

People of Kumarpara village under Kusummandi police station of Dakkhin Dinajpur of Paschim Banga said they found Ali's body in a field, about 1.5km off Enayetpur camp of the upazila and informed police.

The law enforcers recov-

ered the body and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy. Several stab marks were found on his body, said the villagers.

Family members said through a phone call from India at around 10:00am, they came to know that Ali was murdered there.

Md Anwar Hossain, a villager of Dharmajan, said the victim was last seen at Kaliaganj Bazar on Sunday evening and since then he remained missing.

Md Nazrul Islam, camp commander of 2 BGB Battalion, said they sent a letter to Indian Border Security Force (BSF) for holding a meeting in connection with the murder but to no effect as yet.

SNIPPETS

11 PCJSS men sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

At least 11 activists of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) were sued on Sunday on charge of killing two United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) activists. Chief organiser of UPDF Dighinala upazila unit Kishore Chakma filed the case with the local police station. Earlier, on last Thursday, UPDF activists Ramash Chakma and Boithang Khayang were shot dead allegedly by the cadres of PCJSS in Kamakutchhara area of Dighinala upazila in the district.

Four held with bombs

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

Police arrested four muggers along with six hand bombs and a sharp weapon at Bezpara Taltala in the district town early yesterday. The arrestees were identified as Shamim alias Shukur Ali, son of Mostafa; Rabbi, son of Iman driver; Rubel, son of Yunus of the area; and Moktar Hossain, son of Malek of Kholadanga village on the outskirts of the town. Being tipped off that a group of muggers was taking preparation to commit crime in the area, a team of Kotwali police station raided the spot in the early hours and arrested the four. Later, six hand bombs and a sharp weapon were recovered from their possession.

Human chain in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Members of the Hindu community formed a human chain yesterday, demanding immediate arrest and punishment of the culprits who vandalised idols and looted Gopinathdeb Temple in Golaganj area on September 17. Milon Kumar Roy, president of the temple committee alleged that a gang of criminals of the area vandalised and looted the temple. It was aimed at grabbing the one acre 4 decimal land of the temple, he alleged. The committee lodged a case in this connection with Rangpur Kotwali police station on September 18 against 15 people but to no effect, he added.

Couple held with fake notes

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

Police arrested a couple along with fake currency notes worth Tk 17,000 while they were depositing those with a bank in Keshabpur upazila on Sunday. The arrestees were identified as madrasa teacher Amjad Hossain and his wife Rahima Begum, of Chingra village in the upazila. Officer in-charge of Keshabpur police station Mir Rezaul Hossain said cash officer of Sagardari branch of Sonali Bank Ltd detected 34 fake notes of Tk 500 denomination when the couple deposited Tk 22,000 against their daughter's account. Later, the bank authorities informed UNO Abud Sayed M Manzur Alam and the OC of Keshabpur police station, who rushed to the bank and arrested the couple.

Girl raped in Ramgarh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

A 12-year-old girl was raped in Datmara area under Ramgarh upazila on Sunday. Quoting the victim police said, when the girl went to collect vegetables from a garden near their house, one Sahid Ullah from Dhakaiya Para area forcibly took her to a nearest forest and raped her. Officer in-charge of Ramgarh police station Humayan Kabir said, victim's father Abdul Malak filed a case with the police station on Sunday afternoon in this regard but the accused went into hiding immediately after the incident. Police are trying to arrest the accused, the OC added.

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For details of the Job Description and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Applications should be received no later than **Tuesday, 09 October 2012**.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.
Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.



ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED
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LOCAL TENDER NOTICE

Tender ref.: EDCL/PUR/LOCAL/TENDER/2012/62

Dated. 23/09/2012

EDCL invites Local Tender for Procurement of a New Boiler having capacity 500 kg/hr. for EDCL, Bogra Plant on urgent basis :-

S.L No.	Name of the Item	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date Closing & opening
01.	Procurement of a New Boiler having capacity 500 kg/hr. for Bogra Plant (As per Specification of Tender Schedule)	Tk. 2.5% of quoted amount	Tk. 1,250.00/set Non refundable	Closing : 04/10/2012 At 11.00 AM Opening: 04/10/2012 At 11.15 AM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of **Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka** on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above in the from of Bank Draft / Pay Order / **Bank Guarantee** from any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "**Essential Drugs Co. Ltd.**" without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Khulna Water Supply and Sewerage Authority
Khulna Water Supply Project [Loan 2756-BAN(SF)]
1062/1ka, Khan-A-Sabur Road
Khulna-9100, Bangladesh

Memo No. KWSP/NBC/Goods/Vehicle/01/2012-788

Date: 23-09-2012

Invitation for Bid (IFB)

National Competitive Bidding (NCB)

Bid Notice Number: NCB/Goods/2012/01

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Khulna Water Supply Project (KWSP), ADB Loan 2756 BAN(SF), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for which this invitation for bid (IFB) is issued.
- The Project Director, Khulna Water Supply Project now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders from member countries of ADB for the procurement of the following goods for the purpose of the project.

Sl	Package No.	Lot No.	Description	Quantity	Price of bid documents	Amount of bid security
1	KWSP/Goods-01	Lot-1	4-Wheel Drive Petrol/Octane Operated Vehicle in CBU Condition (2450 cc minimum)	1	Tk. 5,000.00 only	3% of quoted rate
2		Lot-2	4-WD Diesel Operated Double Cabin Pick-up in CBU Condition (2450 cc minimum)	2		3% of quoted rate
3		Lot-3	Sedan Car in CBU Condition (1450 to 1550 cc)	1		3% of quoted rate

- National competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's standard bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible ADB member countries.
- The eligible bidders may submit their bids against the lots of their choice or the complete package of three lots. The evaluation will be made for each individual lot and lowest bidder of each lot will be offered for supply.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Project Director, Khulna Water Supply Project, Khulna Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (KWASA), 1062/1ka, Khan-A-Sabur Road, Khulna-9100, Bangladesh, telephone (88041)-2830557, facsimile: (88041)-720857; e-mail: mdkwasa@yahoo.com and inspect the bidding documents during normal office hours (from 9:00am to 5:00pm) on all working days up to 22-10-2012.
- A complete set of bid documents (in English) may be purchased by any interested eligible bidders on the submission of a written application to the above address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee as mentioned only during normal office hours on all working days till 22-10-2012.
- Bids must be delivered to the address mentioned in the tender document, section II, clause no. ITB 24.1 at or before 12:00 hours on 23-10-2012. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security as indicated in the table or in the bidding documents for each lot. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or his representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 1.00pm on 23-10-2012.
- The Project Director will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
- The invitation for bids (IFB) will be available at the KWASA Website (<http://www.kwasa.org.bd>).
- The authority reserves all the rights to accept any bid or to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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