

Hilsa output in Barisal up by 22pc in three years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The production of popular fish hilsa in the district has increased by 22 percent in last three years, said speakers at a discussion marking the inauguration of National Fisheries Week-2013 in the city on Tuesday.

However, different species of indigenous fishes are heading towards gradual extinction mainly due to massive water pollution and adverse climate change effects, they said.

The theme of the week -- 'Machhe Machhe Bharbo Desh, Gorbo Sonar Bangladesh' aims at encouraging people in developing fisheries to boost fish production for the country's economic development.

Barisal Deputy Commissioner (DC) Md Shahidul Alam inaugurated the week, leading a road rally and releasing fish fry at Bangabandhu Udyan Lake in Barisal city Tuesday morning.

On this occasion, district administration and fisheries directorate jointly organised a discussion at Ashwini Kumar Hall with DC Shahidul Alam in the chair.

Md Nurul Amin, divisional commissioner, Dr AKM Aminul Huq, deputy director of fisheries directorate, Md Wahiduzzaman, district fisheries officer, leaders of fishermen's association and representatives from different government and non-government organisations related with fishery participated in the rally and addressed the discussion, among others.



Production of hilsa increased by 22.48 percent -- from 22,500 tonnes in 2008-09 to 29,021.35 tonnes in 2011-12, fisheries directorate officials said at the discussion.

During the same period number of shrimp farms increased from 1,389 to 1,749 and shrimp production increased by 291 percent -- from 126 tonnes to 367.4 tonnes in the district.

Fisheries sector contribute some 4.3 per cent to the national GDP and 22.76 per cent to the agricultural GDP, fisheries officials said at the discussion.

Some 32.62 lakh tonnes of fishes were produced during 2011-12 fiscal year, contributing 60 per cent of animal protein and three per cent of export earning of the country, they said, adding that production of 34 lakh tonnes of fishes is expected during 2012-13 fiscal year.

Bangladesh was a land of rivers, canals, wetlands, water bodies and due to its natural characteristics and geographical location; people could depend on fishery resources.

Dr AKM Aminul Huq, Barisal divisional officer and deputy director of fisheries directorate, said no survey could be conducted to assess the fish resources in the Bay of Bengal after the independence due to lack of research and survey vessels.

Now a process is underway to procure a research and survey vessel with cooperation of Islamic Development Bank and Malaysian government within ten months, he said.

The programmes of the ongoing fisheries week include a five-day fish fair, road procession, boat procession, seminar, essay and art competitions for students, fish fry release at some important spots and publicity.

Five hurt as BCL, JCD clash in Narail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narail

At least five people were injured during a clash between the activists of JCD and BCL at Narail Government Victoria College yesterday.

Campus sources said the clash ensued following assault on a JCD activist by some BCL men at the college at noon.

After a few minutes, JCD and BCL activists, equipped with sharp weapons, swooped on each other, leaving at least five people from both sides injured.

Shakib Khan, general secretary of JCD Victoria College unit, is among the injured. They were admitted to Narail Sadar Hospital.

Mahbub Reza, organising secretary of JCD College unit, claimed that BCL activists beat up one of their activists named Jasim and then swooped on others.

Refuting the allegation, BCL college unit president Baharul Islam said JCD men first launch an attack on them. College unit Sports Secretary Mishan was injured in the attack, he added.

Being informed, police rushed to the campus, dispersed the clashing groups and brought the situation under control.

Drug company employee stabbed to death in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

An employee of the government-run medicine company "Essential Drug" was stabbed to death in Khandar area of the district town on Tuesday night.

The deceased was identified as Imran Hossain, 25, son of Osman Gani of BSCIC Jigatola area in Khulna city.

Police a gang attacked Imran with sharp weapons, leaving him critically injured while he was returning to his residence from his office by a rickshaw at 9:00pm.

He was rushed to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital where he died after sometime.

The reason behind the killing could not be known immediately, said Syed Sheheed Alam, officer in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

5 BNP-Jamaat men sent to jail in Pirojpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A Pirojpur court on Tuesday sent five BNP-Jamaat men to jail in connection with a case filed by the ruling party men with Zianagar Police Station for launching an attack on them at the upazila headquarters on March 3.

The accused are Abdul Latif Hawlader, president of upazila unit of BNP, and General Secretary Faizul Kabir Talukder, and Jamaat leader Dr Abdul Hai, Mijanur Rahman and Obaidul.

They appeared before the Court of Judicial Magistrate and sought bail. After a hearing, the magistrate rejected bail prayers of the accused and sent them to jail.

Tea worker murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Criminals killed a labourer of a tea garden in Juri upazila early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Gopal Banika, 35, of the area. He worked at Sagornal tea garden.

Md Mahbubur Rahman, officer in-charge of Juri Police Station, said a gang attacked Gopal with sharp weapons, leaving him dead on the spot.

Police recovered the body and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Roadside dead tree theft rampant in Gaibandha

Authorities reluctant to auction them off

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Theft of roadside dead trees goes on unabated in different areas of the district, thanks to authorities' indifference to such illegal act.

Besides, some big trees uprooted during recent storms are still lying beside the roads, causing trouble to the movement of vehicles and pedestrians. But no steps have been taken yet to remove the uprooted trees and sell the dead ones at auction.

Local gangs cut down the standing dead trees beside Sadullapur-Mirpur Road, Sadullapur-Naldanga Road, Sadullapur-Dhaperhat Road, Sadullapur-Tulshighat Road and

Sadullapur-Gaibandha Road at dead of night and take them away.

These roads are under the care and control of Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Roads and Highways Department and Gaibandha Zila Parishad, but they are yet to take any measure to check stealing of the dead trees or auction them off.

During a recent visit to Mirpur Bazar on Sadullapur-Mirpur Road, this correspondent saw that a big tree, uprooted during a storm in April, still lies at the local tempo stand.

Traders Jahangir Alam and Nurul Islam said the tree has created hindrance

to smooth movement of tempos and other vehicles. A local gang chopped off the branches of the tree and took them away, they alleged.

"We repeatedly urged the authorities concerned to take steps to check stealing of the dead trees and sell them at auction, but to no effect," said Sadullapur Upazila Parishad Chairman SM Khademul Islam.

Contacted, Kallol Kumar Chakraborty, chief executive officer of Gaibandha Zila Parishad, said approval of the authorities concerned is needed to deal with the roadside dead trees. He, however, said a decision will be taken soon to remove the dead trees.



Such dead trees often become a target for looting by unscrupulous people. The photo was taken from Mirpur Bazar in Sadullapur upazila under Gaibandha district.

5 outlaws held with firearms

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Five underground operatives were arrested in Jhanidah and Pabna districts yesterday.

The arrestees are Kamrul Islam, 25 Jasim Uddin 43, Rashedul Islam 33, Mohammad Hiron, 28, and Muktar.

Kamrul, Jasim, Rashedul, and Hiron were arrested at Tetultala Bazaar in Sadar upazila of Jhanidah district while

Muktar was arrested in Dhalarchar in Bera upazila of Pabna district.

They are accused of different cases in different police stations.

Our Jhanidah correspondent reported that a police team led by Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Hasanuzzaman arrested four members of outlawed Gono Mukti Fouj from Tetultala Bazaar where some members of the party were holding a

meeting.

The other members of the party managed to flee. The law enforcers also recovered a rifle and six bullets from their possession. The remaining outlaws, however, managed to flee.

In Pabna, Police arrested a member of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (BPCP) from Dhalarchar area in Bera upazila early yesterday, reports our correspondent.

The arrestee Md Mujibur Rahman, 40, is a regional leader of BPCP (Sarbohara faction). Police produced him in a court that sent him to jail.

Acting on a tip-off, police arrested Mujibur from the area and recovered some bullets from his possession. Mujibur is an accused in seven cases, six for murder, Sub-Inspector Johir of Aminpur police camp said.

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Corrigendum Notice No. 02

This is to notify for all concerned that following amendments have been made to the IFB for Construction and Management of Secondary Transfer Station (STS) in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet City Corporations under Package No. 03 vide bid invitation Ref. No. 716, dated: 19.05.2013 that have already appeared in the National Daily newspapers, CPTU's website and ADB's procurement notice website.

Sl No.	Description	Existing Provision	Amendment
01	Deliver of bid	Deliver of bid to the following address: Office of the Project Director Urban Public and Environmental Health Sector Development Project (UPEHSDP), Room No. 1223, Level-11, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka South City Corporation, 5, Phoenix Road, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.	Deliver of bid to the following address: City Corporation (Section-01), Local Government Division, Room No. 616 A 6th Floor (West Side), Building No. 07, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
02	Pre-bid meeting	On 17 June 2013 at 11.00am	On 27 June 2013 at 11.00am
03	Deadline for bid submission	On 08 July 2013 at 01.00pm	On or before 12.00noon, 22 July 2013
04	Bid opening	On 08 July 2013 at 02.00pm	On 22 July 2013 at 1.00pm

Other conditions in the original invitation of bid will remain unchanged. This corrigendum shall be treated as part and parcel of the original Invitation for Bid (IFB) of the said tender.

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