



PHOTO: STAR
Coastguards and staff of the fisheries department seize huge quantity of jatka (hilsa fry less than 10 inches in length) from two trawlers on the Kirtonkhola River in Barisal early yesterday.

DRIVES IN 14 WEEKS IN BARISAL

41 MT jatka seized, 8 jailed, 44 fined

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Barisal

Staff of the fisheries department with the help of coastguards and the district administration jailed eight fishermen and fined 44 others in the last three and a half months for netting *jatka* (hilsa fry less than 10 inches in length) in different rivers of the district.

They also seized 42.68 lakh metres current nets worth Tk 8.12 crore and seized 41.5 tonnes of *jatka* during the period.

Bimal Chandra Das, district fisheries officer, said special drives led by 48 mobile courts were conducted from

November 1, 2013 to February 12 this year.

Besides, staff of the fisheries department with the help of coastguards raided two trawlers on the Kirtonkhola River early yesterday and seized around 1.8 tonnes of hilsa fry from the trawlers.

The trawlers were carrying the young hilsa fish from Daulat Khan of Bhola for selling in Barisal city, fisheries officials said.

The seized fish were later given to 22 orphanages, madrasas and slums in the city as per order of Magistrate Qamruzzaman, who led the raid on the trawlers.

AKM Aminul Islam,

deputy director and divisional fisheries officer told this correspondent that actions against the fishermen were taken on charge of catching hilsa fry, defying ban.

The ban has been imposed for eight months from November 1 to June 30 against netting, transportation and marketing of *jatka* (hilsa fry), he added.

Israil Pandit, president Khudra Matsyajibi Samity, said law enforcers seize fishes and nets of poor fishermen, who are only depended on fishing for their livelihood. They also took away a large portion of the seized fishes, he alleged.

LALMONIRHAT

34 to contest election in 3 upazilas

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Lalmonirhat

As many as 34 candidates are contesting in the upcoming upazila elections in Sadar, Hatibandha and Patgram upazilas of the district.

Of them, 17 are vying for three chairman posts, 10 for vice chairman posts and the rest seven for women vice chairman posts.

Of the chairman candidates, AKM Maminul Haque, AKM Mahbubul Alam Mithu, Nazrul Haque Patwary, Mokhsedul Islam and Safiur Rahman are contesting in the election in Sadar upazila; MG Mostafa, Anwarul Islam, Mosharraf Hossain, Rezaul Karim Sarker, Liakot Hossain, Saheduzzaman and Habibur Rahman in Hatibandha upazila; and Abu Hena Md Ershad Hossain, Wazedul Islam Shaheen, Ruhul Amin Babul, Shahidullah Proddhan and Habibul Haque Bosunia in Patgram upazila.

District election office sources said 1,31,968 voters at Patgram upazila, 1,44,683 voters at Hatibandha upazila and 2,24,318 voters in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila are expected to cast their votes in the election slated for February 27.

Candidates and their supporters are going door to door to woo voters. Voters in the upazilas said they have got a chance to elect their local representatives through exercising their right to vote.

Abdul Quader, a rickshaw-puller of Burimari village in Patgram upazila, said they will choose honest and sincere candidates as their local representatives in the election.

LIMESTONE GRINDING BY WORKERS

Earning bread ignoring serious threat to life

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Over a thousand people working in 26 limestone grinding factories in Burimari land port area of Patgram upazila under the district are under serious health hazard.

Regular exposure to silica dust, an element of limestone, can lead to silicosis, an incurable lung disease, within months.

At least 21 people died from silicosis in the last five years, and a number of day labourers are suffering from the disease, said Dr Jahangir Alam Sarker, civil surgeon of Lalmonirhat.

"The disease develops as 'simple silicosis' at the primary stage and if the patient refrains from further exposure, the disease does not get worse. But if the disease gets into the next stage, the patient's condition worsens gradually," he said.

Many of the patients cannot afford the treatment cost, Azizul Islam, a limestone grinding worker at Burimari.

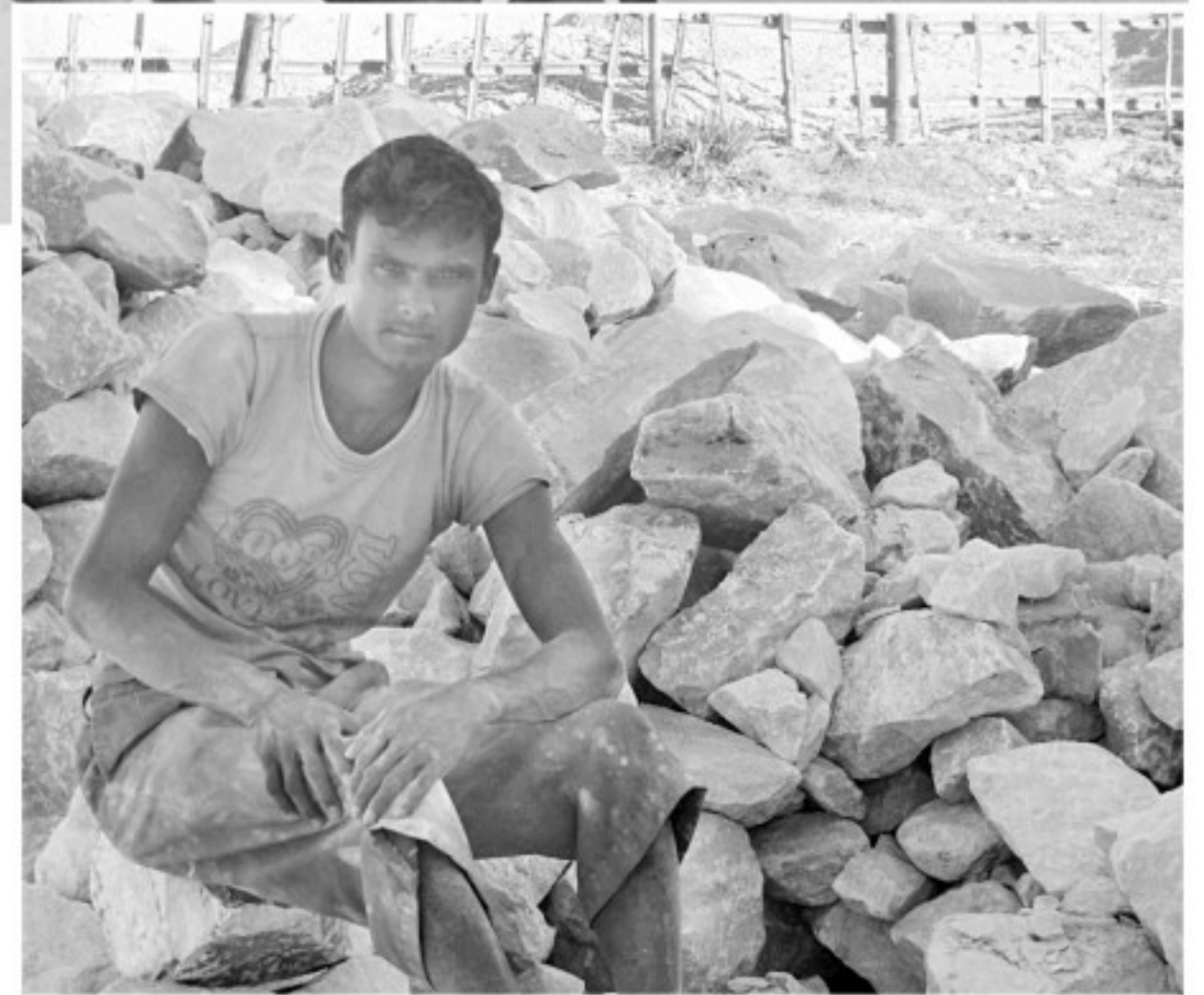
"We know silica dust is the main cause of silicosis and we inhale it while working in the factories. But we are helpless due to lack of alternative employment opportunity in the area. Agricultural work here is seasonal and there is not enough work for everyone," said Jasim Uddin, another worker.

"White dust produced during the crushing of limestone thickens the air in and around the factories. Layer



PHOTO: STAR

Workers use normal masks instead of professional ones at a limestone crushing factory in Burimari land port area in Patgram upazila of Lalmonirhat. Inset, a worker without any mask takes rest on limestones.



of dust makes us look ghostly," said day labourer Nur Islam, 36, who has been working at a factory for the last six years.

Several labourers said they feel breathing problem while working.

Safar Uddin Miah, president of Burimari

Land Port Sangjukt Sramik Federation, said, "The labourers are doing the hazardous job in absence of sufficient employment opportunity in this region affected by yearly monga (seasonal famine-like situation). We urged the factory own-

ers to ensure safety measures, especially face masks, for the workers but to no effect."

Labourers, mostly young men, work from dawn to dusk for daily wage of Tk 300 to Tk 350 to make lime powder to be used as poultry feed.

Housewife murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Thakurgaon

A housewife was stabbed to death allegedly by her husband at Nischintapur Shahapara in the municipality area of the district early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Poly Begun, 22, daughter of Bokul Sheikh of Poliya village under Moksedpur upazila in Gopalganj district.

Police recovered the body by chasing a microbus while the body was allegedly being taken to Gopalganj for hiding the killing incident.

Officer in-charge of Thakurgaon police station Md. Firoz Khan, quoting locals, told this correspondent over cell phone that Poly was married off with Md. Sumon, 30, son of

Khoka Mia of Nischintapur Shahapara two years ago.

On the fateful night, Sumon came to the house at about 2:00pm and engaged in a feud with his wife like the other days. At one stage, he stabbed Poly to death at about 3:00pm.

After killing Poly, Sumon, with the help of his father, planned to conceal the incident and brought a microbus to carry the body to Gopalganj.

On information, a police team, led by sub-inspector Nazmul Hossain, chased the microbus and seized it at Kobirajhat village in Birganj upazila of Dinajpur and brought the body back to Thakurgaon.

Police arrested Sumon's father Khoka Mia in this connection but Sumon managed to flee the scene.

Outlaw hacked to death by rivals in Madaripur

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Madaripur

Rivals hacked a leader of the outlawed Purbo Banglar Sarbahara Party to death in Shibchar upazila of the district early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Shamim Khan alias 'Pichhi' Shamim, 32, an aide to Aziz, notorious leader of south-western region of the party.

Police and family members said, a gang of 12 masked criminals stormed

into the house of Shamim at Kolapara village at around 3:30am.

At one stage, they dragged him out of the house and took him to a nearby banana garden where they stabbed him indiscriminately, leaving him critically injured.

Following information, a team of Shibchar police rescued Shamim. However, he succumbed to the injuries on the way to Shibchar upazila health

complex.

Officer in-charge (OC) AKM Masud Khan of Shibchar police station said the body was sent to Madaripur Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Shamim came out of the prison last year after four years of jail in a case for killing two policemen in 2005, he said.

He was accused in several cases. Rival group might have been involved in the killing, the OC said.

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The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is seeking applications from Bangladeshi Nationals to fill the following posts. For detailed Job Descriptions, please visit our website: www.unicef.org.bd

Programme Officer (NOA)-Rangamati, Field Operations Section
Monitoring Officer (Field Support), Temporary Appointment, NOA level, Nutrition Section

Last date of receiving applications: **27 February 2014**

Application with CV and a copy of filled in P-11 form should be sent to the Chief, Human Resources, BSL Office Complex, 1 Minto Road, Shahbag, Dhaka.

Please mark on the envelope the post applied for. Only short listed candidates will be invited for written test/interview. Any attempt to unduly influence UNICEF's selection process will lead to automatic disqualification of the applicant.

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Corrigendum of IFT of BPATC

Following addendum of IFT of Digitalization of BPATC Project published on 06 February 2014 on the Daily Star & the Daily Ittefaq are given below:

Pre tender meeting will be held on 18 February 2014 at 03.00 pm in Dolonchapa conference room, 2nd floor, Administrative Building, BPATC, Savar, Dhaka.

M. Hassan
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(Md. Mahmudul Hassan, phd)
Project Director

A better world starts here

The ILO Country Office for Bangladesh invites applications from the qualified Bangladeshi Nationals for the following position:

Vacancy No. : TC/IPEC/003/2014/

Project Name : International Programme for Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC)

Position : National Project Coordinator (NPC)
Grade : NO-B

Contract Type : Fixed Term
Duration : 1 year (with possibility of extension)

For details of the Job Description and instructions to apply, please visit our website: www.ilo.org/dhaka/aboutus. All Applications MUST be sent to recruitment.dac@ilo.org alongwith completed ILO PHF by no later than 16:30 hrs., Thursday, 27 February 2014. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Career Opportunity

CARE Bangladesh invites applications from qualified and dynamic professionals for the following position for its **Global Women Economic Empowerment Initiative, Workforce Engagement Project**. This position is based in CARE Bangladesh Headquarters and the duration is up to March, 2015, but possibility for further extension.

Project Manager-Training and Communication (01 Position)

Further detail of the position and instructions are available on CARE Bangladesh website www.carebangladesh.org; last date of application is **February 23, 2014**.

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Vacancy Announcement

Position: Nutrition Consultants
Number of positions: 16
Duration: 11 months
Level : NO-A

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Bangladesh is seeking applications from Bangladeshi nationals for sixteen consultancy positions to support their work at the following districts in Bangladesh: Sylhet, Habiganj, Sunamganj, Khulna, Satkhira, Narail, Barisal, Bhola, Nilphamari, Gaibandha, Rangamati, Khagrachhari, Bandarban, Jamalpur, Mymensingh, Sirajgonj

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The required qualifications are as follows:

- University degree in Nutrition, Public Health or Food Sciences
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- 2-4 years' work experience in nutrition, public health and knowledge of local health system an asset
- Fluent in Bangla and English (oral and written)
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Closing date: 25 February, 2014

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