

White-rumped vulture

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endangered species in the country.
TOXIC DRUG IS KEY PLAYER

Although the government has already banned the veterinary diclofenac to protect the vulture, the drug is still available in the market and three other new non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) – meloxicam, ketoprofen and sodium salicylate – are introduced for veterinary treatments, which are also harmful to vultures.

The study said the availability of diclofenac in drugstores has decreased by 37 percent but the availability of three of the other new NSAIDs has increased.

Dr Monirul H Khan said the potential threats like loss of habitats, food crisis and poisoning by pesticide might contribute to the decline of vultures in Bangladesh but those are certainly less than that of diclofenac.

SAVE THE NATURAL CLEANERS

Monirul H Khan said in the past farmers hardly treated their domestic animals when they had been affected by diseases, but now the domestic animals are undergone treatment if they fall sick.

The biologist said the vulture was called natural cleaner as they eat germs and poisons contained in wastes and dead animals. "If they go to extinction, the country's biodiversity will be badly affected. Diseases will be endemic since other animals could not digest poisons."

13 women returnees

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September and January this year.

They went there between June and August last year under a deal through Sadia International, a Bangladeshi recruiting agency, for two years by taking a loan of Tk 1.4 lakh each from Probashi Kallyan Bank.

They were supposed to pay back the loan gradually from their monthly salaries of Tk 41,500 each as domestic helps.

But without showing any reason, the employers started sacking the workers in September before the expiry of their two-year contract.

The victims said the recruiting agencies of the two countries and the expatriates' welfare ministry had promised that the jobs would continue for at least two years.

The HK employers compelled them to work for 15 to 16 hours a day without any weekly leave, violating the conditions in the contracts, they also alleged.

Contacted, the minister denied being rude to the returnees. He said he had offered them an opportunity to pay the loans without interest.

"I cannot exempt them from repaying their loans, as they were sacked by their employers due to their personal faults," the minister added.

Haidar ICT acting chief

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divided into two groups to take the control of the position of chief prosecutor.

Against this backdrop, law minister held a meeting with them in March. The prosecution team, dealing with the war crimes cases at the tribunals, has been working since March 2010, and Tipoo has been carrying out his responsibilities as chief prosecutor since then.

Ctg gold trader's release

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gold was not returned to Nandoram.

Mahbubul Alam, president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, sought proper investigation into the incident. Dulal Chandra Dhar, general secretary of Chakaria Jewellers' Association, also addressed the rally.

Arrest of responsible

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Initially the hospital director Brig Gen Zakir Hasan said the interns had attacked them for filming and interviewing patients without obtaining any permission from the authorities.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with distinguished scientists who were awarded with gold medals for their contributions at a ceremony at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday. Story on page 3.

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Govt to continue support

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Hasina said scientists and researchers will have to play effective role for the advancement of the country by utilising their creativity within the available limited resources.

She urged the new generation to be involved in research-oriented activities, saying they would be able to take the country towards prosperity and development.

The prime minister said that her government is always sincere in patronising scientific research and invention as well as in formulating science and research friendly policy.

In this regard, she mentioned the introduction of providing Bangabandhu Fellowship, ICT Fellowship and other assistances by the government for conducting research in various fields of science and technology during its 1996-2001 term, which aimed at building efficient and skilled scientists, researchers and technologists.

She alleged that the BNP-Jamat alliance

government deprived the scientists and researchers in pursuing their innovative activities by stopping the initiatives of the Awami League government.

She stressed the need for more research endeavours to take the country forward and said that her government has created opportunities for research activities.

She hoped that the country would be free from poverty and hunger, and turn into a middle-income one by the year 2021 when the nation will celebrate the golden jubilee of country's independence.

The function was also addressed, among others, by State Minister for ICT Architect Yeafes Osman while president of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences Dr Mesbahuddin Ahmad gave the welcome address.

The former secretary of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences, Prof Dr Naiyuum Chowdhury read out the citation for the award recipients.

Gayeshwar, Aman sent to jail

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Ullah Aman surrendered before the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Harun-R-Rashid and sought bail.

During the hearing, lawyers told the court that the High Court on March 9 granted their clients ad-interim bail for six weeks. The HC, however, directed them to surrender before the trial court after expiry of the period.

Mansur was a law student at City University in Banani.

The law enforcers went on the action on December 29 last year after BNP-led 18-party alliance (now 19-party alliance) brought out a procession in support of BNP's March for Democracy, which was set for that day. The government however foiled the programme by using excessive force later.

India establishes 'full control' over Bangladesh

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Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir.

Addressing a roundtable at a hotel in the capital, the BNP spokesperson lamented that the present government is not bothered about realising the due share of water from India as it is busy appealing them for clinging to power with the neighbouring country's support.

BNP arranged the roundtable titled

"Teesta River Water Sharing: Context Bangladesh".

Prof Dr Sabir Mostafa Khan, head of Water Resources Engineering Department, BUET presented the key note paper at the discussion. BNP vice-chairman Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, joint secretary general Rizvi Ahmed, Dhaka University teacher Asif Nazrul, among others, also spoke.

HC to decide

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framed charges against Khaleda and eight others in the cases filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission, and fixed today for recording depositions of witnesses.

After the HC set the date yesterday, Khaleda's lawyer AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon told The Daily Star that they will pray to the Dhaka court today for adjourning the proceedings of the cases.

The lower cannot record deposition of the witnesses against Khaleda Zia today, since her petitions are now pending with the HC, he added.

Meanwhile, ACC counsel Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star the lower court can record statements against Khaleda, since the HC has not stayed the proceedings against her.

The BNP chairperson on April 13 filed two separate revision petitions with the HC seeking cancellation of the March 19 order of Special Judge's Court-3 of Dhaka that framed charges against her, her son Tarique Rahman and seven others in the two corruption cases.

Khaleda was indicted in both cases, and Tarique, senior vice-chairman of the BNP, in the orphanage case.

The ACC in July 2009 filed the Zia Orphanage graft case against Khaleda, Tarique and four others for embezzling over Tk 2.1 crore by forming the "fake" trust. The commission filed the charitable graft case in August 2011 against Khaleda and three others for abusing power in setting up the charity.

Workers Party's

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Pakistan, Vietnam, Turkey and North Korea were expected to attend the congress on Rajshahi Medical College premises.

Leaders of Awami League-led alliance, and Communist Party of Bangladesh, among others, will also attend, he said.

Party's politburo member Bimal Biswas, who was also present at the press conference, told The Daily Star that the party might bank on the young leadership this time.

At the congress, delegates from districts will elect central committee leaders through secret ballots, and the central committee will elect president, general secretary and the politburo members, Bimal said.

Status of junior

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and unchanged as per the organisational structure.

In the armed forces, one can be a JCO after serving the forces at least 20 years with skill and efficiency and sergeant after serving at least 12 years, said sources.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Achhiya Aktar Khatun, mother of Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain, passed way due to old age complications at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University yesterday. She was 95.

She left two sons, five daughters and a host of admirers to mourn her death.

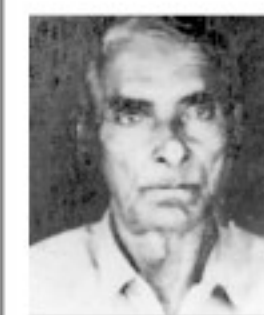
Her namaz-e-janaza was held at Circuit House Jame Mosque in Dhaka's Kakrail area after Esha prayers.

She will be buried at the family graveyard in Pumdri village at Hossainpur in Kishoreganj today, Supreme Court Registrar AKM Shamsul Islam told The Daily Star.

Law Minister Anisul Huq, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam, Supreme Court Bar Association President Khandker Mahbub Hossain and its Secretary AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon, and many other Supreme Court lawyers, and also Law Reporters Forum offered condolences.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 13th death anniversary of Surendra Nath Halder, father of Chaitanya Chandra

Halder, court correspondent of The Daily Star.

On the occasion, recitation from the Geeta, Kirtan, discussion and a prayer session will be held at his village home at Nayakandi Bajitpur under Rajoir upazila in Madaripur, said a press release.

Foreign student

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Police Station, said after the post-mortem around 4:00pm (yesterday) the body was taken to Dhaka to send it to Nigeria.

Ahsan Habib, the registrar of the university, filed a general dairy with Joydebpur Police Station yesterday morning.

Pharmacy

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money accumulated in the process."

Asked for comment, KK Shaha, secretary of BPC, said the examinations were made mandatory by the members of the council at a recent meeting.

"The ordinance needs to be interpreted differently," he added. Asked about the fees to be taken from the examinees, he said it would be deposited as funds of BPC.

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This is for information of all concern that the Board of Directors of the Company in its 69th meeting held on April 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Mobil House, CWS (C)9, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 approved the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2013 for adoption in the next Annual General Meeting and took the following decisions:

1. Recommended Final Dividend for the year 2013 : 25% Cash Dividend
2. Date & Time of Annual General Meeting : 28 June 2014, at 11.00 a.m
3. Venue of Annual General Meeting : Chittagong Boat Club
4. Record Date : May 8, 2014

The key financial Statistics as per the Audited Financial Statements of the Company under report are:

Net Asset Value Per Share (NAVPS)	: 30.77
Net Asset Value Per Share (NAVPS) (Consolidated)	: 32.63
Earning Per Share (EPS)	: 3.03
Earning Per Share (EPS) (Consolidated)	: 2.93
Net operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)	: 3.63
Net operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS) (Consolidated)	: 3.19

Note: Respected shareholders are requested to update their address (if required) in their respective Folio / BO accounts before the above Record Date.

By order of the Board
Sd/-
Company Secretary

Dated: April 21, 2014

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Construction of 10 storied commercial building on turn - key basis at Halishahr, Chittagong at a contract price of BDT 15,12,00,000.00 (Fifteen Crore Twelve Lac) only.

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