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Step good yet not enough

*Cops to check formalin in fruits, other
harmful chemicals to go undetected*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday launched a drive to check formalin-tainted fish, fruits and vegetables entering the capital, but those contaminated with other chemicals will remain untraced.

Though praiseworthy, the move may not be enough to prevent entry of chemically contaminated produce into the city, as the kits to be used in the drive will only detect formalin, not other harmful chemicals.

Iqramul Haque, director general of Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institute (BSTI), told The Daily Star yesterday, "BSTI's chemical detection kits to be used in this drive can only detect the presence of formalin."

"It will not be able even to verify the specific level of formalin," he said.

Check posts will be set up at the city's eight entry points as part of the initiative to be implemented by Dhaka Metropolitan Police and the BSTI, DMP Commissioner Benazir Ahmed said at a press conference at the DMP media centre.

Experts say formalin is just one of many toxic substances that are added to food.

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COLD-BLOODED CRIME

Toxic formalin being sprayed on mangoes so that they ripe and look fresh. The government is going to set up eight check posts at the entrances to the capital to prevent these contaminated fruits from getting to the consumers in Dhaka. The photo was taken at a mango grove in Meherpur.

PHOTO: BSS

Why Hazari MP?

*Asks HC following petition over
his forged early release from jail*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has asked the government and the Election Commission to explain why the ruling Awami League leader Nizam Uddin Hazari's parliament seat should not be declared vacant.

The move came following a writ petition claiming that Nizam had resorted to forgery to get out of jail early and run in the January 5 parliamentary polls.

Nizam Hazari, who was elected unopposed from Feni-2 constituency in January 5 elections, is now at the centre of



Nizam Hazari

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MESSY BIMAN GROUND HANDLING

Relief in two years?

Modernisation project given go ahead

SHARIFUL ISLAM

The ground handling services at Shahjalal International Airport are likely to be modernised within two years with special emphasis on the baggage handling system.

Now, passengers sometimes have to wait for 90 minutes to get luggage after landing but if the modernisation goes through properly, they could have their bags in 15 minutes.

The loss-incurring Biman, which has monopoly in ground handling services in Bangladesh, would now select a joint venture partner through a tender and then embark on the modernisation work.

The prime minister during a meeting with Biman officials in early May had given them the go-ahead for the project that would require between \$10 and \$15 million in investment.

The ground handling of aircraft is now entirely dependent on the Biman staff who load and unload cargo and luggage manually, drive them to the conveyor belts and place them on the carousel one by one.

The service is believed to be one of the worst in the region. Often luggage is stolen and damaged and almost every day passengers are seen waiting at the carousel for luggage, which sometimes never arrive.

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Armed muggers snatch Tk 76 lakh

*2 incidents in Dhaka, Gazipur,
both in front of banks*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers took away Tk 76.28 lakh from a British American Tobacco agent and a private hospital staff in Gazipur and the capital's Dhanmondi in broad daylight yesterday. The BAT employee was also shot and injured before he was robbed of the cash in his possession.

BAT agent Mohammad Harun along with two colleagues went to the Southeast Bank branch in Shibbari of Gazipur to deposit around Tk 49.28 lakh, reported our Gazipur correspondent.

As he came out of a covered van, five to six youths closed in on him, fired

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Star Argentina striker Lionel Messi (R) staves off a sliding tackle from Slovenia's Bostjan Cesar during their international friendly in Buenos Aires on Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP

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TO GO



Need a gun to stop Messi!

STAR SPORT DESK

Brazil defender Thiago Silva has joked he will need a gun to stop Lionel Messi if he faces the Argentina star at World Cup 2014.

The Paris Saint-Germain captain has suffered at the hands of Messi on three separate occasions with both AC Milan and the Ligue 1 champions in the Champions League.

The pair could do battle yet again this summer, should Brazil and Argentina meet during the World Cup, and when asked how to stop the four-time Ballon d'Or winner, Silva admitted he may resort to special measures.

"How will I stop him? He can only be stopped with a gun," the 29-year-old said in a magazine.

"He's the player who keeps you awake upfront when the rest of the team is working the

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BSF again kills Bangladeshi

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Benapole

Members of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead a Bangladeshi cattle trader at Agrahulot border in Benapole of Jessore yesterday.

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