

STOP!
What are you eating?
Do you know what
chemicals are added
to your food?
Do not panic, but work
together to change.

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it is called so?

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TRADE CONFIDENCE

It rises sharply due to recent reforms
in garment factories: survey

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UKRAINE, EU RATIFY PACT

The association agreement comes amid pressure
from pro-Russian rebels

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SC verdict
in Sayedee
case today

ASHUTOSH SARKAR



All eyes are on the Supreme Court that is set to deliver today its verdict on the appeals in the war crimes case against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee, whose death sentence triggered widespread violence by Jamaat-Shibir men last year.

The five-member SC bench, headed by Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain, will sit at 9:00am, and pronounce the judgment at the beginning of today's court proceedings. The case is at the top of the court's cause list today.

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Cops, BGB on alert
Jamaat prepares for agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers have been alerted to any law and order situation across the country ahead of the verdict on appeals in the war crimes case against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee.

"Police superintendents of all districts were asked to take necessary measures to avoid any untoward incidents," Hassan Mahmood Khandker, inspector general of police, told The Daily Star last night.

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PART-9
HOW COSTLY IS
THE INACTION?

POISONING POULTRY, FISH

TANNERY WASTE in feed ALLOWED for a decade

PORIMOL PALMA and SOHEL PARVEZ

It's difficult to say exactly when it began.

Records suggest the practice of making poultry-fish feed out of of Hazaribagh tannery waste has been going on for over a decade.

On December 30, 2003, The Daily Star reported that the feed, produced by crooked traders in the capital's Hazaribagh, contained chromium, a chemical used in tanning hides.

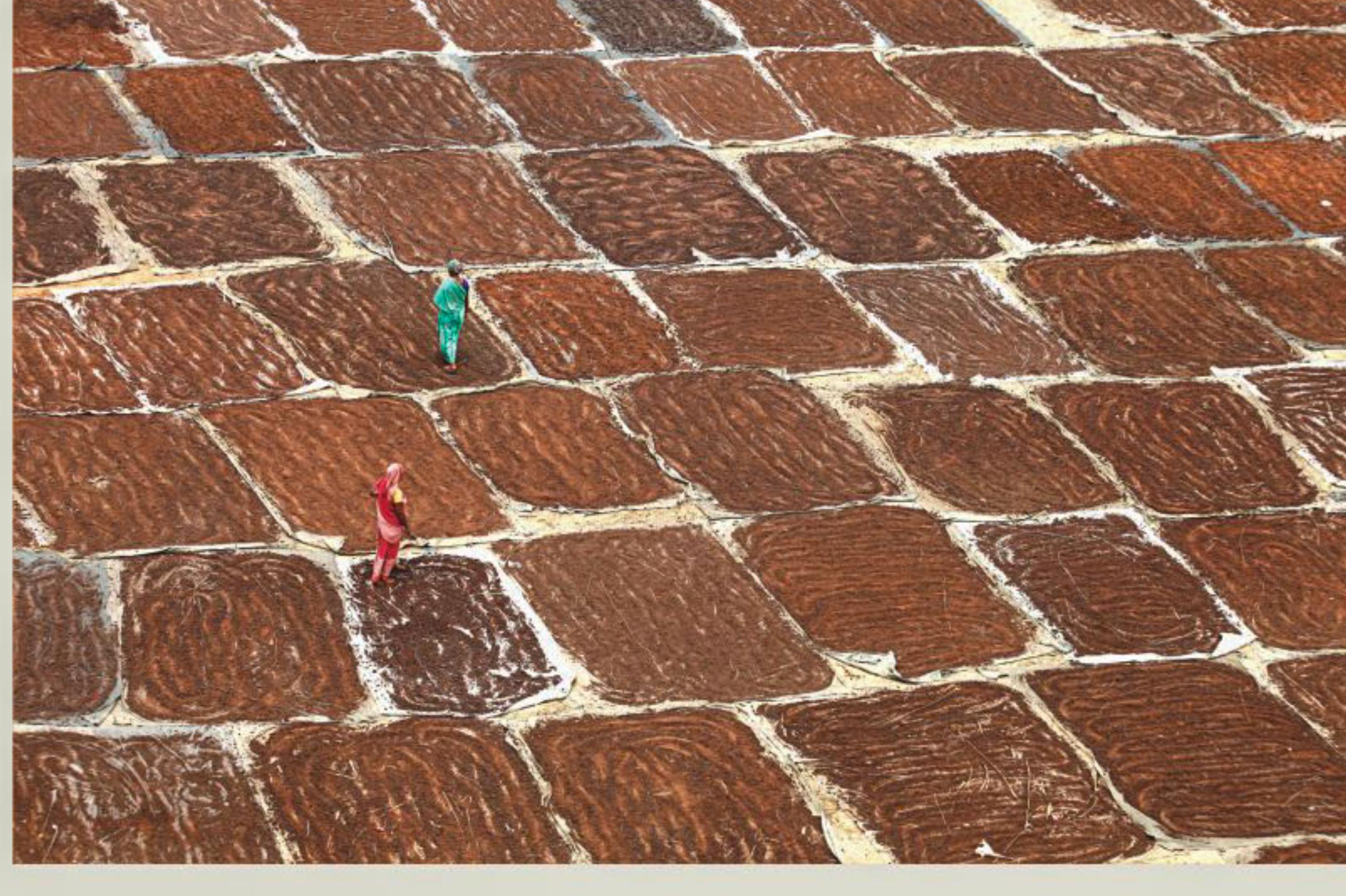
The toxic feed consumed by fish or poultry enters the food chain and can damage liver and kidney, and cause cancer and other diseases, the report said.

The then state minister for fisheries and livestock, Ukil Abdus Sattar, told this newspaper he was unaware of such activities but he would look into it.

Other officials concerned also admitted their ignorance and said they would take action.

Later, more media reports exposed the extent of feed contamination. The High Court on August 8, 2011, directed the government to stop the use of tannery waste in poultry feed as well as fish meals within 30 days.

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Women work to sun-dry solid waste, generated from boiling of tanned leather off-cuts and shaving dust, at Hazaribagh in the capital. The dry waste is ground and supplied to poultry feed mills or farmers. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

WHEN WILL IT
EVER
END?

DECEMBER 30, 2003
The Daily Star reports on toxic feed production by Hazaribagh traders

2008
DU study finds excessive chromium in chickens that consume feed made of tannery waste

AUGUST 8, 2011
High Court asks govt: Stop the use of tannery wastes in feed

2012-2013
BARC finds 48pc poultry feed containing tannery waste

WHENEVER A BURNER IS ON,
ONE HAS TO BRIBE THE COPS

A worker engaged in
feed production

THEY SEEMED VERY POWERFUL

Ex-environment director about
receiving threats after he busted
owners for producing toxic feed

Mysterious
death of a
judge in Ctg

Body bears injury
marks; wife says
it's suicide; 3 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An additional district and sessions judge allegedly committed suicide at a house in the port city's Halishahar yesterday.

Police have detained two women for "mysterious behaviour" centring round the death.

The deceased, Kazi Abdul Hasib Mohammad Sayeed, 47, was posted in Naogaon.

One of the women,
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REMOVAL OF SC JUDGES

**Sangsad to amend
constitution today**
JP, WP lawmakers for forming
council to probe allegations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some lawmakers of Jatiya Party and Workers Party have sought changes to the 16th constitutional amendment bill that aims to restore parliament's authority to remove a Supreme Court judge on grounds of misbehaviour or incapacity.

The Jatiya Sangshad will pass the bill today, Ashraful Maqbul, senior secretary at parliament secretariat, told reporters at his office yesterday.

A lawmaker's proposal said if allegations against an SC judge are proved to be true, the parliament will then pass a resolution supported by at least two-third of its members for removing the judge.

On passage of the resolution, the president will issue an order removing

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NEWS ANALYSIS

ERRORS IN BILL

Inefficiency
evident

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Something unprecedented has happened in the law-making process recently when a parliamentary body recommended drastic changes to a constitutional amendment bill. This is very ominous. Ominous, because it lays bare the callousness with which the cabinet approved the bill and also the inefficiency of those who prepared the draft.

The issue is of vital importance because the bill placed in the House is related not to an ordinary legislation but to constitutional changes.

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**Maiden satellite
project okayed**

Bangabandhu Satellite to
take off by 2017; estimated
cost Tk 2,968cr

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has approved a satellite project, first of its kind, to improve information technology related services, including mobile phone service and television broadcast, at a cheaper rate.

A satellite will be built and a ground station set up for launching it under the Tk 2,968-crore project. An authority will also be formed for the maintenance of the satellite. At present, telecommunications and broadcast services are provided through hiring bandwidths from overseas satellite operators.

The Executive Committee of National Economic Council (Ecne) yesterday gave the go-ahead to the "Bangabandhu Satellite Launching Project", under which a satellite is expected to take off from here by 2017.

The winning bidder will raise Tk 1,652-crore fund for the project, which means the government will have to pay it back at a higher interest rate than the cost of soft loans from development partners.

The Ecne meeting was told that the USA, China, France, Russia and Japan had expressed interest in building and launching the satellite, but the committee decided to award



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Teenage
siblings
commit
suicide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two teenage siblings allegedly committed suicide by hanging themselves at their residence in the capital's Uttara on Monday night.

The deceased are Chirasree Zaman, 18, an A-level student and her ninth-grader brother Mohammad bin Alim, 14.

They were found hanging from the window grills in their respective rooms with their feet touching the ground. One end of both the ropes was tied with chairs, said Elias Bepari, caretaker of the building.

The flat is located on the fourth floor of a 10-storey building on Garib-e-Nawaz avenue at sector-13 in Uttara.

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DANGER
at level
CROSSING

Two pedestrians danger-
ously speed across the rail
track even when a train is
approaching. Bottom left,
the barriers have come
down but people don't
care to wait. Bottom right,
the driver of the microbus
looks desperate to drive
through, ignoring the bar
and warnings from some
passersby. The photos
were taken in the capital's
Tejgaon yesterday. Only a
few days ago, four people
were killed and five
injured as a train ploughed
through a crowd which
gathered on the rail tracks
near the Karwan Bazar
kitchen market.

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