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Punish culprits

Orders minister on illegal cow fattening

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Muhammad Sayedul Hoque yesterday directed all livestock officials and employees to go on field visits and take stern legal action against traders who are using steroids or hormone to fatten cattle before Eid-ul-Azha.

The directive came at a discussion with district- and upazila-level livestock officers and employees at the LGED auditorium. The Department of Livestock organised it.

"Very few cattle traders, I suppose, are involved in these unlawful activities as most farmers follow the scientific method sanctioned by the government to make the cattle healthy and fat," said the minister while addressing the discussion as the chief guest.

The government-approved method is an acceptable and established one which equally benefits both traders and consumers, he said.

"We all have to be alert against such unscrupulous

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A cow, *top*, being fed what is commonly known in the market as "vitamins" to make it fatter in Shamshoil of Bhupur in Tangail. Cattle traders buy livestock in bulk and put them through a fattening regime with steroids and vitamins widely available in the market, *bottom*. A poster of a pharmaceutical company urging traders to use their products on cattle.

PHOTO: PINAKI ROY/MIRZA SHAKIL

PM's BIRTHDAY RALLIES

Sajeda loses cool over Hasan's noise

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ruling Awami League acting president Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury yesterday came down heavily on the party's publicity secretary Hasan Mahmud at a public rally, saying his misbehaviour would not be tolerated any longer.

She got furious when Hasan, also a former forests and environment minister, was addressing a rally by

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RAWHIDE DURING EID

Dhaka police move to stop smuggling

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

No rawhide-carrying vehicle would be allowed to leave the capital for three days following Eid-ul-Azha to prevent the smuggling of the item, Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Benazir Ahmed said yesterday.

He, however, said vehicles carrying rawhides would be allowed to enter the capital during the time.

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Hartal won't stop war crimes trial

Says PM at reception

UNB, New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said it was the Almighty Allah who helped the country by keeping a terrorist militant outfit and corrupt party like BNP away from power.

"It was Almighty Allah's blessings that they [BNP] couldn't return to power; Bangladesh was saved," she told a grand civic reception organised by Universal Civic Reception Committee at a hotel in New York on Saturday.

Hasina said BNP now has realised that they have made a great mistake by boycotting the January-5 general election. BNP leaders are now saying many things to justify their election boycott.

"They'll keep on saying all this because if a political leadership takes a wrong decision then that leadership has to pay a heavy price for that blunder," she said.

Talking about the war crimes trial, Hasina said the government was bound by its pledge to hold the trial.

"The trial has begun ... some of the verdicts have been executed. Those who were involved in crimes against humanity must face the trial," she asserted.

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Demand for fresh polls internal issue

US envoy says now

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

In a major policy shift, the United States has described the demand for political dialogue to hold a fresh election in Bangladesh as an "internal issue" that needs to be solved by political parties.

"I think that [fresh election] is an internal issue which the political parties of Bangladesh and the people of Bangladesh will need to resolve... they'll resolve that at some point," said US Ambassador Dan Mozena at a diplomatic talk in the capital yesterday.

Mozena called for fresh polls in Bangladesh by May or June during a diplomatic briefing at the foreign ministry less than two weeks after the January 5 polls boycotted by the BNP and its allies.

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LAUNCH CAPSIZE PROBE

Irregularities all the way

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

The entire process-- from approving vessels' designs to issuance of the registration documents-- is not done in a transparent way in the absence of proper monitoring, said a government probe report recently.

Monitoring during the construction and annual fitness surveys of the vessels are not conducted in an accountable manner as well, according to the report on the Pinak-6 disaster submitted on September 14 by a committee of the shipping ministry.

The Daily Star got a copy of the report recently.

Such a lax government monitoring paves the way for faulty and unfit vessels to ply the river, resulting in frequent accidents in which hundreds die, say experts.

The ministry had formed the committee after unfit passenger vessel Pinak-6 capsized in the Padma river on August 4, killing over a hundred passengers on board.

When Pinak-6 capsized, it was carrying over 200 passengers even though it had the capacity of only 85. Overloading and incompetence of the master (pilot) were responsible for the tragedy, the report said.

According to law, a surveyor has to check 21 issues while conducting any vessel's annual fitness survey.

But a surveyor on average takes not more than 20 minutes to check all the issues, said the report.

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ANTI-FACEBOOK NETWORK

It's now viral

AFP, Washington

In a matter of days, the new social network Ello, described as the "anti-Facebook" for its stand on privacy and advertising, has become perhaps the hottest ticket on the Internet.

Created last year as a "private" social network, Ello (www.ello.co) recently opened its doors on an invitation-only basis.

Because of the limited supply and strong demand, the invitations have been selling on eBay at prices up to \$500. Some reports said Ello is

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Source: Islamic Foundation



Just weeks after an accident that claimed the lives of four people and days after the railway evicted structures from its land, children and people still walk on the rail lines at Karwan Bazar in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

N'GANJ 7-MURDER

Probe body talks with Rab boss today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion Director General Mukhlesur Rahman will be interrogated today by the government-formed committee investigating the sensational Narayanganj seven-murder case.

Mukhlesur Rahman yesterday said he had received a letter from the committee asking him to be present at the secretariat at 2:30pm today.

The committee would quiz the Rab boss about their role in the gruesome murders, one of the members, preferring not to be named, told The Daily Star yesterday.

"Names of some Rab members have already surfaced during the investigation. We are probing whether they got involved in the incident following directives from the Rab headquarters," he added.

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Jayalalithaa picks new CM from jail

AFP, Bangalore

Former film star Jayalalithaa Jayaram, one of India's most colourful and controversial politicians, was replaced as head of a southern state yesterday after she was jailed in a corruption case, reports said.

Jayalalithaa, 66, who enjoys a cult following in the southern state of Tamil Nadu that she has long governed, was jailed for four years on Saturday over the case that has lasted nearly two decades.

A judge in the southern city of Bangalore found Jayalalithaa guilty of amassing illegal wealth -- including gold, property, hundreds of shoes and thousands of saris -- in the case that she has always dismissed as being politically motivated.

Prosecutors said her assets, which reportedly included two 1,000-acre estates in the lush tropical state she ran, were vastly disproportionate to her earnings during her first term as chief minister from 1991 to 1996.

She was set to spend her second night in Bangalore's main jail yesterday in an extraordinary transformation of fortunes for the woman known as "Amma" (Mother) to her fans, whose ministers have been known to prostrate themselves before her.

Jayalalithaa, who was also fined one billion rupees (\$16 million), was automatically disqualified from holding office, although she is still likely to dominate her AIADMK party, the third biggest force in the national parliament.

She was replaced as Tamil Nadu chief minister by her loyal finance minister, O Panneerselvam, following a party meeting, the Press Trust of India news agency (PTI) said.

Jayalalithaa earlier held talks with top cadres from inside

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