

Spawning zone not safe yet

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hilsas in the market after the ban period. It indicated that many brood hilsas couldn't lay eggs during the period, he said.

Experts say there is a huge potential for increasing hilsa production in Bangladesh that now accounts for almost 60 percent of global hilsa production.

"Bangladesh could earn lots of foreign currency by exporting hilsas. The country earned Tk 294 crore in 2011-12 fiscal year, exporting 6,173 tonnes of hilsa," said Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, executive director of Power and Participation Research Centre.

He recently conducted a research which shows the country produced hilsas worth Tk 16,000 crore (Tk 450 a kg) in FY 2012-13.

Statistics of the fisheries department show hilsa production was 2.99 lakh tonnes in FY 2008-09. It rose to 3.85 lakh tonnes, more than 11 percent of the country's annual fish production, in FY 2013-14.

"It is possible to increase the production further if the government provides more logistic support," said Zahid Habib, director of Jatka Conservation Project of the fisheries department.

Currently, the department conducts drives during the ban period, hiring staffs from other departments.

"We require dedicated staffs and need to provide them with logistics to conserve jatka for eight months from November to June. Otherwise, it

KEY FACTS OF HILSA

Contributes one percent to country's Gross Domestic Production (GDP)

Bangladesh produces **60%** of world's hilsa

Hilsa is the single fish species covering **11%** of national fish production

Around five lakh fishermen directly involved in catching hilsa

Another **20 lakh** involved in related businesses

Second largest export item in fisheries sector (now export remains banned)

wouldn't be possible to increase hilsa production further," said Zahid.

Hilsa habitats became limited up to the Meghna river over the years.

However, recent conservation efforts saw migration of hilsas this year through the Padma up to Rajshahi and Murshidabad in India for the first time in the last three decades, he noted.

Brood hilsas start releasing eggs after migrating inwards from the sea, immediately before the full moon of Bangla month of Ashwin. They continue it for a few days after the full moon.

This year, the full moon of the Bangla month was on October 9, and the government imposed a ban on catching all kinds of fish from October 5 to 15.

But in reality, catching of hilsas continued during the period.

During the ban period this year, mobile courts seized around 40.65 tonnes of hilsas and jailed 723 fishermen. The figure was 26.6 tonnes last year.

In order to protect jatka, field-level government officials have proposed extending the ban period.

The fisheries and livestock ministry consulted field-level officials, who suggested extending the ban period to 20 days from 11 days before and after the full moon in Ashwin, said Masud Ara Momi, assistant director (Jatka Conservation Project) of the fisheries department.

The government is now considering this, she said.

Half a million fishermen are provided with livelihood support and 40 kgs of rice a month in compensation for not catching jatka for eight months, Momi said.

In the past, hilsa could be found in all big rivers of the country. But now it is found in around 10 rivers due to fall in water level and pollution. The rivers are the Padma, Meghna, Jamuna, Paira, Tentulia, Bishkhali, Shiba, Baleshwar, Kirtankhola and Atrialkha.

Since India started withdrawing water of the Ganges by the Farakka barrage, hilsa stopped migrating to many rivers as it prefers around 25 feet deep water and strong currents to go against, say experts.

India's withdrawal of Ganges water resulted in a drop in water level in most rivers of the Ganges water system.

3 more Rab men

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Earlier on Monday night, detectives arrested assistant sub-inspectors Bazlur Rahman and Abul Kalam Azad and habilder Nasir Uddin. They, however, declined to give further details on the arrests.

The trio were posted at Rab-11 in late April this year when the grisly murder took place. They are now with Rab-7, Rab-11 and Rab-13.

The Rab headquarters in a press note yesterday claimed that Narayanganj police issued a letter to Rab on November 19, requesting the elite force to send the three cops there for quizzing.

"We sent the three Rab men to the office of Narayanganj Detective Branch on Monday morning. They later showed the Rab men arrested in connection with the seven-murder," said Commander Mufti Mahmud Khan,

director of Rab's legal and media wing. **THREE RAB MEN REMANDED**

A Narayanganj court yesterday placed the three Rab men on seven days' remand each in the murder case after investigators produced them before it seeking 10 days' remand.

Manowara Begum, senior judicial magistrate of Narayanganj, granted the remand.

With the three, police so far have arrested 14 Rab men in connection with the killings. Of them, 10 gave confessional statements in courts.

Police have also nabbed 13 civilians in two murder cases filed by the families of two victims. Three of the arrestees confessed to the crime.

So far, 14 people, including nine Rab members, testified in courts as witnesses.

Rab men's involvement in the killings came to light when victim

Nazrul's father-in-law Shahidul Islam alleged that some Rab personnel had abducted and killed Nazrul in exchange for Tk 6 crore from Narayanganj ward councillor Nur Hossain and his aides.

Narayanganj city panel mayor Nazrul Islam, his driver and three associates, senior lawyer Chandan Sarker and his driver were abducted on April 27 from Dhaka-Narayanganj Link Road.

Their bodies were found floating in the Shitalakkhya a few days later.

Nazrul's widow Selina Islam filed a murder case naming local Awami League leader Nur Hossain as the prime accused. Hossain was arrested in Kolkata on June 14 for illegal entry into the country. He is now behind bars and facing trial in a Kolkata court.

Another case was filed by Chandan Sarker's colleague in Narayanganj.

Saving war babies

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She came here last week on her regular visit to Shishu Shorgo that she along with her husband Fred Cappuccino founded in 2002 in Chittagong. She visits the child home four times a year.

The Cappuccino couple represented Canadian philanthropic organisation "Friends for the Families in Canada" in 1972.

Having read about the Liberation War of Bangladesh and its aftermath in newspapers, they decided to try to save war babies, who were unwanted here given the social context of the newly emerged country.

"We heard that Mother Teresa's home [Missionaries of Charity at Islampur in Dhaka] had babies born as result of sexual violence against Bangalee women," Bonnie said while speaking of how the first international adoption of Bangladeshi war babies had taken place.

There were several premature babies

at Teresa's Home and to keep them warm, the organisation made devices, a sort of incubator, with drawers and a lid on top. The majority of the 15 were taken from the shelter.

One of them was adopted by Bonnie herself. She, now aged 80, has another 18 adopted children from different countries and two of her own.

The adopted girl child from Bangladesh, Shikha, works at a government agency in Canada and is a proud mother of two daughters.

When reporters asked why she and her husband had picked Shikha among the 15 war babies, Bonnie chuckled and said, "She was the most beautiful baby."

"She [Shikha] never had the opportunity to visit Bangladesh. But I am sure she would like to come [here] someday."

Bonnie in 1973 worked to establish a child home in Dhaka to shelter war babies, orphans and destitute chil-

dren. The couple's next mission was Shishu Shorgo, which shelters 69 children at present and provides education to more than 100 others.

Receiving the adoption documents, Mofidul Hogue, a trustee of the museum, said Bonnie and her husband had done a very difficult job.

"These documents symbolise the bond between the two nations and their citizens and remind us that law should not be a barrier to humanity."

Mofidul continued saying how the Bangladesh government's quick action and cooperation and the willingness of the Cappuccino family helped the war children find loving shelters.

As an expression of gratitude to them for beginning the inter-country adoption of war babies, he said the government should provide a piece of land in the port city to Shishu Shorgo that currently operates on a property lent by a local philanthropist.

Police probe India church fire as Christians protest

AFP, New Delhi

Police yesterday said they were investigating a blaze that devastated a church in the Indian capital, as hundreds of Christians took to the streets to protest what they said was a deliberate attack.

CJ cautions

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tolerated under any circumstance," he said while addressing a total of 325 district judges, chief judicial and chief metropolitan magistrates at the Supreme Court auditorium yesterday.

The judges had gathered there to attend their annual conference.

"Graft leads to injustice and injustice at any place is a threat to justice everywhere," said Muzammel Hossain.

"I take any information about corruption relating to any official or employee of the judiciary quite seriously. There is no room for graft in judiciary."

"However, I will never take cognisance of any false accusation against the judges," he added.

The chief justice also said a huge backlog of pending cases and long delay in their disposal was a bar to ensuring people justice.

"To get rid of the huge backlog of pending cases, you have to stop adjourning [case] hearings and granting time petitions if these are unnecessary," he told the lower court judges.

HIV evolving

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devastating battle takes place between the immune system and the virus.

HIV is a master of disguise. It rapidly and effortlessly mutates to evade and adapt to the immune system.

However, every so often HIV infects someone with a particularly effective immune system.

"[Then] the virus is trapped between a rock and hard place, it can get flattened or make a change to survive and if it has to change then it will come with a cost," said Prof Philip Goulder, from the University of Oxford.

The "cost" is a reduced ability to replicate, which in turn makes the virus less infectious and means it takes longer to cause Aids.

This weakened virus is then spread

to other people and a slow cycle of "watering-down" HIV begins.

The team showed this process happening in Africa by comparing Botswana, which has had an HIV problem for a long time, and South Africa where HIV arrived a decade later.

Prof Jonathan Ball, a virologist at the University of Nottingham, told the BBC: "If the trend continues then we might see the global picture change - a longer disease causing much less transmission."

"In theory, if we were to let HIV run its course then we would see a human population emerge that was more resistant to the virus than we collectively are today - HIV infection would eventually become almost harmless."

"Such events have probably happened throughout history, but we are talking very large timescales."

Arrest the culprits

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Journalists (BFUJ), Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ), Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU), Dhaka Sub-editors Council and Crime Reporters Association of Bangladesh formed the human chain in front of the Jatiya Press Club around 11:45am.

The government on Sunday formed a five-member committee to investigate the accident and asked it to submit its report within three working days.

President of a BFUJ faction Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul said, "Many probe reports on road crashes were prepared in the past. But those have not been made public. This time around, we want to know the findings of the committee, its recommenda-

tions and about the implementation of the recommendations."

Journalists, said BFUJ secretary general Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, want capital punishment for reckless drivers and others responsible for road crashes.

DUJ general secretary Quddus Afrad said people want assurance of natural death and the authorities concerned need to bring about significant changes in the transport sector to ensure it.

President of DUJ Altaf Mahmud, DRU President Shakhawat Hossain Badsha and General Secretary Ilias Hossain spoke, among others.

The High Court on November 20 reinstated the highest punishment for reckless driving to seven years' imprisonment.

Reckless bus

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Doctors of Dhaka Medical College Hospital declared him dead on his arrival, said witnesses.

Even though police seize the bus, the driver managed to flee, said the OC.

Enamul Haq, who was sitting inside the bus, has blamed the bus driver for the accident.

"Instead of driving carefully, the man was busy in talking to a woman standing next to him. We asked him to stop talking several times but he did not pay any heed to our requests," he said.

"The road was comparatively empty. And when we reached Merul Badda there was a sudden bang."

"We got down and found a man crushed under the back wheels. We rescued him pushing the bus backward," Enamul said, adding that the victim was wearing a helmet.

Sadi's friend Iqramul Mohammad said they had talked to each other over the phone around 3:30pm, just one and a half hours before the accident.

"Sadi would have joined us in ACP colony in Motijheel from his home. When I called him again, someone else picked up his phone and informed me about the accident," he added.

Sadi's father SMM Alam asked: "How can we live with such a traffic situation under which people are being killed every day?"

"I want justice for my son's murder," he said, in tears.

On Sunday, a student of the Islamic University (IU) in Kushtia was crushed under a bus, triggering widespread violence on the campus and prompting the authorities to shut the university indefinitely.

Proton to set up

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived in Kuala Lumpur on an official visit to Malaysia.

Haji Ismail Haji Abdul Muttalib, Malaysian deputy minister of human resources; and Bangladesh envoy to Malaysia AKM Atiqur Rahman received the PM at Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

She was given a guard of honour by the Malaysian Armed Forces at the airport. Later, a ceremonial motorcade took the PM to Hotel Grand Hyatt in Kuala Lumpur where she will be staying during the visit.

The two countries are expected to sign four deals and MoUs on the employment of workers; cooperation in the field of tourism; partial abolition of visa requirements; and cultural, arts and heritage cooperation.

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING LAW

Amendment aims at stringent monitoring

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The finance ministry has proposed amending the anti-money laundering law to allow Bangladesh Bank to monitor the bank accounts of influential people, including politicians, bureaucrats and businesspersons.

Once amended, the Central bank's Financial Intelligence Unit will keep a close watch on influential people.

The proposal was made at a meeting of the anti-money laundering taskforce under the finance ministry.

The meeting was chaired by Finance Minister AMA Muhith at the secretariat yesterday.

The meeting also suggested amending another provision of the law to transfer the authority to police from the Anti-Corruption Commission to investigate cases related to money laundering, said a finance ministry source.

The finance ministry will now seek law ministry's opinion, said the source.

High-ups of the ACC, law ministry, Bangladesh Bank, Office of the Attorney General and police attended the meeting.

Sheikh Jamal's

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leviathans of Bangladesh football. The formerly Dhanmondi Club, renamed after Banabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's second son in 2010, splashed the cash by roping in a host of national stars as well as quality foreign players. Success was instant as they lifted the professional league title in their debut season before repeating the feat in the 2013-2014 season.

However, it is their success in overseas campaigns that has caught the attention of the country's football lovers as well as across South Asia. At a time when established giants like Mohammedan and Abahani were fading, Sheikh Jamal's enterprising

football earned them a lot of admirers both at home and abroad. They clinched the Safal Pokhara Gold Cup in 2011 in Nepal in their first overseas tournament and won the hearts of Kolkata football fans by beating Mohun Bagan and East Bengal on their way to reaching the final of the IFA Shield earlier this year. The final proved to be a heart-breaking affair for the Dhanmondi outfit as they lost in tiebreakers against Kolkata Mohammedan.

The King's Cup triumph will surely go a long way to healing Sheikh Jamal's wounds as well as establishing themselves as one of the most, if not the most, vaulted football clubs in South Asia.

French MPs

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as a state in a controversial move that prompted Israel to recall its ambassador.

But the French vote result still prompted a swift and angry response from Tel Aviv, which said it would send the "wrong message" to the region and would be counterproductive to the drive towards peace.

"Israel believes that the vote in the National Assembly... will reduce the possibility of achieving a deal between Israel and the Palestinians," its embassy in Paris said in a statement.

A solution to the conflict will be achieved "only with honest and direct talks between the parties and not by

unilateral measures taken by one of the parties or by third parties," it said.

The Palestinian leadership, meanwhile, expressed its "gratitude" for the vote and urged Paris to "translate its parliament's vote into action".

FRANCE WILL 'DO ITS DUTY'

Palestinians are seeking to achieve statehood in Gaza and the Israeli-occupied West Bank with east Jerusalem as the capital.

With little progress on reaching a settlement, they have been lobbying foreign powers for international recognition.

The Palestinian Authority estimates that 135 countries have now recognised Palestine as a state, although that number is disputed.

Bhutan PM

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renew the bilateral trade agreement between the two countries," said Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali at a press conference in the capital.

Bhutan and Bangladesh signed the agreement in 1980, granting each other the "most favoured nation" preferential status of trade development. The valid-

ity of the agreement expired this November. It was last renewed in 2009.

Tshering will also meet President Abdul Hamid, leader of the Opposition Roushan Ershad and a number of Bangladesh cabinet members during his stay in Dhaka. The Bhutanese PM will leave Dhaka on December 8.

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