



BANGLADESHI VESSEL DETAINED

Stuck in Guinea for 7 months

22 crew barely surviving; ship owner blames it on compensation lawsuits by importers

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Twenty-two crew of a Bangladeshi cargo vessel remain stranded in the African country of Guinea for more than seven months, as the authorities there seized the ship upon filing of compensation lawsuits by importers.

The stranded crew say they are passing days in hardship due to inadequate supply of food, drinking water, medicine and electricity.

Their plight is likely to prolong, as the ship owner appears unwilling to bring them back anytime soon.

Under the Maritime Labour Convention, it is the ship owner's responsibility to have the crew repatriated to their home country if his ship is seized or stranded abroad.

The stranded crew alleged that though they repeatedly appealed to both the ship owner and the Bangladesh government to take steps for their repatriation, neither made any effort to that end.

Commercial vessel MV Dahiatul Kalbi, owned by Bangladeshi private company Continental Traders, was loaded with rice from Kakinada port and steel coils from Paradip port in India between mid-June and mid-July last year.

It sailed out of India on July 22 and reached Lomé port of Togo on August 27. But the vessel remained stuck there for 41 days, as it had problems unloading cargo for congestion of vessels.

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BASIC BANK GRAFT

Money invested in Malaysia

ACC on trail of two sacked top officials

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Two sacked top officials of scam-hit BASIC Bank allegedly invested their ill-gotten money in properties in Malaysia under Malaysia My Second Home programme, said Anti-Corruption Commission sources.

The corruption watchdog received a complaint that the two had bought apartments there.

A four-member ACC team, led by its Deputy Director Syed Iqbal Hossain, launched recently a probe into the Tk 4,500-crore loan scam in the state-run bank. The probe is

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Moin Uddin aiming his gun at a deer on his "unauthorised" Hillsdale Farm in Chittagong. He later shot and slaughtered the deer and posted a video of the late-June incident on Facebook, triggering a storm of criticisms. *Inset*, Moin's photo collected from his Facebook page.

PHOTO: VIDEO GRAB



Who is the beast?

Brutality of Australia-based Bangladeshi shocks animal lovers

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In a shocking display of insensitivity, a man not only killed a spotted deer at his "unauthorised" farm in Chittagong but released a video clip of his cruelty online as well, sparking outrage on social media.

In the video uploaded on Facebook on July 4, Moin Uddin is seen first shooting the deer and then slitting its throat with a knife, an act described as a criminal offence by the wildlife conservation authorities.

Amid a storm of criticism, the authorities on Thursday raided the Hillsdale Farm and seized 16 deer.

The farm was not registered with the Chittagong Wildlife Division of the Department of Forest (DoF) and Moin Uddin, a Bangladeshi who lives in Australia, has been asked to submit the permission papers for the farm, according to DoF officials.

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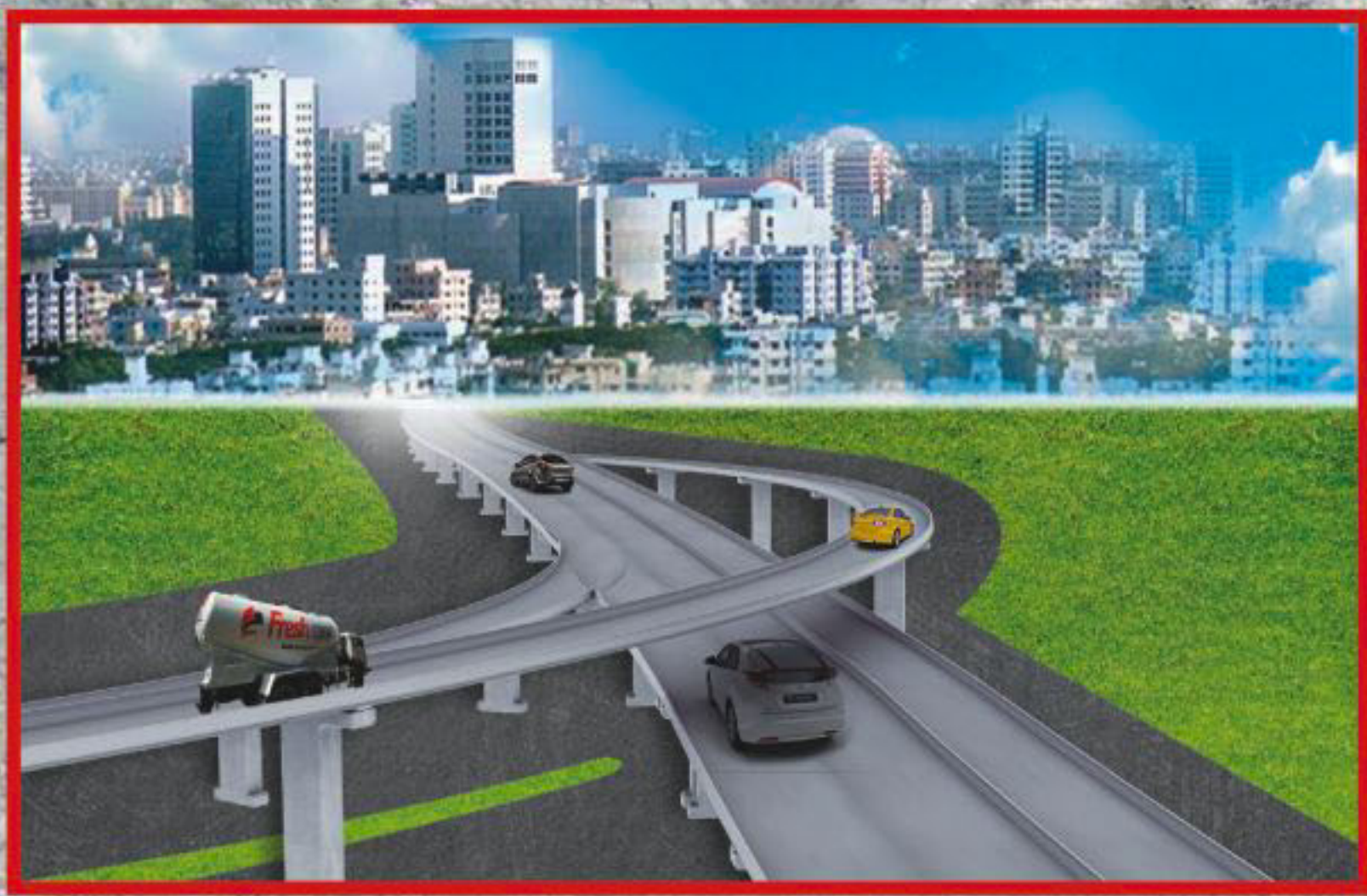
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