



## Marriage age to remain 18

*Reiterates minister, but govt still pondering over ways to deal with marriages of girls between 16 and 18 in special cases*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is mulling over ways to deal with the issue of marriage of girls aged between 16 and 18 in special cases such as elopement and unwanted pregnancy, State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroze Chumki said yesterday.

Not allowing registration of marriage under such special circumstances would make a girl's future uncertain, she said at a discussion, organised jointly by Manusher Jonno Foundation and We Can, an alliance of civil society and organisations to end domestic violence, at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

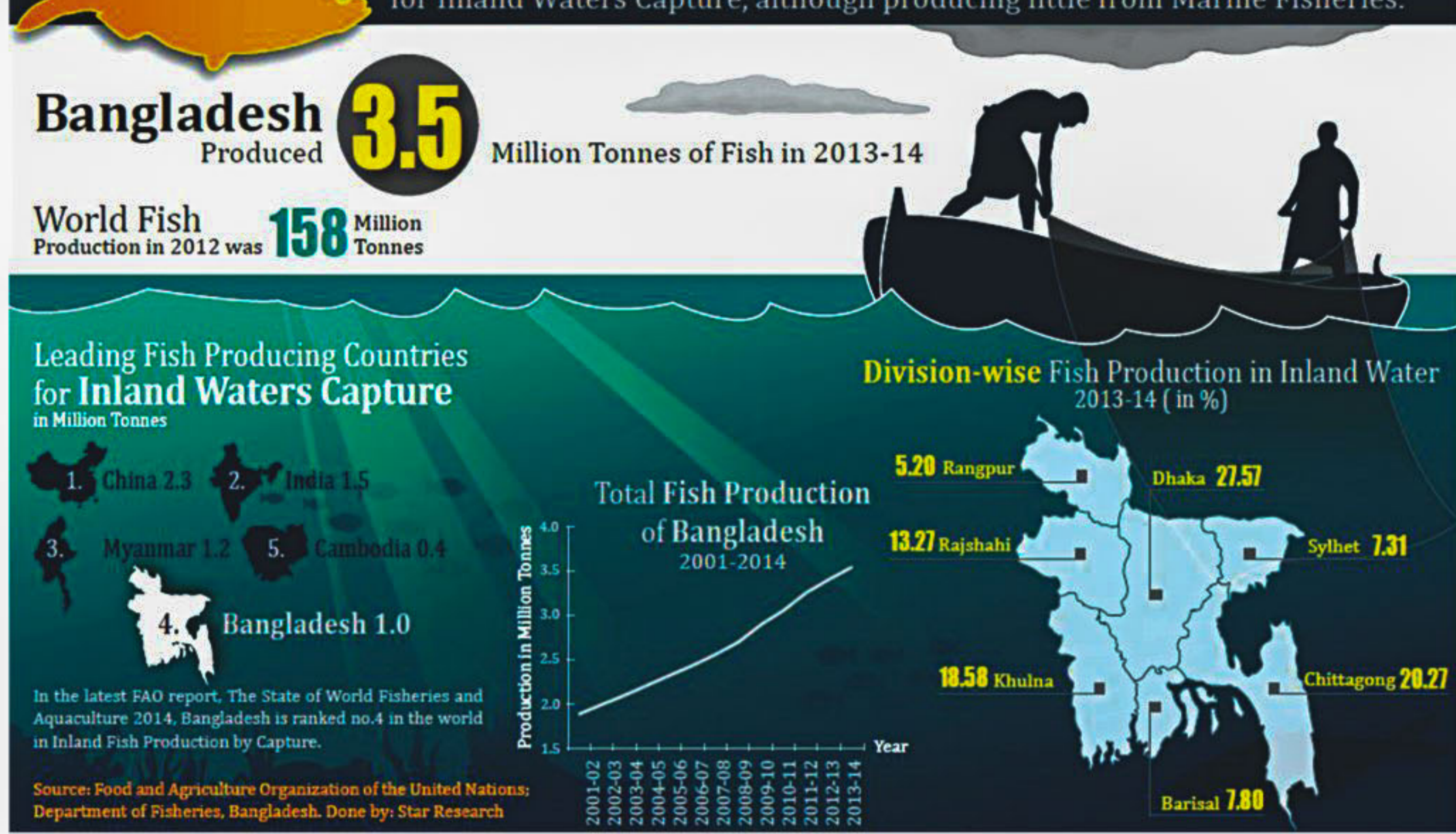
The state minister, however, reassured that the minimum age of marriage for girls would remain 18 in the upcoming Child Marriage Restraint Act, and the government wouldn't enact any law that would have a negative impact on the lives of women.

Too much debate on the issue made general people think that the minimum age of marriage for girls would be 16 under the new law, she said at the

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## Bangladesh 4th Largest Fish Producer

for Inland Waters Capture, although producing little from Marine Fisheries.



## Fish delight

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The country's fish production has almost doubled in just over a decade as fish farming becomes even more popular.

According to data from the Department of Fisheries, farmed fish production was 2 million tonnes in 2013-14 fiscal year. This was only 0.8 million tonnes in 2001-02.

During this period, the overall fish production increased by a staggering 88 percent.

This is great news for the nation as fish accounts for about 56 percent of animal protein we consume.

According to the fisheries department, the country produced about 3.5 million tonnes of fish in 2013-14. Of this, 2.9 million tonnes came from farms and catches from various inland

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## GUNFIGHT IN HILLS VDP member killed

STAR REPORT

A Village Defence Party (VDP) member was killed when a patrol team of joint forces locked in a clash with a terrorist group and exchanged fire in Seprupara area in the deep forest of Roma in Bandarban yesterday.

An army man and an Ansar member were also injured in the gunfight that began around 12:00noon, a press release of the

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## Bus workers go on instant strike

*City dwellers suffer as workers protest sentencing of bus staff*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of people in Dhaka suffered immensely as transport workers suspended bus operations for hours protesting the sentencing of a bus helper to one-month imprisonment and the alleged beating up of a bus driver.

A mobile court of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) around 10:30am at Agargaon sentenced the helper of a bus, which runs from Mirpur-12 to Mawa, for charging passengers extra.

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## Blueprint for Tavella killing unearthed

*Says DMP chief*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police boss yesterday claimed to have unearthed the conspiracy and blueprint for the murder of Italian aid worker Cesare Tavella.

"We have made remarkable progress. We have uncovered the conspiracy and the plan. You will be informed about it in due time. We are trying to complete the investigation quickly," Asaduzzaman Mia said.

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## Beyond national borders

*Brac running its development programmes in 11 countries, serving millions*

REAZ AHMAD

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Mr. Iqbal Ahmed OBE was presented with his coveted award by the chairman of the judging panel, Sir Vince Cable, former Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills. Further judges included the former Chairman of the BBC and current Chairman of the Football Association, Greg Dyke, Founder of fashion brand Ultimo, Baroness Michelle Mone OBE and Chairman of Queen Elizabeth's 100th Anniversary celebrations in 2000, Major General Sir Evelyn John Webb-Carter.

The members of Board of Directors and Management of NRB Bank Limited congratulate Mr. Iqbal Ahmed OBE on this extraordinary achievement and hope the country will continue to be honored with more such accolades brought by him in future.

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