

Vultures to survive and grow if safety ensured

Speakers at BAU seminar emphasise role of the 'nature cleaner'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh
Endangered bird vulture, popularly known as 'cleaner of nature', shows the prospect of revival through proper conservation measures including maintenance of natural food chain, experts said at a seminar at Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) here on Wednesday.

"Raise your voice to save vultures from extinction" was the slogan of the seminar. Vultures can digest different kinds of germs and by eating carcasses of livestock, it helps to keep the environment clean and prevent spread of diseases. To save the bird from extinction, some 47,000 square kilometre areas in Sylhet, Chittagong, Khulna, and Barisal divisions have been declared as "Vulture Safe Zone" for safe nesting and breeding of vultures, they said. The arrangements include plantation of trees for its habitat development, preserving large trees and supplying required foods, they said.

There are 23 species of vulture in the world and seven of those are found in Bangladesh. But their number has come down to only around 250 in the country as vultures faced massive deaths after eating carcasses of cattle that had been treated with diclofenac, an anti-pain drug, while food scarcity, ecological imbalance and climate change add to the situation, the experts said. The government banned use of diclofenac in treating cattle in 2010 but rampant use of this medicine continues, they said. They demanded imposition of strict ban on diclofenac as well as ketoprofen, another ani-

mal medicine harmful for vulture. ABM Sarwar Alam, IUCN's Bangladesh chapter principal investigator on 'vulture conservation', and Prof Dr Md Rafiqul Alam of surgery and obstetrics department of BAU veterinary science faculty read out keynote papers at the seminar presided over by Prof Dr Md Abdus Samad, dean of veterinary science faculty. BAU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Md Ali Akbar was the chief guest while Enam Al Haque, head of Bangladesh Bird Club's Bird Research Project, IUCN's programme coordinator Dr Hasib Md Irfanullah, and divisional forest officer Gobinda Roy attended as special guests.



Vultures serve as friend of nature and environment but they are now an endangered species in Bangladesh. PHOTO: STAR

Teacher killed for dowry, husband held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban
A schoolteacher was hacked to death allegedly by her husband over dowry in Lama upazila of the district on Friday. The deceased was Ma Kya Ching Marma, 28, wife of Thoi Shwe Mong Marma of Lama municipality, and assistant teacher of Ruposhipara Primary School in the area. She belonged to indigenous Marma community. Family members alleged that Thoi used to torture Ma Kya for dowry since their marriage four months ago. Around 8:30pm on Friday, the couple locked in an altercation over the issue. At one stage, Thoi attacked Ma Kya with sharp weapons, leaving her dead on the spot. On information, police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Bandarban Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. They also arrested Thoi from the spot. At one stage, the arrestee was found tangled in electric cables as he tried to kill himself by electrocution, said Sirajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Lama Police Station. Thoi was later admitted to the hospital, said the OC. Meanwhile, primary schoolteachers of the upazila formed a human chain in Lama Bazar area yesterday morning, demanding exemplary punishment to the killer of Ma Kya.

3 held with Yaba, pistol

UNB, Comilla
Police arrested three people with 1,000 Yaba tablets, 27 bottles of phensidyl and one pistol at Dhulirpar village in Daudkandi upazila of the district early yesterday. The arrestees are Jahangir Alam of Dhulirpar village in the upazila, Palash of Biramkandi village in Titas upazila, and Champa Begum, wife of Abdur Rahman of Gunapara village in Sadar upazila.

Two Shibir men arrested with 101 bombs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar
Police detained two alleged activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir with 101 crude bombs and 2 pipe guns in Fenchuganj upazila of Sylhet district early yesterday. The detainees are Mozammel Haque, 22, of Faridpur (Borobari) village and Rumman

Miah, 21, of Hatubhanga village of the upazila. On secret information, police conducted drives and seized seven cocktails from Jamaat activist Imrul Islam's house in Ashghar village and 94 crude bombs, two pipe guns and some jihadi books from Faridpur (Borobari) and Hatubhanga villages, said

Shugyan Chakma, Additional Superintendent of Sylhet police. Nandan Kanti Dhar, officer-in-charge of Fenchuganj Police Station, said Imrul fled away when he sensed the presence of the police. "They were planning to conduct subversive activities in the area," he added.

OC closed as negligence in duty alleged

UNB, Faridpur
The officer-in-charge of Boalmari Police Station in the district was closed on charge of negligence of duty during a clash between two groups that left a youth dead on Friday. Additional Superintendent of Police Mohammad Kamruzzaman said the action was taken against OC AKM

Aminul Islam for his negligence in duty during the clash. On Friday morning, Ahadul Islam Ahad, 30, of Sibandopur village was killed and six people were injured in the clash over catching fish at Foliya Beel (water body) in Boalmari upazila. Police said supporters of Ratan, a local influential person, attacked Ahad and

his men when they went to the water body for catching fish around 8:00am, leaving seven people injured. Of the injured, Ahad was rushed to the upazila health complex where doctors declared him dead. The other injured were admitted to the health complex and Faridpur Medical College Hospital.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR SERVICES (FIRM)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance
2	Agency	Social Development Foundation
3	Name of Procuring Entity	Managing Director, SDF
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting Firm
7	EOI Ref. No.	1. General Procurement Notice (GPN), appeared in the Development Business, issued On-line publication, Dated - May 04, 2010 2. SDF / Procurement / S 1.0 (NJLIP) / (5594-BD)
8	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	01.11.2015
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Sub-Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of funds	Development Budget (Credit)
11	Development Partner (if applicable)	International Development Association (IDA)
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/Program Code (if applicable)	IDA Credit no. 55940-BD
13	Project/Program Name (if applicable)	Nuton Jibon Livelihood Improvement Project (NJLIP)
14	EOI Closing Date and time	November 29, 2015; 4:00pm
Expressions of Interest must be delivered (through e-mail and/or paper copies) to the address mentioned below. The firm must mark the EOI for the assignment i.e. a) EOI for providing services in Process Monitoring Consultancy Service (Package no. S1.0(NJLIP))		
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
15	Brief Description of the Assignment	SDF will hire a Process Monitoring Agency (PMA) for Nuton Jibon Livelihood Improvement Project (NJLIP) to independently determine how effectively the project is running and to identify ways to improve quality of implementation and processes. This is an important mechanism that brings lessons from the field directly to project management, allowing for real-time response and correction of key challenges identified. The objective for the consultancy will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify any critical deviations in project implementation and factors responsible and recommend actions that would help project management at all levels to take appropriate decisions. To identify specific areas/issues based on process monitoring that require further thematic and evaluation studies. To identify and describe best practices and develop a good feedback mechanism for learning, monitoring and adaptation for the different project staff at all levels. To assess the effectiveness of the communication process. Area: Under the Package #S1.0 (NJLIP), the Process Monitoring consultancy service will cover Mymensingh, Khulna and Barisal regions of SDF.
16	Experience, Resources & Delivery Capacity Required	1. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they have qualified employees in the firm with enough expertise and experience to perform the assignment. The Consulting firm should be experienced and should have reputation in the field, having at least 5 (five) years experience in process monitoring particularly with development organizations. The firms having social development experience and research background will be given preference. Interested firms should submit the following information in sufficient detailed including brochures, description of experience in similar assignments, summaries of firms' technical and managerial capacity, availability of appropriate skills among key staffs with short biographies, availability of resources and snapshots of relevant transactional experience etc. 2. The EOIs would be reviewed on the basis of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of firm (at least 7 years); Availability of key professionals; Availability of resources including support services; Experience of the firm (s) in similar task; Evidence of the organization's bank account; Copies of recently completed two reports on Process Monitoring/ Similar assignment, especially related to rural and social development. Evidence of engagement of at least 2 (two) years continuous of any consultancy work. 3. Interested firm (s) must provide focused information demonstrating that they are qualified enough to perform the services.
17	Other Details	a) The Consulting Firm shall be selected in accordance with - World Bank Guidelines for Selection of Consultants January 2011 (revised July 2014). b) Expression of Interests (EOI) in two sets [One original + One duplicate] shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the address of the undersigned. c) The consulting firm may associate to enhance their qualifications, but should mention whether the Association is in the form of either "Joint-Venture" or "Sub-Consultancy". In case of an association, all members of such "association" should have real and well defined inputs to the assignment and it is preferable to limit the total number of firms including their associates to maximum of three
18	Association with foreign firms is	Optional
19	Ref. No.	Location
20	Package no: S 1.0 (NJLIP)	Mymensingh, Khulna and Barisal Regions
21	Name of the Official Inviting EOI	AZM Sakhawat Hossain
22	Designation of the Official Inviting EOI	Managing Director
23	Address of the Official Inviting EOI	Social Development Foundation "Z" House, 6/6 Block-F, Lalmatia Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207
24	Contact Details of the Official Inviting EOI and for submission of EOI through email	Email: md@sdfbd.org, Web site: www.sdfbd.org

The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or rejects all EOIs

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Solace for 2 Liberation War martyrs' families

They find grave, say prayers after 44 years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur
Families of two Liberation War martyrs have got solace at long last, being able to offer prayers at their grave in Doshmile of Kaharol upazila under the district yesterday, more than 44 long years after their supreme sacrifice for the country. The Pakistani forces killed Havilder Mia Hossain and Lance Nayek Mustafizur Rahman, posted in Dinajpur Sector under East

Pakistan Rifles (EPR) during the Liberation War in 1971, during a fight on April 12 in 1971, said Sakhawat Hossain, one of his fellow freedom fighters. Mahub Kabir, director of Board of Investment in Chittagong, who learned the story from Sakhawat, took initiative to help the families of the two martyrs identify their last mortal remains, as the tombstone was showing they hailed from Gopalganj and Jhalakathi, although they

were from Netrakona and Bhola districts respectively. Receiving invitation from the upazila administration, Mustafizur's sister Safina Khatun and Hossain's wife Samsunnahar, son Shamsul Haq and daughter Sufia Khatun, came to Dinajpur and offered their prayers and attended a milad mahfil beside the grave yesterday afternoon, Kaharol Upazila Nirbahi Officer Rabiul Islam said.



Families of havilder Mia Hossain and lance nayek Mustafizur Rahman place wreaths and say prayers at their grave at Doshmile in Kaharol upazila under Dinajpur district yesterday, having learnt about the spot after long 44 years of their martyrdom. PHOTO: STAR

SNIPPETS

Three Jamaat men held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur
Police arrested three men of Jamaat-e-Islami in Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat district early yesterday. The arrestees are Amirul Islam Belali, son of late Mojibur Rahman of Kolaroa upazila in Satkhira district, Abdur Rahman Gazi, son of Aziz Sarker of Kazipur of Sirajganj, and Imran Hossain, son of Abu Taher of Panchbibi in Joypurhat. On secret information, a police team raided the house of Imran at Satana village in Panchbibi and arrested the trio while they were holding a secret meeting there, said Ashraf Islam, officer-in-charge of Panchbibi Police Station.

Land dispute kills man

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore
An elderly man, who was critically injured in an attack allegedly by his nephew on Thursday, died at Jessore Medical College Hospital on Friday. The deceased is Hamid Mollah, 70, of Bagharpara upazila in Jessore district. Family sources said there was a longstanding conflict between Hamid and his brother Hashem Mollah over a piece of land in the area. During an arbitration meeting, Hamid was seriously injured by his nephew on Thursday night. Hamid's son Rabiul also sustained injuries when he tried to save his father. The two were sent to the hospital where Hamid died on Friday evening. Police are investigating the incident, said Syed Uddin Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Bagharpara Police Station. A case was filed in this connection.

Youth's tendon severed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra
An alleged criminal cut tendon of a youth in Nandigram upazila of the district yesterday. The victim is Moklesur Rahman, 30, son of Mohammad Alam of Kathom village in the upazila. Police and locals said around 9:00am, Moklesur and accused Osman Gani alias Kalu, 32, locked in an altercation over previous enmity. At one stage, Kalu severed tendon of Moklesur's left hand with a Chinese axe. Later, local people caught Kalu after a chase and handed him over to police after giving him a good beating.

JMB suspect arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh
Rapid Action Battalion arrested a suspected member of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) at Char Radhakanai village in Phulbaria upazila of the district on Friday night. The arrestee is Hafez Mohammad Belal, 31, son of Abdul Hakim of the village. On secret information, a team of Rab-14 raided the area and arrested Belal from his house. He was later handed over to Phulbaria Police Station, said Rifat Khan Rajib, officer-in-charge of the PS.