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JUTE GOODS Export to India at high risk

Businesses urge Dhaka to negotiate with Delhi, help avert anti-dumping duty

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

India has launched an anti-dumping investigation into imports of jute goods from Bangladesh to see whether the export prices are set below fair market prices.

In October, the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) under India's commerce ministry opened the probe as part of its plan to impose anti-dumping duty on jute items imported from Bangladesh.

The move came after the Indian Jute Mills Association accused Bangladeshi exporters, for the first time in 40 years, of selling jute products at prices lower than that in India's domestic market.

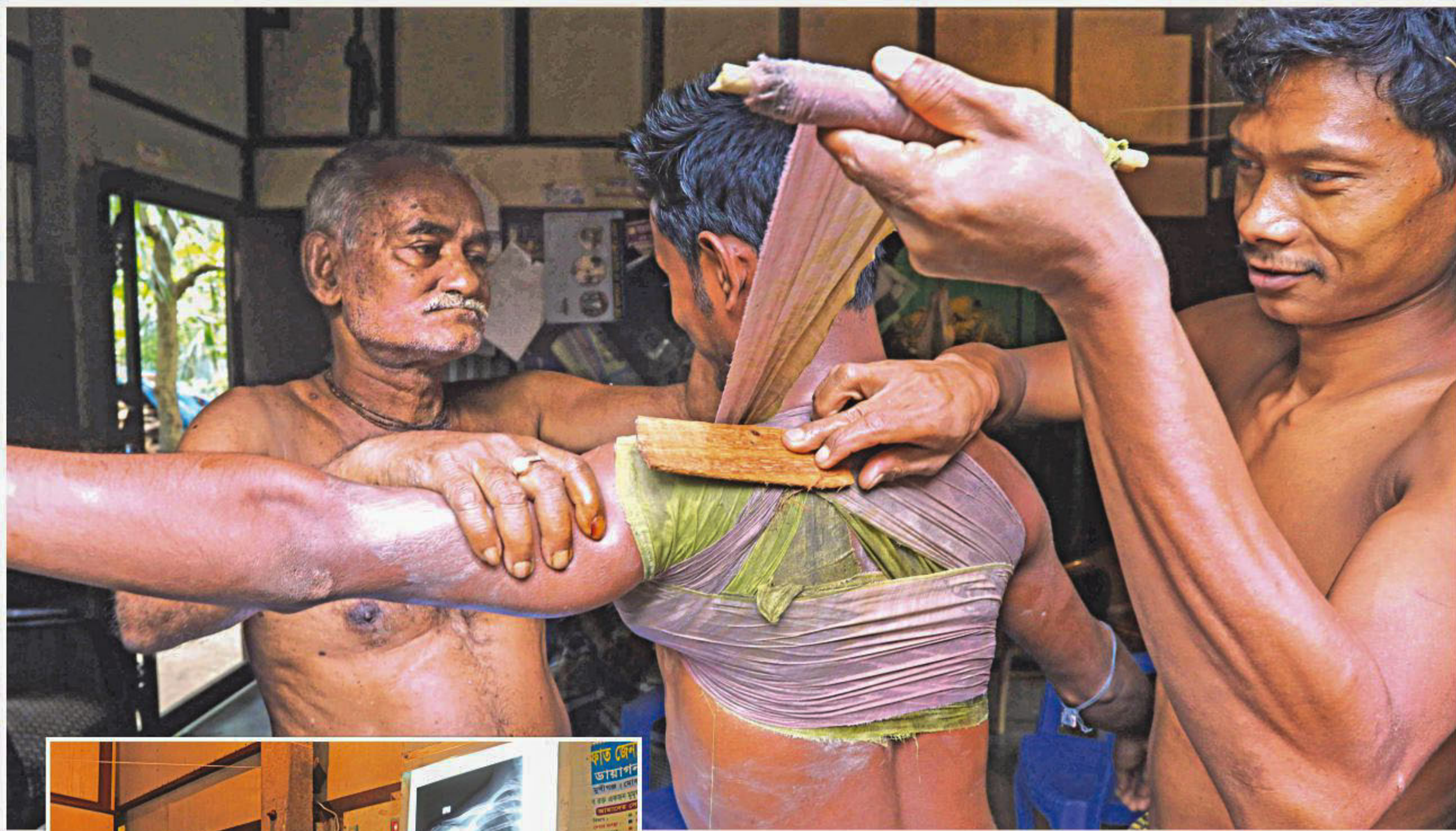
If the Indian government imposes an anti-dumping tariff (up to 20 percent) on Bangladeshi jute goods after the probe, it could deal a heavy blow to the Bangladeshi millers and exporters and further widen the already huge trade gap between the two countries.

Anti-dumping tariff is a penalty imposed on suspiciously low-priced imports, to increase their price in the importing country to protect local industry from unfair competition.

In 2014-15, Bangladesh exported jute goods (yarn, twine, sacks and bags) worth around \$700 million. Of the total export, around 20 percent went to India, where Bangladeshi jute goods account for 8-10 percent of its market share. Other major destinations for Bangladeshi jute items are Turkey, Iran, Egypt, China and the US.

"How 10 percent share [of the Indian market] is disturbing the Indian market?" asked Hossain Khaled, managing director of Anwar Jute Mill.

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THE 'BONE FIXER'

Meet Shreedam Paal, a self-proclaimed bone doctor with no medical training at all. He claims he can fix any bone -- be it shin, thigh or shoulder -- no matter how badly fractured it is. Shreedam checks the X-ray image to detect the fractured spot, *inset*, applies self-invented herbal oil and places a splint on it, and then bandages the limb. And voila! The bone gets fixed soon, says the 87-year-old quack who is in the business for five decades. He claims he gets at least 100 patients a month. The photos were taken recently at his home in Daniapara Paalbari of Munshiganj's Sirajdikhan upazila. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Mustafiz to play in IPL for Hyderabad

Pace sensation fetches
Tk 1.64cr at auction

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh pace sensation Mustafizur Rahman's success stories seem to have no end. His fabulous success with the national team in 2015 made him one of the most sought-after young cricketers all around the world, with Indian Premier League (IPL) side Sunrisers Hyderabad offering him a contract. He has now become the sixth Bangladeshi cricketer to receive a contract in the IPL.

During the IPL auction yesterday, the



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Great effort, yet some concern

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Begging is not what Shahidul Islam wanted to do for a living. In fact, he always considered this particular way of making a living disgraceful, and wanted to earn his livelihood through decent means.

But a typhoid fever in early childhood left his right leg crippled, forcing this poor man to seek alms on the streets of the capital city for the last 15 years.

However, Shahidul struggled over the years saving money from whatever he got from begging, and finally succeeded in putting an end to his life as a beggar.

On January 22, he bought a battery-run rickshaw with the savings and started driving it himself.

"Now I feel very good because I am earning my living," he told this correspondent while taking him to the High Court area from Shahbagh in his vehicle on January 26.

When this correspondent asked him if he knew that plying of battery-run rickshaws was illegal, he said he was aware of it. "Police haven't stopped me yet. If they do, I will tell them that I am a physically challenged man and I am driving this rickshaw to get out of begging."

Although Shahidul's endeavour to eke out a living by running a battery-run rickshaw is commendable, concerns remain over the safety of the passengers taking a ride on his vehicle.

Son of late Altaf Hossain Khalifa of Gonipur village in Joypurhat's Akkelpur upazila, Shahidul is second among his three siblings. He lost the use of his right leg due to typhoid when he was just a one-year-old. He studied up to class-IX. His father died in a road accident in 2004.

Hard pressed by poverty, he came to Dhaka in 2000 and started begging in different parts of the city. He lives in a slum in Kamrangirchar area.

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El Nino linked to Zika outbreak

Say experts as Colombia relates
disease to rare nerve disorder deaths

AGENCIES

The Zika outbreak sweeping through the Americas was triggered by the El Nino phenomenon and global warming, a new study has concluded.

Meanwhile Colombia on Friday said three people have died after contracting the Zika virus and developing a rare nerve disorder.

Health Minister Alejandro Gaviria said there was a "causal connection" between Zika, the Guillain-Barre disorder and the three deaths.

Earlier, Brazilian scientists said they had detected for the first time active samples of Zika in urine and saliva. However, it is not clear whether the virus can be transmitted through bodily fluids.

Zika, a mosquito-borne disease, has been linked to cases of babies born in Brazil with microcephaly -

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MG!

"If a cop commits a crime, it's his responsibility. An individual's offence is not the responsibility of police department."

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE AKM SHAHIDUL HOQUE AT A SEMINAR IN SYLHET



1.25 lakh terror accounts closed

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

125,000 Twitter accounts with alleged links to IS have been suspended since mid-2015, the social media company announced on Friday.

The majority of the accounts were said to be linked to extremist groups such as IS, al-Qaeda and the Islamist Syrian militia the al-Nusra front, though some had links to other terror organisations.

"Like most people around the world, we are horrified by the atrocities perpetrated by extremist groups," the company said in a statement.

As well as suspending accounts, they note that they have increased the size of their teams and the power of their algorithms dedicated to reviewing potentially harmful content.

Following an update in December 2015, Twitter rules place a blanket ban on "hateful conduct", while their policy on violent threats explicitly states "You may not make threats of violence or promote violence, including threatening or promoting terrorism."

But the statement also noted the difficulties in identifying pro-IS tweets in the absence of a "magic algorithm" capable of

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Physically challenged Shahidul Islam driving a battery-run rickshaw on a street in the capital's Nilkhet area. The photo was taken recently.

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