

# Jatka netting, sale go on openly defying ban

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Illegally netted jatka (hilsa less than 10 inches long) is on open sale at markets in the district, despite a countrywide government ban on its catching, carrying and sale for eight months from November to June every year.

To ensure safe breeding and development of hilsa, the authorities also declare a sanctuary for hilsa in 100 km areas on the rivers from Bheduria in Bhola to Char Rustam under Rangabali upazila in Patuakhali district, fisheries department sources said.



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**Very small young hilsa, locally known as jatka, becomes available at New Market in Patuakhali town, like other places of the district as a section of fishermen continue netting jatka despite a ban from November to June, imposed by government to facilitate safe breeding and development of the popular fish.**

But a section of local fishermen defy the ban and catch jatka in different rivers including Agunmukha, Ranmabad, Tentulia, Buragourango and Paira in the district.

Even young hilsa as small as two to three inches long are netted and sent to different places including Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna and others towns.

During recent visit to Panpatti and Koralia launch terminal areas on the Agunmukha River in Rangabali and Galachipa upazilas, this correspondent found over 20 large nets set in the river.

The nets, used for catching small sized hilsa, include current nets and other locally made nets like

behundi jal, nadhahal, tongjal, pajal and berjal.

Rahmat Ali Khan, a fisherman of Bashbaria village under Dashmina upazila, said he catches and sell jatka during the ban period as there is no other way to maintain his family of five.

Per kg of small sized hilsa, locally called chapila, comprises over 100 fish and is selling for only Tk 80 to 100, he said.

Two to three tonnes of jatka is sold daily at Kalaia

Bazar in Baufal upazila, local sources said, adding that over 100 bazars in eight upazilas of Patuakhali district see similar situations.

"How will I run my family without fishing? I am a poor landless man and I didn't get VGF (vulnerable group feeding) rice last year," said Md Hossain Mridha, a fisherman of Bogi village under Baufal upazila.

Dr Md Abul Hasanat, Patuakhali district fisheries

officer, said they are trying to prevent fishermen from jatka netting but effective steps cannot be taken always due to manpower crisis.

"Despite our limitation, we are trying to include all fishermen under a food support programme during the ban period," he said.

Lt Sazzad Hossain, staff officer (Operation) of the coastguard in Patuakhali zone, said, "We regularly conduct operations, and seize jatka and nets, and arrest fishermen involved in

## Youth hurt in blast while making bombs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

A youth was injured while making bombs at Gulshi village in Kirtipasha union under Jhalakathi Sadar upazila yesterday, said Mahe Alam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Jhalakathi Police Station.

The injured is Jagat Rana, 28, of the village.

Rana was making hand bombs for using in the upcoming election to Kirtipasha Union Parishad, said his neighbour, seeking anonymity.

He was taken to Jhalakathi Sadar Hospital and then shifted to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in Barisal in a critical condition.

## Projonmo League leader held for stripping doctor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police yesterday arrested a local Projonmo League leader on charge of taking video of a doctor after stripping him for blackmailing in Sherpur upazila of the district.

They also seized at least 10 crude bombs and two sharp weapons from his possession.

The arrestee is Zakir Hossain, 28, president of the upazila unit of Projonmo League, and son of Abdul Gaffar of Dublagari area in the upazila town.

Victim Dr Amirul Hossain Chowdhury, 53,

associate professor of Sirajganj Shaheed M Mansur Ali Medical College, runs a clinic in Sherpur town colony area.

On March 14 this year, Zakir along with his cohorts called the doctor to a shed in the upazila and took a video after stripping him, said Gaziur Rahman, senior assistant superintendent of police (B circle and Media).

The gang then demanded Tk 5 lakh from the victim, a resident of Bonikpara in the town, who later paid them Tk 50 thousand and the rest was given through a cheque.

Following the incident,

the doctor filed a case against three identified and eight to nine unidentified people with Sherpur Police Station on March 16.

On secret information, a police team raided Banikpara in the town early yesterday and arrested Zakir in the case, said the ASP.

Another case was filed against the arrestee under arms and explosives acts, he said.

Contacted, Abdus Satta of the upazila unit of Awami League, said the arrestee was self-declared president of Projonmo League and he had no connection with his party and its wings.

## PUST students block road protesting power outage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Students of Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST) yesterday blocked the Dhaka-Pabna highway in front of the campus for one hour, protesting massive disruption in power supply to the campus.

Power outage on the campus enraged the students. They lit a fire on the road in front of the main gate of the university at about 2:00pm, halting vehicular movement for an hour.

"Massive disruption of power supply to the PUST campus hampers academic activities of the students. Power supply remains cut-off two or three times a day. Sometimes we do not get uninterrupted power supply at night, which greatly hampers our academic

activities," said Md Akteruzzaman, a student of Bangla department.

"Lack of adequate power supply has been a big problem on the PUST campus since its establishment in 2008. We asked the university authorities several times to ensure adequate power supply, but to no avail," students said.

According to a PUST sources, power supply remained stopped from 4:00pm on Saturday. It was restored at about 3:00pm yesterday after the students' agitation, sources added.

Awal Kabir Joy, proctor of the university, said negligence of the Rural Electrification Board (REB) was the reason for the disruption of power supply.



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Students of Pabna University of Science and Technology block Dhaka-Pabna highway yesterday demanding smooth power supply at the institution.

## Pry student commits suicide

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

A schoolgirl committed suicide at Jagoirhat village in Rajapur upazila over a trifling matter yesterday, said Munirul Gias, officer-in-charge (OC) of Rajapur Police Station.

The deceased is Farjana Akhter, daughter of Monsur Molla of the village, and a Class V student at Suktagar Primary School in the upazila.

Neighbours said Farjana had an altercation with her mother over making bread. She then went to her room and hanged herself from the ceiling.

The body was sent to Jhalakathi Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy, the OC said.

## MIRZAPUR IN TANGAIL Another accused confesses to killing 2 schoolboys

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Another accused of the district has confessed to killing two school kids after abduction on January 27.

The victims are Shakil Miah, 10, son of Delwar Hossain, and Imran Hossain, 11, son of Abu Bakkar of Char Chouhat village in Dhamrai upazila of Dhaka. Both are students of Class IV of a local primary school.

Accused Mohammad Rony Miah, 25, son of Based Miah of Uarshi village in Mirzapur upazila, made the confessional statement before the court of Tangail Senior Judicial Magistrate

Sanjida Sarwar on Saturday.

According to his confessional statement, Rony along with his seven accomplices abducted the schoolboys last month and later killed them as the two recognised them.

On Friday, a police team arrested Rony from Dholaikhal area in Dhaka, said Mohammad Main Uddin, officer-in-charge of Mirzapur Police Station.

As per his confession, police also recovered two razors from under the soil of a paddy field at Chouhat village in Dhamrai upazila, which the killers used for slitting throats of the boys, said the OC.

On January 27, the two

were abducted for Tk 4 lakh ransom when they come to see the annual sports at Haria High School in Mirzapur upazila of Tangail.

The following day, the families tried to send Tk 1 lakh through a bKash number given by the abductors but it was switched off.

The bodies were later found at a lemon orchard at Haria village in Mirzapur upazila on January 29.

Eight people, including Milton Miah, 20, cousin of deceased Imran, took part in the killing, police said.

Four of them were arrested earlier and they confessed to killing the boys after abduction, they added.

## Temple torched

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Unidentified criminals set fire to a Kali temple in Pukhuria area at Nagarpur upazila of the district around 3:00am yesterday, damaging five idols.

Santosh Karmakar, president of the temple committee, said locals doused the flames.

## Actress Diti loses battle with cancer

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with brain cancer got too big on her on March 20, just 11 days before her 51st birthday.

One of the most recognisable faces of Bangladesh cinema breathed her last at the capital's United Hospital yesterday afternoon, leaving behind countless unforgettable moments on the silver screen, and an army of ardent fans.

She would be taken to her Gulshan residence at 8:00am today and to Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC) at 10:00am. Diti will be laid to rest at her family graveyard in Sonargaon of Narayanganj in the afternoon, according to the family.

Born on March 31, 1965 in Sonargaon, Diti aspired to become a singer, and was even awarded at a national competition by the Shishu Academy.

While singing for Bangladesh Television, she first drew the attention of actor Al Mansur, who cast her in the TV drama "Laili Majnu" opposite Manas Bandoopadhyay.

Despite her family being not entirely supportive in her new ventures, she worked in another TV play "Imitation", before taking part in a talent hunt "Notun Mukher Sondhane" by the BFDC in 1984, and winning it, alongside Sohel Chowdhury.

Her first work for film

was Udayan Chowdhury's "Daak Diye Jai" (opposite Afzal Hossain) but the film never saw the light of day, and Ajmal Huda Mithu's "Ami-e Ostad" marked her debut on the big screen.

But it was her story with Sohel Chowdhury that deserves a film adaptation in itself. After winning the talent hunt, the two were cast in Amjad Hossain's "Hiramoti", an adaptation of famous Punjabi tragic romance "Heer-Ranjha". The picturesque locations of Sylhet and Jafalong where the film was shot created a spark between the two, and Diti eloped from her house to marry Sohel. The duo went on to co-star in a few other films, most notably "Chirodiner Sathi".

While Diti's career saw a steep rise, the moody Sohel Chowdhury failed to find similar success. They had two kids together, Lamia and Shafayet Chowdhury, but eventually, the two parted ways in the mid-'90s.

Sohel Chowdhury was tragically shot dead in the capital in December 1998. Diti took her children's responsibilities on her own shoulder, and managed a career and a family with success. She later married Iliyaz Kanchan, one of her most successful on-screen pairs, but that bond didn't last long unfortunately.

Subhash Dutta's 1987 film "Swami-Strree", opposite Alamgir, brought Diti a

National Film Award. She went on to become one of the most in-demand heroines of Dhallywood in the years to come.

Diti enthralled audiences with action roles in "Hangama", "Khuner Bodla" and "Lady Inspector", and her acting range was on display in memorable films like "Usila", "Premer Protidina", "Beporoa", "Garijal Bhai", "Chorom Aghat" and "Shesh Upohar".

Diti left the country for personal reasons, and her children settled in Canada for studies, and when she came back, she became choosier about her films, and even did some TV plays.

"Noy Nombor Bipod Shongket", "Akash Chhowa Bhalobasha", "Jonakir Alo" and "Purno Doirgho Prem Kahini" were her notable works in her second stint. Her last film, Wajed Ali's "Sweetheart", released only last month.

Diti's musical career never got the chance to take off because of her film stardom, but she recorded her first album "Tomaro Chokhe" in early '90s, and her second, "Phire Jeno Ashi", in 2011. She also did playback in a few films.

In her last years, brain cancer took a toll on her, and she had spent long periods of time in hospitals in Chennai and Dhaka. In between, she worked in TV dramas "Life in a Metro" and "Meghe Dhaka

Shohor". As her daughter Lamia kept well-wishers posted via Facebook, she fought the disease in high spirits, but she could only fight for so long.

That endearing smile may never grace the big or small screens, but the two hundred-plus films she was a part of will keep her ever so present in every heart she touched. As she rests in eternal peace, Diti deserved to know what an impact she had made to our filmdom. Let's all hope she did.

### Housewife killed for 'dowry'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A housewife was murdered allegedly for dowry at Ramnagar village in Phulbaria upazila of the district on Saturday.

The victim was Khodeja Khatun, 25, daughter of late Abdul Khaleque of Achhim Horipur in the upazila.

The victim's uncle Saiful Islam informed Phulbaria police about the alleged murder yesterday.

Quoting the victim's family, Rifat Khan Rajib, officer-in-charge (OC) of Phulbaria Police Station, said Khodeja got married with Nazrul Islam, a day labourer of adjacent Ramnagar village, 10 years ago.

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