



State to take care of them in absence of their parents

Says PM about special kids
BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government would make "permanent arrangements" like founding a trust fund for the children with disabilities so that they do not remain neglected in absence of their parents. "It's a responsibility of the state to take care of the children with disabilities in absence of their parents ... We are going to take such an initiative so that they can grow up in a beautiful environment," she told a programme on the occasion of the 9th World Autism Awareness Day. The social welfare, the

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Piles of rawhides in a warehouse at Posta in Dhaka yesterday. Hide suppliers are applying salt on the hides and holding on to those as the Hazaribagh tanners are not buying the hides due to police restrictions. Suppliers fear the hides would start rotting soon and they may have to fold their businesses if the government does not withdraw the restrictions. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Actions farcical

Rawhides left to rot as supply to tanneries blocked; relocation now unrealistic as Savar site not ready

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rawhides are piling up at Posta in the capital's Lalbagh and the traders are left in the lurch, thanks to the government move to prevent raw hides from reaching the tanneries in Hazaribagh. With the March 31 deadline for the tanners to relocate to the Savar Tannery Industrial Estate over, police were deployed from Friday to bar supply of hides to the tanning factories. Though the government itself has failed to complete the infrastructural development at the Savar site within the deadline, it is the rawhide traders who are becoming the worst victims of the restriction, traders allege. "We have not been able to sell rawhides to tanneries since March 31," said Delwar Hossain, president of Bangladesh Hide & Skin Merchants' Association. "We have not breached any deadline, nor have we polluted the environment. But we have become the victim." Some 60,000-70,000 animals are slaughtered across the country every day and, according to Delwar, more than 70 percent of the hides are brought to Posta by wholesalers who then sell those to the tanneries. Now that the tanners have stopped buying hides due to the police restriction, the traders fear the worst. "The rawhides that have already made their way to Posta cannot be preserved for more than two months. So, if we cannot do business in the next two months, we will simply have to fold our businesses," Delwar told THE DAILY STAR.

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Resurgent sides vie for glory

West Indies take on England in final today
AFP, Kolkata

A new-look England and a resurgent West Indies will battle to become the first two-time winners of cricket's World Twenty20 in a big-hitting showdown Sunday that promises to rain sixes. A year after exiting the 50-over World Cup with egg on their faces, Eoin Morgan's England will hope to complete their

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Trials stumble on outdated laws

Chief justice stresses need for drastic rearrangement of judiciary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Many of the country's laws have become obsolete and are of little effect in doing investigation and delivering justice in modern times, Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha said yesterday. Referring to the sensational murder of Sohagi Jahan Tonu, he said the crime that happened in Comilla was committed in a "scientific, modern way". This crime cannot be investigated and tried under the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), which was written in 1898. The investigation should be done in a "digitalised way, [following] new methods."



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Unesco report may not be accurate

Say Sundarbans activists about findings yet to be published

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Committee to Protect Sundarbans doubts whether the Unesco team would be able to prepare an accurate report on its recent visit to the world's largest mangrove forest. Speaking at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday, leaders of the citizen platform said they could not meet the Unesco team as "the government probably didn't have any interest in the meeting". The Unesco team toured Bangladesh on March 22-28. The tour schedule was drawn up by the government, said Abdul Matin, member secretary of the national committee. The committee reiterated its demands for immediate suspension of all activities of Rampal power plant, cancellation of the

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