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SPAWNING IN HALDA Poor catches disappoint fishermen

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Several hundred fishermen yesterday went back home with poor catches of eggs from the Halda river, the largest and lone natural spawning ground for carp fish in the country.

Around 250 boats were ready to collect spawn at Madunaghat, Azimer Ghona, Urirchar, Madarasha, Khalifer Ghona, Garduara and Napiter Ghona areas of Hathazari and Raojan upazilas but the fishermen could collect only a small amount of spawn.

"With high hopes, we went down the river taking our boats and nets, but it was a big disappointment. The fish laid a small amount of eggs," said Kamal Uddin Sawdagor, a fisherman of Garduara area.

He said he collected only a bucketful yesterday.

Hares Shah, another fisherman of Madrasa area, said the Halda was a safe haven for carp fishes once and mother fishes used to release eggs on time at certain points of the river.

"As the river is being polluted, fishes are now releasing eggs in a small scale," he said, adding, "Mother fishes do not feel the river to be safe for releasing spawn."

Hares said he collected around 700 grams of spawn yesterday.

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Using nets, fishermen collecting carp eggs in the Halda river, the country's lone natural spawning ground for fish like ruhi, katol and mrigal (Indian carp). They had hoped for a huge amount of eggs, inset, yesterday but got disappointed instead. The photos were taken in Azimer Ghat area of Hathazari in Chittagong.



PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

MILITANT ATTACKS Bounty for 6 ABT men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Releasing photos of six alleged Ansarullah Bangla Team men, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday put bounties on them claiming that they were "involved" in the killings of bloggers, writers and an LGBT rights activist.

A bounty of Tk 5 lakh was declared for two ABT organisers and Tk 2 lakh each for four members of the banned militant outfit, according to the DMP website.

The suspected organisers of ABT are: "Shariful alias Sakib alias Sharif alias Saleh alias Arif alias Hadi" and "Selim alias Iqbal alias Mamun alias, Hadi-2", the website claimed.

The alleged ABT members are: "Sifat alias Samir alias Imran; Samad alias Sujana alias Raju alias Salman alias Sadh; Shihab alias Suman alias Saiful; and Sajjad alias Sajeeb alias Siam alias Shams".

The Daily Star is not publishing the photos as it could not independently verify the police claim.

Police in the website said

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PROF REZAUL MURDER Arrested Shibir leader dies in hospital

Doc says he suffered 'cardiac arrest', family alleges torture

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An Islami Chhatra Shibir leader, who was arrested in Prof AFM Rezaul Karim Siddiquee murder case, died while undergoing treatment at a hospital in Rajshahi yesterday.

Hafizur Rahman died after having a cardiac arrest at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital around 4:30pm, RMCH Deputy Director Gazi Saiful Alam Chowdhury told The Daily Star.

Rajshahi City Ward-19 Shibir General Secretary Hafizur, also a second-year student at Rajshahi University's Public Administration department, had sickle cell anemia, according to the doctor.

Anemia is a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin in the blood. Sickle cell anemia is a severe hereditary form of anemia, he added.

Hafizur's brother Habibur Rahman said the Shibir leader had long been on medication as he had anemia since birth. "We used to give him [Hafizur]

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Technical fault or bomb?

EgyptAir flight crashes in Med with 66 on board; possible debris found off Greek island; possibility of terror attack not ruled out

AFP, Cairo

An EgyptAir flight from Paris to Cairo carrying 66 people crashed in the Mediterranean yesterday with possible wreckage spotted off a Greek island, as investigators probed whether it was downed by a bomb.

Egypt's aviation minister said that while it was too soon to say why the Airbus A320 had vanished, "a terrorist" attack would be a more likely scenario than a technical failure.



Greek Defence Minister Panos Kammenos said the plane had fallen 22,000 feet and swerved sharply twice

in Egyptian airspace before it disappeared from radar screens.

The incident raised fears of a repeat of the bombing of a Russian passenger plane by the Islamic State jihadist group over Egypt last October that killed all 224 people on board.

A Greek military spokesman said an Egypt C-130 plane had spotted floating objects that could be debris from the crash, and ships were en route to investigate.

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95 children killed, 138 raped in 4 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 95 children were killed and 138 minor girls raped from January to April this year, according to a report of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF).

The numbers of rape victims and those killed are up 14 percent and two percent from the same period last year. Apart from them, 60 children went missing during this period, said BSAF, a national network of 267 non-government organisations.

Kidnapping, human trafficking, sexual harassment and other violence against

YEAR	CHILDREN KILLED
2012	209
2013	218
2014	350
2015	292

children have also increased, it observes.

Gang rape of children has increased by 350 percent and killing after rape by 42

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Google 'sticky car' could reduce crash injury

BBC ONLINE

Google has patented a sticky coating for driverless cars that could reduce damage done to pedestrians in the event of a collision.

People struck by the vehicle would become glued to its bonnet, rather than being thrown off and further injured.

One transport safety professor said the concept could reduce injuries

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Khaleda asked to appear before court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued an order that BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia must appear before the court on June 2, the next scheduled date for placing her self-defence statements.

Granting time for the fifth date, Judge Abu Ahmed Jomadar of the Special Judge Court-3 made the comment after her lawyer Sanaullah Miah submitted a petition seeking adjournment of the hearing on grounds that she cannot appear before it due to physical illness.

According to her lawyer, Khaleda could not submit her self defence statements against statements of 32 prosecution witnesses given during the trial due to illness.

The court ordered her lawyers to ensure that she appears before the court on the next scheduled date, Sanaullah told

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In the name of Allah the Beneficent –the Merciful.

With a profound sense of grief we announce the sad demise of Mr. Wasim Sajjad (45). He passed away on Friday the 6th May, 2016 at 1.15 pm(USA time) at St. Luke's Hospital, Houston, Texas, USA(Inna Lillaha.....Rajeun). He was the Director of Comilla Spinning Mills Ltd. and S.S. Builders and Developers Ltd.

He is survived by his mother Mrs. Sultana Shaheda Islam, father Mr. Md. Saiful Islam, wife Mrs. Kaniz Fatema, 4 sons, 1 daughter, sister Mrs. Tahmina Rehman, brother-in-law Mr. Omar Hamid Chowdhury and many relatives and friends to mourn his death.

His Namaj-e-Janaza was held on 8th May, 2016 at Al-Hamza Mosque, Houston, Texas and buried at Houston.

May Almighty Allah grant him an eternal abode in the Heaven and also give strength to the members of his family to bear the irreparable loss due to his untimely death with courage and fortitude.

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