



Winners of the HSBC-Prothom Alo Language Contest 2016 with guests and organisers at Krishibid Institution in the capital. A total of 580 students of schools and colleges who qualified in the regional level competition battled it out at the national level yesterday. PHOTO: PROTHOM ALO

Forest crimes on rise in Sundarbans

Say officials suggesting a mega plan to protect the mangrove forest

Forest crimes are growing fast in the Sundarbans as over 3,000 suspects are currently involved in criminal activities in the mangrove forest, exploiting valuable forest resources and poaching the wildlife, say forest officials.

Suspected criminals frequently enter the forest illegally and log Sundari trees, hunt tigers and deer through trapping and firing, and catch fish from its rivers and canals using pesticide, according to the officials.

Even they set fire to the forest to make it clean so that they can catch fish during monsoon, added the officials.

"The forest department already filed 4,838 cases against over 25,000 people for allegedly committing crimes in the forest and those cases are under trial," said M Saidul Islam, divisional forest officer (Sundarbans East Zone).

The Sundarbans West Zone of the forest department filed 4,511 cases against nearly 1,500

offenders.

A total of 327 cases filed against 1,000 offenders under the Sundarbans West Zone are under trial in courts of Khulna, Bagerhat and Pirojpur districts, added Saidul.

Recently, the Sundarbans saw a number of fire incidents, with the latest breaking out at Abdullah Shila in its Chandpai range in Sharankhola upazila on April 18, 2016.

As per the forest office, about 22 fire incidents took place in Sharankhola and Chandpai Ranges of the Sundarbans East Zone in the last 14 years, burning 80 acres of forest and causing damage to the unique ecosystem of the world heritage site.

An official probe found that the fires broke out in the forest were lit by a group of people to facilitate fishing in the area. Local saboteurs are allegedly setting fires to the forest in a planned way to destroy it for their personal gains.

According to locals, villagers living nearby often enter the forest and set fire to it to collect firewood and when the burnt area of the

Sundarbans goes under water during monsoon, local fishermen use the area to catch fish. They also use the fire-damaged area as cattle grazing land during dry season.

As the Sundarbans is the lone natural habitat to tigers and endangered dolphins, the wildlife is facing various troubles due to unchecked poaching and destruction of natural forests.

According to the Tiger Census-2015, the number of tigers declined to 106 in the Bangladesh part of the forest in 2015 while it was 440 in 2004.

The forest department data also show that at least 49 tigers were killed between 2001 and 2014, and about 232 people were killed in tiger-human conflict during the same period in the forest.

Stressing the need for a mega plan to protect the mangrove forest, Prof Anwarul Islam, a zoology professor of Dhaka University and chief executive of WildTeam, said if forest offenders could not be brought to book, forest crimes would go up in days to come.

Road crash kills 1, hurts 5

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A car driver was killed and five people were injured when a bus collided head-on with a car on Jessore-Magura road in front of Juba Unnayan Office in Jessore Sadar yesterday morning.

The deceased was Asaduzaman, 23, of Mollah Para in the upazila, said Officer-in-Charge of Jessore Kotwali Police Station Illias Hossain.

Five of the injured were admitted to Jessore Medical College Hospital.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 45th death anniversary of martyred intellectual Mohammad Shamsuzzaman, the then chief engineer of the Chittagong Port Trust during the Pakistani regime, says a press release.

On this day during the Liberation War, Pakistan army picked him up from his office. His whereabouts cannot be known since then.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.



Doctor held over 'wrong treatment'

A CORRESPONDENT, Sherpur

Detectives yesterday arrested a consultant surgeon of Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a diagnostic centre in Sherpur town's Narayanpur in a case filed over "wrong treatment" given to a female patient last year.

Shariful Islam is a consultant surgeon of burn and plastic surgery unit at the hospital, a DMCH doctor told The Daily Star.

Abdul Warish, additional superintendent of police in Sherpur, said the doctor was sent to the district prison after he was produced before the court.

The doctor cut the left breast of the patient at a Dhaka private hospital on November 15 last year on the ground of "breast cancer", he said.

The woman of Shreebordi upazila in Sherpur, what police said, was confirmed through several medical tests that she did not suffer from breast cancer.

In December 28 last year, her husband filed the case with a Sherpur court against two doctors, including Shariful.

The patient told this correspondent that the DMCH doctor had cut her breast without proper diagnosis rather he had identified a "blister" in the breast as a sign of cancer.

Denying the claim, Shariful said he conducted the surgery in a right way.

UGC to be strengthened

Says Nahid

BSS, Dhaka

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday said University Grants Commission (UGC) will be strengthened further with giving more power to ensure its better contribution to enhance quality of higher education.

"The proposed Higher Education Commission would replace the existing regulatory UGC with enhanced authority to monitor higher education in universities," he told an award-giving ceremony in the auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum.

The awards and certificates were distributed among the top ranking colleges.

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Ministers castigate Salim

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apology. Such a boastful attitude is not good," said Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammad Nasim, addressing a Jubo League's programme at the capital's Silpakala Academy.

Castigating Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad and Co-chairman GM Quader, he said, "Why are you silent now when you speak on different issues and make suggestions?"

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said the government is sincere to take actions over the teacher's humiliation.

Visiting Sonargoan of Narayanganj yesterday, he said the decision to reinstate Shyamal as the headmaster at Piyar Sattar Latif High School and dissolving its managing committee were done as per the prime minister's directives.

He said all the ministers of the government support the action of the education ministry to this end. Referring to Salim's acts, Quader said five year's achievements of a public representative could be destroyed in five minutes due to a bad behaviour.

Educaiton Minister Nurul Islam Nahid at a programme at Bangladesh National Museum said that they could not show mercy to those who humiliate teachers.

He said honour and respect would have to be shown to the teachers who are building the country's future; also those who are teaching should teach in such a way that they remain as role models.

Different organisations including Bangladesh Hindu Buddha Christian Oikya Parishad formed human chains in front of Jatiya Press Club and in Narayanganj town demanding punishment for the JP lawmaker.

Addressing a programme in Narayanganj, journalist Kamal Lohani demanded that Salim be expelled from the parliament and do squat holding his ears before the people.

He said one Osman family is enough to bring down Awami League from power and accused that Salim has been instigating communal riot centring the incident without even seeking an apology.

Shahriar Kabir, acting president of Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, at a programme in Jessore, urged the prime minister to take a decision about the Osman family.

He said repression on religious minorities is alarming and tarnishing the country's image.

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Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed and eligible Interior Decoration Vendor(s)/Architectural/ Engineering firms for Interior Decoration works and Supply & Installation of Furniture of Monarch Lounge at Uttara Branch, Prime Bank Limited, Dhaka as per following Schedule:

Sl.	Name of Project as per Tender Document	Period of selling of Tender Document		Last date of submission
		from	to	
1.	Interior Decoration works and Supply & Installation of Furniture of Monarch Lounge at Uttara Branch, Dhaka.	22.05.2016	31.05.2016	31.05.2016 (3:00pm)

- Eligibility and other conditions:**
- Interested bidder may collect tender document for the said work on submission of a request letter addressing the undersigned as well as documentary evidence of the followings:
 - Practical working experience of minimum 08 years in Interior, Exterior Decoration and Furniture works of Bank's Branch and/or Head Office.
 - Practical work experience to execute such type of work for a minimum amount of Tk.30.00 Lac in a single work order.
 - IAB/IEB membership number of each of the following Technical Personnel of the firm:
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 - Project Architect: having working experience as Bachelor of Architecture for a minimum period of 3 years in the relevant field.
 - Project Engineer, Civil: having working experience as B.Sc Engineer or Diploma Engineer for minimum period of 3 years or 6 years respectively in the relevant field.
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