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DUCK FARMING

A blessing for haor families

MINTU DESHWARA with ANDREW EAGLE

In Sylhet's Hakaluki Haor a new generation of villagers is discovering the economic potential of duck farming. Many previously unemployed people, often from disadvantaged families, have taken up the activity as a means of self-employment and a path to a better future.

"A decade ago the basic needs of our family could not be met on my father's farming income alone," says Nasir Uddin from Chandpur village in Sylhet's Fenchuganj upazila. "I wanted to do something to help our family."

In 2005, after completing a short training course on the subject in Derai upazila of Sunamganj district, Nasir set up a duck farm adjacent to his home. With the added income from the ducks, his dream to help support his family has come true.

Not only Nasir, but around 200 others in the area have established household duck farms, some with NGO loans for start-up capital.

"After achieving bumper profits thanks to good prices last year," says Monur Miah, 29, of the same village. "I'm expanding my duck farm."

"I can earn over Tk 3 lakhs annually from ducks," says neighbour Quasem Ali.

"I started my duck farm two years ago," says Anwar Miah, 28, of Ferihat village in Fenchuganj. "I used to be unemployed, but then I was helping out at Monir Miah's duck farm and I learnt how to do it."

He started with 100 ducklings purchased by loan. Each

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A villager keeps watch over his ducks frolicking in a wetland of Fenchuganj upazila, Sylhet. In the haor areas of the district, villagers have found duck farming to be a way of self-employment and becoming solvent.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Israel seals West Bank, Gaza

UN condemns 'collective punishment' of Palestinians

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Israeli authorities have sealed off the West Bank and Gaza strip to stop Palestinians entering Israel as military operations continue following a terror attack in Tel Aviv.

A spokesperson for the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said the shutdown would be in place until midnight on Sunday, preventing crossings in all but "medical and humanitarian cases".

Thousands of Palestinians holding special permits to pray in Jerusalem were exempt from the ban, according to the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (Cogat).

The Israeli military body had already revoked travel permits for around 83,000 Palestinians in a move the United Nations said could amount to "collective punishment".

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra'ad al-Husseini, condemned the shooting attack that left four Israelis dead and several injured on Wednesday, in what was the most deadly

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HAWKER EVICTION IN GULISTAN 50 hurt, 190 held after fierce clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Traders of Dhaka Trade Centre and street hawkers clashed again in the capital's Gulistan area yesterday, barely a day after the two sides fought over eviction of hawkers from footpaths.

At least 50 people, including a police official, were injured in yesterday's clash, said police.

According to witnesses, as hawkers started opening their makeshift shops on footpaths in front of Dhaka Trade Centre around 11:30am, traders of the market drove them out. In response, the hawkers threw brickbats at the traders.

At one state, hawkers from other parts of Gulistan joined the fight, turning the place into a battlefield.

The clash continued till 1:30pm with brief pauses.

Vehicular movement in the area remained suspended for more than two hours, causing huge tailbacks in surrounding areas. All shopping malls and markets in the Gulistan area were shut during the clash.

Law enforcers had to fire teargas canisters to bring the situation under control, Tarique Bin Rashid, additional deputy commissioner (Motijheel division), told The Daily Star.

Police said around 190 traders and hawkers were detained from the spot and taken to the Paltan Police Station.

During the clash, Anwar Hossain, deputy commissioner (Motijheel zone) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, suffered injuries to his forehead.

He was brought to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he had several

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Jubo League man hacked to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Unidentified assailants hacked a Jubo League activist to death reportedly over previous enmity in Library Bazar area in the district on Thursday night.

The deceased, Md Munna Chowdhury, 35, son of Rawshan Ali of Gobinda area in the town, was going to settle a dispute among local boys, police said.

Officer-in-Charge of Pabna Sadar police Abdullah Al Hasan said Munna's younger brother Rajib had a conflict with local boys. As Munna went there to settle the conflict, unidentified criminals hacked him indiscriminately around 9:00pm on Thursday.

Locals rescued the victim and took him to Pabna

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India rejects Google Street View plan

BBC ONLINE



India has rejected Google's plans to collect images for its Street View service in the country after objections from security agencies.

Officials told the BBC there were concerns that the service would compromise the country's security.

Google Street View collects high definition images to give its users 360 degree views of streets, tourist spots, hills and rivers.

Google's data collection has caused concern in numerous countries.

The Press Trust of India agency reported that India's interior ministry had informed Google that its plans to cover India through the service had been

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13 lakh apply for college admission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More than 13 lakh students have applied for admission to the 11th grade at colleges across the country as the deadline for application online and through mobile text expired yesterday.

Although Thursday night was fixed for the last date for submitting applications, the authorities allowed the candidates to apply through SMS till 10:00am yesterday.

Of the total 13,01,099 applicants, around 9.37 lakh applied online by logging in to www.xiclassadmission.gov.bd. The rest applied by sending SMS to Teletalk, said officials at the Inter-education Board Coordination Subcommittee.

However, around 1.51 lakh students who passed the Secondary School Certificate examinations this year did not apply.

According to Ashfaq Salehin, college inspector of the Inter-education Board Coordination Subcommittee, a huge

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As most of the males in the village have fled to avoid arrest, Khasi women have risen to the occasion. Divided in small groups, they guard their houses and betel leaf gardens to resist any attempt to evict the families and grab land in their punjee (village) at Sreemangal upazila of Moulvibazar. A tea estate has allegedly been trying to grab land of the Khasi people since 2007 to expand its area. The photo was taken Thursday night.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

MOULVIBAZAR KHASI VILLAGE Women keep vigil to protect homes

MINTU DESHWARA

Khasi women of two punjees in Moulvibazar's Sreemangal upazila have started guarding their houses and betel leaf gardens in a bid to resist any attempt to evict their families and grab their land.

They have taken it upon themselves to protect their homes as most of the male members of the punjees (villages) have fled their houses in fear of arrest following an eviction notice issued by the district administration.

The notice, issued on May 30 to some 700 Khasi people living in two villages collectively known as Nahar Punjee, asked the villagers to vacate 150 acres of the 250-acre punjee area by tomorrow.

The authorities accused them of illegally occupying 150

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	June	Sehri	Iftar
5	11		6-49
6	12	3-38	6-50
7	13	3-38	6-50



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	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	3-44	12-45	5-00	6-49	8-15
JAMAAT	3-49	1-15	5-15	6-59	8-45

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