

Pay fine until relocation

HC asks each defaulter tannery to pay Tk 50,000 a day as compensation for environmental losses; 154 units still not relocated to Savar despite HC order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With tanners dithering over relocation of their factories to Savar, the High Court yesterday ordered the owners of 154 tanneries in the capital's Hazaribagh to pay Tk 50,000 each a day in compensation for damaging the environment in the area.

The owners will have to deposit the money with the state exchequer from the date of receiving copies of the HC order until relocation of their factories to Savar Tannery Industrial Estate.

The HC order came following a petition by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh.

The court also ordered the environment secretary to assess the environmental damage caused by the tannery industry to the Buriganga River, and submit a report to it by July 17.

Shaheen Ahmed, president of Bangladesh Tanners Association, told BBC Bangla Service last night that they would file an appeal with the Supreme Court against the HC order.

Over the last one decade, the tanners had missed more than a dozen

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Doves are released at Ashuganj river port during the inauguration of the transshipment of Indian goods through Bangladeshi territory yesterday. Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan, in black coat, PM's Economic Affairs Adviser Mashiur Rahman, on Shajahan's left, and Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Harsh Vardhan Shringla, on the right of the minister, were present.

New era begins

Bangladesh-India transit formally opens at Ashuganj

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and MD FAZLUR RAHMAN, from Ashuganj

Transshipment of goods inaugurated yesterday by Bangladesh and India promises to boost both the economies by promoting trade and movement of people.

"Today is a very important day in the history of relations between the two countries," said Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Indian high commissioner to Bangladesh, while speaking at the inaugural ceremony.

Both the sides will reap the benefits, said Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan, adding that Bangladeshi ships and trucks would be carrying goods, and jobs would be created for local people.

On the other side in

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British MP killed in gun attack

52-year-old man arrested

BBC ONLINE

An MP has died after she was shot and stabbed during an attack in her constituency, police have said.

Jo Cox, 41, Labour MP for Batley and Spen, was left bleeding on the floor by her attacker yesterday. A 77-year-old man also suffered slight injuries.



Jo Cox

The MP's death was confirmed at police headquarters in Wakefield. Police said they were not looking for anyone else in connection with the attack.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said the country would be "in shock at the horrific murder", describing the MP as a "much loved colleague".

Cafe owner Clarke Rothwell, who witnessed the attack, said he heard a "loud popping noise that sounded like a balloon burst - a loud balloon".

"When I looked round there's a man stood there in his 50s with a white baseball cap on and a jacket with a gun, an old fashioned looking gun in his hand," he said.

"He shot this lady once and then he shot her again, he fell to the floor, leant

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Little progress in nutrition status

Global nutrition report says Bangladesh made progress in only 2 out of 8 categories

REAZ AHMAD

Bangladesh has made good progress in two of the eight nutrition indicators -- stunting and child overweight -- but is slipping back in exclusive breast feeding while doing badly in the rest five indicators, according to this year's Global Nutrition Report (GNR).

The five indicators are: wasting (low weight for height), anemia in women, adult overweight and obesity, adult obesity and adult diabetes.

The 2016 GNR, released on June 14 in Washington DC, provides an independent and annual review of the state of the world's nutrition. The report, now in its third year, focuses on the progress made towards recent nutrition-related global commitments and identifies opportunities for action to end malnutrition in all its forms by 2030.

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BANGLADESH'S STATUS IN 8 INDICATORS OF NUTRITION	
Stunting Prevalence 36.1% (On course, good progress)	Under-5 Overweight 1.4% (On course, good progress)
Exclusive Breast Feeding 55.3% (Off course, reversal)	Adult Obesity Prevalence 3.6% (Off course)
Wasting Prevalence 14.3% (Off course)	Anemia in Women 43.5% (Off course)
Adult Overweight & Obesity Prevalence 18.1% (Off course)	Adult Diabetes Prevalence 9.5% (Off course)

SOURCE: GLOBAL NUTRITION REPORT 2016

RK Mission chief gets threat letter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The head Hindu priest of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission in the capital has received a threat on his life.

Mission authorities said a man handed over a letter containing the threat to a mission staff around Wednesday noon.

The letter did not name anyone but mentioned the top preacher of the mission as the recipient.

Syed Nurul Islam, deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, last night quoted the letter: "Leave the country while there is time. This is the country for the Muslims. India is for the Hindus. Preaching Hindu religion in this country won't be allowed. You will be stabbed to death between June 20 and 30. Eat whatever you want. I will kill you by hacking in your neck. For Ma Kali's [a Hindu goddess] sake, go to India."

"... I steal lives of the gurus of infidels ... Currently, I have no address. Sometimes I stay

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HACKING OF MADARIPUR COLLEGE TEACHER 'Attacker says he is Hizb-ut Tahrir man'

SHARIFUL ISLAM and SUSHANTA GHOSH



Faizullah

Golam Faizullah Fahim, one of the three attackers who badly hacked a Madaripur college teacher on Wednesday, has admitted to be a member of banned militant outfit Hizb-ut Tahrir, says the district police chief.

Faizullah told interrogators that he had joined Hizb-ut Tahrir very recently. Some "former students" of Uttara High School and College in Dhaka and two staff of a book shop near the college persuaded him

into joining the organisation.

He was suffering from some sort of mental depression when he came in touch with the former students, including one named Jubayer Ahmed, and the book shop staff.

Under their influence, he gradually became radicalised, Madaripur Superintendent of Police Sarwar Hossain told The Daily Star yesterday.

Faizullah also said Jubayer and some other militants at a meeting decided to kill

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'Attacker' of Tutul held

He stabbed the publisher thrice, claim police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday claimed to have arrested an alleged operative of banned militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) who they said directly took part in the murder attempt on publisher Ahmedur Rashid Tutul last year.

Sumon Hossain Patwari alias Sakib alias Shihab alias Saiful, 20, was among the six youths whose photographs were released by the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) on May 19, declaring bounties for their informers. Police claimed that they were involved in the killings of bloggers, writers and an LGBT rights activist. Tk 2 lakh bounty was for the informant of Shihab.

"Shihab was one of the five operatives who entered the Shuddhoswar's office in Mohammadpur on that day. He stabbed Tutul [owner of Shuddhoswar publishing house] thrice with a machete," said DMP Additional Commissioner Monirul Islam.

At a press briefing at the DMP media centre yesterday, Monirul claimed that they arrested Shihab on Wednesday night based on the information gleaned from two ABT men Mujahidul Islam and Ariful Islam, nabbed on Monday from Kamrangirchar in the capital.

On October 31 last year, Tutul and two bloggers Ranadipam Basu and Tareque Rahim came under a machete attack at the Lalmatia office of Shuddhoswar. Tareque was also shot in the chest. The trio survived the attack after receiving treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.



Shihab

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