



Crisis turns into opportunity

Local cattle farming expanding across the country amid restriction on cattle influx from India

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Restriction on cattle influx from India has become a boon for Bangladesh as many youths are setting up farms to boost meat and milk production, ushering in hopes for reducing deficits through faster development of the dairy and beef sector.

Compared to the past, Bangladesh is in a better position today to ensure enough cattle supply ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha, say officials from the Department of Livestock Services (DLS), cattle farmers and traders.

"A revolution has been taking place [in the sector] for the last one year. Many educated unemployed youths started

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50-55 lakh cattle to be slaughtered this Eid

Locally-reared cattle could meet 80% of the total demand

There would be no cattle crisis, assures livestock DG

Farmers expect fair prices



Sacrificial animals at Sarfu Agro Farm in Dhaka's Keraniganj. Many youths are making profits from such farms after the Indian authorities restricted illegal influx of cattle. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Execution of Mir Quasem anytime

The convicted war criminal won't seek presidential clemency

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Condemned war criminal Mir Quasem Ali will be executed any time now as he has decided not to seek presidential clemency, the last option for a death row convict to avoid the gallows.

The 63-year-old Jamaat-e-Islami leader made the decision yesterday afternoon after the Kashimpur Central Jail-2 authorities asked him for the third time whether he would seek

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Eid-ul-Azha on Sept 13

BSS, Dhaka

The holy Eid-ul-Azha, the second biggest religious festival of the Muslims, will be celebrated across the country on September 13 as the moon of Zilhaj was not sighted yesterday anywhere in Bangladesh.

The decision came at a meeting of the

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Neo JMB's military commander killed

He was trainer of Gulshan, Sholakia attackers; OC, two other cops injured in operation at Mirpur den

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The military commander of "Neo JMB", who gave arms training to the Holey Artisan and Sholakia attackers, was killed during a raid in the capital's Mirpur last night.

Before being shot dead, Murad alias Jahangir Alam alias Omar, called by militants "Major Shaheb", attacked the police-

men trying to capture him and injured three of them.

"Murad was the military commander of Neo JMB and he trained the Gulshan and Sholakia attackers," said Monirul Islam, chief of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit of DMP.

Murad used to frequent the militant

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DEBATE OVER RAMPAL POWER PLANT

Sundarbans, a magnificent and unique ecosystem of the world, faces an existential question today with a coal power plant to be set up at Rampal. It has been a content of discord between environmentalists and those who are pushing the plant. Both sides are giving out their own arguments in favour of and against the plant to be set up within 14km of the mangrove forest. The Daily Star wants to bring to the public the arguments and the counterarguments that the protagonists and antagonists of the plant have to make. Today we publish an interview of Professor Anu Muhammad, Department of Economics, Jahangirnagar University, on the issues of Rampal power plant. Pinaki Roy and Shahtub Siddique Anik took the interview.

Risk of losing Sundarbans

Prof Anu Muhammad says it's no problem if proper site chosen for power plant, suggests exploring alternatives to coal

The Daily Star (TDS): Government officials say the Rampal power project won't cause any damage to the Sundarbans. But what is the reality? Why do you think this plant will have an adverse impact on the Sundarbans? How did you get involved in the movement against this project?

Prof Anu: It's not entirely true that government officials are saying there won't be any

damages. Recently, the finance minister admitted that the Sundarbans will be affected. And I am sure there are others in the government who in private will agree on this, contradicting the official version.

The Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest in the world, largely depends on water. It is alive because of its water bodies -- rivers,

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