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DELAY IN TANNERY RELOCATION

Hazaribagh reels from pollution

Only 6 tanneries operating in Savar; relocation of most of the factories to take months

PINAKI ROY
For yet another year, the city's leather industry hub in Hazaribagh continues to face serious environmental pollution and health hazards for the people living in and around the area, thanks to the delay in relocating the tanneries to Savar.

The government has been pushing for a quick relocation, but it would take at least six more months to complete the process, industry insiders said.

and the subsequent days, it was found that almost all the tanners collecting and storing raw hides at their factories, suggesting they are making preparation to process those over the next few months. The air in Hazaribagh and its adjacent areas was so thick with foul smell of blood and hides that it is difficult to breathe, especially for those not habituated with the stink. Liquid waste mixed with toxic chemicals was flowing through the drainage connected with the Buriganga.

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Some 21,000 cubic metres of untreated waste released in the Buriganga from the Hazaribagh tannery industry every day

Residents of Hazaribagh area complain of illnesses such as fevers, skin diseases, respiratory problems and diarrhoea caused by the pollution



Officials inspect the wreckage of a chopper that crashed in Ukhia upazila of Cox's Bazar yesterday morning, killing one person.

PHOTO: STAR

TOP QUOTE
"Hillary Clinton and her campaign of 2008 started the birther controversy. I finished it. I finished it. You know what I mean?"
DONALD TRUMP
ADMITS FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT BARACK OBAMA WAS BORN ON AMERICAN SOIL.

Tanvir lived in same hideout with Tamim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tanvir Kaderi, the man who killed himself during a police raid in Azimpur, had lived at a militant hideout in Bashundhara with the Gulshan café attack mastermind Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury.

Tanvir's wife Abedatul Fatema alias Khadiza, who was wounded during the raid, disclosed this to the investigators of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

She also lived at the Bashundhara den along with her children.

"Although they all lived at the Bashundhara residence on Road 6 in Block E, Khadiza never talked to Tamim or any other male members of the group," Deputy Commissioner of CTTC Mohibul Islam told The Daily Star.

Since Khadiza is undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, they are yet to interrogate her extensively, the officer added.

While Tanvir committed suicide during the raid at a militant den in Azimpur on September 10, Khadiza and two other women were arrested.

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Why home-goers suffered this year

Experts point out reasons behind tailbacks on highways

PORIMOL PALMA

Traffic mismanagement and disruption to ferry services were among the major reasons behind the sufferings of the home-goers, who remained stuck in tailbacks on highways for hours during the Eid rush.

Experts say the three four-lane highways from the capital to Chittagong, Sylhet and Mymensingh couldn't cope with the sharp rise in number of vehicles mainly because of poor management of the transport authorities.

Sharing his experience, Abdul Haque, former board member of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, said he had to wait for around 40 minutes at the Meghna Bridge Toll Plaza for paying toll on the way to Comilla from the capital on September 14, the day after the Eid.

Traffic on the highway was as usual but mismanagement at the toll plaza resulted in miles-long tailbacks on the highway, he said.

Besides, local and inter-district buses abruptly stopped on the busy highway to pick up passengers, contributing to

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Disruption to ferry services

Mismanagement at toll plazas

80,000 cattle-laden trucks on roads

Breakdown of vehicles on highways

Ongoing construction of overpasses

One killed in chopper crash

Pilot among 4 wounded; the helicopter was returning to Dhaka after dropping off cricketer Shakib at a Cox's Bazar resort

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

One person was killed and four others, including the pilot, were injured as a helicopter crashed in Ukhia upazila of Cox's Bazar yesterday.

The accident happened around 9:45am when the chopper of Meghna Aviation Limited was returning to Dhaka after dropping off cricketer Shakib Al Hasan at a resort in Cox's Bazar.

The reason behind the incident could not be known till last night.

The dead is Sheikh Mohammad Shah Alam, 32, an employee of Ogilvy Bangladesh, an advertising and brand communications agency. He was from Rajapur village of Sathkira's Kaliganj upazila, police said.

The injured are pilot Wing Commander (ret'd) Shafiqur Rahman, Shariful Islam, another staff of Ogilvy Bangladesh, and his two sons.

Of the injured, Shafiqur was taken to a Bangladesh Air Force hospital in Cox's Bazar, an officer of Meghna Aviation

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People catching fish at a wetland in Tangail Sadar upazila. Floodwater recently inundated the wetland, locally called Poylar Beel, and brought along fish from nearby rivers and canals. The photo was taken a few days ago.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

Suicide bomb kills 25 in Pak mosque

REUTERS, Peshawar

A suicide bomber shouted "Allahu akbar" and blew himself up in a packed mosque in northwestern Pakistan, killing at least 25 people and wounding 30 during Friday prayers, a local official said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing in Payee Khan, a village in Mohmand Agency that is part of the lawless Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) bordering Afghanistan.

"The suicide bomber was in a crowded mosque, he shouted 'Allahu akbar' (God is greatest) and then there was a huge blast," Naveed Akbar, deputy administrator of Mohmand Agency, told Reuters.

Akbar added that some fatalities appear to have been caused when part of the mosque caved in from the force of the blast.

"A portion of the mosque and verandah collapsed in the blast and fell on worshippers. We are still retrieving bodies and the injured from the rubble of the mosque," he said.

Local tribal elder Haji Subhanullah Mohmand said the attack may have been carried out by Islamist militants seeking revenge after local tribesmen gathered a volunteer force and killed one and captured another insurgent.

"It seems to have enraged the militants and they got their revenge by carrying out a suicide attack in a mosque today," Mohmand said.

Pakistan's frontier regions, which are deeply conservative and hard to access due to rough terrain, have long been the sanctuary of fighters from al Qaeda, the Taliban and other militant groups.

In 2014 the army launched a major operation in other parts of FATA including North and South Waziristan against insurgents who routinely attacked government officials and civilians.

Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif condemned the bombing and said the "attacks by terrorists cannot shatter the government's resolve to eliminate terrorism from the country."

Security in Pakistan has improved in recent years - the military says "terrorist incidents" dropped from 128 in 2013 to 74 last year - but Islamist extremists continue to stage major attacks.

A bombing of lawyers in the city of Quetta killed 74 people last month, an attack claimed by both the Islamic State and Jamaat-ur-Ahrar, a breakaway faction of the Pakistani Taliban.

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