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Care for herbal drink from jute?

Scientists produce 'green tea' from its leaf, sees great global prospect

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

Bangladeshi scientists claim to have recreated a long-lost recipe of herbal drink made from jute leaf, which they hope would gain popularity across the globe.

The organic drink touted as "jute green tea" has 30 percent more calorie than spinach, and it contains iron, vitamin C, vitamin D and anti-oxidants, according to scientists at Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (BJRI).

Dr Md Nasimul Gani, principal scientific officer at BJRI, said, "The drink is healthy and tasty." It would help tackle constipation, diabetes, cancer and ageing.

The BJRI official hoped the drink would be in high demand due to its organic qualities.

It is very easy to prepare the jute herbal drink. One needs to put the powdered ingredients in a glass of water, stir it until it turns green, and then add sugar to taste.



BJRI officials said they shared the recreated recipe of the drink with officials at the Jute Diversification Promotion Centre.

Talking to The Daily Star, BJRI Director General Dr Md Kamal Uddin said, "In the past, only jute fibre got the main attention. But those days are gone. Now, we are focusing on diversified use of

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina talks to a woman on stage at a reception accorded to the gallantry award winning freedom fighters and their family members at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. The programme was organised to mark the Armed Forces Day 2016.

PHOTO: PTD

AL never used armed forces to grab power

Says Hasina

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her party never used the armed forces as a tool for capturing power, rather wanted to build it as a strong, disciplined and dignified force.

"Awami League believes in democracy so the party never used the armed forces as a tool for capturing power or did anything to instigate a coup and killings in the force," she said, adding that the Armed Forces of Bangladesh originated from the Liberation War.

The PM said this at a reception at Senakunja, Dhaka Cantonment, marking the Armed Forces Day-2016.

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800 Rohingya houses razed in Myanmar

HRW releases images

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

More than 800 newly identified Rohingya houses have been destroyed in Myanmar's Rakhine state, according to new satellite images released by Human Rights Watch yesterday.

The latest images bring the total number of razed buildings documented by the HRW through satellite

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They come knowing they will find shelter

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Leda is under Hnila union in Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar. Just half a km off the River Naf, which marks the border between Bangladesh and Myanmar, the village is home to a Rohingya slum.

Locally called "Rohingya taal", the slum is known to the administration as an unregistered Rohingya camp. More than 25 thousands live here, undocumented. They are staying in this country illegally.

None from the administration or law

enforcement agency monitor this settlement, just 100 feet away from the Cox's Bazar-Teknaf highway, though Rohingyas have been living here illegally since 2008.

Over the last one week, more Rohingyas have taken shelter in this slum. Their number would not be less than a few hundred.

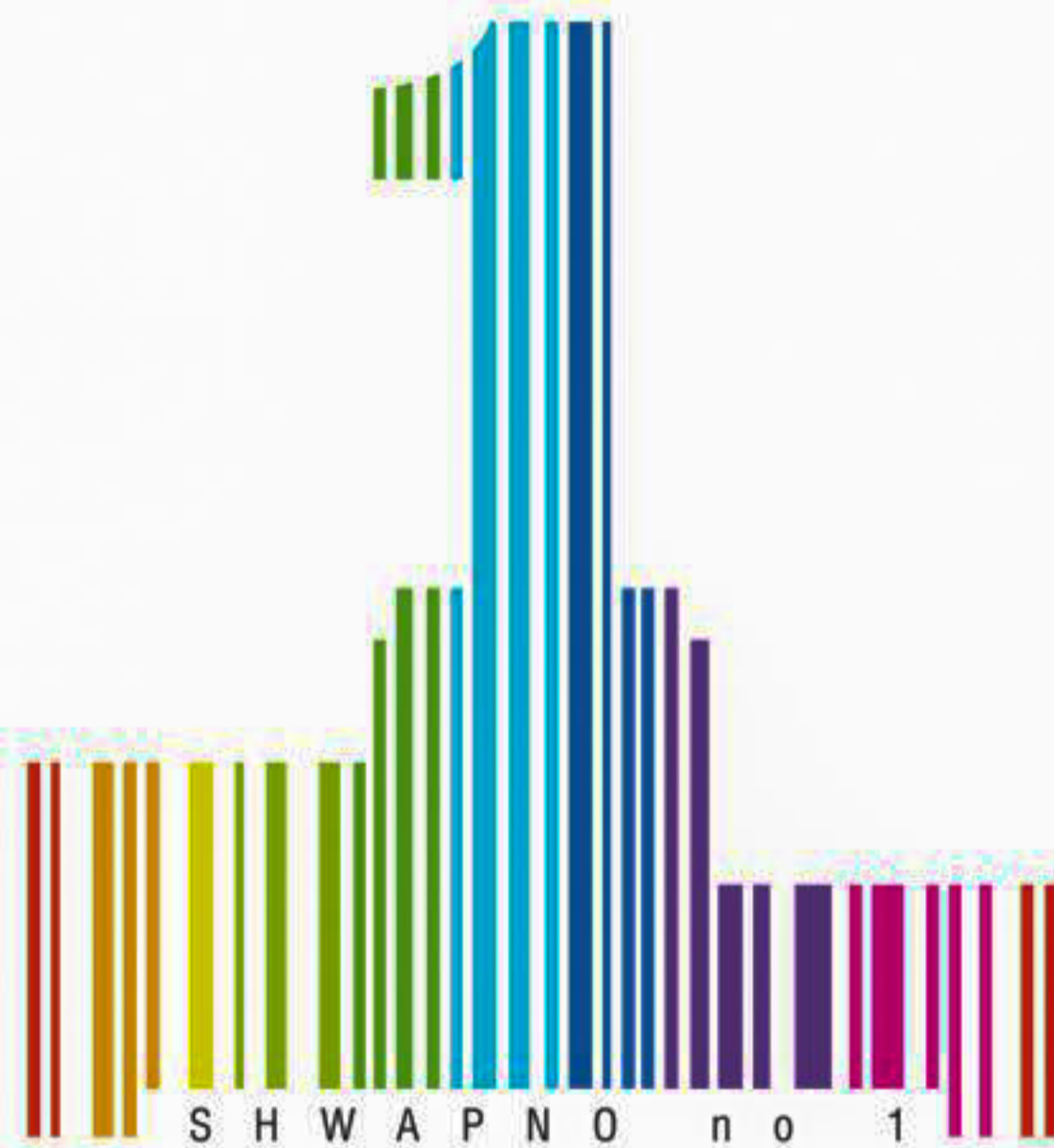
After getting here, some are going to another unregistered camp, a slum near the official Rohingya refugee shelter in Kutupalong of Ukhia. Some are going to Cox's Bazar town or Chittagong by road.

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A Rohingya youth and his mother near an unregistered Rohingya camp in Cox's Bazar's Ukhia upazila yesterday. Many like them are entering Bangladesh by crossing the Naf river to escape persecution in Myanmar.

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Nabi keeps lighting Vikings' way

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammad Nabi is turning out to be Chittagong Vikings's trump card in this tournament. Including yesterday's six-wicket win over the Comilla Victorians at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong, the Vikings have won three games in the Bangladesh Premier League so far and the Afghanistan all-rounder has played crucial roles in all of them.

In yesterday's afternoon match, Rajshahi Kings stemmed the tide of three

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FIRING DURING CLASH WITH HAWKERS

Ex-BCL duo get bail though cops don't find them

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Although police could not trace two expelled Chhatra League leaders who brandished guns during a recent clash in Gulistan, a Dhaka court on Thursday granted them bail in an attempted murder case.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Khurshid Alam passed the order after hearing their bail petitions.

In the bail order, the magistrate said the accused were granted bail as there were no specific charges against them. The two were granted bail on a bond of Tk 3,000 each with two guarantors.

Police, however, said they were not aware of the two former BCL leaders' bail.

Earlier, the pro-Awami League student body expelled its Dhaka city South unit general secretary Md Sabbir Hossain and Wari unit general secretary Ashiqur Rahman for violating organisational discipline.

On Oct 27, a clash broke out in Gulistan when a city corporation team launched a drive to remove illegal makeshift shops from pavements and the underpass market area. The clash left 10 people, including two corporation employees, injured.

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