

Fish threatened at Chalan Beel

Local influential people, fish traders set up nets, enclosures to catch fish, disrupting waterflow

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Backed by influential people, fish traders have illegally set up nets and bamboo enclosures to catch fish in one of the country's big sources of fish at Chalan Beel in Chatmohar upazila, disrupting the flow of water.

During a visit to Handial, Dharmagasa, Chaikola, Char-Nabin, Somaj and Mirzapur villages in the upazila, this correspondent found 20 big fishing projects in the water body using fishing nets and bamboo enclosures for catching fish that threatened increase in fish production.

Bamboo enclosures and nets have been set up illegally on a total of 25 acres of the beel in Dharmagasa bridge point.

"Fish trader Motaleb Miah established this project with permission from the local fishery office. We are expecting to catch at least 300 maunds of fish from this point by December, as production of fish has increased in Chalan Beel after the flood," Md Nazim Uddin, manager cum caretaker of the project, said.

"More than 20 big fishing projects have been set up illegally with nets and bamboo enclosures, hindering flow of water," said Md Mizanur Rahman, coordinator of Save Chalan Beel movement.

"Around 313 square-kilometre area of the beel in Chatmohar region has been occupied by influential people due to lack of administrative monitoring," Mizanur added.

Upazila Fishery Officer Md Mahbubur Rahman, however, rejected the allegation of poor monitoring, saying that drives are continuing to remove the illegal structures from the water body.

Asked about the permission for a fishing project in the water body, he said only genuine fishermen of the area are permitted to catch fish from 15 points (jalkar) of the beel, without halting the flow of water.

When asked about Motaleb Miah's fishing project, he said a mobile court raided the place a few weeks ago and removed the structures, but the fish trader rebuilt them.



Fish traders backed by influential people have illegally set up fishing nets and bamboo enclosures at Chalan Beel in Chatmohar upazila of Pabna, hindering the flow of water.

PHOTO: AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU

Bagerhat lawyer injured in attack

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Criminals injured a lawyer of Bagerhat District and Sessions Judge's Court at Shonatala of the town yesterday morning.

The victim, Sheikh Nur Mohammad, 56, also vice-president of Sadar upazila Awami League, was admitted to Bagerhat Sadar Hospital.

"Then he was sent to National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Research in Dhaka as his right leg was broken," said Civil Surgeon Arun Chandra Mandal.

Nur Mohammad alleged that some lawyers of Bagerhat Bar Association planned to kill him as he detected their involvement in illegal activities.

"We are investigating the incident," said Mahatab Uddin, OC of Bagerhat Sadar Police Station.

DEATH OF ELDERLY COUPLE No clue found yet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police are yet to find any clue in connection with the death of an elderly couple in Netrakona.

Police recovered the bodies of the couple -- retired schoolteacher Mihir Kanti Biswas, 70, and his wife Tulika Chanda Biswas, 58, an NGO worker of Bablu Sarani area -- on Friday.

Sumon Biswas, the only son of the couple, who were found dead in their home in Saptai area of Netrakona town, filed a case yesterday with Sadar Police Station, accusing unknown people.

In the case statement, Sumon also said two mobile phone sets and other valuables worth around Tk three lakh were looted from the house, said Officer-in-Charge (OC) of the police station Ameer Taimur.

He said they are investigating the incident considering different motives, but none has been found as yet.

Quoting Sumon, the OC said the family did not have any feud with anyone. Sumon could not say why the incident took place,

the OC added.

No one was arrested or looted valuables recovered as of filing of this report.

A team of Police Bureau of Investigation, led by Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Abu Baker Siddique, visited the spot yesterday and talked with the neighbours of the couple.

Primarily, police suspected that the couple might have been killed by suffocation to loot valuables from the house, the ASP said.

The bodies bore no injury marks and they might have died two or three days ago, police said.

The miscreants looted valuables including gold and cash from the house but police are yet to assess the actual price of the looted goods, the ASP added.

Joydev Chowdhury, superintendent of Netrakona police, and other police officials visited the spot.

The bodies were cremated at a local cremation ground yesterday after autopsy at Netrakona General Hospital, police said.

College student beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A college student was beaten to death at Shovarampur Bazar in Sadar upazila on Friday.

The deceased was Solaiman Mia Shimul, 25, son of Ishak Mia of the town. He was a student of Government Rajendra College.

Quoting locals, Sub-Inspector (SI) of Sadar Police Station Billal Hossain said, "Shimul went to his friend's house at Shovarampur area at noon on the day. He was picked up by one Khokon's men while he was playing carom around 7:30pm. They took him to a nearby place and beat him mercilessly, leaving him severely injured. Police rescued Shimul and rushed him to Faridpur Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries around 2:30am yesterday."

The incident took place after Khokon had a quarrel with another youth who was playing carom there, the SI said, adding that the culprits might have come to pick up someone else but mistakenly picked up Shimul.

Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Nazim Uddin said they arrested three people in this connection.

Onion price drops in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Price of onion started dropping in local markets with the increase of supply of onion imported through different land ports in the district.

Price dropped by Tk 8 to Tk 10 per kilogram in wholesale and retail markets, said traders.

Onion price soared in the markets as the import and export through different land ports across the country remained close for the seven to ten days due to Durga Puja festival.

Each kilogram of onion was started selling at Tk 38 to Tk 40 instead of Tk 28 to Tk 30 at local markets soon after the closure of the land ports across the country.

However, port activities resumed on October 3, said port officials.

During the seven days from October 3 to 10, around 4,500 tonnes of onion have been imported through Hili land port.

According to the customs officials of Hili land port, around 12,953 and 15,069 tonnes of onion was imported in September and August respectively.

Harun Ur Rashid, an importer of the port, hinted more price drop of the onion ahead.

Sohrab Hossain, public relations officer of Hili Panama Port Link Ltd, confirmed that import of onion through the port increased as trading resumed on October 3 after a closure of 10 days.

The price of locally produced onion remained unchanged, said the traders.



People of Santal and Bangalee communities in Gaibandha's Gobindaganj upazila bring out a procession in the upazila yesterday demanding punishment of the accused involved in killing Santal men and torching homes at Shahebganj sugarcane farm on November 6 last year.

PHOTO: STAR

Palli Bidyut's negligence costs life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

Negligence of Palli Bidyut authorities has taken the life of a man in Bypass More area of Rajapur upazila.

The victim was Nur Mohammad Khalifa, 60, of the area, said his son Md Baharul Khalifa.

Nur came in contact with a high voltage wire of Palli Bidyut when he went to cut a branch of a small tree beside his house on Friday. He died on the spot, said Baharul.

Normally, the high volt wires should be fixed 17 feet high from ground according to the information of the electric office, but the wires were fixed below 10 feet at many places.

Gobindo Chandra Shil, AGM of Palli Bidyut, said they are taking necessary measures to reinstall the wires following the proper height rule.

ATTACK ON SAJEDA'S MOTORCADE MP hopeful, his brother sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Two cases have been filed with Nagarkanda Police Station in connection with the attack on the motorcade of Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, deputy leader of parliament, on Dhaka-Khulna highway in Faridpur's Nagarkanda upazila on Friday.

Ariful Islam, chairman of Phulsuti Union Parishad, filed a case against 56 people including Jamal Hossain Mia, joint secretary of Nagarkanda upazila Awami League (AL), also a MP nomination hopeful from Faridpur-2 (Saltha-Nagarkanda), and his brother Kamal Hossain Mia, a councillor of Faridpur Zila Parishad, for the attack.

Humayun Kabir, sub-inspector of Nagarkanda Police Station, filed another case against 13 people including Jamal Hossain Mia and Kamal Hossain Mia on charge of creating obstacle to official duty and attack on police.

"Around 2:30pm on Friday, when Sajeda Chowdhury was on the way to her village home at Saltha on a two-day visit, her supporters stood near Nagarkanda intersection to welcome her. Some of them reportedly damaged Jamal's posters and vandalised an archway set up in support of Jamal," said ASM Nasim, OC of Nagarkanda Police Station.

Hearing the matter, Jamal's followers took position near Talma intersection in Nagarkanda and hurled brickbats at Sajeda's motorcade, breaking the glasses of three cars," he said, adding that police arrested four people in connection with the incident.

Allegation of assaulting by AL leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A Jaldhaka upazila leader of the ruling party here yesterday alleged that he was hospitalized as he was assaulted by the party's upazila unit president on Friday.

Upazila Awami League (AL) Assistant Secretary Yaqub Ali made the allegation against unit President Ansar Ali Mintu at a press conference.

Yakub told journalists that Mintu started punching him indiscriminately in front of his trade centre in Jaldhaka municipality in the evening, bringing false allegation of spreading bad rumour against him.

Denying the allegation of assaulting Yakub, Mintu said he just asked him to show proof if he had any that he (president) took money in exchange of giving jobs in government primary schools.

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Notice for Request for Qualification (RFQ)

International Competitive Bidding (ICB)

Construction of Flyover from Shantinagar to Dhaka-Mawa Road (Jhilmil) through Public Private Partnership

Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (RAJUK), under Ministry of Housing & Public Works, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, intends to Construction of Flyover from Shantinagar to Dhaka-Mawa Road (Jhilmil) through Public Private Partnership.

RAJUK invites interested applicants and/or applicant consortiums to participate in qualification process for selection of a Private Partner through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) process for the "Construction of Flyover from Shantinagar to Dhaka-Mawa Road (Jhilmil) through Public Private Partnership". RAJUK envisages the selected Private Partner to undertake designing, building, financing, operation & maintenance of the project, based on terms and conditions to be set out in the PPP Contract.

Interested applicants may submit their Qualification Statement in response to this RFQ wherein applicants will be shortlisted for issuing a detailed request for proposal. Details of the Project, application submission process and requirements have been set out in the RFQ.

Interested parties have to purchase the RFQ with a non-refundable amount of two hundred US Dollars (USD 200.00) or sixteen thousand Bangladeshi Taka (BDT 16000.00) in favour of Chairman, Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (RAJUK) through Pay Order/Bank Draft and subsequently have to register online in order to access all available project related documents and to participate in the qualifying process. Online registration shall be performed through the online registration portal established for this Project at <http://www.pppo.gov.bd/dataroom/rajukflyover/register.php> and in accordance with the instructions set out on such portal. A pre-application meeting will be organized on 06 November 2017 which would be duly notified to the registered applicants through the on-line process.

Application must be submitted on or before 1200 hours BST, on 07 December 2017 to the following address:

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Authority reserves the right to accept, reject and/or re-invite the RFQ without assigning any reason, whatsoever.

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