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Self-sufficient in fish, meat

Finds fisheries, livestock survey; ministry targets marine resources to up supply further

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

Riding on the recent revolution in fish and livestock farming, Bangladesh for the first time achieved self-sufficiency in animal protein, according to a government report.

Against a demand of 40.50 lakh tonnes of fish, Bangladesh recorded surplus fish production with an annual output of 41.34 lakh tonnes in 2016-17, according to the latest report of the Department of Fisheries.

In 2016-17, a total of 71.50 lakh tonnes of meat were produced against a demand of 71.35 lakh tonnes, according to Department of Livestock Services.

"For the first time, we have earned self-sufficiency in fish and meat production. It is a great achievement for the country,"

Narayan Chandra Chanda, fisheries and livestock minister, told The Daily Star yesterday.

He said the challenge now was to make this production sustainable and develop high-yield varieties.

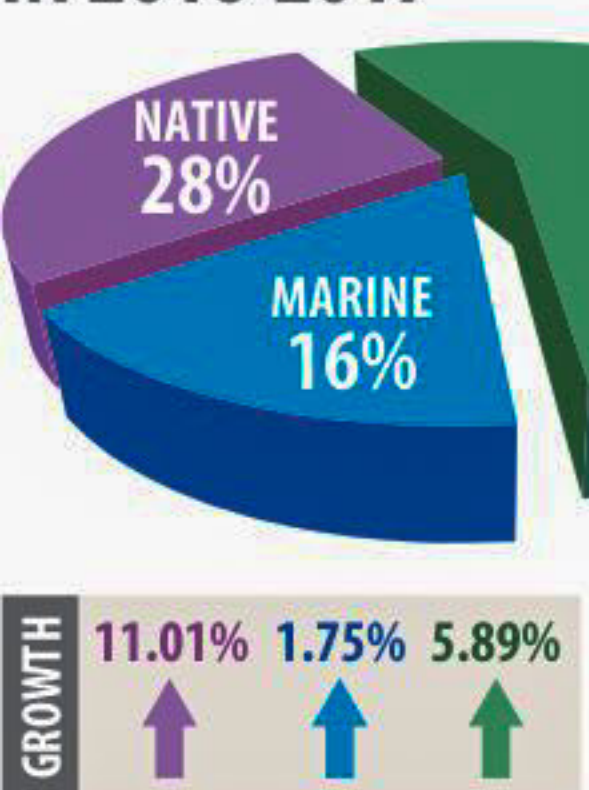
Narayan said the government was now eyeing marine resources for further increasing production.

"We had successfully ensured the quality of exports but now we are trying to ensure the quality of fish consumed locally."

The government is going to announce this self-sufficiency at a press conference today where officials of the departments under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries would be present.

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ROHINGYA RETURN

It has to be 'safe, dignified'

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British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson has demanded a

"safe, dignified return" for Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh, ahead of meeting Myanmar's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

Visiting a border refugee camp yesterday, the foreign secretary said such a return would only be possible if a "political solution" could be found to remove the great danger from going back.

"That is what they want."

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REUTERS REPORT ON ROHINGYA MASSACRE

UN, US call for credible probe

REUTERS

A Reuters investigation into the killing of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar prompted a demand from UN and Washington for a credible probe into the bloodshed there and calls for the release of two journalists who were arrested while working on the report.

The special report, published overnight, lays out events leading up to the killing of 10 Rohingya men from Inn Din village in Rakhine state who were buried in a mass grave after being hacked to death or shot by Buddhist neighbours and soldiers.

The United Nations on Friday described the details of the Reuters report as "alarming" and said that it showed the need for a "full and thorough investigation" into the violence in Rakhine state.

"We're aware of this latest report, the details of which are very alarming. This once more attests to the need for a full and thorough investigation by the authorities of all violence in Rakhine State and attacks on the various communities there," UN spokesman Farhan Haq told reporters.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has called for

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BNP leaders and activists in a procession yesterday afternoon near Baitul Mukarram mosque protesting the jail sentence of the party's chief Khaleda Zia. Police detained a few of them minutes after the procession was brought out and later chased the remaining protesters away.

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Govt treating Khaleda badly

Accuses BNP, says its chief being denied division in jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP has accused the government of keeping the party's chairperson Khaleda Zia in solitary confinement at the "abandoned" Dhaka central jail and demanded that she be given division immediately.

The government would be held responsible if anything bad happened to her in jail, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir told a press conference at the party chief's Gulshan office last night.

The government, however, claims that Khaleda is being treated as a "first class prisoner", getting all her due benefits.

Jail officials in the last couple of days said that a physician and a nurse were taking care of her round-the-clock. Two deputy jailers were looking after her security. Besides, there was a TV set and an attached toilet in her room.

The jail authorities are also giving priority to her choice for food, they said.

Fakhrul said, "Our five senior lawyers met Khaleda Zia today [yesterday]. You will be astonished to know that she has been kept in solitary confinement at the worn-out Dhaka central jail".

As per the jail code, he said, a former prime minister or a former opposition leader is entitled to division in jail and no court order is needed for that.

"But she has been denied it. We ask the government to immediately provide her with division. Or else, the

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Focus on unity, loyalty, polls

BNP high-ups meet to take stock



Senior BNP leaders wait outside the old Dhaka central jail yesterday morning to visit Khaleda.

PHOTO: SHAHEEN MOLLAH

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

With Khaleda Zia in jail, top BNP leaders have three things on their mind -- unity, loyalty and preparation for the next election later this year.

The party held its first high-level meeting last night after its Chairperson Khaleda Zia landed in jail in a corruption case on Thursday.

The meeting discussed, among other issues, how the party can remain united and continue a peaceful movement for Khaleda's release, said a leader who attended the meeting.

Some 60 leaders -- standing committee members, vice-chairmen, Khaleda's advisers, joint secretary generals and other senior leaders -- took part in the meeting at Khaleda's Gulshan office in the capital.

Standing Committee Member Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain chaired the meeting that began around 6:00pm.

Tarique Rahman, elder son of Khaleda and now acting chairman of

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Stand-in Bangladesh captain Mahmudullah Riyad (right) sports a forlorn look during the presentation ceremony which his former coach Chandika Hathurusingha (second from left) relished after Sri Lanka's 215-run win in the second and final Test at Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

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Tigers fail in intent and execution

SAKEB SUBHAN

Soon after the post-match press conferences after Bangladesh's capitulation for 123 brought an early end to the second Test against Sri Lanka yesterday, media personnel returning to the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium press box were greeted by an email from the BCB announcing the 15-man T20I squad for the two matches that will follow shortly.

That does not necessarily mean that the authorities timed the email to try

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