Assistance yet to reach fishermen

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Being left without support, a group of fishermen have been netting hilsa in the Padma and selling them at different shoals of the river all night long, locals

To discourage the netting of brood hilsa and jatka (hilsa fry) from October 7-28, the government, like previous years, decided to give 20kg rice to each fisherman as compensation under its Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) programme. This period is considered the peak spawning season of

Such bans in the recent years have impacted positively on hilsa production. Many fishermen in Munshiganj said

they were netting hilsa violating the ban as they didn't have any other alternative means of earning to run their family. on October 22.

Md Amanullah, representative of Jatiya Matsyajibi Samity in Munshiganj and also the general secretary of District Matsya Samity, said distribution of rice would have served as an encouragement to local fishermen to abide by the government ban.

He stressed the need for ending the use of gill nets by fishermen to ensure

total suspension of hilsa fishing during Munshiganj. the ban period.

Sources at the Munshigani Sadar upazila nirbahi office said families of 3,671 fishermen would get rice as assistance, first of its kind in the district.

7914.18 tonnes of rice for families of 395,709 fishermen in 29 districts, including Munshiganj. About 3,000 fishermen out of the total 9,813 in Munshiganj earn their

livelihood by catching hilsa. The disas-

ter management ministry has allotted

The government has allotted

73.42 tonnes of rice for six upazilas in the district. Nasir Uddin, senior upazila fisheries officer of Munshiganj Sadar upazila, said they received the rice allotment letter from the district administration

He said a union-level committee, comprised of an UP chairman, an UP member, a fisheries department official and a representative of the fishermen, was preparing a list of fishermen. Rice would be distributed among the fishermen on Sunday, he added.

He said they would supply the rice from the government silo in

About the delay in distribution, he said it happened because they had no previous experience of receiving allocation of rice for fishermen.

FISHING GOES ON

On Sunday, the Munshiganj Sadar upazila fisheries department, thana police and river police jointly conducted drives on Jhautiar Char in Louhajang. The team arrested 23 fishermen, sentenced them to different jail terms and imposed fine on many of them. It also seized 15 lakh metres of gill nets.

However, hilsa was up for sale at a market in the same area in the evening.

Witnesses said several hundred fishing boats were anchored on the bank of the Padma at Jhautiar Char on Monday evening. Many fishermen were preparing to catch hilsa at night.

Hilsa were being sold in the area. The crowd of buyers got bigger as the night progressed.

Locals said one would see the biggest crowd deep into the night. The nearby Kanaksar Bazar Trawler Ghat would remain open all night long.

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Heritage sites, such as the historic city of Bagerhat and the Buddhist ruins in Paharpur.

The report concluded by mentioning that visitors are a rarity, giving Bangladesh an "out there" feeling that is harder to find in many neighbouring countries.

As such, none of Bangladesh's neighbours -- India, Myanmar, and Pakistan were mentioned in the report, with the Maldives being the only other Asian country appearing on the list.

Egypt's Southern Nile Valley topped the rankings, followed by the ambitious post-industrial city of Lodz in Poland and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park of the USA.

The Maldives and Argentina ranked 4th and 5th consecutively. Albania, Slovenia, and Ecuador

complete the affordable adventure index's list. The UNB report added that the

Bangladesh government had taken different initiatives to attract international tourists as well as to raise awareness among the locals on tourism's actual and potential contribution to sustainable development.

Hasina for joint

said there was a link between the development of human civilisation tation was built centring seas or waters.

Besides, 70 percent of world's people still live within 100km of the coastline, she said, adding that the nearer a society is to the ocean, the better the life is of its members.

security in the coastal areas as the

Asian Coast Guard agencies would be able to find ways and means for future improvement of the mari-

General Rear Admiral AMMM Aurangzeb Chowdhury also spoke at

stamp and an opening-day envelope marking the HACGAM 2018.

2 more ports added to India-Bangladesh Protocol Route

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

City

Bangladesh and India yesterday agreed to add two more river ports, including one in Ghorasal, for cargo movement and finalised the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for movement of passenger and cruise vessels between Dhaka and Kolkata and Guwahati and Jorhat via Bangladesh.

The two countries also decided that a project management consultant be engaged for the supervision and monitoring of dredging of Ashuganj-Zakiganj and Sirajganj-Daikhowa stretches of Kushiara and Jamuna rivers of India-Bangladesh Protocol Route in Bangladesh.

The consultant will be engaged with 80 percent of financial contribution from India and the rest by Bangladesh. A joint monitoring committee has also been constituted for overall monitoring of the dredging work, a statement issued by the Indian shipping ministry said.

Both sides also agreed to develop Jogighopa in Bangladesh as a hub and trans-shipment terminal for movement of cargo to north-eastern Indian states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland.

The decisions were made at the daylong 19th meeting of the Standing Committee under Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade at Hotel Le Meridien in New Delhi, ahead of the shipping secretary-level talks tomorrow. There, agreements on the use of Chattogram and Mongla ports for movement of goods from India, the addition of Ghorasal and Badarpur (In Assam) river ports and SOP on passengers and cruise movement on the protocol and coastal shipping are expected to be signed.

The 14-member Bangladesh delegation at the meeting was led by shipping ministry Additional Secretary Bhola Nath Dey while Prabir Pandey, chairman of Inland Water Authority of India, headed the Indian team.

ground. Apart from the test flights,

Volocopter will also set up a product

design and engineering centre in

Singapore to support its expansion

ready to roll out their first fixed routes

helicopter-hailing services which are

already taking off in some cities to beat

Volocopter said they are getting

The hover-taxis will complement

Saudi crown prince deplores killing "He showed a keenness to tell the kind of action to silence Mr Khashoggi,

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down the chain of command. 'NO RIFT'

But Ankara has been holding its own conference told AFP. investigation and Erdogan said the killing was meticulously planned, calling for 18 Saudis detained by Saudi authorities to be tried in Turkey.

Mohammed in their first telephone conversation since the killing, a Turkish presidential source and Saudi state media said. The two discussed "the issue of joint

Erdogan spoke with Prince

efforts and the steps that need to be taken in order to shed light on the Jamal Khashoggi murder in all its aspects," the Turkish source added. Speaking at the investment forum,

trying to exploit the Khashoggi affair to drive a wedge between Saudi Arabia and Turkey". But, he said, "they will not succeed as long as there is a king named Salman and

Prince Mohammed said: "Many are

a crown prince named Mohammed bin Salman. Since becoming heir apparent last year, Prince Mohammed has won plau-

dits for reforms, including ending a decades-long ban on women drivers. But his image has been tarnished by Khashoggi's murder, despite repeated

denials he had any involvement. Riyadh's changing narrative has met with deep scepticism abroad.

world that he believes in due process and justice," a British business delegate at the Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said.

"The question is whether justice will really be done."

'WORST COVER-UP'

US President Donald Trump said the Saudis had a "very bad original concept" in killing the 59-year-old Saudi insiderturned-critic.

"It was carried out poorly and the cover-up was one of the worst in the history of cover-ups."

Trump for the first time also appeared to indicate Prince Mohammed may have had a role in the Khashoggi case, telling the Wall Street Journal: "Well, the prince is running things over there... so if anybody were going to be, it would be him." The investment conference, nick-

named "Davos in the desert" and aimed at drumming up funds to help Riyadh diversify its oil-reliant economy, has been overshadowed by the outcry over Khashoggi's murder.

A string of big names withdrew from the event after the crisis broke out.

Faced with calls from US lawmakers across the political spectrum for tough measures, the State Department said it had identified 21 Saudis either whose visas would be revoked or who would be ineligible for future visas.

"We are making very clear that the United States does not tolerate this

a journalist, through violence," US British Prime Minister Teresa May said

Britain was "taking action against all suspects to prevent them entering the UK. If these individuals currently have visas, those visas will be revoked today".

France also weighed in, saying it would take "punitive measures" if Saudi Arabia was "proven" to be behind the murder.

'SAVAGE MURDER'

Turkish pro-government media reported yesterday that Turkish intelligence had shared "all the evidence" from its probe with the CIA.

The evidence included video and audio recordings from the consulate and the consul's residence and were shared with visiting CIA chief Gina Haspel, Sabah newspaper reported. The location of Khashoggi's corpse is

still unknown. State media in Turkey said yesterday

that Saudi authorities had denied permission to Turkish police to search a well in the consulate's garden. Erdogan vowed Turkey would not

allow the culprits to get away with their "savage murder". "It is not over yet," he said. "We are unravelling, dismantling (the case) and

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and ocean, while early human habi-

On the other hand, Hasina said Bangladesh as a big delta had got 12 districts of three divisions situated adjacent to the coast. It is very important to ensure

lives and livelihoods of the people of these districts are mainly dependent on the sea, she said. Hasina hoped that the heads of

time security through sharing their experiences at the Dhaka meeting. Bangladesh Coast Guard Director

the programme. Earlier, the PM unveiled a postal

S'pore plans driverless using a joystick, or remotely from the FROM PAGE 16

contend with chronic gridlock every day, sparking a race to develop new ways to avoid the snarl-ups. While the developed city-state of

Singapore does not suffer major congestion, it is seen as a perfect test-bed for new technologies due to its compact size and openness to innovation. German firm Volocopter said Tuesday

it will conduct the test flights in Singapore in the second half of next year with the support of the government. Resembling a helicopter,

Volocopter's electric air taxis take off and land vertically. They are based on drone technology and can fly two people for around 30 kilometres (19 miles), the firm said in a statement. The Singapore tests follow a public

demonstration in Dubai last year. "The Volocopter is designed specifi-

cally for inner city missions," Volocopter said in a statement, adding it can withstand minor turbulence around skyscrapers, allowing for smooth rides. "It is so quiet that at a flight height of

100 metres (330 feet), it cannot be heard over the typical background noise of a city."

charges related to allegations he and his cronies plundered state fund 1MDB, and is likely facing a long jail term.

Clinical Tigers seal series

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rescued by a review. Since then the

Liton, who reached his fifty off 46 balls, was the aggressor and played a few delightful strokes, with his slog-swept six to leg-spinner Brandon Mavuta the highlight.

At the other end, Imrul also opened up after being watchful initially and reached his halfcentury off 57 balls with Bangladesh

cruising towards the target. Liton was eventually dismissed

for a 73-ball 83 after smashing 12 fours and a six. However, among all the positives there was disappointment for Fazle Rabbi, who was again dismissed for

a duck to become only the fourth

Bangladesh batsman to be dis-

missed for a duck in their first two international games.

Brendan Taylor, who could not hold

Earlier Bangladesh, who took the field with an unchanged side and opted to field with the dew factor in mind, came back well with the ball after Zimbabwe looked set to post a challenging total.

ceded just 19 runs without conceding a single boundary in the last five overs of the innings, which

balls overall, which played a crucial part.

momentum as Bangladesh con- was the first to depart when a tempting, full-pitched Saifuddin delivery shaped away before kissing the outside edge to have Masakadza also yielded three wickets. The caught behind on 14. Mehedi then

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Zhuwao for 20.

ing his first fifty in six games. leg before by Mahmudullah Riyad after scoring a team-high 75 off 73

Williams soon became Saifuddin's second victim after scoring 47. He edged to Mushfiqur, handing the wicketkeeper-batsman

Sikandar Raza, who started with positive intent, fell one short of his fifty as Zimbabwe lost their way towards the end of their innings.

Volocopter can be controlled by a pilot

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Request for Expression of Interest (EoI)

1.	Ministry	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA).
2.	Agency	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA).
3.	Procuring entity name	Consular and Welfare Wing.
4.	Expression of interest for	Selection of consulting firm for Development and Testing of Android, iOS, Microsoft and Web Application with Server System for Consular and Welfare Services in Home and Abroad.
5.	Invitation reference No.	MoFA/C&W/2018/01
6.	Date	25/10/2018
7.	Procurement method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
FUN	IDING INFORMATION	
8.	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GoB)/FY 2018-19
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9.	Project name	Development and Testing of Android, iOS, Microsoft

and Web Application with Server System for Consular and Welfare Services in Home and Abroad.

(a) Development and Testing of Android, iOS, Microsoft and Web Application. (b) Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Appropriate Server System with maintenance.

security system, Application and Data backup system etc. services.

(b) The Consulting firm have to provide information to demonstrate that they are qualified to perform the job by submitting the firm's brochure, firm's registration, summarizing the firms facilities and areas of experiences, availability of appropriate

(a) RFP (Request for Proposal) will be issued to the short listed firms from the office of the undersigned;

the address of the undersigned; (c) Association or Joint Venture with foreign firms is not encouraged.

Designation of the Official Inviting Eol Address of the official inviting Eol Segunbagicha, Dhaka. Tel. 02-9551852 Contact details of the official

> Nahida Rahman Shumona Director General (Consular and Welfare)

Govt officials given

State Minister for Public Administration Ismat Ara Sadique placed the bill in parliament on October 21.

Responding to the objections, she

would not bring any qualitative change in the law. "I am, therefore, sorry for not being

said that the lawmakers' proposal

able to entertain the proposal," she said.

WHAT'S IN THE LAW The law says public servants cannot be arrested until a court frames charges against them. No prior permission is needed in that case.

But before charges are framed, they can be arrested only after getting permission from the appropriate authorities, meaning the hiring authorities or any other authorities defined in any other existing law.

Under the law, a civil servant will be

suspended initially and will lose their jobs if they are given capital punishment or punishment of more than one year in jail. However, they will face departmen-

below one year. At the moment, their service is regulated under various laws.

tal action if they are given jail sentence

Once the president signs the new law, all issues relating to their jobs will fall under the scope of this law. The retirement age remains

unchanged at 59 while it is 60 for freedom fighters. However, the government can send a public servant into forced retirement after 25 years of service without show-

ing any reason. They can also volun-

tarily retire after 25 years. "DISCRIMINATORY,

UNACCEPTABLE" Former cabinet secretary Ali Imam Majumder said the provision that makes it mandatory for the ACC to take prior permission for arresting any public servant will weaken the ACC Act and

compromise the commission's work.

A public servant can be found with smuggled gold, drug and bribe, for example. But they cannot be arrested immediately because of the provision, which will affect graft-fighting activities, he added.

"There are many positive things about Sarkari Chakri Bill-2018, but the section in question should not be incorporated," he added. Transparency International Bangladesh Executive Director Dr

Iftekharuzzaman said it was extremely disappointing that the Jatiya Sangsad gave priority to convenience of the few at the expense of public interest. "The provision is discriminatory and is in conflict with the constitution,

which pledges that all citizens are equal before the law," he told The Daily The lawmakers have failed to understand that while anyone, including themselves, can be arrested without

prior approval, only a certain group of

individuals have been granted such a

privilege, he said. price. "This is unacceptable and untenable from the point of view of equality, justice and non-discrimination," he added.

bowlers also sent down 155 dot removed his partner Cephas

the world is closely following."

Mohammad Saifuddin, who struck a fifty in the first ODI, bagged three wickets for 45 runs. Mustafizur erate, Taylor went for a rather fanci-Rahman also played his part and ful reverse sweep and was trapped kept things tight in the death overs, picking up the wicket of Peter Moor.

biggest reason for Zimbabwe's and a six. downfall and a 77-run third-wicket

stand between Taylor and Sean Skipper Hamilton Masakadza Williams and Taylor then consol-

idated the innings, the latter reach-However, in his attempt to accel-

his 200th career dismissal.

Three AL men 'abducted'

for Paragao from Boralubazar area in a motorcycle around 4:00pm. All of a sudden, a microbus intercepted them and the three

were taken away in that, he said.

Shamsul Alam Molla told The

Daily Star the Jubo League leader

Badal's family came to know about the incident around an hour later. His mobile phone has been switched off.

90 to Tk 100 per kg, showing a

lentil was being sold between Tk at least a decade.

around an hour later on police Moniruzzaman Monir, officer-

quented Rupganj for political find the three.

No reflection Medium-sized ones are being also a wholesaler, said the price of retailed at Tk 75, while Indian

He said that the retail price was slight decrease of Tk 5-8 per kg. still too high, even if one included When asked why retail prices were still high, most of the retailers did not have an explanation. inventory loss. Ashutosh Ghosh, a wholesaler,

said the retail prices of most varieties of lentil should not be happy buying a kg of lentil at Tk more than Tk 5-8. However, they 65 from Karnaphuli CDA Market, were being sold for almost over Tk 20 more than the wholesale compared to before.

However, news of the whole-He said the retailers had hiked sale prices surprised him and he the prices and were profiting from urged for proper monitoring of the market so that general con-Solaiman Badshah, owner of sumers could get the benefit.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

EOI closing date and time 07/11/2018 up to 11:00am. INFORMATION FOR TENDERER Brief description of the assignment

Other details

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> (b) Eol in two sets (original and duplicate) must be submitted in sealed envelope and delivered to

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS Name of the official inviting Eol Nahida Rahman Shumona

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Malaysia ex-PM, allies to face graft charges

traffic jams.

plans.

in cities.

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia's former leader Najib Razak and two of his allies will face corruption charges today, as authorities target a growing list of figures linked to the scandal-plagued old regime.

Najib has already been hit with 32 A company spokeswoman said the

right-hander remained compact. The left-hander was deceived by the flight of a Raza delivery and came down the track. Wicketkeeper

the ball properly, still managed to dislodge the bails in time.

After 30 overs, the visitors were Williams was their highest. on 147 for two but they lost

Pace-bowling all-rounder

The lack of partnerships was the

balls, which included nine fours

As the news spread, local Jubo league and Swechchasebak and the two others were heading League men blocked the Dhaka-

Asian Highway Bypass around 7:00pm. They removed the barricades

Sylhet highway in Bhulta-

Golakandail area and part of the

Badal used to live with his in-charge of Rupganj Police family in Dhaka but fre- Station, said they were trying to

> M/s Taiyabiya Daal Mill, who is lentil had never been this low in

> all the associated costs -- transport, labour -- and possible Abdur Rahim, a night guard at Dewanhat area, was, however,

since it seemed cheaper to him

(c) Provide Payment integration, cloud hosting,

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professionally qualified staff, etc.

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