

NO POLLS, NO LOANS for river grabbers

HC declares; orders govt amend law to punish encroachers in order to save rivers

"The state will discharge functions as the trustee of all rivers, hills, sea beaches, forests, canals and beels and waterbodies and the NRPC will remain bound to protect them."

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River encroachers cannot run in any elections or get bank loans, the High Court has ordered, in efforts to save rivers from greedy grabbers. The HC also ordered the government to make a list of every grabber in the country and publish the list in the media to expose them to the public. The grabbers include powerful individuals, businesses and, ironically, government offices. The Gazipur City Corporation is among the grabbers, a judicial inquiry has found. After the verdict, the government now will have to amend the National River Protection

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HC DIRECTIVES

- No polls participation and no bank loan for river grabbers
- Treat river grabbing as a crime, amend relevant laws and determine punishment
- Create a database and maps of all rivers
- Make sure that anyone can collect river maps and data
- Empower National River Protection Commission



A ship-building yard built on a large encroached portion of the Shitalakkhya river filled up with sand. Such violations are facilitated by faulty demarcation pillars set up right in the middle of the river, as seen in this photo taken near the Rupganj embankment road in Narayanganj's Murapara recently. Inset, the report published in The Daily Star on November 6, 2016, spurred the filing of a High Court petition. The HC yesterday directed the government to disqualify river grabbers from contesting all kinds of elections and getting bank loans.

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Is it another Joj Mia case?

HC questions over jailing of Jaha Alam; he was released hours after court order



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The High Court yesterday asked the Anti-Corruption Commission whether it had produced another "Joj Mia drama" while commenting on the imprisonment of an innocent person.

"The person who should have been accused in this case, has been made a witness by you... If the ACC works independently the development of the country will be steady, otherwise it won't be long before the country turns into Pakistan. We will have to start begging," the HC bench of Justice FRM Nazmul Ahsan and Justice KM Kamrul Kader observed while hearing the ACC's explanations of why a wrong person was in jail for three years.

Jute mill worker Jaha Alam, who had been languishing in jail since February 2016, was released early today. He was arrested in connection with cases filed by the ACC for misappropriation of Sonali Bank money. The HC exonerated him from the charges yesterday.

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Job creation lags behind target

Govt set a target to generate employment for 39 lakh in FY2016-17 under Five-Year Plan, created only 17 lakh jobs

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Less than half the target of creating 39 lakh jobs was achieved in the first two years of the government's Seventh Five Year Plan (SFYP), though the country registered robust economic growth during the period.

Only 17.8 lakh jobs were created against the target during the fiscal year

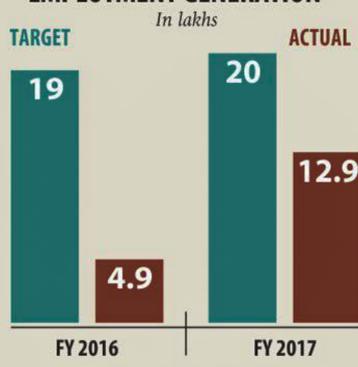
2016 and 2017, according to a draft report on the mid-term review of the SFYP.

The seventh plan aims to create jobs for the large pool of underemployed and new labour force entrants by increasing the share of employment in the manufacturing sector to 20 percent at the end of SFYP.

The report said the manufacturing sector grew by 10.22 percent in the FY17.

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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION



"It appears that new jobs have not been created because of use of modern machinery and technology," SHAMSUL ALAM MEMBER, PLANNING COMMISSION

Adoption of labour displacing technology and increased labour productivity has affected creation of new jobs. PROF MUSTAFIZUR RAHMAN DISTINGUISHED FELLOW, CPD

Hasina warns against food adulteration

Specialised labs to be set up for food tests in every division

BSS, Dhaka

Terming food adulteration one kind of "corruption", Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said this ill practice must be stopped at any cost to save people's lives.

"We earned a huge success in anti-terrorism drive. We are also continuing our operation against corruption, and adulteration of food is one sort of graft."

"Our drive against the adulteration of food is going on and will continue. We don't want the country's people to be affected by poisoning food," she said.

The PM was addressing a function as the chief guest, marking the National Food Safety Day-2019 at the Krishibid Institution, Bangladesh, in Farmgate.

This year, the theme of the day is "Sustho-Sabol Jati Chai, Pushtisommoto Nirapod Khadder Bikolpo Nai" (Need a Healthy Nation, There is no Alternative to Nutritious, Safe Food).

Hasina said the government would set up specialised laboratories to test food through proper methods. "There will be a branch of such a laboratory in every division alongside, a central laboratory, so that food can be tested at any place."

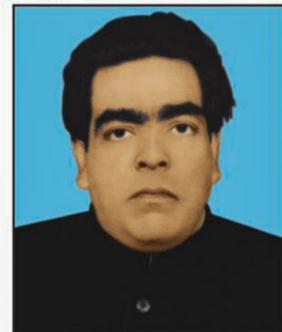


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(Abul Company) The founder of Abul Khair Group noted industrialist and social worker

Late Janab ABUL KHAIR



Death: 4th February, 1978

In accordance with the will of Almighty Allah the Beneficent, you left this mundane world, leaving us and many of your relations overwhelmed by grief. In our everyday life your bright ideals serve as beacon. You are immortal in your death. We pray to Almighty Allah for the salvation of your departed soul.

May Allah the Beneficent bless you with the eternal bliss of paradise. Ameen.

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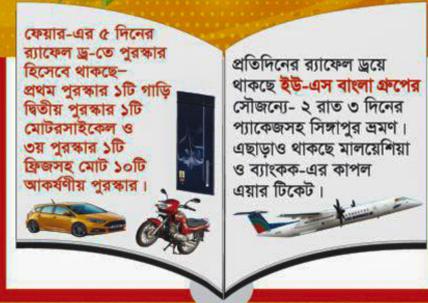
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