

# Most Bagerhat prawn hatcheries close down due to larvae scarcity

PARTHA CHAKRABORTY, Bagerhat

Acute larvae scarcity coupled with excessive salinity and ammonia in water have forced almost all prawn hatcheries in Bagerhat to close their business.

Hatchery owners said on one hand the government has imposed ban on collecting prawn larvae from rivers, while on the other, larvae collected from outside sources are dying after hatching due to rise in the level of salinity and ammonia in water.

Moreover, the larvae collected from unreliable channels, especially from the neighbouring country, are infected with germs and those are also dying soon after hatching.

The situation is causing prawn hatcheries to incur huge losses and many owners have either shut down their hatcheries or switched to other trades.

Ashok Kumar Das used to be the manager of Rainbow Hatchery in Badamtala area of Kachua upazila. Being forced to close the hatchery, the owner now has started to grow carp fish at the plant, said Ashok.

District Fisheries Officer Amal Kanti Roy said one third of the country's total prawn production comes from Bagerhat.

According to the department, as many as 40,000 prawn farmers depend on 49 thousand prawn enclosures on 19 thousand hectares of land in the district, he said, adding



The desolate site of Rainbow Hatchery in Badamtala area of Bagerhat's Kachua upazila. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: PARTHA CHAKRABORTY

that hatcheries in Bagerhat need 21 crore larvae each year.

Wazad Mollah, caretaker of Rainbow Hatchery, said they now rear fish, ducks and cattle at the shed of the plant.

In 2015, the firm suffered a Tk 6-crore loss after larvae in the hatchery died due to unknown germ attacks and also due to high ammonia and salinity in water.

BRAC Prawn Hatchery also had to shut down two of its plants due to losses caused by similar hindrances, said its manager Hosne Azam.

Tilapia fish is now being cultivated

in one of the plants, he added.

Prawn larvae trader Gopal Das said he used to sell larvae collected from both rivers and hatcheries.

Now his business is in a fix as the larvae are not available from the local hatcheries, while there is a government ban on catching larvae from rivers, he said frustratingly.

Amal Kanti Roy, district fisheries officer, confirmed that the hatcheries in the district are closing down due to "attack of unknown germs" and rise in ammonia and salinity in water.

He advised prawn farmers to collect safer larvae from hatcheries in other districts for better results.

## Fire at Rohingya camp

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

At least 22 makeshift houses and a mosque were gutted in a fire at Balukhali Rohingya camp in Ukhia upazila of Cox's Bazar yesterday.

No news casualty was reported in the fire, said Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Nikaruzzaman Chowdhury.

The fire originated from a cooking stove around 12:00 noon, said the UNO.

On information, firefighters rushed to the spot and doused the blaze after an hour of frantic efforts, he said.

## Elephant tosses driver onto road for Tk 10

The victim's wife filed case with Kuliarchar Police Station, accusing the arrested mahout

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

An elephant tossed a battery-run easy-bike driver onto road with its trunk as the latter refused to pay it money.

The incident took place on a road at Agorpur Uttarpura village in Kuliarchar upazila of Kishoreganj on Tuesday.

Critically injured Abdul Baten, 45, of Agorpur village, is now undergoing treatment at Jahurul Islam Medical College Hospital in the district.

Police and locals said when the elephant was used to collect extortion money from people in the area on Tuesday noon.

The elephant waylaid Baten's easy bike and demanded money. Baten gave Tk 5 but

it refused to receive the amount.

At the time, mahout Enamul Haque, 15, said the elephant did not receive less than Tk 10. The elephant was continuing pressure over Baten for its desired money.

As Baten locked in an altercation with the mahout over the matter, the elephant got angry and picked up Baten from the vehicle and tossed him onto road with its trunk for several times. The injured was later sent to the hospital.

Police arrested Enamul.

The victim's wife Bakula Begum lodged a case with local police station accusing the mahout and one Kajal Mia yesterday.



A doctor attends a patient at the health camp on Uthura High School premises in Mymensingh's Bhaluka upazila. Association of Mymensingh Ex Cadets (AMEC) has recently organised the free health camp.

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### Re-e-Tender (OTM)

Following e-Tender are invited in e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Executive Engineer, Magura PWD Division, Magura for the procurement of:

Tender Description

Sl.	Tender ID No.	Name of work	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
01	311014	Establishing 560 model mosques and Islamic Cultural Centers in Zila and Upazila of Bangladesh 1 (one) at Sreepur Upazila in Magura District Sub-Head-Construction of 3 storied Sreepur Upazila Model Mosque Complex with 3 storied foundation Type-B	09-May-2019 12:00	09-May-2019 12:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP Portal and offline & hard copies will not be accepted. e-Tender details may be obtained from e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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Un-audited Consolidated financial statements as at and for the period ended 31 March 2019

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### Consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2019

	31 Mar 2019 Taka	31 Dec 2018 Taka
<b>Assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	3,132,935,511	3,200,651,808
Investment property	688,552,820	691,149,776
Right of use assets	150,188,577	-
Intangible assets	10,551,740	11,916,384
Capital work-in-progress	139,114,095	127,781,532
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>4,211,342,743</b>	<b>4,031,499,500</b>
Inventories	3,221,895,094	3,005,616,081
Trade and other receivables	879,518,821	871,791,127
Advances, deposits and prepayments	367,561,062	322,820,432
Advance income tax	3,156,969,143	3,125,317,011
Cash and cash equivalents	877,975,167	829,807,227
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>8,503,919,287</b>	<b>8,155,351,878</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>12,625,262,030</b>	<b>12,186,851,378</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Share capital	3,890,624,560	3,890,624,560
Share premium	1,473,647,979	1,473,647,979
Retained earnings	1,800,810,669	1,628,694,442
<b>Equity attributable to equity holders of the company</b>	<b>7,165,083,208</b>	<b>6,992,966,981</b>
<b>Non-controlling interests</b>	<b>1,647</b>	<b>1,546</b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>7,165,084,855</b>	<b>6,992,968,527</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	29,837,131	88,203,349
Deferred tax liability	192,789,373	197,934,495
Lease liability	153,071,553	-
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>375,698,057</b>	<b>286,137,844</b>
Employees benefits payable	16,079,918	-
Borrowings	264,570,484	309,652,416
Lease liability	12,923,787	-
Trade and other payables	613,524,674	528,659,578
Accrued expenses	568,266,228	531,601,160
Provision for Income tax	3,609,114,027	3,537,831,853
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>5,084,479,118</b>	<b>4,907,745,007</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>5,460,177,175</b>	<b>5,193,882,851</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>12,625,262,030</b>	<b>12,186,851,378</b>

### Consolidated profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the period ended 31 March 2019

	31 Mar 2019 Taka	31 Mar 2018 Taka
<b>Sales</b>	<b>1,603,077,901</b>	<b>1,708,616,163</b>
Cost of sales	(1,013,753,062)	(1,084,608,012)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>589,324,839</b>	<b>624,008,151</b>
Other income	2,519,690	2,115,000
Administrative expenses	(95,716,788)	(86,358,335)
Impairment loss on trade receivable	(881,414)	-
Marketing and selling expenses	(230,405,203)	(199,666,124)
<b>Profit from operating activities</b>	<b>324,483,715</b>	<b>(283,909,459)</b>
Finance income	264,841,124	340,098,692
Finance expenses	8,850,378	14,339,216
Net finance income	(10,516,820)	(13,667,118)
<b>Profit before contribution to worker's profit participation and welfare fund</b>	<b>(1,666,442)</b>	<b>672,098</b>
Contribution to worker's profit participation and welfare fund		
<b>Profit before Income tax</b>	<b>252,077,685</b>	<b>326,349,750</b>
Income tax expense		
Current tax	(71,282,174)	(81,176,170)
Deferred tax	5,145,122	(3,983,823)
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>185,940,633</b>	<b>241,189,757</b>
Other comprehensive income		
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>185,940,633</b>	<b>241,189,757</b>
<b>Profit attributable to:</b>		
Equity holders of the company		
Non-controlling interests		
Profit after tax for the period		
<b>Basic earnings per share (Par value Tk 10)</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.62</b>

Sd/- Chairman Sd/- Managing Director Sd/- Director Sd/- Chief Financial Officer Sd/- Company Secretary

Dated: 23 April 2019

### Consolidated statement of changes in equity for the period ended 31 March 2019

	Share capital Taka	Share Premium
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