

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 Balukhai Rohingya camp in Ukhiya 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 Uttarpara 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.

PHOTO: STAR

খুলনা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

খুলনা-৯২০৩

নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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জিডি-৭৪৫

Drug peddler gets life term

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Sirajganj court yesterday sentenced a drug peddler to life term imprisonment in connection with a case for possessing contraband Phensidyl.

The convict, Abdul Malek, 35, is a resident of Char Satbaria village in Ullapara upazila of Sirajganj.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Rustum Ali pronounced the verdict in a crowded court room in the afternoon.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members arrested Malek with 590 bottles of Phensidyl from Kashinathpur intersection in Santhia upazila of Pabna in January, 2012.

After investigation, police submitted charge-sheet against Malek on January 5 in 2013.

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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:

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		
Assets				
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		
Total non-current assets	4,121,342,743	4,031,499,500		
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		
Total current assets	8,503,919,287	8,155,351,878		
Total assets	12,625,262,030	12,186,851,378		
Equity				
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		
Equity attributable to equity holders of the company	7,165,083,208	6,992,966,981		
Non-controlling interests	1,647	1,546		
Total equity	7,165,084,855	6,992,968,527		
Liabilities				
Borrowings	29,837,131	88,203,349		
Deferred tax liability	192,789,373	197,934,495		
Lease liability	153,071,553	-		
Total non-current liabilities	375,698,057	286,137,844		
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		
Total current liabilities	5,084,479,118	4,907,745,007		
Total liabilities	5,460,177,175	5,193,882,851		
Total equity and liabilities	12,625,262,030	12,186,851,378		
Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-
Chairman	Managing Director	Director	Chief Financial Officer	Company Secretary
Dated: 23 April 2019				

Consolidated profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the period ended 31 March 2019						
	31 Mar 2019 Taka	31 Mar 2018 Taka				
Sales	1,603,077,901	1,708,616,163				
Cost of sales	(1,013,753,062)	(1,084,608,012)				
Gross profit	589,324,839	624,008,151				
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)				
	(324,483,715)	(283,909,459)				
Profit from operating activities	264,841,124	340,098,692				
Finance income	8,850,378	14,339,216				
Finance expenses	(10,516,820)	(13,667,118)				
Net finance income	(1,666,442)	672,098				
Profit before contribution to worker's profit participation and welfare fund	263,174,682	340,770,790				
Contribution to worker's profit participation and welfare fund	(11,096,997)	(14,421,040)				
Profit before income tax	252,077,685	326,349,750				
Income tax expense	(71,282,174)	(81,176,170)				
Current tax	5,145,122	(3,983,823)				
Deferred tax	(66,137,052)	(85,159,993)				
Profit for the period	185,940,633	241,189,757				
Other comprehensive income	-	-				
Total comprehensive income for the period	185,940,633	241,189,757				
Profit attributable to:						
Equity holders of the company	185,940,532	241,189,636				
Non-controlling interests	101	121				
Profit after tax for the period	185,940,633	241,189,757				
Basic earnings per share (Par value TK 10)	0.48	0.62				
Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-		
Chairman	Managing Director	Director	Chief Financial Officer	Company Secretary		
Dated: 23 April 2019						
Consolidated statement of changes in equity for the period ended 31 March 2019						
	Share capital Taka	Share Premium Taka	Retained earnings Taka	Total Taka	Non-controlling interests Taka	Total equity Taka
Balance as at 01 January 2018	3,536,931,410	1,473,647,979	1,445,455,970	6,456,035,359	1,524	6,456,036,883
Total comprehensive income for 2018	-	-	241,189,636	241,189,636	121	241,189,757
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-	241,189,636	241,189,636	121	241,189,757
Balance as at 31 March 2018	3,536,931,410	1,473,647,979	1,686,645,606	6,697,224,995	1,645	6,697,226,640
Balance as at 01 January 2019	3,890,624,560	1,473,647,979	1,628,694,440	6,992,966,979	1,546	6,992,968,525
Prior year adjustment (Leases)	-	-	(13,824,303)	(13,824,303)	-	(13,824,303)
Total comprehensive income for 2019	-	-	185,940,532	185,940,532	101	185,940,633
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-	185,940,532	185,940,532	101	185,940,633
Balance as at 31 March 2019	3,890,624,560	1,473,647,979	1,800,810,669	7,165,083,208	1,647	7,165,084,855

Consolidated statement of cash flows for the period ended 31 March 2019				
	31 Mar 2019 Taka	31 Mar 2018 Taka		
Cash flows from operating activities				
Cash receipts from customers	1,550,133,438	1,461,971,043		
Cash payments to suppliers and employees	(1,320,530,023)	(1,542,344,439)		
Cash generated from operating activities	229,603,415	(80,373,396)		
Interest received from bank deposit	1,186,954	1,442,086		
Income tax paid	(31,652,132)	(67,710,704)		
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities	199,138,237	(146,642,014)		
Cash flows from investing activities				
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(47,828,270)	(65,624,007)		
Interest received from FDR	5,686,817	8,919,232		
Income from rental	4,972,436	2,970,000		
Intangible assets	(121,526)	(10,628,823)		
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	(37,290,543)	(64,363,598)		
Cash flows from financing activities				
Finance charges	(5,363,772)	(11,477,774)		
Avail/(repayment) of term loan	(58,366,218)	(67,351,298)		
Avail/(repayment) of short-term loan	(45,081,933)	115,247,800		
Payment of lease liability	(5,439,582)	-		
Dividend paid	(42,409)	(14,577)		
Net cash (used in)/from financing activities	(114,293,914)	36,404,151		
Effect of exchange rate changes in cash and cash equivalents	614,160	462,725		
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	48,167,940	(174,138,736)		
Cash and cash equivalents as at 01 January	829,807,227	1,382,359,206		
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 March	877,975,167	1,208,220,470		
The detail of the published Un-audited Consolidated Financial Statements is available in the website of the Company. The address of the website is www.rakcerambd.com				