

Toxic animal feed still coming in

Chattogram customs seizes 2,717 tonnes of feed containing banned MBM

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The Chattogram Customs House has recently seized 2,717 tonnes of imported fish and poultry feed containing hazardous ingredients like meat and bone meal (MBM), animal bones and by-products of pigs, which can cause cancer in humans.

The commerce ministry banned the import and sale of MBM on December 26, 2018, following a report of Bangladesh Food Safety Authority.

Such meal is banned in the US, the UK, Brazil and Canada but there is no bar on exporting it to other countries, said customs officials and importers.

In Asia, Bangladesh is the third country to have banned the import of MBM after

India (2001) and Thailand (2017).

The feed, imported from Vietnam, Belgium, Thailand and Indonesia, were seized in July and August based on chemical test reports of the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b) and Poultry Resource and Training Centre.

Earlier, customs authorities released several thousand tonnes of such feed as the previous chemical reports did not mention the presence of harmful ingredients.

The tests were conducted by Customs House Chemical Laboratory, Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR), Chattogram, and Poultry Resource and Training Centre.

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Steps against JU VC if the allegations found true

Says Obaidul Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University Vice-chancellor Prof Farzana Islam will face action if the allegation of giving money to Chhatra League leaders is found to be true, Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader said yesterday.

"If she [VC] is involved in any unfair activities or if any link with the misdeed is proved, we will take measures," Quader, also road transport and bridges

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ROHINGYAS IN VOTER LIST

EC staffers, fraud ring behind it

ARUN BIKASH DEY and FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, *Chattogram*

A nexus of brokers and some dishonest staffers of the Election Commission's Chattogram office provides forged national identity cards to Rohingyas, an EC investigation team has found.

Three members of the syndicate were arrested on Monday. An EC laptop, used in the forgery, was recovered from their possession, EC Deputy Director (NID) Iqbal Hossain, head of the three-member team, told The Daily Star yesterday.

The arrestees are Jainal Abedin, 35, office assistant of Double Mooring Election Office under the Chattogram EC office, Bijoy Das, 23, a driver, and his sister Sima Das alias Sumaiya Jahan, 26, said Mohammad Mohsin, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station.

Yesterday, Double Mooring Thana Election Officer Pallabi Chakma filed a case against five people, including

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Biman to get three more aircraft: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh has a plan to procure three more Dash planes for Biman, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said.

The country may also buy two more aircraft from Boeing, she said yesterday while addressing the induction ceremony of the Rajhangsha -- Biman's fourth brand new Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner.

"The inclusion of Rajhangsha into the Biman's fleet is another milestone for the national flag carrier," she told the ceremony at the VVIP Tarmac of HSIA.

After the inauguration,
Hasina boarded and
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Pay hike for journalists unrealistic

Noab says 9th Wage Board not implementable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Termining the pay scales of the 9th Newspaper Wage Board unrealistic, Newspaper Owners' Association of Bangladesh (Noab) yesterday said no newspaper was capable of implementing the 9th Wage Board.

In a statement, it said the newspaper industry was facing various hurdles and implementation of the Wage Board would

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Although a footbridge is only about 100 feet away, pedestrians cross Pragati Sarani through a narrow opening in the railing on the central reservation of the road, putting themselves at risk. A man is seen carrying even a bicycle through the gap. The photo was taken near the city's Bashundhara Residential Area yesterday.

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