



Naren Halder feeds fish at his enclosure at Dariabad village in Nazirpur upazila of Pirojpur. Inset, Naren and his wife hold crests, awarded at a programme in the upazila during the National Fisheries Week in July this year, for their success in fish cultivation.

PHOTO: STAR

Once broke, Naren gains solvency by fish farming

He earns profit of Tk 2 lakh every 3 months from 2 fish enclosures on 70 decimals

HABIBUR RAHMAN, Pirojpur

Completely broke after failed attempt to go abroad six years ago, Naren Halder is now a successful fish farmer.

Naren, 45, from Dariabad village under Nazirpur upazila in the district, paid a good amount of money to a travel agency for going to Yemen to bring solvency in his family.

But suddenly he came to know that several of his acquaintances had left Yemen as a devastating war broke out there.

"I could not go to Yemen and the travel agency did not return my money, which I had managed by borrowing from relatives, neighbours and several NGOs. Losing everything, I had to pass days half-starved with my family," Naren said.

Then one of his lenders, a local fish farmer suggested him to start fish farming and also extended cooperation for the purpose.

"Then I started cultivation of walking fish of Vietnam variety and telapia in an enclosure. I made a good profit within a short time and continued fish farming with full cooperation from my wife Shamoly Halder," he said.

He has already made two fish enclosures

on 70 decimals of leased land. After every three months, he can sell fish that brings him profit of around Tk 2 lakh.

Naren also grows vegetables on the bank of the fish enclosures and sells the produces for good profit.

Now he leads a happy life with his wife and three daughters – the eldest of them is a university student, another attends a local high school and the youngest one is five years' old.

Naren demands that the authorities take steps to reduce the price of fish meal and arrange easy bank loan for the fish farmers.

Wholesale buyers from different areas buy fish from Naren's enclosure.

"The fish from Naren's enclosure has special demand to the customers as its quality is good," said Hasan Sheikh, a wholesale buyer.

Inspired by Naren, at least 20 people of the village have involved in fish farming, said Probhas Halder, villager.

Tapan Kumar Bepary, Nazirpur upazila fisheries officer, said they give logistic support to Naren for fish cultivation.

For success in fish farming, Naren and his wife has got prizes in the upazila level during the National Fisheries Week in July this year.

Easy-bike driver found murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Police recovered the body of a man from a ditch beside Dhaka-Khulna highway near Nagardia area in Nagarkanda upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Kalam Fakir, 60, son of late Khalil Fakir of Gajaria village in the upazila, was a battery-run auto-rickshaw driver.

Deceased's son Liton Fakir said his father went out of the house with his easy-bike on Saturday afternoon and did not return house.

Locals spotted Kalam's body floating in a roadside ditch around 9:00am and informed the police, who recovered the body and sent it to Faridpur Medical College Hospital for autopsy, Officer in Charge (OC) of Nagarkanda Police Station Sheikh Sohel Rana said.

The body bore marks of stab injuries on the back and its hands and legs were tied with rope, the OC said, adding that they are yet to find the auto-rickshaw.

DEFYING BAN ON FISHING

68 fishermen jailed in three districts

Mobile courts in separate drives also seized 6 trawlers, 3 lakh and 40 thousand metres of fishing nets

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Mobile courts in separate drives yesterday sentenced 68 fishermen to different terms of imprisonment and seized huge quantity of fishing nets in Barishal, Faridpur and Manikganj for defying a 22-day ban on netting hilsa.

Our Barishal correspondent reported that at least 32 fishermen were jailed by three separate mobile courts in Sadar upazila on charge of defying the ongoing ban on hilsa fishing.

Fisheries department in cooperation with district administration, coastguards and river police conducted separate drives in the Kalabador, Meghna and Gojara river yesterday noon and detained 32 fishermen from there.

They also seized about two lakh metres of fishing nets worth Tk 40 lakh and 54 kg of hilsa from their possession.

Of the arrestees, twenty people were sentenced to one year imprisonment while 12 others to three months imprisonment, District Fisheries Officer (DFO) Bimol Chandra Das said.

Away in Faridpur, mobile courts in separate drives detained 21 fishermen and sentenced them to one year imprisonment

in Sadarpur upazila, reports our correspondent.

A court led by Sadarpur Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Purobi Golder detained 13 fishermen and sentenced them to one year imprisonment.

Meanwhile, another court led by Executive Magistrates Sajal Chandra Shil jailed eight fishermen under the Protection and Conservation of Fish Act, 1950.

The two courts also sized 40,000 meters of fishing nets and two maunds of hilsa from different areas along the Padma and Arial Kha river. The seized fishes were later distributed among different orphanages.

Our Manikganj correspondent adds: A mobile court sentenced 15 fishermen to one year imprisonment for netting hilsa in the Jamuna river near Alokdia Char area under Shivalaya upazila for defying the government ban.

During the drive the court led by Shivalaya Upazila Nirbahi Officer AFM Firoz Mahmud seized six trawlers, one lakh metres of current nets and 20 kilograms of hilsa.

The seized nets were later burnt in presence of the officials.

Concrete chunks fall from ceilings at school

The building of the lone high school in Madhabpur union under Kamalganj upazila was declared risky two months ago

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Students and teachers were unscathed at Madhabpur High School in Moulvibazar's Kamalganj upazila on Saturday evening when large chunks of concrete and plaster from ceilings in three rooms came off at the school building.

Serious injuries or fatalities could be averted as the school was closed for Durga puja when the incident took place.

This is the only high school in Madhabpur union, inhabited mostly by tea garden workers, and the only centre for PEC and JSC examinations in the union.

The school building had been declared risky by district education engineer two months ago, said Assistant Engineer Mofizul Islam at Department of Education Engineering in Moulvibazar.

One of the three rooms on the building's ground floor, where ceilings sustained damage, was being used as teachers' room while the other two on the same floor were classrooms.

Construction of the two-storey building was completed in 1995 and a number of cracks developed in it four to five years ago, said the school authorities.

Monir Mia, a guardian of a student, said they were worried about the students' safety as they also noticed many cracks on the school building.

Abdus Sobhan, the school's headteacher, said they continued academic activities at the risky building after being unable to find any substitute facility.

Upazila nirbahi officer and upazila secondary education officer have been informed of Saturday's incident, he said, adding that test examinations for SSC students, scheduled to start at the school on Monday, are now uncertain due to the incident.

Contacted, Kamalganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Ashekul Haque said they would take necessary steps after inspection is conducted at the school building.



PHOTO: STAR

Heavy chunks of concrete fell from the ceiling in this room used by teachers at Madhabpur High School in Moulvibazar's Kamalganj upazila on Saturday evening.

Satkania UZ polls today

Apart from 3 chairman candidates, six male and two female vice chairman candidates are vying in the polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chattogram

All preparations for today's election to Satkania Upazila Parishad are complete, with three candidates from running for the chairman post.

MA Motaleb, president of Satkania upazila unit of Awami league (AL), and Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury, former joint secretary general of BNP's Chattogram south district unit, are contesting for the chairman post with their party tickets.

The third candidate for the post is running independently.

Apart from chairman candidates, a total of six male vice chairman candidates and two female vice chairman candidates are vying in the polls in the upazila where the number of total voters is 2,83,380. Electronic voting machines will be used at

all polling stations in the election.

Meanwhile, Gaffar, the BNP-nominated candidate for chairman post, speculated that the election would not be held in a free and fair manner.

"The ruling party [men] tore down my posters in different areas... I can't hold street rallies due to obstructions created by the ruling party men... the administration is in favour of the ruling party candidate," he said, claiming that his vehicle was vandalised and he was forced to leave an area during campaigning.

"I lodged a number of written complaints with the returning officer," but no action was taken, he also said.

The AL-nominated candidate MA Motaleb, however, refuted all the accusations made by Gaffar.

Abducted schoolgirl traceless for a week

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A schoolgirl who was abducted by a gang of youths in Daulatpur upazila on October 5 is yet to be rescued after over a week of the incident.

Father of the victim, a Class IX student at a local high school, filed an abduction case with Daulatpur Police Station accusing four youths on October 10.

According to the case statement, four youths led by Akhinur Sheikh, 20, abducted the girl on her way back from one of her classmates house at Rauha village in the upazila on October 5 evening.

Victim's father told this newspaper that Akhinur, son of Sadek Hossain, had long been stalking his daughter on her way to and from school.

Investigating Officer of the case Sub-Inspector Morshed Alam said they were trying to rescue the schoolgirl, adding that they have already arrested one of the accused Rajib, 22, son of Javed Matabbar of Par-Rouha village.



District chapters of Women Affairs Directorate and Jatiyo Mohila Sangstha in cooperation with the district administration form a human chain at Shaheed Rafiq square in Manikganj town yesterday marking Child Marriage Prevention Day 2019.

PHOTO: ZAHANGIRSHAH

**Bangladesh Municipal Development Fund (BMDF)**
(A Company under the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of Bangladesh)
Grameen Bank Bhaban, Level-13, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216
Web: www.bmdf.gov.bd

Vacancy Announcement

Bangladesh Municipal Development Fund (BMDF) is a company under Financial Institutions Division of the Ministry of Finance. BMDF carries out infrastructural developments of the municipalities and city corporations of the country.

BMDF invites applications from Bangladeshi Nationals for the position of **Assistant Accounts Officer** for Municipal Governance and Services Project (MGSP)-BMDF part. It is completely a temporary and contractual post for the project period of MGSP.

Service contract will be renewed annually on the basis of yearly performance. The service of the incumbent is terminable at any time showing no reason by giving one month's notice or one month salary. The service contract will be terminated at the end of the contractual period automatically.

Qualification: Master degree in Accounting/Finance/Management from any reputed university. CMA/PL-III/CA(AS)/ACCA (PE) will be preferred.

Experience: At least 7 years' job experience (Minimum 5 years' experience in development project). Involvement in any project under the World Bank financing will be an added advantage.

Age: Minimum 32 years and maximum 45 years on November 14, 2019.

Job Responsibilities:

- Perform payment activities in time by verifying documents and requesting disbursement;
- Maintain project bank A/C and prepare monthly reconciliation statement;
- Timely record keeping of the transactions in the General Ledger and prepare annual accounts/financial reports under MGSP.
- Maintain and update Tally and other Accounts Management Software;
- Check bills submitted by the ULBs for payment;
- Generate monthly expenditure & other reports in time;
- Assist employees of Finance Section of BMDF on various issues like audit, banking, budget, credit recovery, financial reports etc;
- Receive and file letter by the competent authority with comments by the Credit Approval Authority, with instruction to transfer loan and accrued interest to non-performing account.
- Prepare periodical reports on total disbursements etc. and replenishment claim to the World Bank;
- Computer literacy on MS Office tools is a must. Communication and written skill both in Bangla and English are essential.
- Any other duties assigned by the authority.

Salary and Others:

- Consolidated Salary Tk. 70,360/- per month, Bangla Nobo Barsho allowance and two festival bonuses for each completed year will be given as per BMDF's Service Rule.

Application Procedures:

- Candidates fulfilling the above requirements are requested to apply with detailed CV, one-copy of PP size color photograph, photocopies of all academic and work experiences certificates and national identity card within 1700 hours of November 14, 2019 to the Managing Director, Bangladesh Municipal Development Fund (BMDF), Grameen Bank Bhaban, Level-13, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216.
- Employees of GoB/autonomous bodies and other organizations may also apply through proper channel.
- A non-refundable Bank Draft/Pay Order of Tk. 300/- should be enclosed in favour of the Bangladesh Municipal Development Fund (BMDF) while submitting the application.
- Any attempt to influence the selection procedure in favour of any candidate will result in automatic disqualification of that candidate. Only short-listed candidates will be called for test/interview.

Managing Director
BMDF

GD-1676