



Good amounts of hilsa arrive at Port Road market in Barishal city yesterday as fishermen started netting the fish immediately after the lifting of a 22-day official ban from October 9 to 30.

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Hilsa floods Barishal market as 22-day ban ends

Huge quantities of large fish shows the ban brings result, officials say

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Hilsa flooded wholesale fish market in Barishal city yesterday following end of the 22-day ban on netting the popular fish. The fisheries department imposed the restriction from October 9 to 30 to ensure safe spawning and protection of mother hilsa, said Bimal Chandra Das, Barisal district fisheries officer (hilsa). Azizul Haque, deputy director of Barisal divisional fisheries department, claimed that the ban on netting, sale and transport of hilsa was observed successfully across

the division.

Visiting the wholesale market at Port Road yesterday, this correspondent saw huge quantities of hilsa, weighing 600 grams to around one kg, there.

Depending on sizes, the fish is selling for Tk 500 to Tk 800 each while the prices ranged between Tk 800 and Tk 1100 one month ago, sellers said.

Around 5,000 maunds (a maund = 40 kg) of hilsa on a hundred trawlers has already landed near Port Road wholesale market and fishermen and wholesalers have started sending the

fish with trucks and covered vans, said Nirob Hossain Tutul, secretary of Barishal Matsya Arotkar Samity (fish wholesalers association).

Ajit Kumar Das Manu, president of the association, said most of the hilsa netted from the coastal rivers are big sized ones.

"We came to Port Road hilsa wholesale market with five hundred maunds of big sized hilsa on a trawler," said Kabir Majhi, a fisherman from Bhola.

"We faced hardship during the ban but now we are happy to get good catches of hilsa last night," said Sumon Gazi, a

fisherman from Mehendiganj.

Availability of large sized hilsa shows that the ban has yielded good result, said Abu Sayed, district fisheries officer, Barishal.

"During October 9 to 30, fisheries department in Barishal division conducted 2,538 drives by mobile courts, awarded short term jail to 1,447 people and imposed a total of Tk 44.56 lakh fine for violating the ban. Officials seized 19.03 tonnes of hilsa and 89.69 lakh metres of nets during the time," he said.

Two injured in BSF firing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Two Bangladeshi nationals sustained bullet injuries as Indian Border Security Force (BSF) opened fire on them near Fultola border in Juri upazila yesterday.

The victims were identified as Abdol Momin Bappa, 32, son of Abdur Rouf, and Kalam Mia, 34, son of Shafiq Mia, of Fultola village.

Of them, Bappa is now undergoing treatment at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital under police custody.

Lt Col Faizur Rahman, commanding officer (CO) of BGB 52 Battalion, said the Indian border guards opened fire on the duo while they were trying to enter Indian Territory illegally in the morning, leaving them injured.

Soon after the incident injured Kalam fled the area to avoid arrest, the CO said, adding that they were taking preparation to send a protest letter in this regard to their Indian counterparts.

Tortured schoolboy lands in hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A schoolboy, beaten for alleged theft at Maldhara village in Sridharpur union under Jashore's Abhoynagar upazila on Tuesday, is undergoing treatment at the upazila health complex.

The victim, Rakib Molla, 13, son of vegetable trader Israfil Biswas of Maldhara village, is an eighth grader at Varni-Bichali High School in Abhoynagar.

On Tuesday afternoon, Rakib was taking tea from a shop at Maldhara Market when Zahidul and Keramul, sons of tea stall owner Mohar Molla of Kodla village, took him to their stall.

Blaming Rakib for theft of Tk 6,000 from his shop, Zahidul tied him to a tree and beat him mercilessly.

Later, locals rescued Rakib and admitted him to Abhoynagar Upazila Health Complex.

Hasibul Islam Habu, president of Varni-Bichali High School's management committee, demanded punishment of the torturers of the schoolboy.

The victim's family filed a case against Zahidul and Mohar Molla and police are trying to arrest the accused, said Tajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Monirampur Police Station.

Three electrocuted

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Three people were electrocuted in Gaibandha and Jhalakathi districts yesterday and the day before, report our correspondents.

A man and his nephew died from electrocution while fishing in a marshy land at Purbo Damodorepur village in Gaibandha's Sadullapur upazila on Wednesday night.

The deceased were identified as Izol Mia, 40, and Uzzal Mia, 18, of the village in the upazila.

Locals and family members said some persons, including the victims, went to catch fish in Katlamari marshy land.

At that time, Izol Mia, Uzzal and another Harun came in contact with a live electric wire.

They were rushed to Sadullapur Upazila Health Complex where the duo died later.

A farmer put live electric around his paddy field nearby just to control rate, that led to the fatal incident.

Meanwhile, a young man was electrocuted at Bagri village in Rajapur upazila of Jhalakathi yesterday afternoon.

The victim was identified as Md Bappi Howlader, 18, son of Md Matiar Rahman Howlader of the village.

Bappi went to charge his battery-run auto-rickshaw in the afternoon and came in contact with a live electric wire. He died on the spot.

Mayor protests 'misleading' information on FB

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Tangail municipality Mayor Jamilur Rahman Miron at a press conference yesterday protested spreading 'false and misleading' information about him and two other councilors through Facebook.

He said this while reading out a written speech at the conference at Tangail Press Club.

A vested quarter, led by one Abdur Razzak, is spreading false and fabricated information about him and councilors of the municipality Saifuzzaman Sohel and Aminur Rahman Amin, said the mayor.

Razzak also circulated the copy of an application without having signature of anyone and sent it to the office of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) as part of conspiracy to

damage the image of the mayor and the two councilors.

However, the real truth is that Abdur Razzak of Chowbaria in Tangail on April 24, 2018 submitted a petition to the municipality against Sohag Miah of Adi Tangail area for resolving a dispute over a piece of land.

Following the application, Tangail municipality on May 23 issued notices to both sides for appearing before the office on May 28 with necessary documents and with their lawyers.

Sohag Miah, however, prayed three months time for submitting his documents and the municipality gave him two months for it.

Later, the municipality issued notices to the both sides for appearing before the office with necessary

documents and with their lawyers on August 7.

On that day, Sohag Miah was able to submit necessary documents but Abdur Razzak failed to submit necessary documents in favour of his claim. The municipality, after examining the documents in coordination with local councilor and legal advisor, took a decision as per rules, which angered Abdur Razzak.

Replying to a query, the mayor said he will take legal steps against spreading misleading information about them.

Mentionable, various allegations including land grabbing, extortion and abduction were brought against the mayor and two councilors through Razzak's facebook page named "Scandal Somogra".



Activists of Nirapad Sarak Chai distribute road safety awareness leaflets to transport workers and general public in central bus stand area of Bagerhat yesterday afternoon.

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Tangail municipality Mayor Jamilur Rahman Miron speaks at the press conference in the town yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

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