

ONION PRICES IN CTG

Wholesale market cools down, little impact on retail outlets

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Wholesale prices of onion in the port city have started to drop, after four days of market monitoring drives that started on Sunday, but retail prices are not yet reflecting the trend.

Price of onion imported from Myanmar dropped by Tk 20 to Tk 25 per kg at the Khatunganj wholesale hub, where wholesale price of top-grade onion came down to Tk 85 to Tk 90 a kg yesterday against Tk 105 to Tk 110 four days back.

Medium-quality onion imported from Myanmar was sold at Tk 65 at the wholesale warehouses; the price was Tk 85 last week.

Mobarak Hossain, a consumer, said a series of mobile court drives were conducted for the last few days, but general customers are yet to get its benefit as there was no impact of it in the retail markets.

During a visit to different kitchen markets yesterday, most retailers were found selling imported onion ranging from Tk 110 to Tk 125 per kg.

Ali Akbar, a staffer of Makka Store at Karnaphuli Complex, said he had to charge Tk 110 for a kilo of imported onion, since he had to buy it from wholesaler at Tk 105.

Some retail outlets in these markets were, however, seen selling it at a reduced rate of Tk 100 to Tk 105 per kg.

To check the impact of the four-day drives at the wholesale hub -- where the administration on Tuesday set wholesale price of top-quality imported onion at Tk 85 per kg -- a joint team yesterday conducted drives at three different kitchen markets of the city.

Chattogram District Administration and Directorate of National Consumer Rights Protection (DNCRP) with assistance of commerce ministry and law enforcing agencies



PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Officials inspecting the prices of onion at a shop in port city's Gate-2 area yesterday.

conducted drives in the city's Kazir Dewry Bazar, Karnaphuli Complex at Sholashahar and Bahadderhat kitchen market.

During the drives, eight retail shops and one wholesale trader were fined Tk 1.15 lakh on charges of selling onion at higher prices, as well as for displaying wrong information on price charts.

Selim Hossain, deputy secretary of the commerce Ministry who led the drives, told journalists at Kazir Dewry Bazar that retail price of onion was yet to come down at the expected level.

Many retailers have already started reducing the prices, but those who purchased onions a few days earlier at higher prices from wholesalers are still charging higher, said the deputy secretary.

He hoped that the retail prices would come down gradually below Tk 100 per kg within a few days.

Executive Magistrate Forkan Elahi Anupam said they fined those retailers who were found charging prices over Tk 110 per kg but failed to show valid documents of buying those at higher prices from wholesale market.

RMG workers agitate in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Protesting the sacking of colleagues, several hundred workers of an RMG factory in Ashulia's Shimultola area demonstrated in front of the factory yesterday.

Workers of Madinaple Fashions Craft Ltd started demonstrating around 10am. The sacked workers also joined the agitation.

Protesters alleged that on Wednesday, the factory authorities terminated 60 workers without prior notice, saying that they did not have sufficient work or orders. Workers also alleged that they were not compensated properly.

Rafiqul Islam Sujon, president of Bangladesh Garments and Industrial Workers' Federation, said authorities sacked workers without following labour law. "If the factory did not have enough work, they can terminate workers. But they have to provide workers with proper compensation and notify them beforehand."

SK Khokon, manager of the company, said around 59 workers were sacked as per law and they also cleared the dues. Some took the money while others refused, he added.

Sana Shaminur Rahman, superintendent of Dhaka industrial police-1, said additional forces have been deployed in the area.

'They had a single goal'

Capital punishment sought for all 8 accused in Holey Artisan attack case

JNU CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday sought capital punishment for all eight accused in the Holey Artisan cafe attack case, after completing arguments.

Advocate Golam Sharar Khan, assistant public prosecutor, told the court that all the accused were involved in the attack in some way.

"They had a single goal. Some provided arms, grenades, bombs or money to carry out the attack. Some were trainers or recruiters [of the attackers] while some formulated the plan," he said.

All the accused should be given the highest punishment for their crimes, the APP added.

Afterwards, Advocate Delowar Hossain, a defence lawyer, started his arguments in favour of accused Rakibul Hasan Rigan.

Judge Majibur Rahman of the Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal of Dhaka heard the arguments. The tribunal then set November 13 for hearing remaining arguments.

During the hearing, eight accused, now in jail, were produced before the tribunal.

On October 30, they claimed innocence and demanded justice after the judge read out charges from statements of 113 witnesses.

On July 1, 2016, armed militants stormed the Gulshan cafe and killed 20 hostages, mostly foreign nationals. Two police officials were also killed during the 12-hour standoff.

On July 23 last year, police submitted the charge sheet to the chief metropolitan magistrate of Dhaka, accusing eight people. On November 26 the same year, the tribunal framed charges against the eight.

ROHINGYA CRISIS

Japan for peaceful solution

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Japan stands by the Rohingyas for ensuring their early repatriation to Myanmar, said newly-appointed Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Naoki Ito.

"I would like to emphasize that Japan and its people would not hesitate to extend our hands to all those who are suffering from the situation, and stand with them with the view of realizing early repatriation to Myanmar in a safe, voluntary and dignified manner," he said in a statement, following a visit to Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar on Tuesday.

The situation surrounding people in the camps he has visited is "extremely severe," he said, referring to around a million Rohingyas living in crowded camps in Cox's Bazar. Of them, some 750,000 fled a brutal military crackdown in Myanmar's Rakhine state since late August 2017.

Ito expressed his gratitude and respect to the staff members of international organisations and NGOs, who devote themselves to help the displaced persons under such "severe condition".

Japan, which has provided some \$99.2 million as humanitarian assistance to the Rohingyas and host communities, wants a peaceful and bilateral solution to the Rohingya crisis.

No complaints received against any HC judge

Law minister tells House

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The law and justice department of the government did not receive any allegation of irregularities and corruption against any judge of High Court.

Law Minister Anisul Huq made the disclosure in the parliament yesterday, in reply to a query of BNP lawmaker Harunur Rashid from Chapainawabganj-3.

In his question, the BNP MP wanted to know under which law is investigation going on against several judges of HC for their alleged involvement in irregularities and corruption.

On August 23, different media outlets reported that three HC judges have been asked to refrain from judicial activities.

Informed of the decision, the judges sought leave from the authorities concerned, said Supreme Court spokesperson Mohammad Saifur Rahman in a press statement on August 22.

He, however, did not mention any reason.

Saifur said, "The decision that the three honourable judges would refrain from judicial activities was conveyed to them on advice from the honourable president, against the backdrop of a primary inquiry against the three. They then prayed for leave."

The statement also did not disclose the names of the judges and why the inquiry was being conducted.

In reply to another question, the minister informed the House that the government has no plan for now to enact any law in line with the constitution for appointment of judges to the Supreme Court.

'Towards your destination'

Career-oriented seminar starts at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

Aiming to help economics graduates find opportunities and set their career goals, "Aspiration Week", a career-oriented seminar, started at Dhaka University yesterday.

Economics Career Alliance (ECA), a student-based organisation of DU's economics department, organised the five-day event.

The department's Chairperson Prof Shafique uz Zaman inaugurated the programme at Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium.

In its first session titled, "Towards your destination", panelists discussed the current situation of job market, why the number of unemployed graduates is increasing and career opportunities in job sectors.

Four panelists -- Dr Minhaj Mahmud, senior research fellow of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies;

DoE destroys 19 stone crushing machines



PHOTO: STAR

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A mobile court of the Department of Environment (DoE) in Sylhet conducted a drive yesterday morning against stone crushing operations, which were running illegally on the bank of River Surma in Kadamtali Ferighat area in the city.

The mobile court, led by DoE Director Israt Jahan Panna, destroyed belts and engines of 19 stone crusher machines and seized some materials.

The court also stopped illegal sand extraction in the river, destroying the engine of a dredger machine. The court seized the keys of the boat that was carrying the dredger machine.

Israt Jahan Panna, director of DoE in Sylhet, said, "After repeated notices to these

illegal stone crushing operations, the DoE finally conducted the drive and such drives will be continued in the future."

Rampant use of stone crusher machines is causing serious pollution, along with social and health problems at six upazilas in Sylhet district.

Violating the Stone Crusher Machine Establishing Rules-2006, many stone crusher machines are being operated in these upazilas and on the bank of rivers Surma, Dholai, Singra, Katagang, Sari etc in Sylhet.

Environmentalists, along with concerned citizens have long been urging the administration to take strict measures in this regard to stop illegal operation of stone crushers to protect the environment.

Four Points holds charity fair



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CITY DESK

Four Points by Sheraton Dhaka organised a charity event to raise money and awareness for the unprivileged children in the country.

The daylong fair was held yesterday at the hotel's banquet hall, said a press release.

Kaniz Almas Khan, CEO of Persona and chief guest of the event; Noeke Kusuma, general manager of Four Points; the fair's organising committee and all participants inaugurated the fair.

At the event, women entrepreneurs were given a platform to promote their business and contribute to social wellbeing. They ran 22 stalls throughout the day.

A particular amount of money raised from product sales will go to charity. The entrepreneurs were able to participate in the fair for free, added the press release.

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