

Sacrificial animals won't be imported this year: minister

UNB, Dhaka

Fisheries and Livestock Minister SM Rezaul Karim yesterday said the government won't allow import of sacrificial animals on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha.

"Under no circumstance, the government will allow bringing cattle from abroad this year," he said while addressing an online meeting on ensuring the supply and sale of healthy cattle at cattle markets. The minister noted that the government will take all necessary measures to ensure the animals are sacrificed properly. "With a view to protecting the environment, all necessary arrangements will be made for marketing and selling of sacrificial animals in a healthy way during Eid-ul-Azha," the minister said.

He cautioned all to abide by health guidelines at cattle markets and urged to discharge duties with responsibility.

Recalling experience, Rezaul said, "We want no incident of extortion to happen this year. If animals are sold from farms, the lessee won't be allowed to collect tolls."

He also assured that there is an adequate supply of sacrificial animals.

According to the Department of Livestock Services, there is stock of 1.18 crore sacrificial animals this year, he said.

The minister mentioned that 1,200 medical teams will work at the cattle markets to prevent sale of sick cattle and monitoring teams will be formed in coordination with the officials of the ministry.

He said the authorities are trying to focus on arranging online markets due to the coronavirus situation.

Fisheries and Livestock Secretary Raunak Mahmud, Additional Secretary Kazi Wasi Uddin, Director General of the Department of Livestock Services Abdul Jabbar Sikder, among others, participated in the event.

No decision on automatic promotion of students

Says edu ministry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Ministry of Education has not taken any decision to automatically promote students to further their education to the next grade.

"Many media houses are carrying report that the ministry has decided to give students auto promotion without holding any exams for different classes," the ministry's public relation officer Mohammad Abul Khair said yesterday.

"This is a baseless rumour," he said. "The ministry has not taken any decision regarding auto promotion."

In the wake of coronavirus outbreak, all educational institutions have remained closed since March 17. The closure had been extended till August 6.

Educational activities of four crore students are being hampered due to the pandemic. as HSC examinations have been deferred indefinitely.



Failing to find a proper fishing net, two children try their best to catch fish using a mosquito net beside Kirtankhola river at Barishal's Muktiyoddha Park area. This photo was taken yesterday.

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Man held with gold bars in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested a suspected smuggler in possession of three gold bars weighing around 65 bhoori worth Tk 33.3 lakh from a Chattogram Railway Station platform early Wednesday night.

The arrestee is Kanak Chandra Banik (40).

Officer-in-Charge of Chattogram Railway Station Mustafizur Rahman said, "Kanak is a gold smuggler. He was on his way to Feni to smuggle the gold across the border."

"Detecting suspicious behaviour, police challenged and held him from platform number eight of the station," the official said.

On information, senior officers of the force rushed to the spot and later recovered three melted gold bars from his possession which were concealed in his legs with anklets," added OC Mustafizur.

"During primary investigation, we came to know that the gold was melted at Hazari Lane area," he said.

A case was filed in this connection, said police.

House

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of budget discussions were the average.

In the supplementary budget discussion, six MPs participated.

Among other matters, 16 bills were placed and only five of them were passed in this session. Besides, 12 notices were received under Section-71 of parliament rules of procedure.

Some 26 questions were for the prime minister; she answered 11 of them in the eighth session.

To follow health guidelines, fewer MPs could attend the session. Senior lawmakers and MPs from outside the capital were discouraged to attend.

Minimum number of staffers and officials of the parliament secretariat were asked to be present at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Media were also requested to not be physically present to cover the session and follow the live coverage on Sangsad Television.

BB governor's age limit now 67

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A bill titled "The Bangladesh Bank (Amendment) Bill, 2020" was passed in Parliament yesterday aimed at extending the age limit of the governor of the central bank to 67 years.

Planning Minister MA Mannan placed the bill at House in the absence of Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal and it was passed by voice vote. Currently, the age limit for the central bank governor is 65 years, according to Bangladesh Bank Order 1972.

Several lawmakers of opposition Jatiya Party and BNP opposed the bill, saying the bill aimed to give personal benefits to a particular person. They demanded withdrawing the bill and sending it to the committee of eliciting public opinion. The demand, however, was rejected by voice vote.

Man run over in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was killed in a road accident in Dhaka's Tejgain early yesterday.

The victim, Moksedul Islam (25), hailing from Dimla upazila of Nilphamari, used to pull rickshaw in the capital to make a living, said police.

Around 4am, Moksedul was crossing the Bijoy Sarani area when an unidentified vehicle hit him, leaving him critically injured, said Abdur Razzak, a sub-inspector of Tejgaon Police Station.

He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead, he said. The victim's elder sister Fahida Akter said his brother used to live with his family in East Nakhal Para area.

He went out with his rickshaw on Wednesday afternoon and was supposed to return home yesterday morning. "A police official informed us that he was killed in a road accident," she said, sobbing.

Bidyanondo gets Thai donation

UNB, Dhaka

Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh Arunrung Phothong Humphreys yesterday handed over items worth Tk 1 lakh to Bidyanondo Foundation to support its emergency response in flood-affected areas during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Firoz Salah Uddin, executive member, represented Bidyanondo Foundation. This donation represents friendship between Thais and Bangladeshis, said the embassy.

The Thai community and the embassy hoped that this contribution would help address the needs of those affected by Covid-19 at this difficult time.

Bangladeshi

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He urged them to have patience until regular communications between Bangladesh and Maldives resume.

The Maldivian government is expected to open its border after July 15, he said, adding that regular workers will be able to travel to Bangladesh either on vacation or permanently once the flights resume.

He said the high commission in Maldives remains committed to serving Bangladeshis living there.

Rab identifies

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He said JK Overseas Limited sent 14 job seekers with DN visa to Vietnam in November last year, who are yet to get any jobs.

Nazmul Hasan (26), of Cumilla, died in Vietnam on April 3 without any treatment. JK Overseas declined to provide any help to his relatives in Bangladesh. Finally, the job seeker was buried at a Muslim colony in Ho Chi Minh City on June 27, Rab said.

Besides, Mash Career Service did not have any recruiting license, he added.

Contacted, BMET Director General Shamsul Alam said they called the owners of six recruiting agencies and told them that they must bear the expenses of the returnees and give compensation if the contracts get violated.

He said they have cancelled their licenses and also confiscated their security money.

In a press release on Monday, the foreign ministry said Vietnam is not a country where much work opportunities are available for prospective foreign workers. Brokers traffic Bangladeshi workers there with an aim to land them in countries such as Australia, New Zealand and other parts of South-east Asia.

The BMET DG said Bangladesh does not have any MoU with Vietnam in this regard; however, sending people to Vietnam is nothing new. At least 1,275 people had gone there in such a way since 2007.

Asked about the BMET card, he said, "You should ask the returnees why they went to Vietnam in DN visa and what were the promises made in the contract papers. If they went for jobs, why did they take BMET card as entrepreneurs?"

"We gave them the cards as per their contract papers," he added.

Four members

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Three of them were involved in credit card forgery while one used to receive different items, CID said.

All four were either college or university-educated and had expertise in IT. One of them even worked in a government IT project, CID said.

Police seized two laptops, eight phones, a computer hard drive, 16 cards of different banks, 26 boxes for keeping gold ornaments and Tk 1.68 lakh in cash.

Following the arrests, a case was filed against them with Banani Police Station under Digital Security Act.

The four also made confessional statements before a Dhaka court admitting their involvement in the crime.

NIGERIAN NATIONALS HELD FOR FRAUD

Eighteen people, including 16 Nigerian nationals, were arrested in the capital's Pallabi area on charges of attempting to grab a huge amount of money from a Facebook friend, CID disclosed in a press release yesterday.

They became Facebook friends with a Bangladeshi citizen and offered to send them expensive gifts free of cost through parcel.

Then, one of their gang members pretended to be a customs official, and

asked for Tk 45,000 from him to release the package.

As the victim paid the money, the imposter then asked for Tk 2.5 lakh to release the parcel.

He also threatened that if the money is not sent, the victim will face a case under Customs Act and Money Laundering Act as the package contained foreign currency, CID said.

As the victim informed the matter to the cyber police team of CID, they launched an investigation and arrested the 18 alleged fraud gang members, said DIG Shah Alam.

The arrestees are Imran Hossain, Harunur Rashed, Nigerian nationals Chimezie Oyema, Agina Chukwuekwu, Chimaobi Attah Gabriel, Kenechuku Stanley, Okeke Celestine Abuchi, Uzoogbo Samuel Ekene, Ufochukwu Tochukwu Uchenna, Obuka Sunday Emmanuel, Ndommadu Chineda, Enugwulike Anthony Okwudiri, Chibuife Ezeonyi Obinwanne, Ugochukwu Darlington Chikelu, Kenechukwu Charles Onwuachu, Ozo Rmgho Henry Ejike, Chibuzor Nwaneti Victor and Anoruka Ginika Francis.

Police recovered Tk. 7.22 lakh, 29,000 Nigerian currency, and a huge quantity of garments products.

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The Board of Directors of National Credit and Commerce Bank Limited (NCCBL) in its 430th meeting held on Thursday, July 09, 2020 (virtual meeting), among others, further took the following decisions to comply with the guidelines of Bangladesh Bank:

1. After considering/adopting its annual audited Financial Statements for the year 2019:

i	Date and Time of 35th AGM	Monday, September 28, 2020 at 11:00 A.M.
ii	Venue	Kurmitola Golf Club, Dhaka Cantonment, Dhaka
iii	Record Date	Monday, August 10, 2020
iv	Recommendation of entitlement for the Shareholders	Total 17.00% (15.00% cash and 2.00% stock) dividend for the year ended December 31, 2019.

2. The following financial positions were declared/disclosed earlier will remain unchanged:

Sl.No.	Particulars	2019 (Taka: where applicable) Consolidated	Solo	2018 (Taka: where applicable) Consolidated	Solo
i	Net Asset Value (NAV)	1,948.95 Crore	1,936.74 Crore	1,779.70 Crore	1,767.66 Crore
ii	NAV per Share	21.02	20.88	19.19	19.06
iii	Earnings Per Share (EPS)	2.30	2.30	1.97	1.96
iv	Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)	4.60	4.61	5.44	5.48

Dated: Dhaka
July 09, 2020

Sd/-
Md. Monirul Alam, FCS
EVP & Company Secretary

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Helvetas Bangladesh invites applications of **National Civil Society Partner Organizations** with adequate competence and experience to implement the 1st Phase of the project **"Strengthened and Informative Migration Systems (SIMS)"** funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). Applicant organizations are invited to express their interest and submit a presentation of their organization, their respective capacities, experiences and networks in specific geographical areas targeted by the project.

Applicant Organizations meeting the below pre-requisites should deliver the complete Application until the **24th August 2020** not later than **3:00 pm** to the following address: **HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation; Attn. Sharmin Zaman; House # 13/A NE (K); Road # 83, 1st floor; Gulshan 2, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh.**

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- Having effective governance structures and compliance procedures/mechanisms;
- Availability of external annual audit information for the last three years, including management letters;
- Having a sound understanding of the migration context in Bangladesh, including relevant track record of project implementation on safe labor migration for low-skilled migrant workers.

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