



Fish farm owner Shahidul Islam Bapary and his mother surveying the tragic sight of a 40-bigha pond full of dead fish in Ashulia on the outskirts of the capital yesterday. Shahidul said miscreants had poured poison into the pond, causing the death of fish worth Tk 5 crore.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

LALMONIRHAT SADAR OC withdrawn after video clip of taking bribe goes viral

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The officer-in-charge of Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station, whose video clip of taking bribes to record a false case went viral, was withdrawn on Thursday afternoon.

OC Mahfuz Alam has been transferred to Dhaka Tourist Police as per the instructions of the Police Headquarters, said Abida Sultana, superintendent of Lalmonirhat police.

In the video clip, the OC was seen rubbing his hands with sanitiser and then accepting Tk 10,000 from

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Bhutto's statement lambasted

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SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU TO LEAVE FOR GENEVA ON AUGUST 21

Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman will leave London for Geneva on August 21 to recuperate from his gallbladder surgery. The prime minister is likely to stay in Geneva for 10 days.

According to a health bulletin issued today by the prime minister's personal physician Dr Nurul Islam, Bangabandhu is gradually regaining his strength. His health condition is normal. He was examined by Sir Edward Muir this morning.

NO TALK BEFORE RECOGNITION

Bangabandhu's entourage has strongly reacted to

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Doraiswami new Indian envoy to Bangladesh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Senior diplomat Vikram Kumar Doraiswami will be the next Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, succeeding Riva Ganguly Das.



Doraiswami, currently an additional secretary at India's External Affairs Ministry, is expected to take up his new assignment soon, an official announcement said on Thursday night.

He earlier served as India's Ambassador to South Korea and also joint secretary of the Americas division in the External Affairs Ministry from 2012-2014.

Outgoing Ambassador Riva Ganguly Das, who has been posted in Dhaka for a little over a year, is returning to New Delhi to be the secretary (East) in the External Affairs Ministry.

Doraiswami comes to

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CORONAVIRUS IN FROZEN FOOD

WHO downplays infection risk

Urges people not to panic

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The World Health Organization (WHO) has urged people not to fear catching the novel coronavirus from food, after Chinese testers found traces on food and food packaging.

Two cities in China on Thursday found the virus in frozen chicken wings imported from Brazil and shrimp from Ecuador, raising public concern.

Chinese shoppers yesterday expressed dismay at the news, with some saying they would avoid the products.

The Philippines imposed a temporary

ban on poultry meat imports from Brazil yesterday, including chicken wings from the South American country.

However, the WHO said there was no need to panic -- and there were no examples of the respiratory disease being transmitted through food.

"People are already scared enough and fearful enough in the Covid pandemic," WHO emergencies director Michael Ryan told a virtual press conference in Geneva on Thursday.

"People should not fear food or food packaging or the processing or delivery

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A LEVEL EXAM RESULTS

Many students upset by downgrading

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

Students were "stunned and aggrieved" and demanded a revision after their O and A level results were downgraded by Cambridge International board, which marked students based on a formula in the absence of the usual exams due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

A level results under Pearson Edexcel have seen the same fate. The O level exam results will likely come out in the third week of this month.

This year, all boards responsible for arranging O level and A level exams across the globe decided not to hold exams for its June 2020 series due to the coronavirus outbreak. Instead, they prepared results based on predicted grades and previous academic records submitted by schoolteachers, English medium schoolteachers said.

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AMNESTY FOR MIGRANTS IN ITALY

More than 12,000 Bangladeshis apply for regularisation

JAMIL MAHMUD

At least 12,746 undocumented Bangladeshi migrants in Italy have applied for regularisation under an Italian government-declared amnesty programme which is scheduled to end today.

Their papers will now be verified and they will be interviewed by the authorities concerned before they get their work permits, Arfanul Haque, labour welfare counsellor at the Bangladesh Embassy in Rome, told The Daily Star yesterday.

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