

Fish markets in Barishal sit idle

Anglers, traders worried about low fish supply; officials say it's normal for this season

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Anglers and fisheries officials have reported a decrease in the number of fish caught from Barishal's rivers, though for different reasons according to each party. As a result, supply of local fish to major fish markets has come down noticeably.

On one hand, local anglers said the situation arose as fishing in the river has been banned for the last 15 days, while fisheries officials said fish supply has decreased naturally, as is normal for this season.

In addition, officials said anglers are catching less fish than before, as they are using illegal nets, which depletes fish supply and brings fewer catches.

Following their claims, this correspondent, while visiting Port Road Wholesale Fish Market -- one of the biggest wholesale fish markets of the south region -- and other markets and saw very little activity.

Traders and labourers were mostly sitting idle, as there is not much work. Some shops were found closed while some store fronts were being used to repair fishing pots.

Soleiman Fakir, a worker at the market, told this correspondent that since a lot less fish is coming in every day, their income has decreased by at least six to eight times.

Nirab Hossain Tutul, president of Barishal Port Road Motsho Arotard Samity,

said compared to an inflow of 800-2,000 maunds of fish per day, the number has now come down to 100-150 maunds. Hilsa rarely comes, with less than 50 maunds arriving on Thursday.

"Some anglers are afraid of going out to the rivers after thousands of nets were burned in a massive operation to protect jatka, which ran from January 10-16 and January 25 to Feb 1. This is another reason why netting has decreased," Nirab said.

According to the Fisheries Department, the special operation ran on six districts of Barishal division. In total, 761 operation were conducted by 294 mobile courts.

Bimal Das, district fisheries officer (hilsa), said as a result of the operation, anglers are not able to use illegal nets, which may give off the impression that less fish is being caught, but he assured that this is normal.

"It is normal for fish supply to be low at this point of the year. It will increase from April. There is nothing to worry about," said Anisur Rahman Talukder, deputy director of Divisional Fisheries Office of Barishal.

"The operations seized 1,243 'Behundi nets', 68.09 lakh metres of current nets, 22,707 metric tonnes of jatka, and one tonne of other fishes. In the meantime, 131 cases were filed and 92 anglers were jailed for illegal netting," he added.



It's less a walking space and more a hawker's paradise. On top of that, parts of the road adjacent to the footpath is taken over by parked rickshaws. All in all, the capital's Green Road is far from pedestrian-friendly. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Chobi Mela

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Collectives' Intervention, Baba Betar, Chhapakhana Archive, Anatomies of Tongues -- and projects under the Chobi Mela Fellowship 2021, which was awarded to 14 young artists under the special segment curated by Zihan Karim, titled "Bodh", inspired from Jibananda Das' poem of the same name.

Tanzim Wahab, ASM Rezaur Rahman and Sarker Protick, along with Anushka Rajendran, Nazmun Nahar Keya and Zihan Karim, are curating this year's Chobi Mela.

Photographic artworks from 32 local and foreign artists are being showcased. Participating collectives are Cheragi Art Show (Jog Art Space) from Chattogram, Daagi Art Garage from Dhaka, Kali Collective from Dhaka and Colomboscope from Sri Lanka.

One of the major highlights this year is "Baba Betar" by artist Arfun Ahmed, an experimental art-radio project, which will be broadcast from the festival's website for 10 consecutive days, from 8pm-10pm, right after the special Chobi Mela Shunno podcast series, a conversation between international curator and writer Natasha Ginwala and British-Nigerian photographer Akinbode Akinbiyi at 7pm.

This festival was scheduled to observe "Drik Day" yesterday, and will celebrate "Pathshala Day" today, "Solidarity Day" tomorrow and "Baba Betar Day" on Tuesday.

Chobi Mela Shunno will conclude on February 21, and visitors can explore the festival daily from 11pm to 8pm.

Army chief

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added. General Aziz emphasised on sending back Rashed Chowdhury, a death row convict in Bangabandhu murder case, to Bangladesh.

On February 4, a guard of honour, on behalf of US Army chief General McConville, was presented to the chief of Bangladesh Army.

Later, General Aziz paid a courtesy call on his US counterpart and discussed ways to strengthen relations between armies of the two countries as well as mutual cooperation.

Last week, the army chief exchanged views with the military adviser and under-secretary-generals to the UN peacekeeping mission.

During the discussion, the UN senior officials lauded the professional skills of the peacekeepers from Bangladesh.

The army chief made a promise to the senior UN officials over scaling up the strong role of Bangladesh Army in preserving world peace.

His US trip would play an important role in increasing the number of Bangladeshi members in UN peacekeeping missions, said the press release.

Connect, revive

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is needed to recover the canals. He also spoke about the importance of decentralisation to lessen the pressure on Dhaka.

Rajuk DAP project director Ashrafur Islam claimed that the bigger water retention areas like Hatirjheel, Gulshan and Baridhara lakes have been created by Rajuk.

"We found out that local ponds were being used for retaining water in those areas... but the city became densely populated over the years and there is very little space left for creating more water retention ponds," he said. "Now, local reservoirs have to be revived so that they can retain water properly," he added.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Md Tazul Islam said plans should be undertaken taking population density of an area into account.

He also said the mayors are doing their best to recover the canals, but they are facing many challenges. "Those can be overcome through working collectively and community engagement."

UDJF president Motin Abdullah presided over the programme. Its general secretary Sohel Mamun and Institute of Water and Environment chairman M Inamul Haque were also present at the event.



Traders sit at the empty Barishal Port Road Wholesale Fish Market, due to a drastic decrease in fish supply. Anglers say it's the result of a recent series of netting bans, while fisheries officials maintain it's normal for this time of year.

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Youth arrested for stabbing Hefajat leader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have arrested a youth on the charge of stabbing Hefajat-e-Islam's central leader Jasim Uddin in Dhaka's Lalbagh area on Tuesday.

Masum Hasan Imran (30) was held in the capital's Dakshinkhan on Friday, KM Ashraf Uddin, officer-in-charge of Lalbagh Police Station, told The Daily Star. "He was seen in CCTV footage collected from nearby area after the attack. Hasan confessed to attacking Jasim Uddin. Police are interrogating him to know the motive," the OC said.

Maulana Jasim Uddin, assistant secretary general of Hefajat, was stabbed in the back while he was heading towards his Lalmatia home on a rickshaw from Jamia Qurania Arabia Madrasa in Lalbagh around 5pm on Tuesday.

Jasim, a senior teacher of the madrasa, is son-in-law of Mufti Fazlul Haque Amini.

MUJIB BORSHO CELEBRATIONS

SC judges visit Bangabandhu jail memorial museum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mujib Borsho Udjapon Committee of the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Husain, visited the old Central Jail at Nazimuddin Road to see the Bangabandhu Jail Memorial Museum yesterday.

Committee members, all sitting judges of the Appellate and High Court divisions of the SC, left a floral wreath at the place where Bangabandhu's sculpture has been erected.

The "Kamini" tree, planted by Bangabandhu himself, is still there to blossom flowers and spread its fragrance.

The museum on Bangabandhu was established encompassing the Dewani Cell, where Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was kept detained during the Pakistani regime.

"Many of us know what Bangabandhu sacrificed for the Bengali nation. Anyone visiting the museum would find it difficult to control their emotions. The measures taken by the Pakistanis to subdue Bangabandhu's spirit is harrowing to witness," Justice Obaidul Hassan, an Appellate Division judge and committee member, told The Daily Star.

"We also visited the place where the four national leaders were killed and placed floral wreaths at the mausoleum made in their memory. It was a shame for the nation that we failed to bring the culprits to book for quite a long period. However, after Sheikh Hasina, Bangabandhu's daughter, assumed power, and the trial of the murderers finally started. Eventually the perpetrators were punished," he said.

"Let's pray for the departed souls of Bangabandhu and his family members who were killed on August 15, 1975 and the national leaders who were killed on November 3, 1975," the judge said.

Betar's

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State Minister for Information Dr Murad Hasan and Information Secretary Khaja Mia addressed the discussion as special guests with Bangladesh Betar Director General Ahmed Kamruzzaman in the chair.

The minister said Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra had played a major role in nation building activities in the post-independent era.

Radio is also playing a crucial role in nation building activities and many of the programmes have a wide appeal in rural areas, he said.

The minister said radio has also been playing a pivotal role in creating awareness among people during the Covid-19 situation. He said people now can listen to Bangladesh Betar programmes through apps on mobile phones all over the world.

Murad Hasan said Bangladesh Betar is playing an important role in implementing rights to information and "Digital Bangladesh".

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Ref: 56(5)/NINS&H/Tender Document/2020-21/1945
Date: 09/02/2021

Invitation for Tender (OTM)

01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
02	Agency	Director General of Health Service.
03	Procuring entity name	Director, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital.
04	Procuring entity code	1270208111110.
05	Procuring entity district	Dhaka-1207.
06	Invitation for	Supply of Medical Equipment.
07	Invitation Reference No.	56(5)/NINS&H/Tender Document/2020-21/1945.
08	Date	09/02/2021.

KEY INFORMATION

09	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget & source of fund	Revenue Budget (GoB) & other fund.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Office code	1270208111110.
12	Office name	National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital.
13	Tender package No.	NINS&H/2020-21/ME-05.
14	Tender package name	Supply of Medical Equipment.
15	Tender publication date	14/02/2021.
16	Tender last selling date	13/03/2021 (office hour).
17	Tender closing date & time	14/03/2021, Time: 12:00pm.
18	Tender opening date & time	14/03/2021, Time: 12:30pm.
19	Name & address of the office	
	Selling tender document	Accounts Section, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
	Receiving tender document	1) Room No. 311, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. 2) Emergency Department, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
	Opening tender document	Room No. 311, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

20	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderer shall have the following legal documents/capacity to enter into the contract- a) Valid up-to date trade licence b) TIN certificate c) VAT/BIN registration certificate d) Bank solvency certificate e) Attached DVD soft copy f) Other details conditions including in the schedule.			
21	Brief description of goods	Supply of Medical Equipment.			
22	Price of tender document	Lot. 1- Tk. 5000.00, Lot. 2- Tk. 3000.00, Lot. 3- Tk. 3000.00, Lot. 4- Tk. 3000.00 & Lot. 5- Tk. 3000.00			
23	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Security amount	Completion time in work
	01	Supply of Medical Equipment for Cath Lab	NINS&H	Tk. 47,50,000/-	30 days after work order
	02	Supply of Medical Equipment for OT		Tk. 14,10,000/-	30 days after work order
	03	Supply of Medical Equipment for Radiology & Imaging		Tk. 12,60,000/-	30 days after work order
	04	Supply of Medical Equipment for Lab		Tk. 7,10,000/-	30 days after work order
	05	Supply of Others Medical Equipment		Tk. 18,70,000/-	30 days after work order

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

24	Name of official inviting tender	Prof. Dr. Quazi Deen Mohammad.
25	Designation of official inviting tender	Director.
26	Address of official inviting tender	National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital.
27	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: +88-02-48120079; Fax: +88-02-48120568, E-mail: nins@hospi.dghs.gov.bd
28	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatever.	

Note: (1) If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working date will be applicable for the same respectively.

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For the last five years, Rizia Begum has been making a living by collecting plastic and paper scraps from roads of the port city and selling them in bulk. Many just like her are involved in this practice, which in a way helps recycling efforts and to make the city a bit cleaner. But ultimately, it is not up to these individuals to keep littering in check; authorities concerned and all residents should be collectively responsible. This photo was taken from Kazir Dewri area yesterday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN