

Pabna village haats now under surveillance

Traders of Bonogram and Dublia haats install cameras with the help of Ataikula police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Traders of Bonogram haat in Santhia upazila, one of the biggest village markets of Pabna district, were often harassed by extortionists and thieves but now they are feeling pretty much secure as the entire market has come under Close Circuit Camera (CC camera) surveillance, thanks to the Bazar association and district police administration.

Earlier, Dublia haat in Pabna Sadar upazila was brought under CC camera surveillances a week ago. In the same way, all haats in the district are likely to be brought under CC camera surveillances soon for ensuring safety in rural areas, district police administration sources said.

"Bonogram haat is one of the leading rural markets of Pabna. Over four hundred traders have regular business and several thousand traders from different areas come on the weekly haat day with the weekly transaction of the market reaching upto Tk 100 crore," said, Ripon Munshi, president of Bonogram Bazar traders' association.

Due to the huge gathering in the haat day muggers often snatch money from traders and buyers in the busy market while frequent theft was a matter, so the Bazar committee with the help of the police administration has set up 22 CC cameras at important points of the haat, he said.

"Traders of Bonogram haat arranged fund for setting up CC cameras in the entire market while the footages are being screened by the police personnel at the Bonogram police camp," Ripon Munshi said adding they have plan to set 10 more cameras in the market.

"If any crime takes place, the criminals would be identified easily due to the CC cameras so the traders and buyers of the market are feeling safe," said Md Faruk Hossain, a trader of the market.

Md Jalal Uddin, Officer-In-Charge of Ataikula Police Station, however, said not only



in Bonogram haat but also Dubliahaat under Ataikula police station has also been brought under CC camera surveillance installing 16 cameras a week ago.

In the same way Ataikula haat and Pushpopara haat of Pabna Sadar Police Station will come under CC camera surveillance soon for ensuring safety of the busy rural markets, the OC said.

"Instructed by the superintendent of Pabna police, Ataikula Police has taken the first initiative to bring village markets (haats) under CC camera surveillances. Traders of Dublia haat

and Bonogram haat came forward for setting up cameras while two other haats under my police station will also be brought under CC camera surveillances soon," OC Jalal added.

Md Muhibul Islam, superintendent of police in Pabna, said steps will be taken to bring all the rural markets (haats) under CC camera surveillances.

"Through the CC cameras police will easily monitor the busy rural markets of the district. It will help to improve law and order situation in the district," The SP added.

Four convicts

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1971 Liberation War, and issued a gazette notification to this effect on December 15 the same year.

Nur was awarded the title "Bir Bikram", Dalim "Bir Uttam", and Rashed and Moslehuddin were given the title "Bir Protik".

On Wednesday, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque told reporters that his ministry decided in principle to strip the four convicted killers of the state gallantry awards.

Earlier the High Court on December 15 last year had ordered the government to suspend the state gallantry awards of the four convicted killers of Bangabandhu.

'Reef stars'

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around a metre in diameter, in coral reefs across Bali. The stars bridge gaps in the reefs where coral has died, supporting regrowth.

"We're aiming to install about 5,000 reef stars over the next five years," Hutasoit, 52, a former World Wildlife Fund employee, told Reuters.

"And in the future, we also if possible want to expand outside Bali for the restoration of coral reefs."

The Indonesian archipelago harbours more than 75% of the world's coral species, many of which are facing erosion and bleaching every year, according to the Coral Triangle Initiative, a transnational coral restoration project.

Only just over half of Bali's coral reefs are considered to be in "good" condition with 30% in "poor" condition and the remaining 15% in "very poor" condition, according to a 2018 report by Bali's Marine and Fisheries Department.

The damage has been attributed to human activity, including destructive fishing, global warming, and heavy waves.

Part of the Nusa Dua Foundation's remit is holding community outreach programs, attempting to educate local residents about the importance of protecting Bali's coral reefs.

I Nyoman Sadnya, a local fisherman, said his parents had mined coral from the island's reefs for decades, unaware of the destructive long-term impact.

"My parents did not have a job and the area here used to be an arid area, and sometimes it was difficult to find food," he said. "So my parents resorted to coral mining for building materials, because they didn't know (it was bad)."

It's '40pc more transmissible'

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came from the government body of scientific advisors, SAGE.

Concerns are mounting over whether the emergence of the Delta variant threatens the government's provisional June 21 deadline for lifting virus restrictions.

Hancock acknowledged that the Delta variant "does make the calculation more difficult for June 21". "We'll look at the data for another week and then make a judgement," he told the BBC yesterday, stressing that the government was "absolutely open" to delaying the lifting of restrictions.

The minister nevertheless stressed that those who have had two doses of vaccine should be protected against illness from the Delta variant.

Public Health England said last month that research showed double vaccination was similarly effective against both the Kent and Delta variants.

"The best scientific advice I have at this stage is that, after one jab, it's not quite as effective against the new Delta variant, but after both jabs, it is," Hancock told the BBC.

So far hospitalisations are "broadly flat", with very few hospitalised after receiving both vaccine doses, he added.

Ruling party MPs blast govt

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of thought, speech and expression and of free media.

Participating in the discussion on the supplementary budget, MP Ali Ashraf said, "We took part in the country's Liberation War [in 1971] without thinking for our own lives, we did not struggle with the hope of getting something in return. We did it in response to the call of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in order to free the people... Now in that same country, we have to bow our heads in shame and hate due to thieves.

"Although the prime minister and her government have unequivocally mentioned zero tolerance against corruption and those involved in money laundering, I think adequate and proper steps should be taken in this regard."

The AL MP also suggested the government overhaul the tax administration and increase its efficiency, transparency, honesty and sincerity.

Speaking against the proposed taxation on the income of private universities and private medical

The UK has so far given more than 27 million people two doses -- more than 50 percent of adults -- while more than 40 million have had one dose.

Hancock said the government was "taking clinical advice" on whether to extend the vaccination programme to children over 12, who are believed to be playing a major role in spreading the virus. But this would not be mandatory, he added.

TRANSIT OF VACCINES

The coronavirus has killed at least 3,723,381 people since the outbreak emerged in China in December 2019, according to a tally from official sources compiled by AFP yesterday.

The United States is the worst-affected country with 597,377 deaths from 33,357,240 cases.

Senator Tammy Duckworth said yesterday the United States will donate 750,000 Covid-19 vaccine doses to Taiwan as part of the country's plan to share shots globally, offering a much-needed boost to the island's fight against the pandemic.

Taiwan is dealing with a spike in domestic cases but has been affected like many places by global vaccine shortages. Only around 3% of its 23.5 million people have been vaccinated, with most getting only the first shot of

two needed.

Meanwhile, ministers from the Asia-Pacific trade group Apec on Saturday agreed to review trade barriers and expedite the cross-border transit of Covid-19 vaccines and related goods, but stopped short of a broad commitment to remove tariffs.

A meeting of trade ministers from the 21-economy group, which includes the United States, China and Japan, also produced pledges to support World Trade Organization negotiations for an intellectual property waiver on Covid-19 vaccines.

In three statements issued after the meeting, the ministers said they would "expedite the flow and transit of all Covid-19 vaccines and related goods through their air, sea and land ports."

"We will consider voluntary actions to reduce the cost of these products for our people, particularly by encouraging each economy to review its own charges levied at the border on Covid-19 vaccines and related goods," one statement said.

The ministers also said they were committed to work to facilitate the movement of essential goods and minimize disruptions to networks critical to keeping supply chains operating smoothly, reports Reuters.

"Otherwise people will die on the streets."

He also demanded reforms in the health department.

On the other hand, Rumeen said journalist Rozina was subjected to extreme harassment at the hands of bureaucrats for highlighting irregularities and corruption in the health sector.

She said Rozina reported on the irregularities and corruption in the health sector and that's why she fell victim to extreme harassment by the government.

Rumeen, also an opposition whip, questioned what steps were actually taken against those who detained and humiliated Rozina for six hours?

"The government would boast about the number of media outlets in the country. If there are various restrictions on them for publishing a truthful report, then none of them can function independently, no matter what the number is. And that is why Bangladesh ranks 152nd out of 180 countries in the world free media index. Myanmar, Afghanistan and even Uganda are above Bangladesh."

Move to Home unconstitutional

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Former Justice Abdul Matin, who presided over the discussion, said many people think the move was with "motivate".

Shujan Secretary Badiul Alam Majumder said the move was a naked attack on the independence of the commission. The NID card and voter list is inter-connected.

If the NID card and voter database come under the control of the government, it can create a scope for their political use. It also can give the government scope for including or excluding anyone, he added.

Dhaka University Professor Asif Nazrul said the government disgraced the EC. "If the NID services are given to the home ministry, it would be dangerous...."

He added that this move might create the scope for the police to harass people.

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal leader Razequzzaman Ratan said this move was to curb citizen's rights.

Communist Party of Bangladesh leader Ruhin Hossain Prince said it reflects that the government wants to continue its authoritative rule.

Jatiya Party (Manju) leader Sheikh Shahidul Islam said there should be a separate body like NID Commission as there is a lack of trust in the home ministry.

Journalist Abu Sayeed Khan said the EC's NID wing was a successful one, it should be under the EC.

Another journalist Sohrab Hossain said the current Election Commission failed to ensure the voting rights of the

people.

"It is now a spineless organisation... I think the move of shifting the NID services was part of plan to divert the EC's failures," he added.

The Prime Minister's Office in late May instructed the Cabinet Division to take necessary steps to move NID-related services to the Security Services Division under the home ministry.

Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda and Election Commissioner Mahub Talukdar already expressed concern regarding the matter.

Bangladesh Election Commission Officers Association and Bangladesh Election Commission Secretariat and Field Level Officers-Employees Unity Council also expressed worry over this.

4 killed in 2 months in clashes over UP polls in Mehendiganj

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At least four people have been killed in a series of clashes over the UP elections of Uttar and Dakkhin Ulania Union Parishad in Mehendiganj upazila of Barishal in the last two months.

More than 50 people have been injured and 20/25 houses vandalized in the clashes.

On May 20, Jamal Dhali's house in Saldi village of North Ulania union was attacked by Kalam Bepari's supporters while a wedding ceremony was in progress. Jamal Dhali's cousins-- Abdus Sattar Dhali and Siddikur Rahman--were killed and 15/20 people were injured in this incident.

Locals said in the last Dhulkhola UP election, Awami League nominated candidate Jamal Dhali and rebel candidate Kalam Bepari contested and both of them lost to the BNP candidate. Since then, there have been sporadic clashes between supporters of both candidates, leading to the attack at the wedding party.

On April 11, clashes broke out between supporters of Awami League candidate Milon Chowdhury and rebel candidate Ruma Begum at Sultani village in Dakshin Ulania union Parishad in the upazila. Saiful Sardar, a supporter of Ruma Begum, and Sayed Chowdhury, a cousin of Milon Chowdhury, were killed in the incident. The two lost their lives as a result of clashes over the union parishad election, locals said.

On December 4, 30/35 people, including police, were injured in a clash between the two chairman candidates and police in the Dakshin Ulania Union Parishad election in Mehendiganj upazila.

At least four people were also injured in clashes between supporters of a rival

candidate on December 4, in Uttar Ulania Union Parishad elections.

Though the election has been postponed in these two centers, the clashes have not stopped.

Abul Kalam, officer-in-charge of Mehendiganj Police Station, said that the number of accused in the four murders in the upazila was more than hundred and police are trying to arrest all of accused.

Local people alleged that MP of this constituency Pankaj Nath has fueled a part of the conflict.

Asked about the matter, he said, the situation has heated up after the secretary of the district Awami League, Talukder Md Younus, delivered a speech during the UP election here. The MP denied his involvement in any violence.

District Awami League Secretary Talukdar Md Younus denied the allegations, saying he was not involved in local politics.

Meanwhile, former upazila chairman Ad Mansur Ahmed has expressed concern over the killings.

"People want to live here peacefully, we have to make sure of that anyway," he said.

Additional Superintendent of Police (Mehendiganj) Sukumar Roy said that political clashes were going on one after another. Although law enforcers are active, political action is necessary to resolve crisis. We have already informed the higher authorities.

Superintendent of Police (SP), Barishal Range, Md Maruf Hossain said that everything is being done to control law and situation by the police here. Two police camps have been set up in the two unions. Forty people have been arrested in the case. Police are in a tough position here.

2 largest currency

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government banks for checking of serial numbers in the next three days.

INDEPENDENCE WILL DEFINITELY COME: BHASANI

Maulana Bhasani said the people of Bangladesh would continue their present struggle as long as it was required, no matter whether they received cooperation and assistance from other countries. In a statement issued today Bhasani said all parts of Bangladesh were smeared with the blood of one million Bangalees and through this stream of blood, the independence of Bengal would definitely come. That was why the people were fighting the West Pakistani army staking their life and property.

He said this struggle was not only for realising the political rights of the people but also to remove economic disparity. Hence this fight would not end in any compromise.

PRINCE AGA KHAN MEETS YAHYA

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan today conferred with President Yahya Khan in Rawalpindi. Prince Aga Khan, who arrived in Rawalpindi on June 6, 1971 on a three-day visit at the invitation of the Pakistan government, would visit Bangladesh.

Earlier, his office announced that

Prince Aga Khan would discuss possible arrangements for the return of the East Pakistani refugees who fled to India. Repatriation was the "most desirable solution to the problem from the humanitarian point of view," said the announcement.

FAO APPEALS FOR AID

The director general of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) appealed today for additional assistance to relieve "the very serious humanitarian problem" raised by the recent war in East Pakistan. Speaking at the opening session of the FAO Council in Rome, Dr Addeke H Boerma declared that the requests for emergency food aid by Pakistan and India were "beyond the resources" of his organisation and the World Food Program.

LOADING OF CTG-BOUND SHIPS STOPPED

Port workers in Kolkata stopped today two Chittagong-bound ships -- London Advocate and Manipur. The boycott was in compliance with a directive from the Port Sramik Union. The cargo included transformers, automotive parts, naphtha, tractor parts, drugs and military goods.

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