



Dhaka North City Corporation conducted a drive to recover the Rupnagar canal in the capital's Mirpur yesterday. During the drive, DNCC officials evicted several illegal establishments occupying the land adjacent to the waterbody. PHOTO: COURTESY

ILLEGAL HILSA CATCHING 37 fishermen jailed for 15 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj
A mobile court yesterday arrested 55 fishermen and convicted 37 of them for illegally catching hilsa from the Padma river in Munshiganj.
The court led by Executive Magistrate Kawser Hamid, Louhajang Upazila Assistant Commissioner (Land), sentenced 37 fishermen to jail for 15 days, said Asaduzzaman Asad, senior upazila fisheries officer in Louhajang.
18 other fishermen, aged below 18, were released on bond, Kawser Hamid said.
During the drive from 2am to 10am, 120,000 metres of current net, 250kg mother hilsa and a fishing boat were seized, said the official.
The seized nets were burnt and the fish were distributed to 11 orphanages, he added.

Govt trying to implicate

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the BNP leader said, "These sorts of incidents took place due to the indifference of the law enforcers. They played the role of silent spectators. Whenever Awami League comes to power, Hindu community people come under attack."
Party standing committee member Goyeshwar Chandra Roy said the ruling party is behind the recent attacks on temples.
"The Awami League benefited from these incidents [of attacks on Hindu temples]. If they can evict the Hindus, they get the lands. If the Hindus stay in the country, they [the AL] get their votes," he alleged.
Saying that the Cumilla incident is planned, he demanded arrest of the OC of the police station in the area.
Criticising the law enforcers' role,

SM Ali

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in 1928. He was the eldest son of the late Syed Mustafa Ali, an official of the Assam Civil Service, and nephew of famous litterateur Syed Mujtaba Ali.
Ali started off as a reporter with the Pakistan Observer while he was a student at Dhaka University. He went on to hold important positions in various publications in Pakistan, Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore.
He was the managing director of The Hong Kong Standard and The Bangkok Post.
He joined the Press Foundation of Asia as its executive director in the 1970s. In the mid-1980s, he became Unesco's regional communications adviser for Asia and the Pacific based in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur.
Ali returned home in 1989 and had a brief stint with the Bangladesh Observer as editor.
He launched The Daily Star in 1991 and worked tirelessly to establish it as a leading national daily. He injected a new life in the English language journalism of the period.
He died in 1993 at a Bangkok hospital at the age of 65.

Robbery gang

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to get the victims unconscious, rob their belongings and then dump them outside Dhaka.
Sometimes they rob them at knifepoint and other times they form a liaison with the target before sedating and robbing them.
Liton Sarker, who arrived in the country on September 7 from Egypt after five years, is one of the victims of the gang.
When he was waiting for his car at the airport roundabout, five to six gang members intercepted him, snatched his luggage, handbag, gold ornaments and Tk 40,000 cash at knifepoint, according to the DB official.
The robbers then forced him onto their vehicle and threatened him not to report the incident.
A case was filed over the robbery on October 15.
Another victim -- Omar Sharif arrived from the airport area on his way to Natore's Boraigram. He was then released outside Dhaka after the gang snatched his luggage and passport.
However, the victims are unwilling to file cases as they have to go abroad and want to avoid all kinds of legal hassle, according to the DB official.
More than 50 expats have been targets of such robberies, and only seven have filed cases so far, he added.

201 more

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According to the DGHS, 83 people have died of dengue infection in the country this year. Twelve people died in July while 34 have died in August and 23 in September and 14 in October so far.
Among the deaths, 77 have died in Dhaka division, two in Chattogram division and Khulna and one each in Rajshahi and Mymensingh divisions.
Though most of the patients who were hospitalised have so far been released, 844 are still undergoing treatment at hospitals in Dhaka, and 193 outside the capital, the DGHS data shows.

Action borne out

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The entire initiative is being funded by a group of 500 people, mainly traders from the area, but also some residents.
Requesting anonymity, one of the organisers told this correspondent they are using sand and brick chips on a one km stretch of the road. They have also hired a roller to crush the materials into size, so that the road regains at least some of its navigability.
He said though they understand this is a temporary fix, there's little else to do given the authorities' negligence to respond to their innumerable requests.
The four authorities -- Khulna Development Authority (KDA), Khulna City Corporation (KCC), Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) and district administration -- under whose domain the road falls said lack of co-ordination between them is the main issue.
According to KCC, it has custody over 780m of the road. Officials said it comes

down to the lack of co-ordination between KCC and KDA.
Mashiuzzaman Khan, executive engineer of KCC, told The Daily Star they will call tenders for works on their portion of the road very soon.
Meanwhile, KDA Chief Engineer Kazi Md Sabirul Alam said, "KDA doesn't have funds to maintain the road, so we handed over a part of it to KCC. We also issued a letter to LGED to maintain rest of the road."
"KCC recently took the responsibility, but LGED didn't inform us about this," Sabirul said, adding that another letter will be sent to LGED soon.
Meanwhile, KDA had completed the road on June 2013 at a cost of Tk 20.48 crore, said sources at the organisation.
In December of that year, KDA issued letters to KCC and LGED, directing KCC to take charge of the eastern part of the road and LGED the western part.
However, no renovation or repair work has been done since its construction.

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and bring them under the law, irrespective of political identities. It urged all parties to leave "blame-game politics" over the incidents.
The WPB statement urged all progressive, democratic political parties, socio-economic organisations to work together to shape public opinion against such communal activities.
Meanwhile, rights group Human Rights Forum Bangladesh (HRFB) also condemned the recent attacks on Hindu minorities in a statement yesterday.
"It was the government's duty to ensure people's [religious] rights and take action," the statement said. The forum demanded that all instigators and perpetrators be brought to book after their identification through fair investigation.
It also said that local administrators should be made accountable for their failure to contain the attacks and ensure safety of Hindu minorities, temples, and mandaps.
The statement also said the people of the country should know why the government could not prepare for the incidents, as police authorities had prior information regarding possible violence.

Sheikh Russel

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Besides, the Bangladesh Shishu Academy will organise a book exhibition on Bangabandhu and Liberation War. Children's film will be screened at Shishu Academy Auditorium at noon.
A milad and doa mahfil will be organised at Shishu Academy Mosque at 1:45pm while a photo exhibition will be arranged at Sheikh Russel Gallery of the academy at 2pm.
To mark the day, ruling Awami League will place floral wreath at the graves of all martyrs, including Sheikh Russel, of the 15 August carnage in 1975 in the city's Banani graveyard at 8am.
A discussion will be held at 3:30pm on October 19 at AL central office in the city's Bangabandhu Avenue area.
AL President Sheikh Hasina will preside over the discussion through videoconferencing.
The day also will be observed at Bangladesh missions abroad while different dailies will publish supplements highlighting the significance of the day.

AL Presidium Member Matia Chowdhury chaired the event while joint general secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim, organising secretary Abu Sayeed Al Mahmud Swapan, office secretary Barrister Biplab Barua and lawmaker engineer Md Mosharraf Hossain addressed it, among others.
Dhaka University Professor Dr Abdul Halim presented the keynote paper at the event, moderated by Al Relief and Social Welfare sub-committee member secretary Sujit Roy Nandi.
Later, Quader distributed scholarships and donations from the "poor fund" and study material among the students.

BNP key patron

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storied Hazi Hashem Colony mosque building.
Law enforcers and officials visited the spot after the incident.
Rownakul Islam, engineer, Kamaphuli Gas Distribution Company said, "Our team is working on the incident. We found the gas oven intact."
Md Kamruzzaman, officer-in-charge, Bayezid Bostami Police Station said the room where the explosion took place lacks ventilation.
The body was sent to the CMCH morgue for autopsy, informed Kamruzzaman.

1 killed, 2 hurt

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his post as his forces did not obey his direction and misguiding him," said Zafrullah.
"If you cannot resign from your post then go visit the homes of the four who died in Chandpur. Besides, tell all imams to announce 'Hindu Muslim Bhai Bhai' (Hindu, Muslim are brothers) before every call for prayers," he added.
He said he and other freedom fighters seek apology on behalf of the home minister for the failure to save lives.
Zafrullah also said the government will have to provide compensation to the temples that came under attack.

Home minister

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Under the allowance scheme, some 295 differently-abled children of migrant workers will get a monthly allowance of Tk 1,000 each for five years. The allowance will be sent to the beneficiaries' bank accounts, according to ministry officials.
Shoab Ahmad Khan, joint secretary and director (finance and welfare) of WEWB, said they received 495 applications for the allowance but 200 applications were not accepted due to faults.
WEWB director general Hamidur Rahman, among others, addressed the event.
Some selected family members of migrant workers also received bank cheques from the minister on behalf of their differently-abled children during the ceremony.

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