

'Lowering age limit not a solution' Say child rights advocates on juvenile crime

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Lowering the legal age of what defines a minor will not solve a problem as complex as juvenile delinquency, said a coalition of NGOs that work with child rights.

The statement was sent by Child Rights Advocacy Coalition in Bangladesh, National Girl Child Advocacy Forum, Girls Not Brides and Joining Forces Bangladesh.

"We too are concerned about youth crime but we do not think that giving out stricter punishments will solve this. Instead, this will increase underage marriage and child labour," said the statement.

Instead, it must be examined why juveniles are becoming involved in different types of crime, who are exploiting them to hold on to power and how effective the youth development centres are at tackling juvenile delinquency, the statement read.

It also must be seen whether children have the scope for extra-curricular activities and whether our education system can instill moral values.



Little Rubab was spotted heading home with his family members for Eid vacation at Sadarghat yesterday. This eight-year-old refused to leave behind his pet birds. After all, they are family as well, and who leaves the family behind on occasions that are supposed to reunite families?

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Baitul Mukarram to host five Eid jamaats

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The main Eid-ul-Azha congregation will be held at Eidgah Maidan at 8:00am if weather remains favourable.

In case of bad weather, the main jamaat will be held at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque at 8:30am, said Abu Naser, spokesperson of Dhaka South City Corporation.

Besides, there will be five jamaats at the national mosque on the day, according to a statement of Islamic Foundation.

The first jamaat will be held at 7:00am while the next four will be held at 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am, and 10:45am respectively.

The largest Eid congregations will be held at Sholokia Eidgah ground in Kishoreganj.

Eid-ul-Azha, the second biggest religious festival of the Muslims, will be celebrated across the country on July 10 with due solemnity and religious fervour.

'US lies on Xinjiang may hurt Bangladeshi RMG industry' Says Chinese ambassador

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Li Jiming has claimed that Washington is spreading "lies" about "forced labour" in China's Xinjiang, and warned that if Bangladesh is not cautious enough, the "lies" may hurt the Bangladeshi RMG industry. He said this in a video post titled "#AMinuteWith Ambassador" in the Chinese Embassy Facebook yesterday.

Li Jiming said it has come to his attention that

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An alarming spike on the way?

Experts fear dengue may spread faster during Eid

HELEMUL ALAM

Dengue may spread further and faster during Eid vacation with thousands of people expecting to head home, said doctors and experts.

If a non-infected Aedes mosquito in a remote village bites an infected person, that mosquito in turn will infect other people, they warned.

According to the data of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), a total of 1,316 dengue patients were hospitalised till Tuesday, of whom, 151 are outside Dhaka.

Jahangirnagar University's entomologist Kabirul Bashar said as huge numbers of people will temporarily migrate from Dhaka to other districts, the chance to spread dengue increases.

The situation was similar in 2019 when over one

lakh people were infected and around half of them were infected outside Dhaka.

It is very important not to leave Dhaka with a fever and stay inside mosquito nets to stop the transmission, Bashar said.



"People will have to remain careful about their plant tubs, or the containers where they preserve water as Aedes will find suitable places to breed during the vacation. Everyone needs to cover the toilets before leaving home as well," he added.

Entomologist Dr Manzur A Chowdhury said as both dengue and Covid-19 cases are increasing simultaneously, the risks are double fold.

Manzur said if a dengue patient is found in rural areas or small cities, the authorities concerned will have to identify the case-positive houses and have

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Although traders are poised to sell the animals they brought to the cattle markets this year, customers are still sparse. Traders are hoping that sales will pick up right before Eid. This photo was taken recently from Gabtoli cattle market.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

CATTLE MARKETS

Sales yet to pick up

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Although a good number of sacrificial animals have arrived at Dhaka's cattle markets, customers were sparse yesterday, the first day of official operation of 20 markets.

Traders are still waiting for the rush of customers ahead of Eid, for which they have decided to stay put with their animals at the markets.

Md Mased, a trader at Dholaikhal, who brought 18 bulls to the market on Sunday, said he has failed to sell a single one, as the number of customers was poor, and those who went there bargained for amounts that would put him at a loss.

"We didn't sell them at our village, as we don't get enough money there. We bring the bulls here, hoping for a profit," he said.

Shukkur Ali Bepari - who brought his bull "Kala Babu" from Dohar, after raising it for five years - is asking for Tk 20 lakh. So far, he has gotten offers for Tk 12 lakh, but he is expecting at least 15. Kala Babu weighs around 35 maunds.

"If I fail to get a good price, I won't sell it, as I've raised it at my home, giving it good food. That's why it's so healthy," he said.

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"The bull I bought for Tk 90,000 was Tk 85,000 last year. But the price is not that much higher," he said.

MIDDLEMEN ACTIVE
As customers are struggling to get bulls at reasonable prices, in Gabtoli cattle market, a section of middlemen are buying bulls from farmers, who came to the market, and reselling them for profit.

Lutfur Rahman, who usually

buys bulls for meat traders, said he bought four bulls from a trader and sold three for Tk 2,000 to 3,000 profit each.

"Like me, around 30 percent of traders are seasonal, who buy bulls from permanent traders or farmers at the market and resell them for profit. But, we also have to face losses if the market is not booming," he said.

BIG BOSS
After witnessing his exceptional size, Md Islam Uddin named his bull "Big Boss" during the course of raising him for four years at Kishoreganj's Bajitpur. Islam is asking Tk 32 lakh for Big Boss, which weighs 43 maunds, and has already gotten an offer of Tk 19 lakh, he said.

GOAT PRICES REASONABLE
Unlike prices of bulls and cows, goats are still affordable for customers.

Delwar Hossain - a trader of Gabtoli, who intends to sell 500 goats and has already brought 200 - said he bought the goats, weighing 18 to 20 kilos, for around Tk 15,000 each. "I'll sell them for a profit of around Tk 1,000 for each of them," he said.

GRAMEEN TELECOM WORKERS UNION

President, gen secy held over fraud, graft

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective branch (DB) of police have arrested the president and general secretary of Grameen Telecom Workers Union over allegations of fraud and embezzlement.

The arrest was made after a case was filed by the union's finance secretary.

The arrestees are Kamruzzaman (37), the president, and Firoz Mahmud Hasan (42), the general secretary.

The duo was held from Segunbagicha area on Tuesday, a day after Mohammad Akhtaruzzaman filed the case with Mirpur Police Station - Mohammad Harun Aur Rashid, joint commissioner (cyber and special crimes and DB-north) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told reporters at his office yesterday.

On May 25, Tk 26.22 crore was transferred to a bank account of Grameen Telecom Workers Union, and for this, the union's president, general secretary and the plaintiff of the case were signatories, he said.

Kamruzzaman, Firoz and the union's vice-president Mainul Hasan embezzled Tk 9 crore from this amount. The lawyers employed by the union unreasonably and exaggeratedly claimed around Tk 16 crore as fees, claimed Harun.

The official said the arrestees have been taken into a seven-day remand.

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