

Another dolphin found dead in Halda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
City

Another dolphin was found dead in Halda river in Chattogram yesterday.

With this case, a total of 38 dolphins have been found dead in the Halda and its canals since September 2017.

Prof Manzoarul Kibria, a researcher on Halda river, said locals recovered the mammal from Azimerghat area in Raozan upazila around noon. He informed that the dolphin was 84-inch in length and weighed around 60 kg.

The reason behind the dolphin's death remains unknown since it had already decomposed. Locals buried it, he said.

The Gangetic dolphin, an endangered aquatic mammal, usually roams the Halda river – the only natural fish breeding ground in the country. However, due to man-made disasters and rising salinity, their habitat is now under threat.



In the aftermath of last month's downpour, 49 families in Moulvibazar's Zuri upazila have lost their homes to a devastating landslide. Many had to move to shelters, while some left the area forever. Locals alleged that although a month had gone by, they are yet to receive any kind of relief or assistance from the government.

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IOM deputy DG in city

DIPLOMATIC
CORRESPONDENT

IOM Deputy Director General Ugochi Daniels is coming to Bangladesh on a five-day visit today.

She will visit Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar and discuss labour migration and climate migrants.

Apart from meeting Foreign Minister Abdul Momen and Expatriates' Welfare Minister Imran Ahmad, the International Organization for Migration DDG (operations) will also meet foreign ambassadors in Dhaka.

Daniels will also discuss about the climate migrants, an issue that needs urgent attention as climate-affected countries like Bangladesh face lots of challenges in terms of climate-induced displacement.



'Landslide took away everything we had'

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

A two-decimal land at the bottom of a hill.

Momina Begum, a widowed 30-year-old from Juri upazila of Moulvibazar, has a small mud house there where she and her three children live.

At least, they used to.

In an aftermath of a downpour last month, earth from the bottom of the hill collapsed on her home.

"I ran out of my house grabbing my children to save our lives. But all of our household goods got damaged," said Momina.

"I lost my husband a year ago. I work so hard to keep my family alive. But amidst this struggle, I now have no roof over my head," she said.

A total of 49 families in Montoil area of Sadar Jaifarnagar union in Juri have been affected by this landslide. And yet amidst such struggle, they haven't received any government assistance.

Julekha Begum, another widowed resident of the area, said, "The hill was completely destroyed! Different types of plants dropped

on top of my house."

After the incident, Julekha went to a nearby shelter with her six children.

According to locals, heavy rain from June 16 to 20 caused such landslides on the hill. The incident caused great panic among the residents. Some of them had left the area for good.

Visiting the area recently, this correspondent found large mounds of soil on the side of the road from Sadar upazila to Phultala Road.

UP member Sirajul Islam said various areas of the union have been flooded.

"It wasn't possible to go to the landslide-affected area as I was busy distributing relief. However, a list of affected people is being prepared," he said.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Sonia Sultana said the damage caused by the landslide in Bhajitila area will be looked into.

"If anyone has been harmed, we will take appropriate measures. If government relief does not reach there, we will arrange it. Besides, a shelter project is being implemented in Bhajitila area where more victims will be

rehabilitated."

Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa), Sylhet chapter, said many influential people invaded the government hills and built temporary houses on them to earn money by renting those out to poor people.

"They were aware of the repercussion, and still they cut hills regularly, causing the landslide. Local administration didn't take necessary steps either," he alleged.

"Strict law enforcement isn't the only solution to get rid of these issues. We need to implement our laws properly," he added.

Dr Narayan Saha, former head of forestry and environmental science department at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, said unsustainable land use and rampant hill-cutting are two major reasons behind hilly areas being vulnerable to landslides.

Contacted, Badrul Huda, assistant director of DoE in Moulvibazar, said, "We have zero tolerance towards hill cutting. We'll look into the issue and take necessary action."

SNATCHING GOLD

Four associates of an ASI held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives have arrested four associates of assistant sub-inspector of Rupnagar Police Station Jahidul Islam, who allegedly snatched 38 tola of gold ornaments from a jewellery-shop worker recently.

They are Sohail Ahmed Pallab (48); Palash Sheikh (34), an informant; Masud Rana (46); and Robin Hawlader (50).

A team of Detective Branch of police (Mirpur division) arrested them from different areas of Dhaka on Wednesday and recovered 20 tola of gold ornaments, Mohammad Harun Or Rashid, additional commissioner (detective) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told a press conference yesterday.

ASI Jahidul was arrested earlier, after a case was filed in this connection.

On July 18, Jahidul along with some others intercepted jewellery shop employee Titu Pradhaniya in the capital's Gabtoli, introducing themselves as "detectives", and snatched 38 tola of gold.

Titu was waiting at Gabtoli to catch a bus to deliver the gold to shops in Tangail, the case statement said.

At the briefing, the Detective Branch official said, "We got names of some others. We are trying to arrest them and recover the rest of the gold."

Asked whether any other police personnel were involved in the gang, Harun replied in the negative.

Replying to a query, he said, "ASI Jahidul was arrested, as primarily he was found involved. We will be able to know his role after investigation."

After being produced before court, ASI Jahidul is now on a four-day remand.

Tourist bus for Padma Bridge starts today



STAR REPORT

Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation (BPC) is going to start a special bus service for tourists who want to see Padma Bridge.

A tourist who wants to visit the 61.5-kilometre bridge, the largest bridge in Bangladesh, will have to pay Tk 999. The special tour bus will run regularly on Friday and Saturday from Agargaon's Parjatan Bhaban at 3:30pm.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Md Mahbub Ali is expected to inaugurate the service today. "The fare for one person has been fixed at Tk 999. Tickets for two weeks have already been booked," said BPC manager Md Ziaul Haque Howlader.

The fare may increase to Tk 1,200 later, he said. Tourists will be able to enjoy the beauty of Padma Bridge during the day, evening and at night.

Bangladesh Bank
Department of Currency Management
Head Office
Dhaka

Invitation for International Tender

E-Tenders are invited through open tendering method from reputed Mints for minting & supply of Silver Coins commemorating the inauguration of Padma Bridge - The symbol of national Pride by Bangladesh Bank. Necessary information is given below:

1.	Procuring Entity	Department of Currency Management, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka - 1000, Bangladesh.
2.	Invitation for	Minting & Supply of Silver Coins commemorating the inauguration of Padma Bridge - The symbol of national Pride by Bangladesh Bank.
3.	Invitation Reference No. & Date	DCM(PM)/25(Padma Bridge)/2022-2946, Date: 21 July, 2022.
4.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (International)
5.	Source of Funds	Bangladesh Bank's own fund.
6.	Tender publication date	21 July, 2022.
7.	Last date and time for submission of original tender, security and tender submission letter	01 September, 2022 at 2:00 pm, Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6)
8.	Tender closing Date & Time	01 September, 2022 at 2:00 pm Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6)
9.	Tender Opening Date & Time	01 September, 2022 at 2:30 pm Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6)
10.	Name & Address of the Office: Receiving/Opening Tender Documentary evidence.	Department of Currency Management, (28th Floor of 2nd Annex building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
11.	Availability of tender document and web Address of the office receiving Tender Document	https://etender.bb.org.bd/
12.	Eligibility of Tenderers	Tenderers from all countries except Israel fulfilling the following conditions are eligible: A) Must have minimum 10(ten) years experience in minting and supplying of similar goods/coins. B) The satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of minimum 02 (two) million USD under maximum 02 (two) contracts in the last 03 (three) years, i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the news paper/website. Tenderer(s) shall submit at least 3 (three) user certificates from 3 (three) central banks in last 5(five) years, i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the news paper/website. C) Must have minimum yearly production capability of 100 million pieces of coins and minimum liquid asset or credit facility amounting to US\$ 1.00 million or equivalent.
13.	Brief Description of the Goods	5,000 units pieces of Silver Coin with following specifications: Described in Tender Document.
14.	Name, Designation and Address of Official inviting Tender	Mr. Md. Abdul Halim, Director(DCM), Department of Currency Management, (28th Floor of 2nd Annex building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh. Phone: +88-02-9530090, E-mail: mda.halim@bb.org.bd
15.	Contact person and address	Mr. A. A. M. Ammar Islam, Joint Director, Department of Currency Management, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, (28th floor), Phone: +88-01717062507, E-mail: aam.ammam@bb.org.bd Ms. Sumon Naber Nupur, Joint Director, Department of Currency Management, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, (28th floor), Phone: +88-01816573907, E-mail: s.naber@bb.org.bd
16.	Pre-tender Meeting Date, Time & venue	11 August, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. [Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6)] in the Conference room of the Department of Currency Management (DCM), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, (28th Floor of 2nd Annex Building), Motijheel, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh. Tenderers must submit their queries (if any) to the contact person through email at least 5(five) days prior to the pre-tender meeting.
17.	Tender Security	Irrevocable Bank Guarantee for Silver Coin 6,000 US Dollar drawn in favor of Director (DCM), Department of Currency Management, Bangladesh Bank, Head office from a scheduled bank in Bangladesh issued against counter guarantee from a reputed bank abroad shall be submitted with the bid/offer. OR tenderer(s) may send the money as tender security through SWIFT to any of the Bank account of Bangladesh Bank mentioned in the IFT 29.
18.	Time for Completion	06 (Six) weeks from the date of contract signing.

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Date: 21-07-2022

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Teacher killed in road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Dinajpur

A primary schoolteacher was killed in a road accident on his way to school in Dinajpur Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Nur Zaman (52), an assistant teacher of Panchbari Government Primary School. Nur Zaman was heading to the school riding on his bicycle. After arriving at Umarpail village near Dinajpur-Gobindganj regional highway around 9:00am, a speeding bus hit him from opposite direction, leaving him dead on the spot.

The bus fled from the spot, said police.

Training workshop for SCC staffers held

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Sylhet

A training inception workshop for Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) personnel was held at the city corporation conference hall yesterday morning.

The programme under the Urban Resilience Project of the government is funded by the World Bank and partnered with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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