

Students to be flown to China by chartered flights

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Around 1,500 Bangladeshi students, who returned home after the outbreak of Covid-19 in China, are finally returning to their universities by chartered flights later this month and next month.

The development comes following the fruitful meeting between Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen and Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi during his visit to Dhaka on August 7.

"The students are expected to return by chartered flights from Dhaka to Kunming on September 26, October 10 and October 24 and from Dhaka to Guangzhou on September 28, October 12 and October 26," said a foreign ministry statement yesterday.

More chartered flights would be arranged, if needed, it added.



Although this may seem to be a serene rural setting, beneath its treacherous impression is an illegal activity. Fishers in the Hakaluki haor area have been breaking the rules and using current nets to get a bigger catch, jeopardising the biodiversity of the area.

PHOTO: STAR

BSF returns the body of schoolboy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

India's Border Security Force (BSF) returned the body of a schoolboy yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Minarul Islam Minar (17), a ninth grader of Khanpur High School.

On the night of September 7, Minar was shot dead by the Indian border guard at Dainur Border of Dinajpur Sadar Upazila, after he was spotted with inside the Indian border.

The body was handed over to BGB after a flag meeting at Dainur border.

Later, the body was handed over to Minar's family members by local police, said OC Tanvirul Islam of Dinajpur Kotwali Police Station.

PRAYER TIMING
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Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
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JAMAAT 5:10	1:15	4:45	6:17	8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Hakaluki UNDER THREAT

Illegal fishing goes on unabated in haor

MINTU DESHWARA

South Asia's largest wetland ecosystem, the Hakaluki haor, is currently under threat as its fish population and aquatic plants in decline due to illegal fishing.

The haor used to have around 110 species of native fish. At present, however, that number's gone down to 50. A few species of fish – Morayek, Gang Magur, Rita, Nanid, Baghair, Chital, Rani Fish, Elong – have almost disappeared.

Prof Dr Md Shahab Uddin of the fisheries department at Sylhet Agricultural University said due to the unabated catching of fish, at least 54 varieties are now under threat.

Touhidur Rahman, CNRS site officer, said even 15 years ago, there were more than 25 protected areas in the haor. At present, the number of protected areas is only 11. Fishing is prohibited in only three of them.

Locals said fishers are using current nets to catch fish, even though it is prohibited to use such nets.

"Various species of aquatic plants including Makhna, Padma, Singra, Shapla, Bantulsi, Nalkhagra, Helencha, Ballua, Challia are now extinct," said Abdul Kadir of Moulvibazar.

"Due to this small fish and aquatic plants are also getting caught in these nets," said Suman Sutradhar, a resident of Bhuksimoi area in Kulaura.

Almost 3,000 fishing families live in Kulaura's

Sadipur on the banks of haor, Shahpur of Juri, and Belagaon villages. During the rainy season, water remains in the haor for four to five months.

Khorshed Alam, a local environment activist in Juri upazila, said Hakaluki is also facing an environmental crisis as its biodiversity is under threat due to pollution.

"During the rainy season, fishers catch fish here, which disrupts the breeding time of native fish. Planned development projects should be undertaken to protect the haor's environment," he added.

Assistant Commissioner (Land) and Executive Magistrate Jahangir Hossain said the administration conducted drives in Kanongo market of the haor on August 6 and confiscated electric nets. They also fined some traders in this regard. Mir Nahid Ahsan, deputy commissioner of Moulvibazar, said drives are being conducted in Kulaura, Juri and Barlekha upazilas of Hakaluki every three days. Banned current nets and barbed nets have been seized and burnt in most prominent areas.

"Along with making Hakaluki's residents aware, we are also running campaigns to protect its fish and biodiversity," he added.

Md Anwar Hossain, deputy director of Sylhet Fisheries Department, said the government has completely banned the catching of fish fries. "We're also conducting mobile court drives in this regard."



An attack on livelihood

Miscreants cut down 150 betel leaf trees owned by Khasi families

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The Khasi community in Muraichhara Punji in Moulvibazar's Kulaura upazila are in a grave situation after miscreants cut down around 150 betel leaf trees – the only source of income for the community – from several jhum fields.

Around 150 betel leaf trees from the jhum fields, belonging to Mithilda Talang, Min Talang, and Nerish Talang, were damaged by the miscreants on Sunday.

"The trees just began to bear fruit. Now they are all gone. I don't know how to repay my loans," said Min Talang.

Kulaura Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Abdus Salek said, "We have been informed about the incident."

"We will visit the spot and take necessary action against the culprits after an investigation," he added.

Ex-SP Babul seeks security in prison

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, City

Former superintendent of police Babul Akhter yesterday lodged a petition with a court in Chattogram seeking security in jail after Feni Model Police Station's Officer-in-Charge allegedly searched his cell in the district prison on Saturday.

Advocate Golam Mowla Murad submitted the petition on behalf of Babul to the court of Chattogram Metropolitan Session Judge Begum Jebunnesa.

"The court kept it for passing the order on the next date of the case," said Public Prosecutor Advocate Fakhruddin Chowdhury.

In the petition, Babul's lawyer Murad alleged that the OC entered Babul's cell in Feni prison for harming him in the name of searching, which is a clear violation of the jail's code of conduct.

On September 8, Babul, who is behind bars in connection with the murder of his wife Mahmuda Khanam Mitu, lodged a complaint accusing PBI chief Banaj Kumar Majumdar and five police personnel including two SPs of PBI of physically and mentally torturing him under PBI custody before showing him arrested in the case. As per the direction of the accused, OC Nizam on September 10, 2022 went to Feni prison around noon and conducted a search in Babul's cell, the petition said.

Footage of the OC entering the prison had been recorded in the prison's CCTV cameras.

Without the order of the district magistrate and court, the OC cannot enter the prison but the officer did it

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When a cop robs people

Constable, associates held for looting 98 bhoris of gold

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

What do you do when you have been robbed? The obvious answer is you call the police.

But what happens when the law enforcers become the criminals they swore to protect the citizens from?

A police constable and his seven associates were arrested yesterday for allegedly stealing 98 tolas (bhoris) of gold from a jewellery shop worker.

Police also recovered 51 bhoris of the looted gold, Tk 15 lakh and a microbus used in the robbery, Dhaka district Superintendent of Police Asaduzzaman told a press briefing at his office yesterday.

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Dhaka District Superintendent of Police

"They are active members of an organised inter-district robbery gang. They regularly rob gold and money in different areas of Dhaka and its surroundings in disguise of police," he added.

The arrestees are – Lalbagh police constable Kamruzzaman (42), Shafiqul Islam alias Suman (38), Rahman (32), Uttam Majumdar (36), Zakir Hossain (38), Sharif (36), Ananda Pal (27) and Nahida Nahar (32). The gang intercepted and picked up Barun Ghosh (48), an employee of Solaiman Jewellers, on a microbus from Keraniganj on September 2, saying they were arresting him for carrying illegal goods.

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e-Tender Corrigendum Notice-1 Notice No. 09.(3)/2022

Following Amendment/Corrigendum have been carried out for eGP Tender of this office as stated below:

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Tender/Proposal Package No.: P1/GB5/03/2020

Amendment/Corrigendum Text: Corrigendum

Field Name	Old Value	New Value
Document last selling date & time	08/09/2022 at 10:00	18/09/2022 at 17:00
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Opening Date & Time	11/09/2022 at 16:00	19/09/2022 at 14:00
Last date & time for Tender/Proposal Security Submission	11/09/2022 at 13:15	19/09/2022 at 13:15
Eligibility of Consultant	Only Bangladeshi Tenderers who have updated valid Trade License, VAT and Income Tax certificate are eligible.	Only Bangladeshi Tenderers who have updated valid Trade License, VAT and Income Tax certificates are eligible.
Brief Description of Goods, Works or Service	Procurement of ESR Black Finishing & Varnish Electrical Enslating etc	Procurement of ESR Black Finishing & Varnish Electrical Enslating etc
Start Date (Lot No: 1)	02/10/2022	01/11/2022
Completion Date (Lot No: 1)	26/01/2023	28/02/2023
All other terms of the IFT shall remain unchanged.		

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