

## Two-month ban on hilsa fishing ends at midnight

UNB, Dhaka

Fishers are set to resume hilsa fishing as a two-month ban on catching, selling and transportation of the national fish will end on Sunday midnight.

They are busy now preparing nets and boats to go to the rivers for catching hilsa in different parts of the country.

With a view to boost the production of hilsa, the government imposed the two-month ban on hilsa catching, selling, hoarding and transporting from March 1 till April 30.

The ban covers hilsa sanctuaries in six districts – Barishal, Chandpur, Laxmipur, Bhola, Shariatpur and Patuakhali.

The sanctuaries are 100km in the Meghna river from Chandpur's Shatrol to Laxmipur's Char Alexander, 90km in Shahbazpur Channel in Bhola, 100km in Tentulia River in Bhola, 20km in Naria and Bherdeganj upazilas in Chandpur district and 82km in Hizla, Mehendiganj and Barishal Sadar upazilas, Gazaria and the Meghna river.

The Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock allocated 80kg of rice for the registered fishermen during this ban period.

Hilsa has the highest contribution in the country's fish production as the single fish species.



## Man shot dead during clash in Sunamganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

An auto-rickshaw driver was shot dead during a clash between two groups of people over previous enmity in Jagannathpur upazila of Sunamganj on Friday night.

The deceased is Syed Jamal Miah, 45, of Syedpur Ishankona village.

During the clash, five more people were shot and admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

According to locals and police, there has been a longstanding conflict between Syed Alamgir Miah and Syed Hossain Miah of Syedpur Ishankona.

On Friday night, when Syed Hossain's men went to Syed Alamgir's house, both the groups locked into a clash and Alamgir's men allegedly opened fire.

Being critically injured, Syed Jamal was rushed to the hospital where he succumbed to his injury early yesterday. Mizanur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Jagannathpur Police Station, said, "We are trying to arrest those who opened fire during the clash."

No case was filed in this regard till 7:00pm yesterday, he added.

## 321 Dhaka buildings risky, yet in use

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these buildings six years ago, three authorities – Rajuk, DNCC, and DSCC – are yet to take any action regarding these buildings located in densely populated areas. They have not even put up any banners.

Contacted, DSCC spokesperson Abu Naser said he is unaware of the list and present condition of the listed buildings.

Another six-storey building called "Sardar Villa" under DSCC, located on North-South Road – one kilometre away from the exploded building in Siddik Bazar – was also deemed risky.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found a large steel shop on the ground floor of the building, and private companies on the two upper floors, while the remaining four floors are rented apartments.

There is hardly enough space to get to the entrance stairway of the building. There are hundreds of shops and houses built around it. The building looks like it was constructed with low-quality materials.

Al Amin Hossain, a

shopkeeper of a steel shop on the building's ground floor, has been doing business with a trade license from DSCC for seven years.

He said neither the house owner nor any government officials informed him that the building was risky.

Meanwhile, around 1.3 kilometres away, on



Northbrook Hall Road, an old two-storey building with five electronic shops, has broken walls and cracks.

Despite some renovations, the building remains in poor condition. Several families are living on the second floor and five electronic shops exist on the building's ground floor.

This correspondent attempted to talk to the residents living in the



Artistes perform at a programme marking International Dance Day at the Central Shaheed Minar in Sylhet yesterday.

## MURDER OF AL ACTIVIST Ex-BCL leader held in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police have arrested a former Chhatra League leader in connection with the murder of an Awami League activist in Kaunia upazila of Rangpur on April 24.

Azmal Hossain Dulu was arrested in Kamarpara area of Rangpur city on Friday night, said Ifte Khayer Alam, additional superintendent of police (media).

On April 24, local AL organised a post-Eid gathering on Imamganj School and College ground. At that time, two AL factions fought following a dispute over slogans, leaving Sona Mia, 55, an AL activist, dead.

## Army chief attends

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An "Implementing Arrangement" for UN Peacekeeping Operations and Training Cooperation between the Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping (CUNPK) in India and Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support

Operations Training (BIPSOT) was signed during the visit.

On April 26, the army chief left Dhaka for India responding to the invitation by his counterpart and is scheduled to return to the country today wrapping up his three-day visit.

## Farmland fertility under threat

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is being destroyed due to transportation of the soil by pickups."

Contacted, Faiz Uddin, general secretary of Kulaura Brick Kiln Owners' Association and owner of Surma Bricks, said a few brick kiln owners directly collect topsoil from agricultural land and most of them buy from traders.

This correspondent could not contact any of the traders as the farmers did not want to disclose their names or identities.

About losing fertility of land, Faiz Uddin said many farmers apply dung and

fertiliser to restore the soil's capacity.

Kulaura Upazila Agriculture Officer Md Abdul Momin said that the top 15 inches of agricultural land are very fertile, but as a result of its sale, the fertility decreases and the crop production capacity decreases.

Farmers are harming themselves by selling the topsoil. It takes about 15-20 years to recover the lost nutrients of the land, he said.

If this trend continues, the land will become unfit for cultivation in the future, said the officer. "We

advise farmers not to sell the topsoil like this," he added.

According to Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act, cutting of naturally created soil is completely prohibited. Moreover, changing the class of agricultural land, by cutting the surface soil, is also illegal.

In this regard, Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Mahmudur Rahman Khondkar said, "We visited some spots and found the incident of removing surface soil to be true. We will conduct drive against such acts soon."

## Four killed

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His brother Hasan Ali, who was driving the power tiller, was injured.

In Dinajpur, a man was killed and seven others were injured after a truck hit a roadside electric pole in Nawabganj upazila yesterday.

Abu Taher, 60, from Janipur village in Phulbari upazila died on the spot. Locals took the injured to Phulbari Upazila Health Complex.

## Man held

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In a month-long drive in April, the APBn members recovered around six kg of gold. The Baggage Rules-2016 allows each individual to carry two gold bars, weighing 234 grammes or 20.07 bhoori, by paying Tk 40,000 as customs duty.

The authorities are taking the necessary steps to strengthen security measures at the airport to prevent such activities in the future, said the official.

## Bolster efforts to fully implement

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and recognizes the importance of implementing the historic CHT Peace Accord, which was signed in 1997 under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. "Implementation of

the CHT peace accord is integrally linked to our vision for an inclusive and peaceful Bangladesh. The government's efforts have already brought visible changes in the lives of the ethnic minorities in Bangladesh, which

will continue," said Ambassador Muhith, the permanent representative of Bangladesh to the UN, who steered the engagements of the Bangladesh delegation with the Forum.

## Get united

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large-scale event at the playground, citing the upcoming SSC examination as reason. The police had cordoned off the ground and surrounding roads yesterday afternoon, and additional police forces were deployed. Later, the programme proceeded without the use of a stage and mic.

Now, they plan to arrange a bigger programme after the SSC examinations, informed Syeda Ratna.

The victory of the environmentalists and locals in saving Tetultala playground highlights the importance of preserving open spaces and playgrounds in urban areas, the activists said during this time.



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2.	823864, 33.02.0000.314.26.210.22-756	WR 22-23/1	Repair and Renovation of Quality Control Laboratory office at Savar, Dhaka	14-May-2023, 15:00	15-May-2023, 14:00	15-May-2023, 14:00

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