



Fishers in the bay rejoice as their nets load with hilsa. Thousands of maunds of the fish are arriving regularly at different landing ports in Barishal city, Patuakhali and Barguna. The photos were taken yesterday.

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600 treated for free

Faraaz Hossain Foundation holds health camp in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Sabrina Begum, 45, a homemaker from Abdulpur village at Dinajpur's Chirirbandar upazila, has been in excruciating pain since she shattered her left leg after collapsing around a tube well at her house six months ago.

Since then, she has been receiving treatment from a local doctor as her rickshaw puller husband cannot afford to pay for specialised treatment, despite the fact that she really needed it.

Sabrina finally received her due treatment after Faraaz Hossain Foundation organised a free daylong specialised treatment campaign at Amena Baki Memorium school ground in the upazila yesterday.

Like Sabrina, many others underwent free specialised treatment yesterday. The camp served over 600 people with various ailments, said Md Wahiduzzaman, senior deputy manager of the foundation.

"Around 20 doctors specialising in different areas, including gynaecology, orthopaedics, and ENT, treated the patients at the camp. Of the doctors, 13 were from Dhaka.

Eminent orthopaedic surgeon Dr Amjad Hossain; Dr Shahidul Islam Bobi, associate professor at Dhaka Medical College; Dr Mahfuza Akter, gynaecology specialist at

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Barishal markets flooded with hilsa from sea

Fishers in river worried over low catch

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

While fishing out hilsa from the sweet river waters have become a rather rare scene, several fishing boats, loaded with the Bengali delicacy, are returning from the sea to several ghats in Barishal.

Around 5-7 maunds of the fish arrived at landing ports in Barishal city, Barguna's Pathargata, and Patuakhali's Alipur, Mahipur and Kuakata yesterday.

However, hilsa is a rare catch for river-based fishers at present as the fishes are yet to bear eggs, according to fisheries officials.

While hilsa only enter the fresh waters to release their eggs, their journey to the rivers was further delayed by the late rains this year, mentioned fisheries department officials.

Visiting Barishal Port Road wholesale fish market yesterday, this correspondent saw at least

five times more supply of the fish than the usual stock. Hilsa from the sea, weighing 600-800 grammes, was sold for Tk 25,000-30,000 per maund.

"Not even 50 tonnes of hilsa from the rivers have come into the market, while over 500 tonnes of sea hilsa usually arrives at the market these days," said Nirab Hossain Tutul, president of Barishal Matsya Arotkar Samity.

Traders from Dhaka, Chattogram, and Narayanganj are visiting the market to buy the fish. Medium sized sea hilsa was being sold for Tk 650-700 per kg, he added.

Jahangir Hossain, president of



Matsya Arotkar Samity, Pathargata, Barguna, said 25 trawlers went to the ghat with fish yesterday with 2,500 maunds of hilsa.

"We invested Tk 80 lakh on three fishing trawlers but returned with only 75 hilsa fish after spending seven days in the sea," said Zakir

Majhi, a fisherman who returned to Barishal after trying his luck in Kuakata and Payra port area.

Around 500 maunds of sea hilsa arrives in Barishal wholesale market every day. The figures are 2,500 maunds in Pathargata and 3,000-4,000 in Patuakhali's Alipur and Mahipur, said fisheries officials.

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Man killed, son hurt as bus hits motorcycle in Munshiganj

1 dead, 17 injured in Patuakhali

STAR REPORT

A father was killed, while his son was seriously injured, in a motorcycle accident involving an unidentified bus on the Dhaka-Mawa highway yesterday. The accident took place in Chhanbari area of Srinagar upazila of Munshiganj around 10:30am.

Following the accident, Srinagar fire service personnel rushed to the spot and rescued the father and son. They quickly took them to the upazila health complex for treatment.

After some time, the doctors declared the father dead. Meanwhile, seeing the condition of the injured son the doctors referred him to Dhaka's Midford hospital.

Amir Hossain, 40, was a resident of Teghuria Bangaon area of Keraniganj upazila in Dhaka. His son Billal Hossain is just 11-year old.

Srinagar Fire Station Airhouse Officer Md Mahfuz Riben said this road accident took place in the morning when the bus hit the motorcycle on the road to Mawa.

Hansara highway police said that the motorcycle involved in the road accident has been taken into custody. Legal action is underway to trace the unidentified vehicle.

Similarly, 18 people were injured when a Kuakata-bound picnic bus lost control and fell into a ditch on the side of the road in Ghatkhali area of Patuakhali-Kuakata highway early yesterday.

Firefighters and locals rescued the injured and admitted them to Amtali Hospital. Islam Bepari, 35, died on the way to Barishal Shebachim Hospital around 6:30am. Most of

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Fire safety on inland waterways, ships stressed

UNB, Dhaka

A day-long workshop on fire safety of inland waterways and ships was held in the capital on Thursday at the Sundarban-16 launch at Dhaka Sadarghat.

It was inaugurated by Director General of Department of Shipping Commodore Mohammad Maksud Alam.

"If a boat catches fire, the amount of damage is very high as most of the merchant ship's equipment are imported from abroad, which is very expensive," said Director General M Maksud Alam.

He also said if the ship operators are informed about the fire safety protocols of the ship, it is possible to reduce the amount of damage very easily.

Urging the ship operators to share their practical experience, he said these practical experiences will help take effective steps regarding the fire safety of ships.

Chief engineer and surveyor Monjurul Kabir Monjurul Kabir was present as special guest while Dhaka river Port in-charge Engineer Md Sirajul Islam presented an article on fire safety of ships as the chief instructor in the workshop.



People have to cross the river Jhenai through a shaky, worn out bamboo bridge, set up just beside the construction site in Kalihati, Tangail.

PHOTO: STAR

KALIHATI UPAZILA IN TANGAIL

People suffer as bridge left incomplete

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

People of the eastern areas of Tangail's Kalihati upazila are suffering immensely as the construction of a bridge over the river Jhenai, which was supposed to be finished six months ago, is yet to be completed.

The initiative to construct the concrete bridge was made in response to the locals' demand for replacing a partially-damaged bailey bridge on Kalihati-Barachowna road in Meghakhali under Kalihati municipal area.

Local Government and Engineering Department began construction of the 90.06-metre-long PSC girder bridge in FY 2021-2022, with Tk 8.06 crore funding from World Bank and the government.



Construction firms MIBL & MFC (JV) of Dhaka were tasked with the work, scheduled to be completed by February this year.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw half of the construction being completed so far. Meanwhile, people have to cross the river through a

shaky, worn out bamboo bridge, set up just beside the construction site, or use boats.

The makeshift bridge gets submerged when the river swells, making it accident-prone and risky, locals said.

Every day, thousands -- including students and patients -- from Kalihati and nearby Sakhipur upazila have to use this bridge amid risk, said

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2 passengers die as tree branch falls on bus

UNB, Jashore

Two passengers died after a branch of a tree fell on the roof of a bus at Jhikargachha in Jashore on Thursday night.

This incident happened in front of Beneyali Brac Office at Benapole's main road in the district.

The deceased were identified as Md Salahuddin, 42, of Jashore Sadar upazila and Shimul Hossain, 36, of Bara Anchra village in Benapole.

"A Benapole-bound passenger bus from Jashore reached in front of the Beneyali Brac office on the Jashore-Benapole highway around 10:30pm when the branch of an old tree suddenly fell on the roof of the bus. Salauddin died on the spot. Shimul Hossain was seriously injured and was taken to Jhikargachha Upazila Health Complex where he succumbed to his injuries around 11:15pm," police said.

"The bodies were handed over to the families," said Navaran Highway Police Station Officer in Charge Abdullah Al Mamun.

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