

Concerns as another elephant 'killed' in Sherpur

UNB, Sherpur

The forest department recovered the body of a wild elephant from a paddy field in the hilly area of Sherpur's Jhenaigati upazila yesterday.

Md Makrul Islam, Rangtia range officer of the forest department, said they recovered the body of the adult male elephant after being informed by locals.

In the last five months, corpses of two wild elephants have been recovered in the same area.

Locals said the elephant might have died after it came in touch with an electric wire trap, set up to protect crops from wild animals. However, forest officials said the exact cause of death will be known after a post-mortem. The animal will be buried next to the spot where it was found.

In a quest for food, herds of wild elephants have been visiting the paddy fields in the area for the past few days. Local residents have also been trying to chase away elephants in various ways to protect their crops.

Meanwhile, leaders of local environmental organisations have expressed concerns over the deaths of at least two wild elephants in the area.

Expressing concern over the incident, Sherpur Bird Conservation Society President Sujoy Malakar and Sabuj Andolan President Md Abul Kalam Azad demanded that those involved in the killings be brought to justice.

Body of Sust student recovered from a mess

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police recovered the body of a student of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) from a student mess in Sylhet yesterday morning.

The mess was located close to the main gate of the university.

Arif Miah, a student of the 2020-21 academic session of the sociology department, was from Pakundia upazila of Kishoreganj.

Azbahar Ali Sheikh, deputy commissioner (north) of Sylhet Metropolitan Police, said, "We are primarily suspecting that he died by suicide. But we have to wait for the autopsy report to have a clear answer."

Dr Md Qumruzzaman Chowdhury, proctor of the Sust, said, "Informed by other students, I went to the spot with police around 6:00am. Police recovered his body and sent to hospital where his autopsy was done." He said the student's family members have arrived in Sylhet to receive the body.



PHOTO: STAR

FATIKCHHARI UPAZILA IN CTG

Forest land grabbed for cattle farm

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

A portion of protected forest land in Sarta area under Chattogram (north) forest division in Fatikchhari upazila has been occupied illegally.

More than one acre of the forest land is being used to build a cattle farm, felling hundreds of trees to turn the land barren.

Officials of the forest department confirmed that they visited the area and found evidence to this end.

During a recent visit to the area, this correspondent observed that a shed for rearing cattle has been built on the illegally occupied land. Besides, encroachers have made an access road through the forest and also prepared to build more structures.

Locals alleged that Mohammed Mazher, owner of Sayeed Agro of the upazila, is leading the occupation.

Seeking anonymity, a woman from the area, said, "The encroachers have

been constructing structures in this forest since last February but officials of the forest department have not yet taken any action in this regard."

Mohammed Mazher, however, claimed that he built the cattle farm in the forest mistakenly.

"We built some structures on this land after some locals sold it to us as khas land. However, we have stopped the construction work there after being informed by the forest department," he said.

Saiful Alam, ranger of the Chattogram North Forest Division, said, "We seized some bricks from the land and are working to file a case against the grabbers."

Grabbing forest land and cutting trees of forest to build structures is a punishable offense under the Forest Act 1927.

SM Kaiser, divisional forest department official of Chattogram North Forest Division, said he was not aware of this encroachment as the field

officials did not inform him about it.

"However, I will take legal action against the encroachers and conduct raids to evict the illegal structures from the forest land soon," he added.

According to a study by the Department of Geography and Environment at Dhaka University, the green cover of Chattogram city has gone down from 68.34 percent in 1990 to 36.51 percent over the last 30 years.

The Chattogram (north) forest division revealed that 13,130 acres of the division's 1,40,000 acres of forest land have been occupied by grabbers.

"No one could have constructed such structures openly in the forest land if forest officials had performed their duties properly," said Mohammad Kamal Hossain, former professor of Institute of Forestry and Environmental Science at Chittagong University.

Building of structures in the forest is not only depleting forest area but also threatening the biodiversity, he added.

SITAKUNDA PLANT BLAST

Fate of case now depends on tech report

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

The fate of a case filed over the deadly blast inside Sheema Oxygen Limited in Keshabpur area of Chattogram's Sitakunda upazila now depends on the final technical report by experts, said investigators.

Industrial Police (IP) of Chattogram has been waiting for the report by experts of Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (Cuet).

Police officials said they will wrap up the probe after taking the findings of the experts from the fire service, Cuet, and explosives department.

"As the issue is critical, we need the experts' statements or their findings to reach a concrete decision. That's why we assigned Cuet teachers to investigate the issues and are waiting for their opinion," said Nadira Noor, additional superintendent of police at IP-3 Chattogram.



FILE PHOTO

An explosion during refilling of cylinders inside the oxygen plant on March 4 evening left seven persons, including four factory workers, dead and more than 25 others injured.

A case was lodged on March 6 with Sitakunda Police Station by Rokeya Begum, wife of a deceased worker, saying deliberate negligence had triggered the deadly accident.

Police arrested the plant's director Parvez Uddin Santu in the case on March 14. However, he walked out of jail on bail a few days later.

Meanwhile, the explosives department submitted its report saying that the blast took place following a technical fault, but could not mention whether it was due to negligence of the factory owner, said police sources.

An IP official said, "Explosives department submitted their report saying they found nothing but technical fault. Since the plaintiff's complaint and circumstantial evidence indicate negligence of the factory authority, we are focusing our investigation on that point."

"Both the main operator and two of his assistants were killed in the blast, so it's tough to

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5	Invitation for	Supply and Installation of Access Control System and Related Works and Services to UGC Building, Agargaon, Dhaka.
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7	Publishing Date	06/10/2023
KEY INFORMATION		
8	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) / National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
9	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB Funds
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10	Tender Package No.	37.01.0000.112.99.002.23/23-24
11	Tender Package Name	Supply and Installation of Access Control System and Related Works and Services to UGC Building, Agargaon, Dhaka.
12	Selling Tender Document	Finance & Accounts Division, UGC Bhaban, Plot # 18/A, Block # E, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
13	Tender Last Selling Date	Up to 22/10/2023 (during office hours).
14	Tender Closing Date and Time	23/10/2023 at 12:00 Noon (Tenderer can submit from the date of publication of this document)
15	Tender Opening Date and Time	23/10/2023 at 12:05 PM.
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