

Cox's Bazar becoming death zone for marine life

30 turtle, 4 dolphin carcasses recovered since January 1

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Different marine species, including sea turtles and dolphins, have been dying on Cox's Bazar shore in recent times.

Two dead turtles of Olive Ridley species washed ashore on the Sonapara sea beach in Cox's Bazar's Ukhiya upazila yesterday morning.

On Monday morning, the carcass of an Olive Ridley turtle with 95 eggs was recovered from Himchhari's parasailing point in Cox's Bazar.

A day earlier, another dead turtle with 90 eggs was found floating there.

A total of eight turtles have now washed ashore in different coastal areas in the last six days.

Carcasses of 30 Olive Ridley turtles

and four dolphins washed ashore along the beach stretching from Patuarket to Cox's Bazar town since January 1 this year, according to Bangladesh Oceanographic Research Institute.

Of the turtles, 19 carcasses were recovered in January and nine in February. All were mother turtles carrying 80-90 eggs.

Also, in February, one Indo-pacific finless porpoise, two Irrawaddy dolphins and one Indo-pacific humpback dolphin were found dead along Cox's Bazar coast.

Tarikul Islam, scientific officer and oceanographer at BORI said, "October to April is the breeding season of sea turtles.

At this time, when the turtles come to shore to lay their eggs in the sandy beach, many get caught in fishermen's nets or get hurt by fishing boats or trawlers, and eventually die."

"Every turtle carcass we recovered died when they were coming to the beach to lay eggs. Many had their flippers injured due to being entangled in fishing nets," he said.

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'It's like adding salt to injury'

Rizvi says plan to hike power, fuel prices 'anti-people'

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi yesterday slammed the government for its plan to increase the prices of electricity and fuel in March, labelling it as "anti-people, and cruel".

"The government that has captured power illegally can take such an anti-people and unacceptable decision," he said at a press briefing in the capital.

"This decision will be extremely ruthless. The decision ahead of Ramadan means adding salt to injury. Those with moderate and low incomes are already struggling, with 80 percent of the population not experiencing any rise in their income," said Rizvi.

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Trial of narcotics case against Pori Moni will run: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday cleared the way for a lower court concerned to run the trial proceedings of a narcotics case against film actor Pori Moni.

The bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice Md Aminul Islam delivered the verdict after holding hearing on a rule that questioned the trial proceedings.

Assistant Attorney General Md Selim Azad said

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Doctor, nurse sue each other over assault and threats

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Two cases were filed yesterday regarding an incident at Manikganj 250-bed General Hospital, where the superintendent and a nurse accused each other of assault and threat.

The nurse alleged that the superintendent had verbally and physically assaulted him, including beating him with a belt. The superintendent claimed that the nurse threatened him.

Md Habil Hossain, officer in charge of Manikganj Sadar Police Station, confirmed the filing of the two cases.

According to the nurse's case statement, Superintendent Dr Bahauddin called senior staff nurse Shahinur Rahman Shaheen to his room around 11:00am on Tuesday and assaulted him verbally and physically.

He claimed that, at one stage, the superintendent removed his belt and beat him with it. Dr Bahauddin also instructed other hospital employees to strangle and kill Shahinur and hide the body.

Shahinur alleged Bahauddin took Tk 20,000 and 10 kg of jaggery from him before letting him join work last year. Bahauddin also filed a case against the nurse, claiming Shahinur threatened him, said OC Habil.

Contacted, Dr Bahauddin and Shahinur refused to talk, saying the allegations are under investigation.

"We're looking into it. We will take action after probe," said the OC.

7 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

At least seven people were killed in road accidents across the country over the last two days, report our correspondent and UNB.

In Joyprhat, a woman died after falling off a motorcycle yesterday.

The deceased is Reshma Begum, 37, an office assistant of Khetlal Upazila Land Office.

Md Anwar Hossain, officer in charge of Khetlal Police Station, said Reshma fell off her colleague's motorcycle near Bottoli Bazar around 9:00am and sustained critical injuries.

She died at Khetlal Upazila Health

Complex.


In Pabna, one person died and five were injured when a CNG-run autorickshaw collided with a private car in Ishurdi upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Sharif, 40, driver of the autorickshaw.

The injured were admitted to the Upazila Health Complex, and one of them was sent to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital as his condition was critical.

Meanwhile, two people died and another was injured when a tractor overturned in Nabinagar-Radhika road at Borohit in Nabinagar upazila of Brahmanbaria yesterday.

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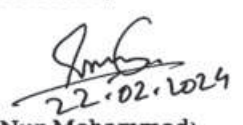
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