

# 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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## Govt taking steps to keep prices under control: Quader

BSS, Dhaka

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said the government would take all steps to keep the prices of essentials at a tolerable level in Ramadan.

In a statement, Quader condemned and protested the lies and misleading statements spread by BNP leaders, saying that they are circulating a shameless lie that the income of the people of the country has not increased.

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## Bill to appoint judges to be placed in JS

Says law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday told parliament that a bill to appoint judges to the High Court will be placed in the 12th Parliament.

The minister said this while replying to a supplementary question by Jatiya Party MP and opposition chief whip Mujibul Haque Chunnun.

In reply to a query of Awami League MP M Abdul Latif, the minister said the present government has taken effective initiatives to create new posts of judges for the proper conduct of judicial proceedings.

He mentioned that due to the initiative of the government, 259 posts of judges of various ranks have been created in the lower courts.

He also said some 1,999 posts have been created for smooth functioning of courts.

## Trial of drugs 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 justices Mustafa Zaman Islam and Md Aminul Islam delivered the verdict.

The HC said the allegations will be settled by the trial court on the basis of evidence and depositions from witnesses, said Assistant Attorney General Md Selim Azad.

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## 9 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

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

In Bhanga of Shibchar, at least three people were killed and eight injured when a bus of Hanif Paribahan hit a truck from behind at Shibchar Highway near Suryanagar Bus stop yesterday.

Among the three, two died on the spot while another one was declared dead at a hospital, said Inspector of Shibchar Highway Police Md Shakil.

The identities of the deceased could not be known immediately.

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. 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.

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