

Full-scale rawhide

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 cubic feet of rawhide are collected just within a week, which is half the entire year's production, he said, adding, "So, the rawhide will be tanned in three months and merchants and tanners will preserve them by applying salt during this period."

However, local tanners are compelled to sell the tanned hide mainly to Chinese traders at nearly 60 percent lower than international price level because of poor compliance at STIE.

The BTA chief also said they are selling the tanned hides at 70 cents per square foot, down from US \$1.50 per square foot a few years ago, as the sector has been affected following the pandemic and Russia-Ukraine war.

The association has set a target to procure 80 lakh pieces of rawhide this year, 10 lakh lower than the previous one, said Shaheen

at a press conference in the capital yesterday.

Robiul Alam, president of Dhaka District Hide Merchants Association, said around 25 percent of rawhide will get damaged this year due to not preserving them on time.

Currently, the CETP can treat 25,000 to 30,000 cubic metres of liquid waste per day. But during Eid-ul-Azha, the generation of waste climbs to 40,000 cubic metres as the number of rawhides shoots up.

Md Golam Shahnewaz, managing director of Dhaka Tannery Industrial Estate Waste Treatment Plant Company Limited, which runs the CETP, said various upgrades have been done to increase the CETP's capacity, and two ponds have been excavated for solid waste removal.

This will help curb the pollution caused by the rawhide processing, he added.

Most of capital

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 wastes within around 10 hours and DNCC cleaned up 20,105 tonnes of wastes in around six hours.

Visiting different areas in the capital on the second day of Eid, this correspondent found Agargaon, Farmgate,

Kawran Bazar, Bangla Motor, Shahbagh, Segun Bagicha, Paltan, Gulistan, Wari, Tikatuli, Doyagonj and Gandaria areas clean.

The residents of those areas said they heightened their sense of responsibility towards managing sacrificial wastes this year compared to previous occasions.

"The city corporation provided poly-bags to residents and sanitation workers for waste collection. Individuals who did not receive poly-bags from the city corporations later purchased bags themselves and collected the wastes," said Rezaul Hasan, a resident of Agargaon Taltola area.

Some residents even took it upon themselves to clean the bloodstains left

from animal sacrifices.

"Through proper planning, we managed to complete the task successfully on the first day, and even after sacrifices continued on the second day of Eid," said DSCC Mayor Taposh.

DNCC Mayor Atiul expressed gratitude to the residents for their cooperation in cleaning up the wastes within the scheduled deadline.

However, animal wastes were still seen emanating bad odour in a few areas of the capital including Dinanath Sen Road in Gandaria, Dayanath intersection, Bangshal Road, and Sutrapur's Kagajitola area, where cattle markets were set up.

In this regard, Taposh said, "People sacrificed the animals at different times as per their conveniences. Therefore, after we cleaned up in different areas, many people disposed of wastes from animals slaughtered later. These are isolated incidents. The remaining wastes will be cleaned too."

Bikes, 3-wheelers

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 "It's very unfortunate that lately, motorcycle accidents have become more frequent. Looking at the accident data, motorcycles account for the highest number of accidents, followed by easy bikes. Reckless driving also plays a significant role. We can't ignore this. I urge the secretary (concerned) to expedite the formulation of a policy," he said.

The minister further

mentioned that the lack of regulation for millions of three-wheelers and motorcycles is disrupting order on the roads, highlighting the urgent need for a policy.

Quader also noted that while the Eid journeys on roads have been relatively smooth, the return trips remain a concern.

"We must prioritise discipline to reduce road accidents," Quader said.



A child sits on one side of a dried tree branch while another pulls it -- that's pretty much all these children needed to have a joy ride. The photo was taken in Barishal Sadar upazila recently.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

ASI among 4 bullet-hit in Narsingdi clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

Four people including a policeman suffered bullet wounds in a clash in Narsingdi Sadar upazila yesterday morning.

The incident took place around 11:30am at Najarpur, said Md Tanvir Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

The injured are Joy Banik, assistant sub-inspector, Saiful Islam, Dawod Mona, and Faruk.

Mahmudul Kabir Bashar, resident medical officer at Narsingdi Sadar Hospital, said the four injured were released after treatment.

According to police and locals,

there has been a longstanding dispute between two locals – Ismail Hossain, vice-president of Najarpur union Awami League unit, and Shah Jahan Mona, former organising secretary of the same unit – over establishing supremacy in Alipura area under Najarpur union.

Due to the dispute, their supporters locked into a clash yesterday.

Police rushed to the spot to control the situation but the four including ASI Banik suffered bullet wounds, the OC said. Additional law enforcers have been deployed in the area, he added.

"No one filed any complaint yet. We are investigating the incident and will take further steps after the probe," he said.

Idrakpur Fort

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the treasury. However, I cannot say how many idols there are in total."

Recently, one Vishnu idol was found on April 13 and two more on May 17 and May 20 in Munshiganj. The discovered idols were deposited in the Munshiganj District Treasury. According to the news published in various newspapers, at least 12 idols were recovered from different places of Sadar and Tongibari upazilas of Munshiganj in 11 years from 2013 to 2024.

Afroza Khan Mita, regional director of

the Department of Archaeology, said, "The Department of Archeology has written letters to the district administrators of all districts to know how many statues, inscriptions or other antiquities are there in the district treasury."

"After receiving information from them, we will arrange for the preservation of the antiquities through the court. Arrangements will be made to exhibit one or two idols at Idrakpur Fort Museum in Munshiganj," she added.

Eid festivities cut

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"This season of litchi has posed significant challenges due to adverse weather conditions and early harvesting. However, higher market prices have provided some relief to farmers," said Nuruzzaman.

For example, Mosaddek Hossain from Dinaipur Sadar upazila is selling Madrazi and Bombay litchis at Tk 350 to Tk 400 per 100 pieces, Bedana at Tk 8,000 to Tk 10,000 per 1,000 pieces, and China-3

litchi at Tk 12,000 per 1,000 pieces at the Kalitola market.

However, wholesale buyers from Dhaka, Cumilla, Bhairav, Ashuganj, Barishal, Khulna, Rajshahi, and Chattogram have expressed dissatisfaction with the high prices.

Poet Asim Saha

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shock and sorrow at his demise.

Born on February 20 in 1949 at his maternal uncle's house in Netrakona district, Saha completed his secondary education in 1965 and his higher secondary at Madaripur Government Nazimuddin College in 1967.

He pursued higher studies at Dhaka University, where he obtained a postgraduate degree in Bangla literature in 1973.

His poetry, known for its depth and sensitivity, had earned numerous accolades. He was honoured with 12 awards for his contributions to Bangla literature.

He was honoured with the Bangla Academy Literary Award in 2012.

Meanwhile, the government recognised his contributions to the Bangla language and literature by awarding him the Ekushey Padak, the country's second-highest civilian award in 2019.

Asim Saha has written over 20 poetry books and novels.

PRAYER TIMING
JUNE 20

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-05	12-45	5-00	6-52	8-17
JAMAAT 4-40	1-15	5-15	6-55	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Some were given chance to loot: Rizvi

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi yesterday alleged that some individuals have been given the opportunity to loot in the name of "so-called" development.

"Some people have grabbed the land and property of ordinary poor people," he alleged.

The BNP leader said this while speaking at a demonstration in front of the BNP's Nayapaltan central office, demanding unconditional release of party Chairperson Khaleda Zia. He said the prime minister used to say not to spare anyone involved in corruption, but her government allowed former IGP Benazir Ahmed to leave the country.

"We don't know how much money Benazir's family has amassed here and abroad," he added.

He also said the prices of utility services and all commodities have risen due to the anti-people policies of the government.

He mentioned that people who went to their village homes to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha faced serious ordeals due to poor electricity supply.

Sal forest shrinking

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Officer in Tangail revealed that around 21,000 acres of encroached forest land had been recovered through drives till December last year. The drives are continuing, according to officials.

At present, social afforestation is being done on around 30,000 acres of the forest land.

Meanwhile, several organisations, including Bangladesh Forest Industry Development Corporation, Bangladesh Forest Research Institute, Bangladesh Army, and Bangladesh Air Force, have been granted permission to use a total of 15,342 acres of the forest land for various purposes in Madhupur, Ghatail, and Sakhipur upazilas.

Now, the natural forest remains on less than 40,000 acres. Environmentalists,

however, claim the amount of remaining natural forest is even less than 20,000 acres.

Prof Asm Saifullah, a teacher of environment science and resource management department at Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University, said the Sal forest sustained significant damage over the years and prompt measures are necessary to restore it.

Contacted, Sajjadur Rahman, DFO in Tangail, said they are doing their best to protect the forest despite having a limited workforce and logistics.

"Cases were filed to reclaim around 14,000 acres of grabbed forest lands and the process to recover the rest is on. We need support from all concerned to this end," he added.

Current conflict

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"We want to return home with dignity and recognition of our ethnicity," Zubair said.

Visiting the camps arranged by the UNHCR recently, this correspondent witnessed the plight of Rohingyas living there in densely packed makeshift shelters made using tarpaulin and bamboo.

The heat wave was unbearable living under the tarpaulin, even though the camp area is now much greener compared to previously, said Mohammad Solim of Camp 4.

Over 2,500 hectares of forest land in Ukhiya and Teknaf had been cleared for building the Rohingya camps and to provide firewood for cooking.

Tostop the deforestation, cylindered gas was later distributed among around 200,000 Rohingya families in the camps.

Simultaneously, under

a reforestation project, greenery returned to around 700 hectares of land in the camps, according to UNHCR.

According to Unicef data, around 3 lakh Rohingya children now have access to education up to grade 10 taught in the Myanmar curriculum.

Per capita ration for Rohingyas was cut into phases from \$12 to \$8 per person per month 2023, before it rose to \$10 in 2024.

Around 5,000 Rohingya youths have been provided life-skill trainings including sewing, plumbing, electrical, masonry, etc.

"We are happy that the Bangladesh government has given us safe shelters. However, we don't want to be burden to Bangladesh. We want dignified repatriation to Myanmar. We feel our lives are stuck in these dense camps," said Maulana Abdul Hamid, a Rohingya from Camp-1 East.

Eid vacation puts

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He said if there were monitoring cells to look after this, then the risk would be less. "But unfortunately, there is no such monitoring," he added.

Everyone who will return after vacation needs to carefully destroy all breeding sources and containers carrying stagnant water, Saifur also said, suggesting they use mosquito repellent to kill adult mosquitoes after getting into the house.

Similarly, educational institutions and offices must also take necessary initiatives to kill adult mosquitoes before starting activities, he said.

The city corporations can play a vital role here and spray mosquito repellent at educational institutes before classes start following a long vacation, Saifur said.

"Creating more awareness in this regard is very necessary, as dengue is a sustainable problem in Bangladesh," he added.

Saifur warned that the number of infections may increase after the vacation, and said city corporations

will have to intensify their mosquito control activities.

Entomologist Kabiru Bashar said Aedes mosquitoes will breed at construction sites and under-construction buildings as construction activities are stopped for some time, so the buildings adjoining those sites and buildings are at very high risk and will have to be careful.

Residents of under-construction sites or buildings will have to take the initiative to destroy the breeding sources, he said, adding that kerosene or bleaching powder should be applied to stagnant water to kill Aedes larvae.

Army working

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has modernised the Bangladesh Army.

Earlier, the army chief went to the Savar Cantonment and held a views-exchange meeting with the army personnel and inaugurated a mosque in the DOHS area and planted trees.

He was later given a farewell reception by the 9th Infantry Division.

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Corrigendum Notice

Subject: Amendment of e-Tender Ref No. 28.20.9153.276.28.521.24 Dated 30-05-2024

Tender ID	Description of Works	Existing	Amended As
895272	Design, Engineering, Procurement, Supply, Construction, Installation, Hook-Up, Testing, Commissioning, Startup and Hand-over of One 100 cubic meter/day capacity Water Treatment Plant (WTP) with 300 cubic meter RCC water storage tank & associated facilities at 4000 BPD CFP, Bahubal, Habiganj under Sylhet Gas Fields Limited.	100 Cubic Meter/Day Capacity Water Treatment Plant	100 Cubic Meter/Hour Capacity Water Treatment Plant (WTP)
		100 Cubic Meter/day in all tender documents.	100 Cubic Meter/hour in all tender documents.

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e-Tender Notice:
Invitation for Tender (Works)

Reference No. KCC/LGCRRP/XEN-Zone-A/2023-24/1281 Date: 13/06/2024

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following work, details are given below.

Sl No	Name of work	Tender security	Tender/proposal document last selling/ downloading (date & time)	Last date & time for tender/ proposal security submission	Tender proposal closing (date & time)	Tender / proposal opening (date & time)	e-Tender ID No.	Tendering method
1	Construction of Chitrali Khalishpur Kitchen Market (1 st Floor) (Ward-10)	16,00,000/-	14/07/2024 17-00	15/07/2024 11-50	15/07/2024 12-00	15/07/2024 12-00	996583	OTM
2	Repair & Maintenance of Munshipara 3 rd lane (Ward-22) Installation of GI Pole and Light of Munshipara 3 rd lane (Ward-22) Repair & Maintenance of Diabetic Centre Adjacent to Sir Iqbal Road, (Ward-23) Repair & Maintenance of Najirghat Main Road Bylane and Pathan Bari Goli Bylane (ward-26), Upgrading of Rupsha Bazar Road with Drain (ward-30)	6,50,000/-	14/07/2024 17-00	15/07/2024 11-50	15/07/2024 12-00	15/07/2024 12-00	996610	OTM
3	Repair & Maintenance of Modhodanga Main Road (Ward-03) Construction of Mosheswaripash Graveyard Boundary Wall & Internal Road (Ward-03) Construction of Office Building at Deyana Morolpara Graveyard (Ward-4) Repair & Maintenance of Muzgunni Residential Area Road No-10 (Ward-9)	6,50,000/-	14/07/2024 17-00	15/07/2024 11-50	15/07/2024 12-00	15/07/2024 12-00	996612	OTM
4	Repair & Maintenance of Khalishpur 223 No. Road with Partial Drain (Ward-10) and Upgrading of RCC road with drain Jayanty Para Karai Company Road (Main road to Rani Shikari house) (Ward-9)	2,00,000/-	14/07/2024 17-00	15/07/2024 11-50	15/07/2024 12-00	15/07/2024 12-00	996592	OTM

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd). These Scheme will be implemented under the Project "Local Government Covid-19 Response and Recovery Project (LGCRRP) in Khulna City Corporation" Bill will be paid after receiving the fund of this project.

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