

Shrimp fry collection goes on despite ban

Experts, locals blame lax monitoring of authorities

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Despite a ban in place on collecting shrimp fries, the illegal activity has been going on unabated in Sangu and Karnaphuli rivers as well as the Bay of Bengal in Chattogram in broad daylight.

This illegal activity is a big threat to marine ecology as it endangers fries of other fish species as well since those are largely discarded after being caught, according to experts.

Locals alleged that the authorities concerned have turned a blind eye to the menace.

The government imposed a ban on collection of shrimp fries from the coastal areas in September 2000.



Visiting different points on the Sangu river and the Bay in Banskhali upazila, this correspondent saw collectors catching shrimp fries using “pata jal”, a type of net that is also banned.

Abul Kalam, 55, a collector from Chanua union, said catching shrimp fries is more profitable than fishing in the sea.

He claimed to have no other option to earn a livelihood for his six-member family.



Two persons catching shrimp fries using mesh nets. Fries of many other fish species also get caught in this banned mesh nets. They are then mostly discarded after being caught.

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Collectors sell 100 fries of Galda and Bagda varieties at Tk 35-50 to brokers after catching those from the sea and river between April and August, during the full moon and new moon.

Most collectors admitted that fries of other species get damaged while catching shrimp fries using finely-meshed “pata jal”.

The fisheries department has no data regarding the ecological damage of these illegal activities.

However, a March 2024 study by Md Abdulla Monzer, a researcher from Institute of Marine Sciences at Chittagong University, showed that existing shrimp fry catching methods have led to accidental capture and death of fish fries of other varieties.

Due to illegal shrimp fry catching, the Sangu river can incur a loss of fisheries resources worth over Tk 87 lakh annually, the study also found.

Monzer called for immediate action to tackle the dual concern of ecological degradation and economic loss due to unabated shrimp fry catching.

The upazila administration, river police, and fisheries department conduct occasional drives and seize small quantities of illegally caught fries, but the perpetrators are never brought to the book, alleged businessmen from fisheries sector.

Sribas Chandra Chanda, district fisheries officer, claimed they are seizing fries and banned nets regularly even amid a manpower shortage.

‘These are just rumours’

Say police on sudden rise in ‘missing children’ cases

STAR REPORT

“Breaking news! In the last 48 hours, 35 children have gone missing in Dhaka and Chattogram. Be vigilant.”

Since Saturday morning, such social media posts have gone viral on different Facebook groups. It has spread panic among the people.

Police, however, dismissed the claims as rumours. They said filing missing diaries is a regular phenomenon, and many children return home after a short while.

In a statement, the Police Headquarters (PHQ) said some recent social media posts related to “missing children” have come to their notice. Such posts are mere rumours.

The PHQ is requesting all not to be confused or panicked by such rumours. If people spread such rumours, legal action will be taken against them.

MISSING DIARIES FILED REGULARLY

According to the database, at least 76 missing diaries were filed in the first seven days of this month in all 50 police stations of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

The figure was 260 in June, 199 in May, 221 in April, 213 in March, 217 in February, and 210 in January.

Kh Mahid Uddin, additional commissioner (crime and operations) of the DMP, said

reports of 35 children going missing within 48 hours is incorrect.

Mahid said 33 GDs were filed with different police stations in connection with missing children in 72 hours from May 4 to May 6.

Between June 4 and 6, at least 36 GDs were filed in 72 hours. Similarly, 32 GDs were filed in 72 hours from July 4 to 6.

In most cases, the children came back to their families within a short time, he added.

For instance, Mohammad Mohsin, officer in charge of Tejgaon Police station of DMP, in a social media post mentioned a boy left home to avoid studies.

The mother sought police help to trace the missing child and police found him shortly afterwards, he added.

POLICE PREPARING LISTS

In Chattogram, police are compiling lists of missing individuals, particularly children, in response to viral social media posts, said Niskriti Chakma, deputy commissioner (DC-Crime) of Chattogram Metropolitan Police.

Authorities are verifying reports to distinguish genuine cases from instances where children have temporarily left home due to familial pressures or personal reasons, said Abu Tyeb Md Arif Hossein, additional superintendent of Police of the Chattogram Special Branch.

People suffer

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Delwar Hossain, a pickup driver transporting ceramic goods, found himself stuck at Karwan Bazar for more than an hour.

“It took me three and a half hours to reach here from Dhamrai,” he said. “The students’ blockades have brought everything to a halt. Will causing us such distress help them achieve their demands?” he asked.

Private sector employee Hasan Uddin said, “Everyone is walking back home. I walked for 40 minutes from Kakrail intersection to Karwan Bazar.”

Salam Hossain, who drives for a ride-sharing app, was stuck at Shahbagh intersection from 3:00pm to 7:30pm. “There was a teacher in my car who was forced to leave the vehicle and walk at 4:00pm due to a lack of alternatives,” he said.

The protests, dubbed the “Bangla Blockade” programme, also caused hardship for rickshaw pullers like Soheb Miah. “I couldn’t get a single trip all day,” he said.

“I pleaded with the students to let me pass, but they refused. If my rickshaw doesn’t run, I don’t earn a living. I’ve been stuck here in Shahbagh since 3:00pm,” he said.

Meanwhile, agitating students declared to block important intersections of the capital and highways adjacent to colleges and universities across the country today.

Univ teachers carry on strike

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Association, those at Jagannath University, Rajshahi University, Chittagong University, Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology and Comilla University, among many others, continued movement to press home their demand.

Teachers at these universities abstained from work, leading to a standstill situation.

Jagannath University teachers held a programme on the campus at 12:00pm.

Sheikh Mashrik Hasan, general secretary of the JnU Teachers’ Association, said, “We want to return

to our students. To protect the dignity and honour of teachers and save higher education from destruction, we demand withdrawal of the discriminatory pension notification.”

At Chittagong University, teachers also held a sit-in on the university premises.

Prof ABM Abu Noman, secretary of the CU Teachers’ Association, said, “This scheme is harmful to university teachers. With this scheme, meritorious students won’t be attracted to this profession. Eventually, the nation will suffer. If there is no positive decision for us, our agitation will intensify.”

At Rajshahi University, Omor Faruq, general secretary of RUTA, said, “This pension scheme will place our next generation in a difficult situation. Our movement is not only for us but also for the next generation, who want to enter the teaching profession.”

Teachers of 35 public universities have been refraining from work since Monday, demanding the reinstatement of the previous pension facilities instead of the newly introduced “Prottoy” scheme of the Universal Pension System.

A flood the north

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“The dyke will be repaired in the dry season,” said Rakibul.

In Lalmonirhat, floodwaters from the Dharla River have affected three unions in the shoal areas under Sadar upazila, leaving more than 5,000 people waterlogged. The Dharla was flowing 18cm above danger level at Shishulbari Point yesterday morning, according to BWDB officials.

In Sirajganj, at least 83,000 people from around 18,000 families have been marooned due to the Jamuna River’s flooding.

A total of 34 unions in the district have become inundated, and 6,497 hectares of croplands are submerged.

Additionally, 57 primary schools have become waterlogged.

The Jamuna was flowing 54cm and 61cm above danger level at Kazipur Point and Sirajganj Hard Point, respectively.

In Thakurgaon, low-lying areas have been inundated as the Tangon River swelled over the past two days due to downpours and upstream water. At least 800 families in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila are marooned, with around 200 families taking shelter in educational institutions.

Floodwaters have damaged embankments and roads in the upazila, with the most affected areas from DC slum, Monshipara, Khalpara, Senua, Chanmaripara, Rajgaon, Akcha, Mohammadpur,

and Nargoon unions.

Local administration has started distributing food materials among flood victims at temporary shelters. “Measures have been taken to address the damage to the river embankment at Kharibari and Collegepara,” said Golam Zakaria, executive engineer of BWDB in Thakurgaon.

Officials from the Local Government Engineering Department and Thakurgaon municipality are working to repair the damaged roads. The floodwater is expected to recede if there is no further rain in the coming days.

Sisters die

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also lost our two daughters on the same day. My wife has become sick. We are in dire straits, but it seems the authorities concerned have abandoned us,” said Shahadat.

Kaliganj Union Parishad member Mohammad Ali, who visited the family, confirmed that no relief has reached the 500 affected families in his ward.

Kaliganj UP Chairman Riazul Islam Pradhan said he has discussed the matter with the upazila nirbahi officer.

Sibbir Ahmed, UNO of Nageshwari upazila, assured that the affected families will receive government assistance soon.

PRAYER TIMING

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-10	12-45	5-00	6-55	8-17
JAMAAT	4-45	1-15	5-15	7-00	8-45
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Office of the Executive Engineer
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Tender IDs	Package Description & No.	Last Date & Time of Depositing Document fees
1002125	(a) Improvement of Haldibunia - Deshekhando Road By BC from Ch: 00m - 1000m [Road ID: 201584050] [Salvage Cost: 29,05,038] (b) Improvement of Mongla Chatterhat GCCR at Moukchali - Taibunia - Dattermate By BC from Ch: 00m - 1270m [Road ID: 201584013] [Salvage Cost: 11,31,880 tk.] [Mongla] [Bagerhat] [3rd Call] & Bag/VR-74/FY 2023-24.	24.07.2024 Time : 5:00 PM
1002126	(a) Improvement of Mongla - Chatterhat GC Road at Tatibunia - Bururia School Road By BC from Ch: 00m - 1500m [Road ID: 201584017] [Salvage Cost: 39,73,242 tk.] (b) Improvement of Mongla - Chatterhat GCCR Road at Tatibunia - Mithakhali Bazar Road By BC from Ch: 1000m - 2000m [Road ID: 201584019] [Salvage Cost: 10,22,315 tk.] [Mongla] [Bagerhat] [3rd Call] & Bag/VR-73/FY 2023-24.	24.07.2024 Time : 5:00 PM
1002127	Improvement of Kaliganj Bazar - Mollikarbare UP Road By BC from Ch.2650m-3546m [Road ID 201733010] [Salvage Value: 13,78,707.00 Tk.] [Rampal] [Bagerhat] [5th Call] & Bag/UNR-05/FY 2023-24.	21.07.2024 Time : 5:00 PM

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গুলশানে Eyrie প্রজেক্টে পাঁচ প্রপারটির তৈরি ৪৪৫০ বর্গফুটের দক্ষিণমুখী লাক্সারিয়ারাস সদ্য তৈরি ফ্র্যাট বিক্রয়। কারপারিং ২টি, রোড-৫০, গুলশান-২, সেভেন-৫, ফোন: ০১৭৯৯০০০০০৭

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 578 OF 2024

IN THE MATTER OF:
An application under section 233 of the Companies Act, 1994,
AND IN THE MATTER OF:
Md. Shofiqul Islam VsPetitioner

The RJSC and othersRespondents

Notice is hereby given that a petition under section 233 of the Companies Act 1994 for cancellation of all resolutions passed at any time without serving notice upon the petitioner in any meeting of the Board of Directors and/or in general meetings of Aman Feed PLC and for other reliefs was presented to the Hon'ble High Court Division by the above petitioner and that on 27.06.2024 the Hon'ble Court presided over by Mr. Justice K. M. Kamrul Kader was pleased to admit the said petition and the said petition is directed to be heard before the Hon'ble Court, and any one else interested in the matter may appear before the Hon'ble Court on the date fixed for hearing either personally or through duly appointed Advocate. Copy of the petition may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed fees.

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

1. Procuring Entity	Chittagong Dry Dock Ltd
2. Invitation for	Tender Documents For MS PLATE (MARINE GRADE-A) & MS ANGLE (MARINE GRADE Q235B) (Detail Technical Specifications Mentioned in Tender Document)
3. Reference No	23.02.1565.341.53.006.24.57 Date: 07 July 2024
4. Tender Closing	23 July 2024 at 12.15 PM
5. Tender Opening	23 July 2024 at 12.30 PM

N.B. All other relevant terms and conditions are available at CDDL website (www.cdcl.gov.bd)

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For Managing Director

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996102	37.01.0044.52 6.02.024.23	Supply, Installation, Testing, and Commissioning of Power System Lab at BSFMSTU	22-Jul-2024 17:00	23-Jul-2024 14:15

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