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were affected. Addressing the demands of the quota reform protesters, she pointed out that the quota system was not in effect at the height of the protests due to a Supreme Court status quo. "What would be the logical basis of their demand at that time?" she questioned.

The prime minister assured that the government is taking effective steps to support the families of those killed and injured, including financial assistance and free medical treatment.

Ambassador Chinchetru appreciated the military deployment and curfew imposed to maintain peace and prosperity. "Everything is gradually improving now," he noted, according to PM's press secretary.



Boatmen in Barishal are counting losses as their engine-driven trawlers remain anchored on the bank of the Kirtankhola river amid the ongoing curfew. However, with the curfew being relaxed for longer hours, things are slowly returning to normal. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Bamboo fish traps in high demand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Nearly 50 families at Bokali village in Faridpur Sadar upazila have been earning their livelihood by making "polo", a bamboo-made traditional fishing traps, for years.

Usually, the demand for bamboo-made traps peaks during monsoon.

During a recent visit to Bokali, a village locally known as Pologram, which is located 6 kilometres from Faridpur town, this correspondent saw people from different age groups, including children, were busy making polos with slits on their courtyards.

Of them, some were seen slicing bamboo, some were peeling those while others were engaged in making polos of different sizes.

Crafted with locally sourced bamboo, this trap is an ingenious and sustainable tool used in traditional fishing practice.

Unlike fishing nets which catch fish indiscriminately, the "polo" allows small and juvenile fish to escape its perforations, while leaving only larger, matured fish to be caught inside the trap. As such, it does not adversely affect fish populations in the waterbodies.

One of the elderly residents of the village Sheikh Asgor said, "My father Sheikh Lalu was one of the pioneers in the village, who took polo making as profession."



PHOTO: STAR

Sheikh Idris makes fishing tools with bamboo strips at his Bokali village home in Faridpur Sadar upazila.

"Earlier, I used to pull rickshaw-van. But I started making polo nearly 25 years ago for a better living as I was struggling to maintain my family with the poor income," he added.

Homemaker Rabeya Khatun said, "I came to this village about 45 years ago and since then I have been witnessing that most of the villagers are involved in polo making."

"Gradually, I learnt the method from my mother-in-law and now I am earning Tk 10,000 to Tk 12,000 by selling polo each month," Rabeya said.

Another polo artisan, Sheikh Habi of the village said, "You will hardly find anyone at the village who is not involved in this job."

Jaasim Sheikh, a polo vendor at Faridpur town, said he has been buying polos from Bokali village for the last five years as the quality of the item is very good.

"I buy at least 800 to 1,000 pieces of the traditional fishing tool from the village every month," Jaasim said.

Garda Union Parishad Chairman MR Haque said polo making has become a heritage of Bokali village and locals feel proud as people from different areas visit the village to buy polos.

Dreams

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The family's only son, Hridoy, leaves behind his father Ratan Chandra Tarua, mother Archana Rani, and elder sister Mitu Rani.

"My son was studying very hard. I had many dreams about him. After completing his education, he was supposed to get a good job and take care of our family. But that dream ended with one shot. All hope was burned to ashes in the cremation fire," said his father Ratan.

Hridoy's mother, Archana Rani, devastated by the news, demanded justice and capital punishment for her son's killers.

"Why and who killed my son? I want proper justice for this killing."

Friends described Hridoy as a talented student, having achieved GPA-5 in both secondary and higher secondary examinations. He was a third-year student of History at Chittagong University.

His sister, Mitu Rani, recalled Hridoy's last visit home before Pahela Baishakh.

"He asked our parents to trust him and promised to support us with a good job. We had many dreams about my only brother, but he is gone," said Mitu.

How will I raise

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Meanwhile, Sultana, his wife, said, "Mamun called to check on us that afternoon and said he would call back again. I never imagined those would be his last words. How will I raise our son alone?" she asked, recalling the last conversation with her husband.

Fatema Begum, Mamun's mother, is equally grief-stricken. "Why was my innocent son killed? Who will take responsibility of my grandson?" she cried.

"Looking at this little boy breaks my heart. Who will he call father now?"

Soaring veggie prices leave people in a pickle

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Prices of vegetables have surged sharply over the past one week in markets across Moulvibazar due to a shortage of vehicles for transporting the produce amid the ongoing nationwide curfew, as well as potential price manipulation by traders.

For instance, price of potato has gone up by Tk 60-65 per kilogramme from around Tk 50 per kg last week.

Visiting the Moulvibazar TCB market and Paschimbar kitchen market yesterday, this correspondent observed that even though different vegetables are in adequate supply, the prices are significantly higher compared to the previous week.

At the markets, the prices per kg for vegetables were as follows: green chilli Tk 400-450, carrot Tk 150-180, tomato Tk 180-200,



brinjal Tk 80-100, potato Tk 100-120, coriander Tk 200-300, bitter gourd Tk 100-150, cucumber Tk 100-120, taro roots Tk 100-120, and yard bean Tk 120-140.

Also, gourds were being sold at Tk 100-120 each, and pumpkin at Tk 80-100 per kg.

"After eight days of unrest

and curfew, I returned to work yesterday and earned Tk 700. Earlier, I had to borrow money to put food on the plate for my family. Now with this meager Tk 700, do I pay back the loan or buy vegetables? How are we, marginalised people, going to survive if the scenario continues

like this?" said Kutub Uddin, 45, a mason from Chandni-Ghat area.

Sohodeb Biswas, a shopper, alleged that traders are hiking prices to take advantage of the ongoing situation in the country, and called for intervention from the authorities concerned.

"We are being compelled to either purchase vegetables at the inflated prices, or return home empty handed," said Shamsul Haque, another shopper.

Traders like Sajjadul Hasan and Anwar Hossain cited logistical issues, such as a lack of vehicles, and prevailing market conditions as reasons for the high prices.

Contacted, Md Abdul Haque, additional deputy commissioner of Moulvibazar, said the administration will launch market monitoring drives to ensure price stability and prevent unjustified hike.

Why did cops shoot

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An expatriate in South Africa, he rented a house in Shahibagh.

Saad was the only son among three children. His eldest daughter, Taslima Khanam Nazneen, 20, is a second-year honors student in the Pharmacy Department at Savar's Gonoshasthaya University.

His youngest daughter, Afroza Khanam Nusrat, 8, and Saad were both students at Jabale Noor Dakhil Madrasa in Shahibagh.

When entering their village home around 1:00pm yesterday, Saad's father was seen sitting on a chair in the yard. Saad's grandfather, Amjad Hossain Khan, 85, a former president of the upazila Krishak League, sat next to him.

Bahadur recounted the tragic events, saying, "I went to the road without seeing my son on the rooftop. I

saw his favourite shoes on the road and rushed to the hospital, where I found him dead. There was a large bullet hole in his left thigh. My son had committed no crime. Why did the police shoot my child, he was only 14?"

Saad's mother, Halima Akhter, fell ill from grief and could not speak. She remained silent and bedridden.

Relatives reported that Saad's body was brought to their village home that day. He was buried in the central cemetery in Dhalla village the following morning.



PRAYER TIMING

JULY 29

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-20 12-45 5-00 6-50 8-15
JAMAAT 4-55 1-15 5-15 6-55 8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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Consultancy Opportunities

International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka invites applications from interested CONSULTANT TO REVIEWING THE EXPATRIATES' WELFARE AND OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT POLICY 2016 AND DRAFTING RECOMMENDATIONS. The Terms of Reference (ToR) can be downloaded from the **United Nations Global Market Place (UNGMP)** at <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/241845>

The deadline for submission of proposal is **Monday, August 19, 2024, by 04:30 PM (BST time)**.

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SI	Tender ID, Ref No	Description of items	Start Date & Time	Last Selling Date and Time		Tender Closing Date & Time	
				Previous	Amended	Previous	Amended
01	Tender ID: 1001645 Ref. No. 46.207.014.09.10.301.2024, Date: 27.06.2024	Works: Improvement and Construction works of Shahjahanpur Jheel and drainage & streets around Shahjahanpur Jheel (Contract Package: DCNUP/W-13/KB)	03-July-2024 16:00 BST	31-July-2024 16:00 BST	11-Aug-2024 16:00 BST	01-Aug-2024 12:00 BST	12-Aug-2024 12:00 BST

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So. No	Package No & Scheme Name	Tender ID	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing/Opening Date & Time	Tendering Method
1	LGED/W-3C/Mymensingh-3 Road Rehabilitation Works in Mymensingh District Area R-3 A) Rehabilitation of Fulbaria Mymensingh RHD (Dashmail)-Buraka via Mohammed Nagar GC Road at ch. 00-3965m under Fulbaria Upazila, Dist.- Mymensingh. ID No- 361202002 (Salvage Material Cost: BDT 9,03,313.00) B) Rehabilitation of Durer Khal- Kadomtoli Road at ch. 1120-5300m under Fulbaria Upazila, Dist.- Mymensingh. ID No- 361203005 (Salvage Material Cost: BDT 5,22,917.00) C) Rehabilitation of Assim GC- Boradhoba Ghatial RHD (Uthara UP) Road at ch. 00-7000m under Fulbaria Upazila, Dist.- Mymensingh ID No- 361202016 (Salvage Material Cost: BDT 19,28,715.00)	1002655	Date-28-Aug-2024 Time: 13:00	Date-28-Aug-2024 Time: 14:00	OTM

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