# Hit by 22-day ban, hilsa fishers seek increased govt assistance

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

fishermen have sought increased assistance amid the bans on hilsa fishing, claiming that the rice provided to them as support under the government's vulnerable group feeding (VGF) scheme is insufficient to sustain them during the restriction period.

For over a decade, the government has been imposing ban on hilsa fishing in three different periods and this time 13 this year as part of efforts to ensure breeding of mother hilsa fishes.

The two other periods are – one for 65 days for the preservation of hilsa fries or jatka from May 20 to July 23 and another for 60 days for hilsa sanctuaries imposed in March-April.

This year, each fisherman registered with the District Fisheries Department will get 25 kilogrammes (kgs) of rice under the VGF scheme, as until

hilsa fishing, the only source of earning under the VGF scheme this time.

But Islam Howladar, a fisherman of Kuakata area of Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila, said 25 kgs of rice is not enough to feed his family for 22 days.

The 38-year-old said he has been hunting hilsa in the sea for the last 20 years and he does not have any skill or job other than fishing.

"I have two kids who are studying a 22-day ban is ongoing since October and debts to pay. How can I feed my whole family with only 25 kgs of rice and bear the educational expenses during the ban when I will earn

> Howladar said he needs at least 50 kgs of rice and an additional Tk 5,000 as soon as possible, as he has already taken high-cost loans to pay the bills. The fisherman also demanded for

> timely distribution of rice as soon as the

November 3 none will be allowed to for bans begin, as he is yet to get any rice fishermen and 64,770 of them are listed

Salah Uddin, another 40-year-old fisherman from Mohipur area, said he has close to 30 years of experience of fishing hilsa in the deep sea.

He said the 22-day ban is taking a toll on him, as he did not get the desired amount of fishes in the sea this year.

"The 25-kg rice the government gave will last a maximum of nine days in my family. What would I have after that? How can I buy the additional food items to have them with rice?"

Salah Uddin also stressed the need for allocating at least 40 kgs of rice and an additional Tk 5,000 for each

Dulal Howladar, who has been making a living by hunting hilsa in the Payra river for 20 years, said he received 25-kg VGF rice today, but he needs more to pass the ban period.

However, Mohammad

(RAPID),

the target

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environment,

Abdur Razzaque, chairman

of the Research and

Policy Integration for

expressed a different view

on achieving the target on

was set, the country's

was different and it has

now changed," Razzaque

said. "With the current

achieving \$100 billion

might be challenging, but

the country may reach \$70

billion-\$80 billion if a better

business environment is

slump in demand for

clothing items, coupled

with domestic challenges,

is making the target

about the possibility of

higher tariffs on Chinese

items imposed by the USA

if the Republican Party

wins the next election. He

believes this could divert

massive work orders to

Bangladesh from China.

Razzaque also talked

He added that a global

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ensured.'

difficult.

time.

Patuakhali has 79,300 registered

as hilsa hunters, who are provided with 25-kg rice each for the 22-day ban, said Md Kamrul, district fisheries officer.

"We are working relentlessly to make the 22-day ban successful. We go for raids at night to implement the ban and distribute VGF rice during the day.

Fifty-four fishermen have so far been jailed for different periods in Patuakhali district during the ban, he said.

The fisheries department has collected Tk 1 lakh fine from 20 fishermen and seized 3.5 lakh metres of fishing nets since the start of the 22-day ban, Kamrul said.

Some unregistered fishermen requesting anonymity said some of them go for hilsa fishing defying the ban, as the support government provides is not enough for them.

"We hunt hilsa at night and sell those secretly at low rates to make a living," one of them said.

## Gov to buy two cargoes of LNG from spot market

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The advisory committee on government purchases vesterday approved the import of two cargoes of liquified natural gas (LNG) from the spot market.

Switzerland-based MS TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd will supply each million British thermal units (MMBtu) of the first consignment at \$13.94 and the second at \$13.57.

Each cargo is equivalent to 33.60 lakh MMbtu. The first consignment will cost Tk 657.61 crore and the second Tk 640.15 crore, according to the meeting minutes.

'The committee approved the purchase after getting quotations from the companies, which signed the Master Sale and Purchase Agreements with Petrobangla in line with the Public Procurement Rules 2008," the minutes read.

The government also approved the purchase of 30,000 tonnes of muriate of potash (MOP)

Around 30,000 tonnes of MOP will be supplied by Russian Company JSC Foreign Economic Corporation "Prodintorg" at a price of \$289.75 per

Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed, who is currently in the US to take part in the annual meetings between the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, joined virtually.

## Meeting \$100b garment export target by 2030 tough

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However, current political uncertainties have compounded the existing situation and energy increased production costs.

Hassan said that with adequate gas and electricity supply, fresh investment would flow into the sector and many entrepreneurs would invest or expand their operations in high-valueadded garment items like man-made fibre garments, jackets, jerseys, skiwear and sports items.

value addition, This he said, would fetch to traditional basic item

he said Bangladesh's exports to non-traditional India, Russia, South Korea, South Africa and Australia appear promising.

at the current pace to key drivers in achieving the these markets, along with target. Besides, he said Latin supply, he said many traditional markets like

is possible to achieve the shipments. target," added Hassan, also Giant Group.

The former BGMEA president also said that international retailers and brands have solid confidence in Bangladesh due to improvements in workplace safety and labour rights after the Rana the past decade. Plaza garment collapse in

Moreover, he mentioned activewear, that China has been losing next six years, provided the its global market share. Consequently, apparel work orders are coming to Bangladesh not only higher prices compared from China but also from Pakistan, Myanmar, Ethiopia and Sri Lanka On an optimistic note, due to political tensions in Islam, president of the nowthose countries.

Hassan, Similar to markets such as Japan, Kalpan Hossain, managing director of Dekko Legacy Group, said non-traditional markets, along with "If exports continue traditional ones, will be

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-সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতিতে ঠিকাদার তালিকাভ্ক্তি/লাইসেন্স নবায়ন (৩য় বার) বিজ্ঞপ্তি-

Invitation for Enlistment (IFE) No: Enlistment-03/BRD/2024-25 Date: 23/10/2024

এতদারা সংশ্রিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, সড়ক বিভাগ, বাগেরহাট কর্তৃক পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা-

২০০৮-এর আলোকে সড়ক ও জনপথ অধিদপ্তরের পরিচালন (রাজস্ব) বাজেটের আওতায় সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি প্রয়োগের

অভ্যন্তরীণ কার্য (NCT-Works) সম্পাদনের লক্ষ্যে ২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থবছরের (৩ম বার) জন্য ঠিকাদার তালিকাভূক্তি/নবায়ন

করা হবে। সিপিটিইউ কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত আবেদন ফরম বাগেরহাট সড়ক বিভাগ-এর কার্যালয় হতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে

সরবরাহ করা হবে। আগ্রহী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানকে ১০০০.০০(এক হাজার) টাকার অফেরতযোগ্য পে-অর্ভার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/চালান

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশনী, সঙদ্ধ, সভ়ক বিভাগ, বাগেরহাট-এর অনুকূলে জমা প্রদান করে অথবা মানি রিসিটের মাধ্যমে ১০০০.০০ (এক

হাজার) টাকা পরিশোধ করে নির্ধারিত আবেদনপত্র (ডকুমেন্ট) সংগ্রহ করতে পারবেন। নির্ধারিত আবেদনপত্র (ডকুমেন্ট)

সঠিকভাবে পুরণ পূর্বক প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্রাদিসহ বর্ণিত (ছক-ক) সময়ের মধ্যে বালেরহাট সড়ক বিভাগে জমা প্রদান করার

জনা অনুরোধ করা হলো। সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি প্রয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা-২০০৮-এর বিধি-৬৩ ও ৬৪

উল্লেখ্য যে, ইতোপূর্বে বাগেরহাট সড়ক বিভাগের তালিকাভূক্ত ঠিকাদারণণ ২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থ বছরের লাইসেন্স নবায়ন ফি বাবদ টাকা ২০০০.০০ (টাকা দুই হাজার) মাত্র+১৫% ভ্যাটসহ নিম্ন বর্ণিত (ছক-২) তারিখের মধ্যে অত্র দপ্তরে জমা পূর্বক লাইসেন্স

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অনুসরণযোগ্য এবং এ তালিকাভুক্তিকরণ, দরপত্র আহবান/কাজ প্রদানের নিশ্চয়তা বিধান করে না।

তালিকাভুক্তির ফরমের মূল্য

নবায়ন ফি

২০০০/- টাকা+১৫% ভাট

নবায়ন করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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European Union (EU), it for Bangladesh's apparel

"Achieving the target the managing director of will be challenging, but it is still possible," said Hossain. "We have the potential and we must utilise it."

Mahmud, Shams managing director of Shasha Denims, said the country's garment exports have steadily increased over garment "Therefore,

exports may grow at an even higher rate in the sector gets adequate gas supply, financial support, government support, political stability and industrial security," he said.

Khandoker Rafiqul dissolved board of directors of BGMEA, also sounded confident in achieving the \$100 billion garment export target by 2030, provided all necessary facilities are in place.

With adequate American countries could companies would expand the USA, Canada and the be excellent destinations or invest in new ventures.

তারিখঃ ২৩/১০/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ।

তালিকাভুক্তির ফরম সংগ্রহ ও জমা প্রদানের

সময়সীমা (৩য় বার)

২১/১১/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ বিকাল ৫:০০ঘটিকা।

১০০% জরিমানায় নবায়নের সময়সীমা

৩০/১১/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ পর্যন্ত।

# RMG units struggle

in the whole supply chain is very important. Transparency will improve buyer confidence and suppliers can get a premium, he said.

Ikramul H Sohel, senior programme officer, market development cooperation Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, said there are many requirements implementing

buoy gold

standards. manpower is also needed,

he added. Shahjahan, Sadril senior research Entrepreneurship Development at BRAC University, said there

for the garment sector. will allow those who wish to asked. comply with and adopt GRI

should be a data repository

Skilled about it and understand said they have multiple the challenges, he said. Tanzila Tajreen, senior

policy adviser at the coming soon. Embassy of the Kingdom long way to go as only 33 factories have implemented GRI standards.

"Is this an extra burden It is required because it for the factories?" she

projects in the garment sector and some will be

Muiibul Cezanne associate of the Centre of the Netherlands, said Hasan, country director Bangladesh still has a at Swisscontact, said GRI standards are quickly becoming a requirement. It has associated costs but should be treated like an investment, Hasan added.

Sahela Akter, deputy Ishrat Fatema, team secretary to the Ministry of initiatives to learn more leader at Swisscontact, Industries, also spoke.

# Global risks

REUTERS

Gold prices firmed on Thursday as the bullion remained in demand in the face of ongoing geopolitical risks, while palladium jumped 8 percent to a near 10-month peak on fears of supply sanctions on topproducer Russia.

Spot gold rose 0.7 percent to \$2,736.30 per ounce by 0958 GMT after pulling back from the

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## BB eases rules

Moreover, obligations.

foreign lenders are permitted to issue LCs, standby letters of credit (SBLC) or guarantees to suppliers, with repayment for both the principal loan amount and any associated interest according to mutually agreed terms.

Besides, the central bank has granted general approval for corporate, personal or third-party guarantees to assist with short-term import credit, offering importers greater flexibility in managing their financial commitments.

According to the commercial imports under this new agreement will be eligible for a short-term foreign credit facility with a repayment period of up to 60 days, providing essential banks, he added.

support to industrial enterprises engaged in international trade.

According to industry insiders, this new rule will facilitate imports under sales contracts and eliminate confusion surrounding country imports" and "third country LCs". It will enable smoother

transactions with suppliers with whom importers have established relationships, they said. Á central bank official said that there is confusion

in the market regarding imports without LCs despite policy support in the Import Policy Order.

The circular provides detailed guidance that will promote imports under contracts. It will also reduce the exposure of

### Stocks witness

Daily turnover at the country's premier bourse,

chart, contributing 25.07 percent.Block trades. meaning high-volume securities transactions that are privately negotiated and executed outside of the open market, also made a significant contribution of

notched gains while 272 in negative territory, closed lower and the remaining 40 did not witness any fluctuation. among the top three to witness losses.

Likewise, all sectors the account for large amounts of market capitalisation showcased negative performances, as per the daily market update of BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage. Market capitalisation refers to the total value of a company's outstanding shares owned by stockholders.

The food and allied sector lost the most (2.03 non-bank and banking (0.17 percent).

# said most sectors closed

which measures the total value of shares traded, decreased by 4.96 percent from the day before to stand at Tk 306 crore yesterday.

The banking sector dominated the turnover

4.8 percent.

percent) followed by telecommunication (1.79 percent), pharmaceuticals (1.33 percent), fuel and

financial institutions (0.47 percent)

power (1.13 percent), engineering (1.10 percent),

Grameenphone emerged as the most traded share, পরিচিতি নং-৬০২১৬২ registering a combined নিৰ্বাহী প্ৰকৌশলী, সওজ turnover of Tk 175 crore. The daily market update সড়ক বিভাগ, বাগেরহাট। of UCB Stock Brokerage