

Water hyacinth spurs new livelihoods

KM HABIBUR RAHMAN, Pirojpur

Earning opportunities through water hyacinth have been created for hundreds of people in different areas of Pirojpur's Nazirpur and neighbouring Gopalganj's Kotalipara upazilas.

Locals, especially from low-income families, are now making money by selling dry stalks of the plant.

Fibres from these dry stalks are used to make various decorative household items, handbags, plate mats and other artisan products at different factories across the country, particularly in Rangpur.

The year-round trade of dry water hyacinth stalks began around three to four years ago in Manoharpur village of Nazirpur upazila. The peak season starts at the end of winter and continues until the monsoon sets in.

Men, women and even children are involved in collecting the plant. They sell the dry stalks to wholesale buyers at Tk 50-55 per kilogramme, depending on quality. The buyers then transport the stalks to factories for further processing.

Rahila Begum, who has been selling dry stalks of water hyacinths for around three years, said with her earnings she was able to buy four goats.

"I also help my sons financially with my earnings," she said.

Ranjuara Begum, another woman involved in the trade, said after completing household chores, they collect stalks from the marshland around their home.

"Normally I can collect enough to make five kilogrammes of dry water hyacinth stalks daily," she said.

Azizul Fakir, a wholesale buyer, said, "I collect dry stalks of water hyacinth from four to five villages under Nazirpur and Kotalipara upazilas."

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A spray cannon waters trees along Kuril Bishwa Road in the capital yesterday. The Dhaka North City Corporation took the initiative to care for public greenery amid the recent rise in temperature.

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

জেলা খাদ্য নিয়ন্ত্রকের কার্যালয়, ময়মনসিংহ

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Office of The Dhunat Pourashava District-Bogura.

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Date: 06/05/2025

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1105122	Estimate for Single Street Light (Electric) start from Dhunat Bazar Fall Potty to Dhunat Hospital Morh Under Dhunat Pourashava, Bogura. Ch. 0.00m to 1080.00m	200000/-	21-May-2025; 17:00	22-May-2025; 14:00

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(Md. Shazedy Haque)
Assistant Engineer (Current Charge)
Dhunat Pourashava, Bogura.

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Bangladesh, KSA hold joint defence committee meeting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia yesterday held the first-ever Joint Committee Meeting on Defence Cooperation at Dhaka Cantonment, under the supervision of the Armed Forces Division (AFD).

The meeting marks a significant step toward achieving mutual defence objectives and enhancing strategic cooperation between the two countries, according to an official release issued by the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR).

The joint committee aimed to deepen mutual understanding and coordinate key areas of cooperation, including joint military training, education, defence industry, and joint exercises.

"This historic meeting will serve as a milestone in the growing defence relationship between Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia," the ISPR stated.

The Saudi delegation was led by Maj Gen Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Khalidi and included 14 other military and civilian officials of various ranks.

On the Bangladesh side, the delegation was headed by Lt Gen SM Kamrul Hassan, principal

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Dhaka, Rome agree to combat human trafficking

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and Italy have agreed to combat transnational organised crime, including human trafficking and migrant smuggling, as well as terrorism and cybercrime.

The consensus came during a meeting between Home Affairs Adviser Jahangir Alam Chowdhury and Italian Interior Minister Matteo Piantedosi.

Bangladesh and Italy also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on migration and mobility, which will promote legal migration and prevent illegal migration, according to a joint statement issued yesterday.

During his visit to Bangladesh on May 5-6, Matteo Piantedosi called on Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus and held bilateral meetings with Expatriates' Welfare Adviser Asif Nazrul, Foreign Adviser Touhid Hossain and the home adviser.

According to the joint statement, the home adviser and the Italian minister welcomed the ongoing collaboration between the law enforcement agencies of the two countries.

They emphasised the importance of capacity-building, continued information and intelligence

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TO CURB REVENUE LOSS CWasa to set up 1 lakh smart meters

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

Chattogram Wasa has been bleeding revenue for years in a chronic system loss stemming from wastage through leaky pipelines, unbilled consumption, and theft.

In a bid to plug the losses, the state-run agency is working on a new project to replace outdated meters with smart water meters, said a CWasa official.

Around one lakh smart water meters will be procured under the 'Chattogram Water Supply Improvement Project', approved by the Ecnec recently.

The Tk 3,921 crore project runs from April 2025 till March 2030. It will be financed by the World Bank. The estimated cost of purchasing, installing, and operating the smart meters is Tk 200 crore.

Rejal Ahsan Chowdhury, executive engineer of CWasa and focal person of the project, said, "Our goal is to achieve complete smart metering coverage across the distribution network by 2030."

CWasa has long been struggling to reduce its non-revenue water level (NRW), which doubled over the past decade from 15.24 percent in 2013-14 fiscal to 30 percent in 2023-24 fiscal.

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Man sent to jail over attempted rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrokona

A Netrokona court yesterday sent a man to jail after being arrested in a case filed over the attempted rape of a 9-year-old boy in Atpara upazila.

The Netrokona Senior Judicial Magistrate Court passed the order after police presented him before the court in the afternoon, said Netrokona Court Inspector Md Mofiz Uddin.

The accused is Masum Mia, 27, an auto-rickshaw driver, of the Palpara village.

According to the case statement, when the victim was returning home from Dugija Bazar on an auto-rickshaw around 7:30pm on Monday, the accused took him to a secluded bush adjacent to Brujer Bazar and tried to rape him.

Hearing his screams, locals rushed to the spot, rescued the boy, and detained the driver. They later handed him over to police. The victim's father filed a written complaint with the Atpara Police Station on Monday night, said Officer-in-Charge Mohammad Ashrafuuzzaman.

Champa was the fourth wife of one Obaedul Haque Khan alias Badal, 45, of the same village. She and her mother began living in his house along with his son Yasin, 10, from a previous marriage.

"Around 11:00pm on Monday night, Yasin came to our house... and informed us his father had killed Champa and Talab," said Nasima, a neighbour.

Sumon Talukder, a cousin of Champa, said he was unaware of any conflict between Champa and her husband that could lead to the murder incident.

Police sent the bodies to Pirojpur Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy yesterday.

A case was filed in connection with the murder, said OC Ahmed Anwar.

"We are trying to arrest the accused," said Khan Mohammad Abu Naser, superintendent of police in Pirojpur.

STATUTORY NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 588 of 2025

Md. Nibrul Haque Petitioner

-VERSUS-

Moitree Construction Limited and others Respondents

Take notice that an application under Section 81(2), read with Sections 85(3), 183, and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994, has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division on behalf of the above-named petitioner for condonation of delay in holding the AGM for the calendar years 2021 to 2023 of Moitree Construction Ltd. A similar application was also filed in Company Matter No. 588 of 2025 for the calendar years 2021 to 2023 of Nibrul Real Estate Ltd. Upon hearing of the application on 20.04.2025 Hon'ble Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel has been pleased to admit said application. In so said order, the Hon'ble Justice directed to publish advertisements in the newspapers, and submit an affidavit-in-compliance. If you are interested to oppose the said application you may appear before the Hon'ble Court through your Advocate. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the under mentioned Advocate on payment.

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