

Scientists

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After 8-10 hours, females laid eggs, which were fertilised by males, leading to the successful production of fish fry.

The fry were initially fed a mixture of boiled egg yolk and water and later transferred to nursery ponds after 6-7 days.

Over 45-60 days, the fry reached 5-6cm in size, with a survival rate of 65-70 percent.

The research was led by Azhar, alongside Sonia, Maliha Hossain Mou, Srebas Kumar Saha, and Md Abu Naser.

Azhar confirmed that the Gotali fry will soon be distributed to farmers, enabling private and government hatcheries to produce them commercially.

It is notable that BFR's Saidpur freshwater substation previously received a medal in 2017 for successfully developing artificial breeding techniques for native Tengra fish.



Thick dust and sand blanket the Zero Point area of the Khulna-Satkhira highway, as continuous movement of buses and trucks on the poorly maintained road worsens air pollution. Commuters, residents, shopkeepers, and pedestrians -- especially children and the elderly -- suffer from respiratory issues, allergies, and other health problems due to prolonged exposure.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Youth killed after being hit by train

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An unidentified youth was killed after being struck by a moving train at Teliapara Railway Station in Madhabpur upazila of Habiganj yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred around 3:30pm on the Dhaka-Sylhet railway line as the Chattogram-bound Paharika Express was passing through Teliapara station, police said.

According to witnesses, the youth was walking along the railway track while talking on his mobile phone and appeared unaware of the approaching train.

He was crushed under the wheels and died on the spot.

Joy Paul, sub-inspector of Teliapara Police Outpost, said upon receiving the information, a police team rushed to the scene and recovered the body.

The body was sent to Habiganj Sadar Adhunik Hospital morgue for post-mortem examination.

Efforts are underway to identify the deceased, said the police official.

Sramik Dal protests Without safety, sanitation

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Their demands include halting all efforts to privatise any terminal of the port, whether to foreign or local firms; holding immediate elections for the port's Collective Bargaining Agent (CBA); introducing an international-standard salary scale for port staff; providing a port duty allowance of Tk 10,000; a 40 percent risk allowance; a rationing system; and a 120-day incentive bonus.

"All terminals, including NCT, CCT, and GCB, should be operated by the port's own management," Showkat said.

The organisation also demanded that DP World's representative Captain Tanvir be declared persona non grata inside the port. Otherwise, they warned that they would resist any DP World representative from entering jetty areas.

Leaders of Chattogram Port Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal (former CBA) conducted a mass outreach programme yesterday at different points, including Port Hospital and CPA Engineering department.

Their programmes include mass outreach till June 17 and sit-in programmes on the

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Regarding the lack of safety in public facilities, Saida (pseudonym) shared a harrowing experience. "I once had to use a public washroom at a bus terminal. The door lock was broken, but I had no choice. Suddenly, a man tried to force his way in. I had to hold the door shut with all my strength while he kept pushing from the outside. That experience terrified me. Since then, I totally avoid public restrooms."

However, Ismail Hossain, a security worker at the Ramna Public Toilet, disagreed. "There is no safety issue. We try to keep the washrooms clean and safe. But I think social taboos and shyness stop women from using them."

CONSEQUENCES

WOMEN FACE

The impact of limited access to public restrooms goes far beyond inconvenience -- it's a serious health and safety issue for women.

"We're seeing more women with kidney disease and uterine

infections," said Dr Farhad Hasan Chowdhury of the Bangladesh Renal Association. "Most are students or professionals who spend long hours outside without access to clean toilets. They drink less water or delay urination, which causes serious harm to the body."

Dr Arefin Islam, country director of Noora Health, echoed this concern. "Lack of access to toilets affects both men and women, but it's far worse for women. It's not just a physical issue -- it takes a mental toll as well."

EXPERTS URGE ACTION

Dr Adil Mohammed Khan, president of the Bangladesh Institute of Planners, pointed to a lack of political will. "Policymakers don't face this issue. It affects working and middle-class people, not those in power," he said.

He also criticised the policy of charging for public toilet use. "The government spends crores on infrastructure but still asks the poor to pay

for basic sanitation. That discourages use."

Dr Adil called for a public toilet every 500-600 metres across Dhaka, stressing the need to prioritise this in urban planning. In reality, the city doesn't even have one every two kilometres.

Hasin Jahan, country director of WaterAid, urged the government to make all public toilets free. "Women from every walk of life suffer due to this crisis. It affects their physical and mental health."

She also called on the media and civil society to play a greater role. "This issue shouldn't only be discussed on special days. The media must cover it year-round. NGOs and citizens must form a pressure group."

"This is not just an issue of convenience," she said. "It's about safety, dignity, employment, and health. Women skip meals, avoid drinking water, limit their travel, and give up job opportunities -- all because the city has failed them."

Full services

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according to directives from the health ministry.

"We are not barring any of the July injured from receiving treatment here," he said in response to another question.

"But they must do so in accordance with hospital rules," he added.

Raju Islam, one of the five July injured persons at hospital now, said they were not aware that the hospital prepared discharge letter for them. "We will leave if we no longer require treatment," he added.

The 250-bed facility, the country's largest public eye hospital, had halted all services on May 28 after a confrontation between hospital staff and a group of patients injured during the July uprising, alongside other patients and their attendants.

The suspension left thousands of eye patients across the country without treatment, as around 3,000 patients take service from outdoor daily at normal time, doctors said.

While emergency services partially resumed on June 4 and outpatient care recommenced on Thursday, full-scale operations across all departments remained suspended until yesterday.

End of Eid holiday

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However, a road crash near the Mawa end involving a microbus left one person dead and 13 injured, briefly halting traffic.

In Barishal, the Nathullahad bus terminal and river port were overwhelmed. Despite increased efforts by authorities, demand far exceeded supply.

Barishal's river port handled nearly 10 times the usual number of passengers. Normally, only two launches operate on the Dhaka route, but yesterday, 12 launches were deployed to cope with the surge.

BRTC also ran double-decker buses, usually reserved for Barishal University students. "We usually operate 15 buses. For Eid, we added double-deckers, but even that wasn't enough," said BRTC official Moshir Rahman.

Md Enamul, a passenger at the BRTC counter, said he had been waiting since 9:00am. "It's 10:30am now, and I still haven't boarded any bus," he said.

Debi Karmakar, another commuter, shared, "I need to go to Dhaka urgently. I've never faced such trouble before. I've already waited nearly two hours."

Transport owners said around 200 buses usually operate daily in Barishal, but during Eid,

that number rose to 500-600 -- which was still insufficient.

Passengers reported deck spaces on launches were being sold at Tk 300-400, while regular fares are around Tk 150-200. Some said even the launch rooftops were overcrowded.

Meanwhile, inside the capital, the real ordeal began once people entered the city. From Gabtoli to Sayedabad, returnees waited for hours as most city service buses were full. Those with children and heavy bags found it nearly impossible to board any transport.

Some had to walk long distances. Others negotiated with CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers, who were charging Tk 400-600 for short trips.

Usama Ahmed, a returnee from Natore, said, "I reached Dhaka after a 12-hour journey, completely exhausted. But things got worse when I got off the bus. I had too many bags to take a public bus. CNG drivers were asking for Tk 600. So I had to walk."

With offices, factories, and universities reopening today, traffic and transport pressure are expected to increase further from this morning.

[Our correspondents from Tangail, Pabna, Barishal and other respective districts contributed to this report.]

Govt considers

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35,000 of those are resolved through government legal aid.

Mediation under the legal aid programme takes less time compared to court trials and achieves a satisfaction rate of about 90 percent. This is a huge opportunity, he said.

"If we can expand, institutionalise, and professionalise the legal aid programme further, the number of cases resolved through mediation can rise to one to two lakhs," he added.

Highlighting the government's reform goals, the adviser said the law ministry has been working with three primary objectives -- ensuring speedy and low-cost dispute resolution, enhancing access to justice, and alleviating the burden of litigation.

He said with the aim to expedite case disposal at low

cost, they have already made an amendment to the Code of Civil Procedure.

"Also, we are in the final stages of amending the Code of Criminal Procedure, which we aim to pass into a law within the next month," he added.

Mentioning ensuring justice is the second objective in the reform plan, Prof Asif said to strengthen the justice system, they have been focusing on digitalisation, upgrading the training curriculum for the judges, and enhancing judicial accountability with the support of legal experts.

The law adviser also said to improve access to justice and reduce case backlog, the government is going to reform the country's legal aid system.

He also said to expedite the resolution of legal aid cases, the ministry has planned to increase judicial manpower in this area.

Locals block two advisers'

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of the Gowainghat upazila unit of Sramik Dal, said, "We demand that the stone lifting using the traditional manual method be authorised for the survival of the local stone workers."

"The government's decision to ban stone lifting from Jallong is an unjust act and we urge the chief adviser to reconsider our appeal," he added.

Earlier yesterday, Adviser Rizwana Hasan told reporters after visiting the area that the government will no longer allow stone extraction from the ecologically critical site.

"Jallong has aesthetic and ecological importance. It is an Ecologically Critical Area. We've spoken to the Ministry of Tourism to promote eco-friendly tourism here and ensure

alternative livelihoods for those who depend on stone extraction," she said.

"Illegal stone extraction poses a serious environmental threat to Jallong and the nearby areas. Legal steps and stern actions are being taken against those involved. Besides, electricity connection to all illegal stone crusher mills will be disconnected soon," she added.

PRAYER
TIMING

JUNE 15

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-05	12-45	5-00	6-50	8-15
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04	ADP-S/2024-25/04	1125497		
05	ADP-S/2024-25/05	1125498		
06	ADP-S/2024-25/06	1125499		
07	ADP-S/2024-25/07	1125500		
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