

Rebuilding life with quail farming

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When Monir Hossain returned to his village home after spending five years abroad, he was unemployed and disheartened. Little did he know that a random video on YouTube would soon change the course of his life. It was a video about quail farming, and it sparked an idea that has since transformed his livelihood.

Monir, a resident of Chhoygoria village in the border union of Mogra under Brahmanbaria's Akhaura upazila, started small. With 500 quails raised beside his home, he launched a modest farm that now not only sustains his family but also inspires many others in the area.

"After returning from abroad with no job in hand, I spent my days exploring options online. One day, a quail farming video caught my attention. I began researching more, speaking with experienced farmers, and eventually invested in a small setup," he said.

Today, around 400 of his 500 quails lay eggs daily. He sells about 100 eggs for Tk 300 at local markets, generating roughly Tk 1,200 in daily revenue. After deducting a daily feed cost of about Tk 500, Monir earns approximately Tk 20,000 per month from egg sales.

"I initially bought 1,000 chicks, but only 500 survived. Still, the business picked up. Recently, I bought another 1,000 chicks, and I expect at least 800 of them to start laying eggs in the next few weeks," Monir said.

According to the Akhaura

officer of Akhaura upazila, said, "Quail farming plays a significant role in meeting the demand for animal protein. With low start-up costs and rising demand, many unemployed youths are showing interest. We are providing training and guidance to help them succeed."

Quails typically begin laying eggs within 42 to 44 days of hatching,



Upazila Livestock Office, quail eggs are low in cholesterol and high in protein, making them increasingly popular among health-conscious consumers. Due to their small size and minimal space requirements, quail are well-suited for farming even in small homesteads. The birds are also highly resistant to diseases compared to other poultry.

Dr Syed Ali Azmal, livestock

and they continue producing for about six to seven months. With low disease risks and manageable care requirements, quail farming is becoming a profitable venture for many.

Monir said, "This farm is helping me run my family and dream again. If someone is committed and willing to work hard, they too can become self-reliant through quail farming."

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Organ donation Illegal but abundant

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and ensures the process is lawful," he said.

The press secretary said many Bangladeshis will no longer need to travel abroad for kidney transplants, as the procedure will now be more accessible within the country.

The advisory council also approved the "Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025" in principle.

Shafiqul Alam said the amendment involves a minor change related to the Board of Investment in the existing law. "Some new recruitment can now be made from outside the Board of Investment," he added.

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Ali was first taken to Karimganj Upazila Health Complex and later to Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital. From there, he was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where he died on March 29.

His elder sister Parveen Sultana filed an attempted murder case with Karimganj Police Station on March 25.

Later, when Syed Ali died, it became a murder case.

On September 21, 2016, the then sub-inspector of Karimganj Police Station, Shahar Ali, filed a charge sheet accusing the 13.

Star wins two

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District Fisheries Officer Shahjahan Kabir said the use, sale, or storage of China Duari nets is banned under the Fisheries Act and is punishable by up to two years in jail and fines. "We are conducting raids and destroying seized nets," he said. "But without public awareness, we can't win this battle."

He also noted that the Fish Conservation Act, 1950 (Section 5), and the Fish and Fish Products (Inspection and Quality Control) Rules, 1989, allow for both fines and imprisonment for such offences.

Netrokona Deputy Commissioner Banani Biswas said several China Duari nets have already been confiscated and destroyed. "We will soon intensify regular enforcement drives and legal action," she added.

A field investigation across all ten upazilas of the district found both professional fishermen and seasonal hunters openly using these nets. From vast haors to backyard ponds, China Duari and other prohibited nets were seen in use.

Contacted, Netrokona

Need to ensure

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Referring to the Judicial Reform Roadmap, Justice Reafat said it offers a comprehensive blueprint for institutional transformation rooted in independence, integrity, and accountability.

He described the Supreme Judicial Appointment Ordinance, 2025 as landmark legislation and a direct response to

long-standing demands for depolitisation.

However, he acknowledged that achieving full judicial independence remains a challenge. "While the interim government has shown some interest, the long-term success of these reforms hinges on sustained political will across all branches of government."

Having won gold, The Daily Star has also qualified to compete at the WAN-IFRA World Digital Media Awards, held at the World News Media Congress 2025 in Krakow, Poland.

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from Bagerhat and Narail districts, said a BGB press release.

They had entered India illegally around ten years ago in search of work and had been living there.

Indian police had recently detained them in Gujarat and Delhi and handed them over to the BSF, who pushed them back into Bangladesh, the press release added.

Later in the afternoon, BGB handed over 17 of the detainees to Boda Police Station and six to Panchagarh Sadar Police Station.

Police at both stations are verifying their identities before handing them over to their families, said the respective officers in charge.

July dengue

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rise simultaneously, the disease spreads rapidly," he said.

Bashar called for targeted hotspot management around the homes of dengue patients to kill adult mosquitoes and prevent further breeding.

He also highlighted the need for mosquito control in hospitals where patients are being treated.

"Hospitals can become easy sources of transmission if Aedes mosquitoes bite infected patients and then others," he warned.

"Without active community involvement in removing breeding sources at the household level, dengue will be difficult to control," he added.

Regarding the situation outside Dhaka, Bashar warned that all 64 districts are now vulnerable. "Aedes mosquitoes have spread across the country," he said.

He called on the Local Government Ministry to instruct deputy commissioners, municipalities, and city corporations to launch immediate mosquito control campaigns.

"The ministry should supply insect growth regulators (IGRs) to local bodies or allow them to procure and distribute these with proper guidance," he said.

The house in question never

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records, the land belongs to the government and has no link to the Ray family.

Local senior citizens and respected community members also confirmed there is no known historical connection between the Ray family and the house.

The house is not listed as an archaeological monument either, the statement continued.

However, the road in front of the house, "Harikishore Ray Road", is named after Satyajit Ray's great-grandfather, Harikishore Ray, who was the adoptive parent of Satyajit Ray's grandfather, Upendrakishore Ray Chowdhury.

The Ray family did once have a house on Harikishore Ray Road, which they sold long ago and thus no longer exists. A multi-storeyed building was constructed there by the new owner.

Meanwhile, the building which is being demolished was dilapidated, risky, and unusable. Since 2014, the Shishu Academy had shifted to a rented property elsewhere in Mymensingh city, and the abandoned building became a place for unlawful activities, said the foreign ministry.

Hence, an initiative was taken to construct a semi-permanent structure at the site in the first half of 2024. Following proper

procedures, the Shishu Academy allowed district authorities to remove the old building through an auction. As per the decision of the auction committee, the public was widely notified through national and local newspapers on 7 March 2025.

On July 16, the deputy commissioner of Mymensingh held a discussion with senior citizens, literary and cultural figures, journalists, and other respected members of the community.

During the meeting, eminent writer Kangal Shahin explained that the dilapidated building does not belong to Harikishore Ray or Satyajit Ray. All attendees unanimously supported the construction of a new building for the Shishu Academy to benefit the children of Mymensingh and urged the project to proceed without delay.

All attendees were in unequivocal agreement that the abandoned Shishu Academy building has no historical or family ties to Satyajit Ray or his family, said the statement.

The Chief Adviser's Office last night shared minutes of the meeting. The meeting reviewed all the records of the land and found that it had no link to Satyajit Ray or his ancestors.

The government urged

everyone to avoid spreading misleading or factually inaccurate narratives that cause confusion and disrupt harmony among the people.

Jamaat to rally

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Parwar apologised in advance to the city dwellers for any possible inconvenience caused by the rally and urged the public to consider the matter with tolerance.

To ensure proper management of the July 19 rally, Jamaat will deploy 6,000 volunteers, set up 15 medical booths at the venue, and designate 15 parking spots for vehicles arriving from different districts. Parwar also mentioned that Jamaat has formed eight sub-committees to implement the rally under the supervision of these committees.

The main rally will begin at 2:00pm on Saturday, while cultural performances by Jamaat's cultural wing will start at 10:00am. Leaders from various Islamic and political parties, families of July martyrs, and those injured in July will be present at the main rally.

Among others, Jamaat's Assistant Secretaries General Hamidur Rahman Azad, Rafiqul Islam Khan, AKM Masum, and Abdul Halim were present at the press conference.

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