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Seizure list of animals by court case

Name & # of animals	Sex	Date of requisition in Safari park.	Source of seizure (names & case # left out)
<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	1.1	07/03/07	Political Secretary of former Prime Minister.
<i>Cervus axis</i>	1.4	08/03/07	Nephew of Ex- Minister, Faridpur.
<i>Cervus axis</i>	1.3	10/03/07	Ex- state Minister.
<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	2.5		-- do --
<i>Gracula religiosa</i>	1.1		-- do --
<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	1.1		-- do --
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	5.6		-- do --
<i>Crysolophus pictus</i>	2.1		-- do --
<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	1.0		-- do --
Egg of <i>Pavo cristatus</i>	0.0.19		-- do --
Egg of <i>Eleagris gallopavo</i>	0.0.17		-- do --
<i>Cervus axis</i>	4.7	12/03/07	Political Secretary of ex-Prime Minister,
<i>Muntiacus muntjack</i>	0.1	16/03/07	Case No.-6, Date:15/03/07
<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	1.0	15/03/07	Div. Forest Office, Social Forestry, Pabna
<i>Prionailurus viverrinus</i>	0.0.1		-- do --
<i>Muntiacus muntjack</i>	1.0	21/03/07	UDOR, Sadar Range, Social Forestry, Feni
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	1.2		-- do --
<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	2.2.29	30/03/07	Sadar ACF Office, Chandpur District.
<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	3.8		-- do --
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	2.2		-- do --
<i>Grus antigone</i>	1.1		-- do --
<i>Phoenicopiterus ruber</i>	1.2		-- do --
<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	1.1		-- do --
<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	1.1		-- do --
<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	1.0		-- do --
<i>Cervus axis</i>	0.0.38	15/04/07	Rangpur
<i>Cervus axis</i>	0.0.5		-- do --
<i>Muntiacus muntjack</i>	0.0.6		-- do --
<i>Haliastur indus</i>	0.0.2		-- do --
<i>Hystrix indica</i>	0.0.2		-- do --
<i>Ursus thibetanus</i>	0.0.2		-- do --
<i>Python molurus molurus</i>	0.0.18	09/04/07	Norshingdi

Donation list of animals during this period:

Name & # of animals	Sex	Date of req in Safari pk.	Source of donation
<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>	0.1	06/02/07	Mr. Haji Bashir Chakaria, Cox's Bazar
<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>	0.1	22/2/07	Mr. Enam, Chakaria, Cox's Bazar
<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>	0.1	25/02/07	Mr. Ripu, Dulahazara, Chakaria, Cox's Bazar
<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>	2.7	28/02/07	M/S Shonargaon Hathary, Cox's Bazar
<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>	0.1	02/03/07	Mr. Mohammad Alam, Eidgor, Cox's Bazar
<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>	0.1	03/03/07	Super of Police(SP), Cox's Bazar
<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>	0.2	04/03/07	Mr. Anu Shikdar, Eidgaon, Cox's Bazar
<i>Cervus axis</i>	0.1	10/03/07	District Commissioner, Shirajgonj.
<i>Cervus axis</i>	1.2	10/03/07	Kamrul Islam, Engineer, Shavar Police Station.
<i>Cervus axis</i>	0.2	12/03/07	Station officer, Kaliakya Forest Checkpost.
<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	0.1	12/03/07	M/S Kabir Timber, Lohagara
<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>	1.0	13/3/07	Mya Ma Ching, Bandarban Zilla Parishad, Bandarban.
<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>	0.1	16/03/07	Ukhia Forest Office
<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>	1.2	16/03/07	Hathazari Forest Office.
<i>Cervus axis</i>	1.1	20/03/07	Additional District Commissioner(General), Cox's Bazar
<i>Cervus axis</i>	1.1	20/03/07	Md. Shahjahan, Khadem, Darbar Sharif, Dhaka.
<i>Cervus axis</i>	1.1	20/03/07	Mr. Nasir Uddin. Karanigonj, Dhaka
<i>Muntiacus muntjack</i>	1.0	21/03/07	Mr. Ismail. Business man, Bara Hatia, Chonati.

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On 11 February, this year a new caretaker Government was formed in Bangladesh. The new Government determined to establish the role of discipline and law in all aspects in the country. The Government determined to eradicate corruption from all sectors. Many ex-ministers, political leaders, powerful persons, businessmen, and government officers have been arrested and taken to the Court by the caretaker Government due to their illegal activities and corruption.

The Government ordered the Forest Department to take action against the people and institutions that illegally collected wildlife and were rearing without permission from the government. The Forest Department and Joint Force collected information from throughout the country in this regard. The Forest Department had given a court case by the Wildlife Conservation Act, 1974 against these people.

Some powerful persons of ex- ruling party, political leader, business man, high government officials had created mini zoos in different sizes for their personal interest and sometimes for commercial purpose. Many of them were arrested by Joint Force and wildlife was seized by Joint Force and forest personnel with the help of Veterinary Surgeon of Dulahazara safari Park.

The seized animals were sent to the Government owned wildlife conservation centre, i.e., Dulahazara Safari Park, Banskhal Eco park, Mymensingh under the Forest Department.

The Veterinary Surgeon tranquilized, captured and transported the animals from different places to Dulahazara Safari Park, Banskhal Eco Park and some other conservation centres, visiting Dhaka, Sylhet, Shavar, Faridpur, Shirajpur, Karanigonj, Matuail, Feni, Chonathi, Cox's Bazar etc. Recently he visited Sylhet where there was a mini zoo with 51 wild animals and Rangpur to seize 38 spotted deer. When the action started against such people, some people who had collected and reared wildlife illegally were impressed to donate their animals to a wildlife conservation centre like Dulahazara Safari Park to escape prosecution. The Veterinary Surgeon collected this entire amount of donated animals from different places and from different person.

It was really interesting to have observed and participated in this and it will play very important role in wildlife conservation. Though Bangladesh has a law, the implementation and practice of law has been poor against wildlife conservation.

Due to this action against illegal poachers and owners of wildlife, the people of Bangladesh now

are more conscious and motivated about wildlife conservation. The news of wildlife seizure and release to government conservation centres had a good coverage in electronic and press media. To protect the Safari Park from over population regarding area and facility we are also sending seized animals to some other government area (Forest Dept.) where there is facility for that specific animal.

For a list of the animals that were seized, see the table on the next page.

Editors' Note : after this Dr. Malek was called to Kanaighat, Sylhet to seize another 6 spotted deer from the house of the political advisor of ex- Prime minister.

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Wildlife Acts Involved in Conservation and Management of Wildlife in Bangladesh

1. Introduction :

Chakaria, Cox's Bazar

For preservation, conservation and management of wildlife "**Bangladesh Wildlife (Preservation) Order, 1973**" has been promulgated in 1973 as Presidential Order and which was subsequently amended and enacted in 1974 and named as "**Bangladesh Wildlife (Preservation) (Amend -ment) Act, 1974**". Before promulgation of this Wildlife Act the wildlife of this region were managed by some related Bengal Acts. e.g. The Elephant preservation Act, 1899. The Wild Birds and Animal Protection Act 1912. The Bengal Rhinoceros Preservation Act 1932 and the Forest Act 1927.

2. Some important provisions under this Act

2.1 Constitution of Wildlife Advisory Board : There is a provision for forming a **Wildlife Advisory Board under Article : 4**, to give advice and decision on different issues regarding wildlife management. The first wildlife Advisory Board constituted in April 1977. Since then 9 boards have been formed and 17 meeting of the board held so far. The present board is consists of 32 members headed by the concerned Minister and members of Parliament, University Teachers, Wildlife Experts and high official of different related organizations. The board holds meeting when deems necessary.

2.2 Constitution of Wildlife Sanctuary (WS), National Park (NP) and Game Reserve (GR) :

Provision of constituting WS, NP and GR has been prescribed under Article-23 of the said Act. The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare any area to be Wildlife Sanctuary, National Park