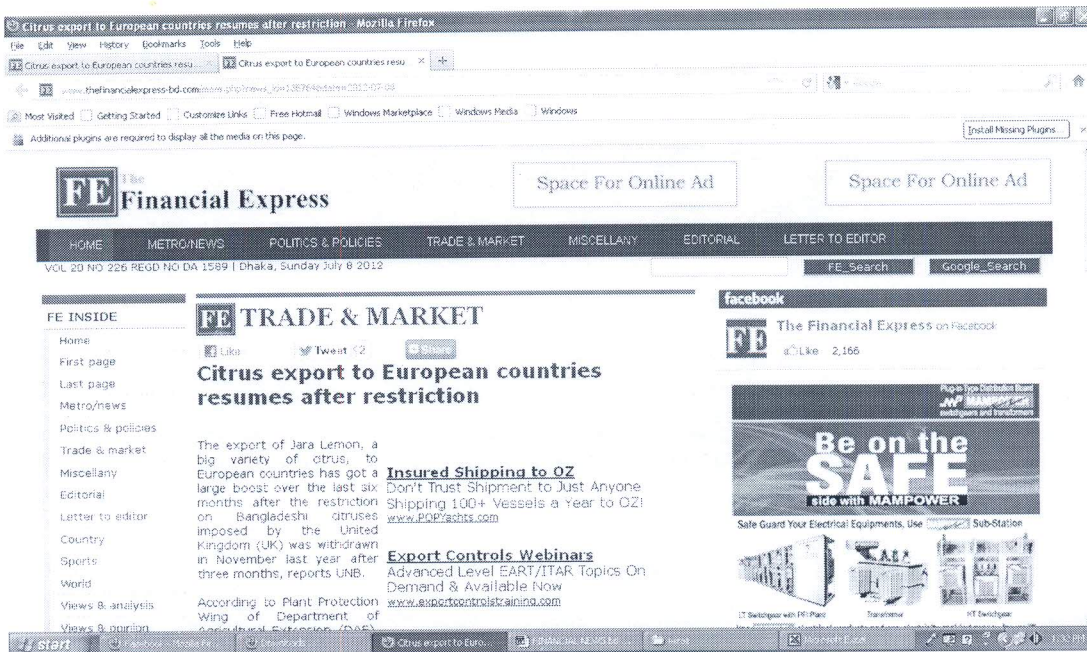


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Citrus export to European countries resumes after restriction.

The export of Jara Lemon, a big variety of citrus, to European countries has got a large boost over the last six months after the restriction on Bangladeshi citruses imposed by the United Kingdom (UK) was withdrawn in November last year after three months, reports UNB.

According to Plant Protection Wing of Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), 106 tonnes of Jara Lemon was exported from November last year to May this year.

Mitul K Saha, assistant general manager of Hortex Foundation, told the news agency that the country's citrus export to European countries was virtually stopped due to a restriction imposed by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) of the UK in 2008.

As the UK is the largest importer of Jara Lemon from Bangladesh, other European countries also stopped the import after Defra pronounced the restriction, he added.

"Defra claimed that the citrus exports from Bangladesh was not fulfilling the requirements of the quality compliances," he said, adding that the country used to export citrus varieties such as Jara Lebu, Ada Lebum, Elachi Lebu, Satkara and Pumela to the European market.

According to DEFRA, the peels of citrus from Bangladesh were bruised and discoloured due to citrus canker, black spot and leaf spot infections.

