

A good portion of the LSD godown in Pabna Sadar upazila lies empty as there is very little response from farmers and millers to sell paddy and rice to government-run procurement centres in the district.

# Pabna rice procurement in limbo

Prices at government purchase centres lower than market, say millers, farmers

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

When the government is planning to store sufficient food grains for ensuring support in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, the rice procurement drive in Pabna faces a hurdle due to alleged irregularities by a section of officials and 'low prices' offered to millers and farmers.

The government's rice procurement programme started over a month late on June 8 in Ishwardi upazila, the biggest hub of rice mills in the district, due to the irregularities in selecting suppliers.

This year Pabna food controller's office set a target to procure 24,571 tonnes of rice in the district, including 15,162 tonnes in Ishwardi, through 11 government-run centres, and 681 rice millers including 425 in the upazila got contract for the purpose.

"But dozens of closed mills, which abandoned husking paddy years ago, were included in the list of rice suppliers in exchange of bribe," Md Mizanur Rahman Mahalder, owner of Redwan Enterprise in Ishwardi upazila, told The Daily

to the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Pabna deputy commissioner (DC) about the since the collection drive began on April 26

procurement programme in the upazila for the sake of investigation.

"After investigation we removed 45 mills from the previous list as they failed to fulfil conditions. Then procurement drive started in Ishwardi upazila on June 8. The upazila food officer was withdrawn due to the earlier fault in the list," said Iqbal Bahar, district food controller.

"Most of the millers are not showing interest to supply rice to procurement centres despite having contract for it. If any mill owner violates contract, we will take action," he said.

Since start of the procurement drive on June 8, only 765 tonnes of rice has been procured in Ishwardi.

Rice traders said they are not interested to supply rice to government centres due to the poor price.

"Government is paying Tk 36 for a kg of rice but our production cost is Tk 39," Fozlu Malitha, president of upazila rice mill owners

Meanwhile, farmers have brought only Following his written allegation submitted 28 tonnes of paddy (rice before husking) to government procurement centres in the district

irregularities on May 3, the authorities stopped with a target to procure 6,695 tonnes of paddy in the district this season.

Government price of paddy is Tk 26 per kg but it is selling for Tk 29 to Tk 30 in the local market for the last few weeks," said Md Kamruzzaman, a farmer of Durgapur village in Sujanagar upazila.

"I supplied paddy to a government's procurement centre last year but now I am not interested to sell the crop there due to the low

"Besides employees at government centres often decline to receive paddy directly from us, claiming that it contains huge moisture. But the problem is solved if we take the help of their brokers. Besides, the price money is not paid timely," he said.

Talked with The Daily Star, Pabna DC Kabir Mahamud said, "No irregularity will be tolerated in government's food procurement programme. We will take action if there is any specific allegation."

"The procurement is getting late as Pabna farmers harvested the crop late. We are expecting fulfilment of the target," said the official, also president of district food procurement

# North hit by cattle LSD virus

Kongkon Karmaker, Dinajpur

While humans are trying to fight the deadly novel coronavirus across the globe, cattle in the country's northern districts, under Rangpur division, are getting infected at an alarming pace by another highly contagious virus -- lumpy skin disease (LSD).

According to independent sources and affected cattle owners, at least 50 cattle, mostly calves, have died and nearly 20,000 infected with LSD in seven out of eight districts in the division over the last several months.

However, livestock officials in the districts provided different figures of infections and deaths of cattle in their respective districts.

According to their official tally, Thakurgaon so far saw the highest number of deaths, 15, and 2,000 infections; Kurigram 7 deaths and 3,000 infections; Dinajpur 5 deaths and 3,000 infections; Nilphamari 4 deaths and 2,000 infections; and Lalmonirhat 2 deaths and 2,000 infections.

The livestock officials in Rangpur and Gaibandha said their districts had 3,100 and 420 infections respectively with no incidents

Panchagarh official said there was neither any infection nor any death relating to LSD

In a news report published in the paper on June 10, headlined 'Lumpy skin disease virus killing cattle in Saidpur: Farmers say they lost as many as 20 cattle to LSD in a couple of months', Saidpur Upazila Livestock Officer Rashedul Haque said nine cattle, of which are mostly calves, died of "secondary infection" of LSD in his upazila alone.

While speaking with this correspondent, Altaf Hossain, livestock officer in Rangpur, said deaths of animals would be lower and the spread of LSD virus could be curbed if all the livestock offices in the upazilas of the division had sufficient manpower to provide treatment to all infected animals in a timely

Besides, cattle owners allowing local quacks to treat the infected animals are also contributing to the rise in the number of

deaths, he added.

Many owners of infected cattle said withir two to three days after numerous rounded lumps become evident under the skin of an animal, the lumps turn into open sores that show signs of discharge. It also develops high fever, general malaise and strong aversion to food before dying within a few days.

Shreyoshee Karmaker, an intern of veterinary medicine at Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University in Dinajpur, said there is no specific treatment available for the treatment of LSD at the moment and they are prescribing symptomatic medications such parcetamol for fever and pain.

Officials at Department of Livestock Services (DLS) in Rangpur division said LSD is not native to Bangladesh and the country's first LSD infection was reported last year in Chattogram.

They said since there is no treatment available for LSD, they have been taking preventive measures by vaccinating cattle in the region.

Dr Habibul Haq, deputy director of DLS in Rangpur, said the LSD outbreak had been kept to a minimum as they have brought six lakh cattle under coverage of goatpox vaccination in eight districts of Rangpur this year already.

According to the official website of National Animal Disease Information Service (NADIS) in the UK, LSD was first described in Zambia in 1929. Over the next 85 years, it steadily spread throughout the majority of Africa and into the Middle East. In 2015, the virus entered mainland Europe in Greece, the Caucasus and Russia. In 2016, the virus spread further east into the Balkans, north towards Moscow, and west into Kazakhstan.

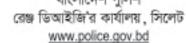
Transmission of LSD occurs via insect vectors and vaccination is the most effective means of control. The disease causes substantial losses in affected herds with significant economic consequences. It also blocks access of affected countries to lucrative export markets, compounding the financial impact of an LSD outbreak, the NADIS also



A cow infected with lumpy skin disease (LSD) in Bhandardah village of Dinajpur's Khansama upazila.

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০১/২০২০-২০২১

প্রচলিত পাবলিক প্রকিউপ্রমেণ্ট আইন ২০০৬ এবং পাবলিক প্রকিউব্যমেণ্ট বিবিমালা ২০০৮ তবলবর্গনী সেপ্রেমণ্ট মোতাবেক ২০২০–২০২১ আ বছরে ত্রিজাইজি, সিলেট রেছ, বংলাদেশ পুলিশ, সিলেট এর কার্যলয়, আলনপুর, সিলেট এর (১) টেশনারী মালমাল সরবার (ব) ব্যবহার্য দ্রবাদি (৩) অন্যান্য মনিহারি (৭) স্বছ্রবিধান সামনী (২) ধেলার সামনী (২) ফ্রেপচি ও অন্যান্য সরস্কাম সরবার (ব) কম্পিউটার সামনী ও ম্বিল সরক্ষাম (খ) ফ্রপতি ও অন্যান্ত সরক্ষাম মেরামত (ও) আসববেশত সরবরাহ (৪) মেটবেঘানের (ভিজেন/পেট্রেল চালিত) গাড়ির कैकामन व पूछता प्रकारम जतनतार अव: प्रकारन टायामव व रामनाविधिः (२) टाउनियानत (टाउनियादिकानत) कैकामन व पूछता प्रकार সকৰাম ও মেৰামত (৬) মেটিবয়নেৰ টায়াব, টিউব ও ৰাটাৰী সকৰাম (৭) মাইক্লোবাস (টানিক ভাডায়) সৰবৰামের জন্ম প্রকত যোগাত অভিন্নভাসম্পদ্ধ ব্যবসায়ী/বিবাদার/সরবাহকারীর নিবট থেকে নিয়ম পাতে সীলমোহবয়ক থামে কাজের নাম উল্লেখপুর্বক প্রতিযোগিতাফুলক উনুক্ত দরপর আহ্বান করা যাজে।

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20 (	দরপত্র জন্ম প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৬/০৭/২০২০ছিঃ ১২:০০ মটিক পর্যন্ত।			
301	নরপত্র খোলার ভারিখ, সময়, স্থান	১৬/০৭/২০২০প্রিঃ ১২:৩০ ঘটকা, রেঞ্জ ডিআইন্সি'র কার্যালরা, আলমপুরা, সিলেট।			
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	51	(4)	বছপতি, জন্যান্য সরন্ধান সরবরাব	600/-	3€,000/-	২০২০-২১ কর্ম বদসর	
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পুলিশ সুপার (প্রশাসন)

## Youth held for rape, spreading video

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Police on Tuesday night arrested a youth on charge of raping a schoolgirl and spreading the video of the incident on social media

The arrestee, Syed Turan, 18, is a resident of Joypasha village in Boalmari upazila.

Parameshwardi Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Nurul Alam said thought the incident of rape occurred a couple of days ago but the video footage of the heinous act went viral since June 10.

The 16-year-old victim is student at a local school, the UP chairman said.

Officer in Charge (OC) of Boalmari Police Station Aminur Rahman said after coming to know about the video clips they detained Turan for quizzing.

During primary interrogation he confessed his involvement in the incidents, the OC said, adding that they also asked the victim's family members to file a case in this regard.

#### Man found murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police on Tuesday recovered the throat-slit body of a man in Nawabganj upazila, a day after he went missing on Monday. The deceased, Mizanur Rahman, 35, a rickshaw-van puller,

was son of Lal Mia of Tentulia village in Phulbari upazila. Deceased's younger brother Anwarul Islam said Mizanur went out of his with his rickshaw-van on Monday

afternoon and remained missing since then. Police said some locals of Pulbandha village in Nawabganj found his throat-slit body inside a roadside

bush in the evening and informed them. Being informed, police recovered the body and sent it to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Sub Inspector (SI) of Aftabganj Police Investigation Centre Nawabur Rahman said criminals might have killed him and took away his rickshaw-van.

They were trying to arrest the culprits involved in the murder, the SI added.

### 3 robbers arrested

Our Correspondent, Patuakhali

Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested three members of an inter-district robbers' gang from Auliapur area in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The arrested are Yakub Mridha, 40, and Wasim Mollah, 45, of Galachipa upazila, and Ruhul Amin, 42, of Barguna's

Patuakhali Superintendent of Police (SP) Mohammad Moinul Hasan said, being informed that a gang of robbers was taking preparation for robbery, a team of DB police raided Patuakhali-Kuakata road around 3:00am and detained the three.

Police also seized a truck, an iron cutter and some sharp weapons from their possession, the SP said.

One of the arrestees Yakub, is an accused in at least nine cases, including for murder, filed with different police stations, he added.

#### Rajshahi City Corporation www.e-rajshahi.gov.bd IFT No. 06/2019-20 Ministry/Division Agency Procuring entity name ajshahi City Corporation Mayor, Rajshahi City Corporatio Procuring entity code Procuring entity distric 46.12.0000.006.14.244.2020.858 Invitation Ref. No KEY INFORMATION Open Tendering Method (OTM) (NCT FUNDING INFORMATION Budget and source of funds Government of Bangladesh (GoB) & RCC's own fund. Not applicable. PARTICULAR INFORMATION Project/programme code (if applicable) Project/programme name Tender Package No. Integrated urban infrastructure development in Rajshahi City Selection of firm/company for providing services of staff support for the following posts:

Assistant Engineer (Civil) Assistant Architect Sub-Assistant Engineer (Civil) Computing Data Entry Operator Driver (Heavy) Office Helpe Tender publication date 14.07.2020 up to 4:00pm. Fender last selling date Fender closing (submission) date and time 0 up to 2:00pm Tender opening date and time Name & address of the office(s) Agrari Bank Limited, Nagar Bhaban, Rajehahi, Tel: 0721-774028, E-mail: br/7681@banqla.net Office of the Secretary, Rajehahi City Corporation, Nagar Bhaban, Kadirgonj, Rajehahi, Tel: 0721-775505, E-mail: Selling tender document (principal Receiving tender document ahmrahmat@yahoo.com Office of the Secretary, Rajshahi City Corporation, Nagari Bhaban, Kadirgonj, Rajshahi, Tel: 0721-775505, E-mail: Opening tender document face/date/time of pre-tender meeting INFORMATION FOR TENDERER Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Eligibility of tende contract under the applicable law. Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organizations registered in Bangladesh. Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh. Detail information has given in tender document. Brief description of physical service Providing services of staff support for the following post Name of Post Assistant Engineer (Civi Assistant Architect Sub-Assistant Engineer (Civil) Computing Data Entry Operator Driver (Heavy) Office/Office Helper Brief description of related services

Not applicable. 10,000.00 (ten) thousand Taka only (non-refundable Tender document price Amount of tender security 48 (forty-eight) months PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS Name of official inviting tender Designation of official inviting tender Md. Golam Murshed

Executive Engineer (Dev.-1).
Room No. 507, Floor: 5, Nagar Shaban, Kadirgoni, Rajshahi.
Tet: 0721-775371, Fax: 0721-772140 Address of official inviting tender Contact details of official inviting tender E-mail: engr.murshed\_rcc@yahoo.com The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. রদিক/ন্দশ-১১৯(২০১৯-২০২০) Md. Golam Murshed

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