

Only 11 percent flood-affected growers to get govt support

About 1,07,193 farmers in Tangail incurred Tk 141cr loss

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Only 12,000 out of 1,07,193 flood-affected farmers in the district are going to get government support for seeds and fertilisers. As a result, more than 95,000 affected growers will remain out of the coverage.

Of the 12,000 flood-affected farmers, each of 4,000 farmers will get a package of five kilograms of seeds of mashkalai, 10 kg of DAP and five kg of MOP fertilisers while 8,000 others will get more than 500 gram of seeds of 13 kinds of vegetables, agriculture officials said.

Distributions of the seeds and fertilisers kicked off at the upazila parishad auditorium in Tangail Sadar from yesterday, the officials added.

Aman paddy saplings are also being provided to some more farmers in the flood-hit areas, they said.

According to the office of the District Relief and Rehabilitation Officer, floods hit total 849 villages under 95 unions and six municipalities in 11 upazilas out of total 12 upazilas in the district.

Especially growers in the areas beside the Jamuna, Dhaleswari, Louhajang, Jhenai and Banshi rivers have been badly affected by the floods.

According to the office of the deputy director of Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Tangail, different crops of 18,126 hectares of land were inundated with floodwater. Of them, crops of 13,292 hectares of land were fully damaged.

The flood damaged crops and vegetables like Aman paddy on



The farmer at Dhitpur village in Tangail Sadar upazila has incurred a loss of about Tk two lakh due to flood. His paddy field has been inundated with floodwater.

10,588 hectares, seedbeds of Ropa (transplanted) Aman on 1,359 hectares, Aus on 1,808 hectares, jute on 765 hectares, sugarcane on 65 hectares, banana on 45 hectares and lemon on 380 hectares of land.

As many as 1,07,193 farmers in the

areas have incurred Tk 141 crore loss due to the flood, said agriculture officers.

The prolonged flood has also crushed last strands of hope for many farmers in the district amid the Covid-19 pandemic, said several affected growers.

Agriculturist Ahsanul Bashar, deputy

director (DD) of DAE in Tangail, told The Daily Star that the prolonged flood caused huge damage to crops this year.

However, the government is sincere enough to help the flood-affected farmers as per the ability, he said.

He further added that all the flood

affected farmers are not getting the government support. Only the poor and worst-affected growers will get the support.

The seeds and fertilisers will be distributed among the worst-affected farmers as per lists prepared by the committees comprising the local union parishad (UP) chairmen and agriculture officials, he said.

Several farmers, however, alleged that the real poor and affected farmers hardly have got the little government support as the UP chairmen include the names of the farmers in the lists as per their choice.

Contacted, Mohammad Jinnah, chairman of worst-affected Kakua union parishad, said at least 2,000 farmers of the union incurred huge losses after flood caused damage to their crops.

"But we have got poor allocations for only 200 flood-hit farmers in the union," said the UP chairman.

On the other hand, several flood-affected sugarcane, banana and lemon growers in the areas said although they have incurred losses due to the recent prolonged floods, only the paddy farmers are getting the government support.

Asked about the matter, DD Ahsanul Bashar said they have plans to provide saplings to the flood affected lemon, banana and sugarcane farmers.

They have already sent a proposal to the higher authorities in this regard, said the DD.

Medical technologist dies falling off building

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A female medical technologist has died after falling off the corridor of Sheikh Sayera Khatun Medical College Hospital building in Gopalganj yesterday.

The deceased, Sushmita Majumdar Iva, 25, was wife of Rajib Majumdar of Bagerhat's Chitalmari upazila.


Sushmita, who had been working voluntarily at the pathology department of the hospital, used to live at her paternal house in Janata Road area of Gopalganj town.

Quoting a witness, Inspector (investigation) of Sadar Police Station Hazrat Ali said a workshop for the technologists of the PCR Lab was held at the sixth floor of the hospital's administrative building yesterday morning.


Six volunteer technologists, including Sushmita, took part at the workshop.

After the workshop, PCR Engineer of Biotech Service Mahibul Hasan was talking to the trainees at the corridor of the sixth floor.

As there was no railing on the corridor, Sushmita suddenly slipped and fell on the ground while taking turn on her left and died on the spot, police said.



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Invitation for Tender

Land Development, Materials Procurement, Construction of Storage Tanks & Ancillaries Facilities of India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFPL) at Parbotipur, Dinajpur

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2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.										
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6	Invitation Ref. No.	28.03.0000.055.04.002.17/IBFPL/TNK/MPL/20, Date: 01/09/2020										
7	Procurement method	One Stage Two Envelops Tendering Method (NCT) (Technical & Financial).										
8	Budget & source of fund	Own fund of BPC.										
9	Project/program name	Construction of Receipt Terminal of India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFPL) at Parbotipur, Dinajpur.										
10	Tender Package No.	BPC/IBFPL/TNK/MPL/20/02(W-1 & W-2).										
11	Tender publishing date	06 September, 2020.										
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16	Eligibility of tenderer	Open to all eligible tenderers as per Tender Schedule.										
17	Briefs description of goods and works	Successful tenderer will undertake Landscaping/Earth filling and Supply, Construction, Erection & Commissioning of 06 Nos. (each 5690KL), Petroleum Oil Storage Tank with 02 Nos. (each 3000 KL) Fire Water Storage Tank, Fire Fighting System, Auto Gauging System at Parbotipur Depot, Parbotipur, Dinajpur. Tank such as Fixed Roof with including site development, construction of tank foundation, ancillary works such as road, drains, culverts, dyke, related, Pipelines, Product delivery meter, Pumps, Motor, Hose pipes, Auto Gauging System, fire-fighting system including water & foam purging system, Control Room, erection, testing, commissioning, calibration etc.										
18	Brief description of related services	N/A.										
19	Price of tender document	BDT 5,000.00 (Taka five thousand only).										
20	Identification of lot	Single Lot.										
21	Lot No.	BPC/IBFPL/TNK/MPL/20/02(W-1 & W-2).										
22	Location	Parbotipur, Dinajpur district.										
23	Tender security amount	BDT 80,00,000.00 (Taka eighty lac only).										
24	Completion time	14 (fourteen) months from the effective date of contract signing.										
25	Association of foreign firm	N/A.										
26	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Tipu Sultan.										
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director.										
28	Address of official inviting tender	Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chattogram.										
29	Contact details of official inviting tender: Mob: 0177774693, Tel: 031-710316, Fax: 880-31-720147, e-mail: bpcplanning@gmail.com/tsultanmpl@gmail.com											
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A truck passes by a large pothole on Jhenidah-Kaliganj highway. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

Highway needs urgent repair in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

The pothole-riddled 14-kilometre stretch, between Jhenidah and Kaliganj on Kushtia-Jashore highway, has become hazardous for thousands of vehicles that use it every day.

Around 20,000 thousand vehicles use the highway, mostly towards Mongla seaport, Khulna and Bagerhat, according to Bangladesh Road Transport Authority data.

Persistent rain this monsoon has caused extensive damage to about 14 kilometres of the road between Jhenidah and Kaliganj, said Roads and Highways (RHD) officials in Jhenidah.

Jamal Hossain, driver of a CNG-run auto-rickshaw, said it used to take

only 12 minutes to reach Bishoykhali Bazar from Kaliganj on the highway, a distance of six kilometres that he frequents every day.

But nowadays, after numerous potholes developed on it, it takes about 40 minutes to pass the same distance, he added.

Despite their best efforts in driving over the potholes with extreme care, the rocky ride on the road usually makes most passengers panicky, said bus driver Mohsin Ali.

He also said not a day goes by he worries about getting in a fatal accident on the road.

It is extremely difficult to drive safely over so many potholes, especially the ones hiding underneath

puddles of water, said Alam Hossain, another bus driver who drives between Jhenidah and Kaliganj.

The usually 17-minute-long trip between the destinations now takes about 40 minutes, he also said.

Ferozul Haque, organising secretary of Khulna motor and bus owners' association, said the authorities should take urgent steps in repairing the road as it is putting lives of both passengers and drivers at risk and causing damage to vehicles every day.

Contacted, Executive Engineer Ziaul Haidar of RHD in Jhenidah said a tender for repair work of the Jhenidah-Kaliganj highway will be floated soon.

Boy found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainavabganj

Police recovered the body of a boy from Gomostapur upazila on Wednesday, two days after he went missing on Monday.

The victim, Mohammad Shihab, 14, a rickshaw-van puller, was son of Sadikul Islam of Dalkhoil village.

The law enforcers also detained there people in connection with the incident.

The arrestees are Abdul Hakim, 32, Moazzem Hossain, 50, and Mohammad Sujon, 22.

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