Marjia Murder

6 arrested after two years

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Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) arrested six people in connection with a case for killing a woman in a hotel room in Kuakata about two years ago.

Arrestees are Shahidul Islam Sagar, 35, husband of deceased Marjia Akhter Kanta, his cousin Mamun, 30, Delwar Hossain, 45, owner of a residential hotel in Kuakata, his younger brother Anwar Hossain, 35, and hotel manager Amir Hossain, 35, and employee Saiful, 25.

Inspector Mohammad Moniruzzaman of Narsingdi PBI said Marjia, 26, daughter of Sohrab Hossain of Narsingdi's Belabo upazila, married Sagar, a resident of Kurigram's Roumari upazila, a few years back.

After the marriage, Marjia, owner of a beauty Parlour in Dhaka's Ashulia, came to know that her husband has

another wife, which triggered a feud among the couple. Later, Sagar somehow manage to persuade Marjia for a

As per the plan, Sagar took Marjia to Kuakata on September 22, 2018, and stayed there at a residential hotel. But, finding no response from the couple on September 23, the hotel authority informed the matter to police, who went there and seized Marjia's clothes but failed to know her whereabouts.

Meanwhile, two or three days of the incident, hotel manager Amir and Saiful first noticed a bad odour coming out from the couple's room and later found Marjia's body hidden under a cot and informed the matter to hotel owner Delwar.

Later, Delwar and his brother Anwar with the help of Amir and Saiful wrapped Marjia's body in a sack and dumped it near Lemburchar area to avoid trouble.

About a year after the incident, Marjia's father Sohrab Hossain filed a case with Narsingdi Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal accusing Sagar and five of his family members.

Highest production of Aus in 20yrs

Thakurgaon farmers are switching to Aush from Boro cultivation due to lower production cost

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

This season farmers in the district have recorded the highest production of Aush paddy in the last 20 years due to favourable weather.

According to Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) officials in Thakurgaon, farmers have produced 81,962 tonnes of rice by cultivating 24,090 hectares of land

Experts said transplantation of paddy saplings after 15 March is considered as Aush and before that it is under Boro season. Usually, the farmers start cultivating Aush paddy after harvesting Rabi crops from mid-March and the season ends in mid-August.

Farmers are now preferring to cultivate paddy in Aush season instead of Boro season as they do not need to spend extra money for its cultivation. During the Aush cultivation period, they do not require any irrigation due to heavy rains.

Besides, farmers, who wait for Aman cultivation after harvesting Rabi crops including potato and maize, can get additional Aush crops in between Rabi and Aman season.

Many are switching to Aush from Boro cultivation due to its lower production cost. As a result, the cultivation area is increasing every year.

The DAE officials said Aush cultivation is increasing in each season as the government has taken different initiatives including supply of agricultural inputs to



Farmers work at Aush paddy field in Bagunbari village of Thakurgaon Sadar upazila.

cultivate Aush paddy on one bigha of land.

cultivation using rainwater that helps to reduce the dependency on groundwater. Aftab Ahmed, deputy director (DD)

farmers' level with an aim to increase Aush

of Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Thakurgaon, said a total of 4,500 growers in the district have been provided agricultural inputs.

Each of them has been provided 5kg seeds of high yielding paddy, 20kg of diammonium phosphate (DAP) and 10kg Muriate of Potash (MOP) for free of cost to

The government provided agricultural

inputs to encourage farmers for Aush cultivation using rainwater to reduce the dependency on groundwater to save the ecology, he added.

Farmers of the Rangpur region have started cultivating Aush in the 2000-01 fiscal year, he added.

The Aush cultivation area is increasing every year, said the DD.

In the 2015-16 fiscal year, about 10,102

hectares of land have been brought under Aush cultivation, about 11,997 hectares in 2016-17, about 14,820 hectares in 2017-18, about 20,385 hectares in 2018-19, about 20,590 hectares in 2019-20 and 24,090

hectares in the current season. The farmers cultivated hybrid variety on 7,695 hectares of land in the district while high-yielding variety was cultivated on

16,395 hectares of land. The high-yielding varieties like BRRI Dhan28, BRRI Dhan48, BRRI Dhan83, BINA Dhan19, Nerica and Nerica mutant were cultivated in Thakurgaon.

Shafiqul Islam, 42, of Chameswary village in Thakuraon Sadar upazila said he cultivated on two bighas of land spending Tk14,000 and got 38 maunds of paddy.

Fazir Uddin, 45, of Bachor village in Ranishankoil upazila of the district said he cultivated BRRI Dhan48 on two bighas of land and got 40 maunds of paddy spending only Tk15,000. The Aush cultivation costs were almost half than the cost of cultivating paddy in Boro season.

"The incentives provided by the government have encouraged us to cultivate paddy in Aush season," he added.

DD Aftab Ahmed said vast tracts of lands in the areas that good for Aush cultivation have remained uncultivated after harvesting Rabi crops.

The government has provided special incentives and technical support to the farmers to turn the land into three-crop land through Aush cultivation, said Aftab.



Coffee cultivation on tea gardens giving hope to tea planters. Experts say this could be an economically viable alternative to rubber production.

Coffee cultivation gaining popularity among tea gardeners

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazan

Tea gardeners in Moulvibazar have seen a new business prospect in the market of coffee and started leaning towards coffee cultivation.

One such tea garden -- Mathiura Tea Garden -- in the district's Rajnagor Upazila already started cultivating coffee on a 44-acre land.

Ibadul Haque, senior manager of the tea garden, said they planted Arabic variety of 10,000 coffee trees on roadside land, around their bungalow and in other sections.

"We have planted coffee seedlings experimentally and the fruit has already started to grow," he said.

Mentioning the government ban on rubber cultivation on the tea gardens, he said, coffee could be a good alternative to rubber.

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alone. The price of tea has been falling rapidly due to several crisis including of coronavirus. Thus, coffee could be an economically viable option," he

The senior tea planter also said that it was unfortunate that there was no coffee processing factory in Bangladesh. But coffee market has a bright future here.

He further mentioned that they collect coffee in two ways. One is the raw coffee and another is crushed.

In case of raw coffee, it needs to be crushed in a machine before drinking while processed coffee mostly serves clients as instant coffee, he added.

There is a huge demand of raw coffee in both Bangladeshi and foreign markets. There is a tendency that tea is mostly taken by the lower

"We cannot rely on tea cultivation class people while coffee is for the

The demand for coffee has been on the rise in the market and among young people, he said. Our 10,000 seedlings can be

harvested by the end of February next year. These trees are about five years Senior tea planter Ibadul Haque

said that the coffee cultivation gives new hope to the planters.

Kazi Fazlul Bari, deputy director of the Department of Agricultural Extension in Moulvibazar, told this correspondent that coffee has a great potential in this district.

It depends on the variety, the soil and the care. The agriculture minister himself has expressed his necessary opinion to popularise cultivation in the district.

Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project 1:

National Single Window Implementation and Strengthening Customs Modernization National Board of Revenue (NBR)

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For Design, supply, development, installation, configuration, testing of:

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- Integrated risk management solution;
- Valuation database solution and allied applications for Customs Department of National Board of Revenue of Government of Bangladesh and capacity building of the users

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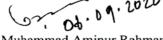
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- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1: National Single Window Implementation & Strengthening Customs Modernization, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply, installation, configuration, setup, testing, related services and training of: BD-NSW software solution; BD-NSW risk management software; Valuation database software (Package # NBR- RFP 1A).
- The National Board of Revenue intends to initially select Applicants for Supply, installation, configuration, setup, testing, related services and training of: BD-NSW software solution; BD-NSW risk management software; Valuation database software (Package # NBR- RFP 1A) under Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1 to develop a state-of-the art National Single Window ICT System, Risk Management Solution and Valuation Database Solution. It is expected that the Request for Proposals will be made in January 2021. Key qualification requirements are as follows (additional details are provided in the Initial Selection Documents):

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PCR lab inaugurated at SHMC

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Sheikh Hasina Medical College (SHMC) Tangail has inaugurated its Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) lab to detect Covid-19 coronavirus.

Lawmaker of Tangail-5 (Sadar) Sanowar Hossain inaugurated the lab on Saturday morning. Deputy Commissioner

of Tangail Md Ataul Superintendent Gani, of Police Sanjit Kumar Dr Mohammad Roy, Waheduzzaman, Surgeon in the district, Md Nurul Amin Miah, principal of SHMC, Dr Sadar Uddin, director of Tangail General Hospital and Dr Shafiqul Islam Sajib, residential medical officer of the hospital, were present at the inaugural function.