

# Covid-19 cases in the north jump after Eid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The number of Covid-19 patients in eight districts of Rangpur division is on the rise, especially after the Eid-ul-Adha.

The upward trend is detected in the data provided by the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) office in Rangpur.

In five of the districts -- Dinajpur, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Thakurgaon, and Panchagarh -- the infection doubled in one month's time since the Eid was celebrated on August 1.

From March 10 till July 31, recorded infection case was 6,184. On September 2, the figure rose to 10,629, based on test results from 58,745 samples collected.

As of September 2, the DGHS recorded 181 Covid-19 deaths in the five districts. The death count there was 108 on July 31 and 49 on June 30.

In the meantime, the rate of recovery also doubled in comparison with that in the month before.

On July 31, as many as 4,207 people recovered from Covid-19, while on September 2, 8,408 people recovered

from the disease.

By far, Rangpur has seen the highest infection among all the districts, with 1,695 cases recorded as of July 31. A month later, the situation seems a bit under control, with the figure reaching to 2,486.

Till July 31, the number of patients tested positive with Covid-19 was 1,637 in Dinajpur, 483 in Kurigram, 376 in Lalmonirhat, 369 in Thakurgaon and 318 in Panchagarh.

As of September 2, the figures were 3,135 in Dinajpur, 811 in Kurigram, 726 in Lalmonirhat, 978 in Thakurgaon and 530 in Panchagarh.

According to the DGHS data, Dinajpur witnessed 27 deaths -- the highest in the division over the last one month. This raised the total death toll in the district to 63, from 36 on July 31.

In Rangpur, 8 patients died of Covid-19 in Rangpur in the last one month. The tally reached to 39, which was 31 on July 31.

Meanwhile, the number of tests conducted has also been rising in the division every month. The swab

samples are being tested at two RT-PCR laboratories set up at M Abdur Rahim Medical College in Dinajpur and Rangpur Medical College.

As many as 13,704 tests were conducted in May, 26,904 in June, 40,191 in July, and 58,745 in August, according to data provided by DGHS in Rangpur.

Most people this correspondent spoke with said that the rising trend in the infection rate in the northern districts, including Dinajpur, could be averted if the health guidelines issued by the government were followed and enforced properly.

Rezaul Rahman Rezu, member secretary of Covid-19 Infection Awareness Committee in Dinajpur, said disregard for using masks and maintaining social distancing in public transport and public places, such as markets, are causing the infection rates to rise.

Contacted, Dinajpur Deputy Commissioner Mahmudul Alam said the administration was making the best effort in enforcing the health guidelines to curb the spread of the pandemic.

# Boom in jute cultivation in Jashore

Growers are earning good profit by selling jute at Tk 1,900 a maund

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Jute acreage is increasing in the district every year as growers, inspired by higher prices, are bringing more lands under cultivation of the cash crop.

However, jute production decreased a bit at the beginning of March as there was no rain during the time. But production of the cash crop has increased again due to heavy rains in August. Eighty percent bales have already been harvested. At present, the growers are earning good profit by selling jute at Tk 1900 a maund in the markets.

According to the Jashore regional office of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), in the 2018-19 financial year, forty two thousand and ten tonnes of jute were produced on 18,265 hectares of land in the district while 50,753 tonnes of the crop were got from 20,140 hectares of land in the fiscal year 2019-20. This year, 23, 575 hectares of land have been under jute cultivation.

Saheb Ali of Shalkona village in Sharsha upazila said he has planted jute on three bighas of land this year but the plants did not grow much as there was no rain at the beginning of the cultivation. However, there was no problem to rot the jute due to heavy rains in August.

He added that they are getting fair prices by selling jute in the local market. At present, jute is being sold at Tk 1900 per maund.

Babur Rahman, another farmer from Bakra in Jhikorgachha upazila, said he has planted jute on five bighas of land. The yield has been good. He has already harvested the jute. It has been rotten too.



A jute field in Jashore's Jhikorgachha upazila.

PHOTO: STAR

He said farmers are now selling jute at Tk 1700 to Tk 1900 a maund in the local market, said Babur.

Some of the largest jute markets in the southern part of the country like Seemakhali Bazar and Khajura Bazar are located on the border of Jashore and Magura. A large quantity of jute produced in Jashore and Magura is traded from these markets.

Abdur Rahim, a jute wholesaler, said "In previous years, the state-run jute mills used to buy 13 lakh bales of jute from farmers. This time there is no such scope. But there is a huge demand for the cash crop in the private jute mills. We are buying good quality of jute for TK 1900 to Tk 2000 a maund."

According to the officials of Department of Agricultural

Extension (DAE), they had set a target to produce 82 lakh bales of jute in the current season across the country. Last year, 68 lakh bales of jute were produced. Of them, 13 lakh bales were purchased by the state-run jute mills.

The private mills collect jute from the local market through small traders all the year round. Afil Group has 4 units of Afil Weaving Jute Mill in Jashore.

Mahbub Alam Lablu, director of the group, said "We collect jute from Jashore district every year. The quality of jute produced here is good. This time we are buying huge quantity of jute."

Deputy Director (Acting) of Jashore DAE Birendra Nath Majumder said the district sees a good yield of jute this year.



With no regard for health of others or their own, most people, like the ones in the photo, are going about their daily activities in public places. The apparent result is the rising trend in infection cases of Covid-19 in the country's northern districts. The photo was taken recently in Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur.

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### Invitation of Quotation for Bridge Toll Collection (1st Invitation)

1.	Lease Quotation Notice No.	01/PRD/2020-2021
2.	Name of quotation	Lease for Toll Collection of "Shahid Shake Fajlul Haque Moni Bridge" at 2nd k.m. of Tagra-Indurkani-Balipara-Kalaron-Sannasy (Z-7711) Road under Pirojpur Road Division during the three financial years.
3.	Lease implementation period	3 (three) financial years (1095 days).
4.	Price of lease quotation schedule	Tk 5000/- (five thousand) only per set (non-refundable).
5.	Security money	10% of quoted rate (including VAT and Tax) (in favour of Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pirojpur in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft).
6.	Quotation last selling date	27-09-2020 up to office hour (5-00pm).
7.	Tender closing date and time	28-09-2020 at 12:30pm.
8.	Eligibility of lease quotationer	All interested persons/firms regardless of whether enlisted or not with the employer may submit quotation provide that they are otherwise qualified who can fulfill the qualification criteria stipulated in the quotation's document.
9.	Selling quotation document	Divisional Commissioner, Barisal/DC, Pirojpur. EE (RHD), Road Division, Pirojpur/Barisal/Jhalakati/Bhola/Planning Division-1, (P&D) Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka/SDE (RHD) Road Sub-Division, Pirojpur/Kawkhali.
10.	Receiving quotation document	DC, Pirojpur. SE (RHD), Barisal Road Circle, Barisal. EE (RHD), Road Division, Pirojpur.
11.	Quotation opening place, date & time	Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pirojpur. 28-09-2020 at 3:30pm.
12.	a. The concern authority reserves the right to accept or reject any/all quotations. b. If it is not possible to receive/open the quotation the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time and same venue. c. The quotationer will quote the rate in figures & words. d. This Quotation Notice will also be seen at RHD website www.rhd.gov.bd.	

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## One to die, 2 get life term for murder

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A court here on Sunday sentenced a man to death and two others to life imprisonment for killing a man in Bochaganj upazila in 2012.

The death sentence awardee is Akkas Ali, of Murshidhaat village in the upazila, while the lifers are Reazul Islam and Mohammad Sobel.

According to the prosecution, the accused called Moshir Rahman of the village out of his house on July 14, 2012, and stabbed him to death over previous enmity.



Nearly 1,000 teachers and employees of different kindergarten schools in Tangail form a human chain in front of Tangail Press Club on Sunday, demanding immediate reopening of their institutions.

PHOTO: STAR

## Clash over capture of water body, 15 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

At least 15 people, including six bullet-hit, were injured in a clash between two groups of ruling party men over capture of a waterbody at Bhatikoya village in Sujaganar upazila on Sunday evening.

Meanwhile, soon after the incident police detained five people from the village for their alleged involvement in the incident.

Officer in Charge of Aminpur Police Station Mozammel Haque quoted villagers as saying that there had been a long-standing rivalry between two groups-one led by local Awami League (AL) leader Khairul Islam Master and the other by Raninagar Union unit Jubo League President Shahinur Rahman Shahin over taking possession of a disputed waterbody in the village.

The clash ensued between the two rival groups when Shahin's men went to catch fish in the waterbody on Sunday afternoon and Khairul's followers opposed them.

As a sequel to the conflict, the two groups, equipped with lethal weapons, locked in a clash and traded gunshots between them in the evening that left at least 15 people, including six bullet-hit, from both sides injured, the OC said.

On information, a police team went to the spot and arrested five people from there, he said, adding that a tense situation is prevailing in the area.

## Lightning kills 3

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Three people, including a man and his minor son, were killed in separate incidents of lightning strikes in Sonatala upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Siddik Hossain, 32, of Madhupur village, and his 10-year-old son Siyam Hossain, and Sumon Chandra Roy, 16, son of Suwash Chandra Roy of Katlahar village.

Police said a thunderbolt hit Sumon and Santosh while they were fishing in adjacent Burandah Beel around 8:30am, leaving Suman dead instantly on the spot.

Meanwhile, Siddik and his son Siyam were killed when a streak of thunderbolt struck them while they too were fishing in a waterbody near their house amid rain around 12:00noon. Inspector (investigation) of Sonatala Police Station Zahid Hossain said.

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### e-Tender Notice

e-Tender has been invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the following packages under Road Division, Chandpur during the year 2019-2020 (Charged Head: Revenue).

Name of the works	Package No.	Tender ID	Tender document last selling/ downloading date and time	Last date and time for tender security submission	Tender closing date and time
Repairing of the existing damaged road pavement by providing Aggregate Base Type-II, Potholes repair by premix bituminous carpeting on repair portion, earth work & SBST work at 6th km, 7th km (p), 9th km (p), 10th km (p) & 11th km (p) of Chandpur-Nanupur-Dokanghar - Harina road (Z-1403) under Road Division, Chandpur during the year 2020-2021.	egg/CRD/EE/01./2020-2021	491265	20-Sep-2020 11:30am	20-Sep-2020 11:45am	20-Sep-2020 12:00pm

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

For further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and also from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)) or [eechan@rhd.gov.bd](mailto:eechan@rhd.gov.bd).

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### সরকারি নিলামকারী নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মোংলা কাস্টম হাউস, মোংলা, বাপেরহাট এর নিয়ন্ত্রণাধীন শুষ্ক গুদাম, প্রিভেন্টিভ ইউনিট এবং মোংলা বন্দর জেটিতে রক্ষিত অখালাসুকৃত বিভিন্ন প্রকার গাড়ি/মালামাল নিলামে বিক্রয়ের জন্য নিলামকার্য পরিচালনার লক্ষ্যে ০২ (দুই) বছরের জন্য নিলামকারী হিসেবে নিয়োগের দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। এতদ্ব্যতীতে আগ্রহী ও প্রকৃত অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠানে আগামী ১০.০৯.২০২০খ্রিঃ তারিখ থেকে ২১.০৯.২০২০খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে টেন্ডার ফরম এবং সিডিউল ১২০০/- (এক হাজার দুইশত) টাকা মূল্যের (অফেরতযোগ্য) বিনিময়ে কমিশনার, মোংলা কাস্টম হাউস, মোংলা, বাপেরহাটের দপ্তর হতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে সংগ্রহ করতে পারবেন।

০২। দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় দরপত্রের সাথে নিম্নবর্ণিত দলিলাদি দাখিল করতে হবেঃ

(ক) নিলামকারী হিসেবে ভাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্রের (১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি)।

(খ) হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স (১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি)।

(গ) হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদপত্র (১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি)।

(ঘ) নিলামকারী হিসেবে কমপক্ষে ০৩ (তিন) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা/পারফরমেন্স সনদপত্র।

(ঙ) ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট।

(চ) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র (১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি)।

(ছ) স্বাক্ষরকারীর এইচ.এস.সি পাসের সনদপত্র (১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি)।

(জ) নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র।

(ঝ) চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র (১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি)।

(ঞ) পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ০৪ (চার) কপি ছবি (১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত)।

০৩। যথাযথভাবে পূরণকৃত টেন্ডার সিডিউল চাহিদা মোতাবেক কাগজপত্রসহ নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাক্সে আগামী ২৮.০৯.২০২০খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর ০১.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দাখিল করা যাবে। ডাকযোগে প্রেরণের ক্ষেত্রেও নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে উক্ত কাগজপত্র নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে পৌঁছাতে হবে। টেন্ডার বাক্স পর দিন বেলা ০৩.০০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত টেন্ডার দাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।

০৪। উক্ত তারিখ ও সময়সীমা উল্লিখিত হওয়ার পর কোন টেন্ডার ফরম এবং সিডিউল সরবরাহ এবং গ্রহণ করা হবে না।

০৫। কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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