Floods deal severe blow to Pirojpur papaya growers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Papaya farmers in Pirojpur incurred huge losses after the recent flood damaged a large number of fruit-bearing papaya

According to the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Pirojpur, papaya was planted on 245 hectares of land in the district where matured papaya trees, along with fruits, on 25 hectares sustained damage in the recent flood this

Besides, the flood also damaged TK 11.44 crore worth of vegetables on 691 hectares of land in Pirojpur.

Farmer Zakir Hossain from Baro Jujkhola village in Pirojpur Sadar upazila said all the 600 papaya plants he planted in his orchard last year bore fruit this year, but now half of the trees are ruined by the

The damage will cost him at least Tk 2 lakh, he also said.

A mature papaya tree produces fruits for over four years, with a harvest of around two maunds each year.

A maund of papaya usually sells for around TK 800 at wholesale markets, but during the floods, they were compelled to sell the fruit for Tk 450 a maund at the most, said papaya farmers.

While green papaya is a popular vegetable that grows all year round and sells for around TK 35 to Tk 40 each kilogram, ripe papaya is also high in

Alamgir Hossain, from Sikdermollik

village in Sadar upazila, said he planted 100 papaya plants in his orchard as profit from its sale is quite satisfactory.

The yield was also good, but before the mature fruits could be harvested, the trees and the fruits were damaged by floodwaters that remained in the orchard for nearly a week, he added.

Most farmers cultivated papaya on high land as they are well aware that it grows well on high land.

According to Pirojpur DAE, papaya was planted on 245 hectares of land where matured papaya trees, along with fruits, on 25 hectares sustained damage in the recent flood.

But the land considered high in the area was also inundated this year by the worst flood in 15 years, said Rafikul Islam, another farmer from the same village. "We had no idea that the water level might rise so high."

Agriculture Officer Shipon Chandra Ghosh, stationed at Pirojpur Sadar upazila, said papaya plants cannot withstand water stagnation. "The roots of the plants rotted as the plants remained submerged in water for a long time."



After floodwaters receded, many of the fruit-bearing papaya trees started to die. The photo was taken recently in Jujkhola village of Pirojpur Sadar upazila.

PHOTO: **HABIBUR RAHMAN**



These women, like many others in Rangpur's Gangachara upazila, collect grass from different char villages so they could earn some extra income and feed their families better. The photo was taken from Gangachara's Laxmitari village recently.

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Man to die, 5 get life term for murder

Our Correspondent, Jamalpu

A court here yesterday sentenced a man to death and five others to life term imprisonment for killing a youth over land dispute in Sadar upazila in 2007.

Jamalpur District and Sessions Judge Md Zulfiquer Ali Khan tried all the convicts in absentia and fined the lifers Tk 10, 000 each.

The death sentence awardee is Ansar Ali Pramanik, 53, of Kumargati village, while the lifers are Kalam Pramanik, 58, his wife Shai Banu, 53, their sons Shahin, 36, and Saidul, 32, and Ansar's wife Shabnaj, 46. According

prosecution, Ansar in cooperation with other convicts killed his elder brother Roich Uddin's son Momin, then 22, over demarcation of their ancestral land in June 2007.

Held hostage by illegal toll collectors

A gang collects Tk 10 to Tk 30 from each vehicle on Kalapara-Kuakata alternative road

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A gang of extortionists has been collecting toll illegally from vehicles on Kalapara-Kuakata alternative road.

The extortionists are collecting toll from the vehicles by setting up wooden planks on the under-construction sluice gate in Tulatali area of

Tk 10 to Tk 30 is being collected from each of the vehicles including motorcycle and batteryrun auto-rickshaw. Every day over 200 vehicles ply this alternative road in Kalapara upazila.

Locals said a foreign company named China Seiko Company is constructing three-sluice gates from Alipur to Chapli Bazar on the Kalapara-Kuakata alternative road for drainage under the Coastal Embankment Development Project. Over 200 vehicles, including motorbikes and auto-rickshaws, plying the road got damaged due to lack of bricks on the under-construction

The gang, led by Kabir Panchayat, Halim, Md Sagir and his son Al Amin, have been collecting Tk 10 to Tk 30 as toll from each of the vehicles, alleged local people.

Md Rubel Khan, a motorcyclist, said he has to move from Kuakata to Kawar Char and Payra Port with tourists and local people almost all the time. He has to pay Tk 10 every time.

He added that "I had to pay more than Tk 2,000 in the last two months to cross the area. If we don't pay, we are not allowed to ply the

Auto-rickshaw driver Shahin said if he does not pay the money, the extortionists do not allow him to use the road and misbehave with him.



Motorcyclists and auto-rickshaw drivers fall prey to illegal toll collection on Kalapara-Kuakata alternative road in Patuakhali.

Another motorcyclist Rubel Mollah said they fell prey to illegal toll collection. The authority should look into this matter immediately.

Al-Amin, a member of the gang, said they have spent Tk 40,000 to set up the wooden planks on the road and facilitated the movement of vehicles. What is wrong with that?

Some local journalists told this correspondent that former union parishad (UP) member Md Shahalam Biswas said local Awami League leaders, police and Water Development Board (WDB) officials knew about the toll collection. None of them ever asked about it. Nobody has the power to stop the toll collection.

Contacted, Latachapali UP Chairman Anshar investigation, said the OC.

Uddin Mollah said he will not allow anyone to collect toll illegally from the vehicles by setting up wooden planks on the muddy road.

The chairman further said that he does not know anything about it.

Md Mojibur Rahman, engineer of the Coastal Embankment Development Project, said it is not their concern who collects tolls from vehicles here by setting up the planks of wood.

Md Moniruzzaman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Mohipur Police Station, said he is not aware of the illegal toll collection. There is no place for extortionists in the police station area.

Action will be taken against the culprits after

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