



A black drongo roosting on a perch set up in an Aman field at Badorpur village of Patuakhali Sadar upazila.

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ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY PEST CONTROL

# Perching method gaining popularity in Patuakhali

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

An environment-friendly pest control method called ‘perching’ is gradually gaining popularity among farmers, who are finding the method suitable especially for rice fields.

Perching is really quite an easy method to control harmful insects in a crop field and there is essentially no cost for farmers. As part of the method, bamboo poles or horizontal stems or branches of trees are set up at regular intervals in a crop field so pest-eating birds can easily alight or roost on those.

During a recent visit in Badorpur, Lawkathi, Shialli, Moukaran, Itbaria, Auliapur and Kalikapur villages of Sadar upazila, this correspondent saw many birds

alighting on the perches set up by farmers in their Aman rice fields.

Khalilur Rahman, a farmer from Badorpur village in Sadar upazila, said that after planting seeds in his one-acre Aman field about two months ago, he set up at least 15 tree branches as perches for the birds and he has been getting desired results ever since.

“The process is easy and cheap. Bug-eating birds like black drongo magpie, martin, owl, sparrow and parakeet sit on the perches and they fly off from there to eat different types of harmful insects like grasshopper,” he also said.

Nurul Islam, another farmer from the same village, said, “We used to apply different types of insecticides to keep insect pests off our crop land. But now we are

using the environment-friendly perching method. The process hardly costs anything.”

“The chemicals we had been using were expensive too,” said farmer Rahmat Ali from Shialli village.

Many of the farmers this correspondent spoke with said that the perching method has high benefits for farmers as it not only reduces their cost of production by eliminating pesticides expenses, but it also enables them grow chemical-free safe crops for the nation.

Jahidul Islam Shoyeb, sub-assistant agricultural extension officer in Patuakhali Sadar upazila, said farmers are now saving around Tk 1,500 that they used to spend

on different chemical pesticides for each acre of land.

So, “we have been motivating farmers to apply perching method in their rice fields and they are showing an increased interest towards the method,” he added.

Deputy Director of Department of Agricultural Extension in Patuakhali Hridoyeshwar Datta, said harmful insects are usually found on the upper portion of rice plants and birds can easily prey on those by targeting the insects from the perches in the crop field.

He also said that about 60 percent farmers in the area are currently using the perching method and they were working on to motivate the rest of the farmers take advantage of the method.



Azizul Islam Auto Rice Mill, one of the government enlisted mills situated in Sarkarpara area in Nilphamari Sadar upazila, is among the 336 rice mills that failed to supply rice within the deadline.

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## FAILURE TO SUPPLY RICE TO GOVT DEPOT

# 336 rice mills face punishment

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Enlisted 336 rice mills in Nilphamari did not supply rice to the government depot during the last boro procurement drive from May 7 to August 31, violating written agreement with the district food department.

The authority even extended the deadline to September 15 for the procurement but the mills also failed to supply rice within the deadline.

As punishment, the authorities concerned declared them unfit to supply rice during the ongoing Aman rice procurement. They imposed the rice procurement ban on millers.

According to the office of the district controller (DC) of food, the authority had set a target to buy 19, 612 tonnes of rice from enlisted millers during the last Boro procurement season to ensure the country’s food security in the time of pandemic.

Total 569 rice mills, including 550 traditional husking mills and 19 automatic major rice mills, signed an agreement with the district food department to supply rice as per respective allotment at a rate of Tk 36 per kg.

Of them, only 233 mills supplied perfectly and the rest did not supply rice showing excuse of higher rice prices in open markets than government rate making the procurement drive partially failure.

Of them, 304 husking mills did not supply a single corn while 28 such mills and four automatic rice mills supplied partially but the amount was much less than allocation.

As a result, the government could procure only 12, 884 tonnes of rice while the rest 6,728 tonnes of the target remain unachieved.

Hrishikesh Deb Sharma, Sadar upazila controller of food, said the government has taken the matter seriously as it is pandemic time and

asked them to impose a ban on the mills which totally did not supply a single corn.

Secretary of district unit of Bangladesh Auto Major and Husking Mills Owner Association Azizul Islam said during the Boro procurement season, market price for rice was Tk 40 per kg while government rate was only Tk 36 a kg. Due to this, the millers incurred huge loss.

He added that in spite of incurring loss, big rice mill owners supplied rice as per agreement hoping to make up the loss in next procurement season while many small husking mills have no ability to face the setback.

Md Nazmul Huque Bhuiyan, DC food in Nilphamari, said some millers want to get profit in every season which is unethical as profit and loss in business go side by side and this time they are taking stern measure to fulfill the target during the ongoing Aman procurement drive.

## KUAKATA POLLS 20 hurt as supporters of 2 mayor candidates clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

At least 20 people were injured when supporters of two mayoral candidates for upcoming Kuakata municipality election clashed in Melapara area yesterday.

Of the injured, Rafiqul Islam and Abdul Barek Hawlader, supporters of incumbent Kuakata Municipality Mayor Abdul Barek Mollah, also Awami League nominated mayoral candidate, were admitted to Kalapara Upazila Health Complex and Kuakata 20-bed Hospital respectively in critical condition.

On the other hand, severely injured Mohammad Russell and Abdur Rab Majhi, men of independent mayoral candidate Anwar Hawlader, is now undergoing treatment at Kuatata 20-bed Hospital, while the rest took treatment at the same hospital.


Meanwhile, first-grader Arif, a seven-year-old boy from the locality, also sustained injury during the chase and counter chase of the two rival groups.

At altercation occurred when supporters of both the groups were campaigning in favour of their candidate in Melapara around 10:15am.

At one stage, both the groups, equipped with sticks and bamboo, attacked each triggering a clash between them that left at least 20 people from both sides injured.

Officer in Charge of Mahipur Police Station Mohammad Moniruzzaman said he heard about the clash but none had filed any complaint in this regard as of filing this report around 9:40pm.

Mentionable, election of Kuakata municipality is scheduled to be held on December 28.



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FCPS Part-II (Final), Preliminary FCPS Part-II, FCPS (Sub-Speciality) and MCPS Examinations

Group-A

Exam Name & Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
<b>Exam Name: FCPS Part-II</b> (1) Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics, (2) Dermatology & Venereology, (3) Haematology, (4) Histopathology, (5) Microbiology, (6) Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, (7) Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopaedics, (8) Otolaryngology, (9) Paediatrics, (10) Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, (11) Psychiatry, (12) Radiology & Imaging, (13) Radiotherapy, (14) Surgery	Paper - I	02.01.2021 (Saturday)	9.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	03.01.2021 (Sunday)		

FCPS (Sub-Speciality): All Specialities

Preliminary FCPS Part-II: All Specialities

MCPS: All Subjects

Group-B

Exam Name & Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
<b>Exam Name: FCPS Part-II</b> (1) Anaesthesiology, (2) Medicine, (3) Obstetrics & Gynaecology, (4) Ophthalmology	Paper - I	04.01.2021 (Monday)	9.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	05.01.2021 (Tuesday)		

FCPS Part-I Examination and FCPS Mid-Term Examinations

FCPS Part-I Examination

Group-A

Morning

Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
Medicine & Allied	Paper – I	07.01.2021 (Thursday)	9.00 A.M. to 10.40 A.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	09.01.2021 (Saturday)		
	Paper - III	10.01.2021 (Sunday)		

Noon

Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
(1) Anaesthesiology, (2) Biochemistry, (3) Dental Surgery (Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopaedics and Prosthodontics), (4) Dermatology & Venereology, (5) Family Medicine, (6) Haematology, (7) Histopathology, (8) Microbiology, (9) Ophthalmology, (10) Surgery & Allied	Paper – I	07.01.2021 (Thursday)	12.00 Noon to 01.40 P.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	09.01.2021 (Saturday)		
	Paper - III	10.01.2021 (Sunday)		

FCPS Part-I Examination

Group-B

Morning

Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
(1) Obstetrics & Gynaecology, (2) Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery, (3) Paediatrics & Allied, (4) Physical Medicine, (5) Psychiatry, (6) Radiology & Imaging, (7) Radiotherapy, (8) Transfusion Medicine	Paper – I	11.01.2021 (Monday)	9.00 A.M. to 10.40 A.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	12.01.2021 (Tuesday)		
	Paper - III	13.01.2021 (Wednesday)		

FCPS Mid-Term Examination

Morning

Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
(1) Anaesthesiology, (2) Dermatology & Venereology, (3) Medicine & Allied, (4) Obstetrics & Gynaecology & Allied, (5) Ophthalmology & Allied, (6) Psychiatry, (7) Surgery & Allied	Paper – I	11.01.2021 (Monday)	9.00 A.M. to 10.40 A.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	12.01.2021 (Tuesday)		

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- Examinees are not allowed to stay anywhere other than the examination hall.
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