

National

He finds no loss in jute cultivation

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When farmers are generally abandoning jute cultivation, a farmer of Kagipara village in Narail district decided otherwise, according to a field report of Novartis Crop Protection.

"I will not abandon jute," says Nurul Huq Sikder. "People say it is not profitable, but I find it otherwise."

Sikder used to cultivate Aus paddy in the lands where he now plants jute.

"Jute is more profitable than Aus. I can sell jute for Tk 375 to Tk 400 a maund. On the other hand, jute sticks are also valuable and I sell at Tk 15 to Tk 20 a bundle," says Sikder. "Moreover, jute increases the land fertility. So, I don't find any loss in jute cultivation."

Meanwhile, as in the previous years, jute is low on the farmers' cultivation list. They are just cultivating it as more because of habit and for own consumption.

To these factors, the Boro season has added more fuel. As farmers sowed Boro paddy late in some places, and rice prices remain quite attractive, they find Aus a better alternative than the losing jute.

Jute seeds are readily available in the market. BADC is selling seeds, but at a high rate. At the same time smuggled seeds like Moharastra and Rajasthan are reaching the farmers, say Novartis Crop Protection sources.

BADC supplies seeds called Falguni at a rate of Tk 71 a kg, which is about Tk 10 higher than last year's price.

But at the same time, the Indian ones are available at about Tk 30 to Tk 32 a packet of 900 grams.

As a result, farmers are overwhelmingly buying the smuggled seeds which makes about 95 per cent of the jute seed market.

Skeletons of lightning victims stolen

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, May 3: Skeletons and scalps of human who died from lightning are being stolen from different graves of the district as those are said having valuable magnate and healing power of certain diseases.

Skeletons and scalps of human bodies were stolen after exhaling in the area.

Unofficial sources claimed the skeletons and scalps are in great demand.

Miracle!

BARISAL, May 3: One Rita Rani Paul, wife of Bipin Paul, gave birth to twin girls at a time recently at Kalapara municipal area in Patuakhali district, reports BSS.

The two newly born girls have changed their sexes simultaneously after their birth and after six days both of them became male children.

A large number of people have been gathering there to see the babies.

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No PARC/C-1/LC/16/2000 (part)/239 Dated: 30/04/2000
Subject: Appointment of national consultants under the UNDP financed project "Strengthening the Public Administration Reform Commission-BGD/97/010"

The Public Administration Reform Commission requires consultancy services from Bangladeshi nationals in the field of reorganisation and manpower rationalization of the para-statal organisations/corporations. The period of consultancy for each selected candidate will be 3-4 months. The candidates must have either work experience in policy making positions in government or semi-government organisations for at least 10 years or sufficient experience as a consultant in reorganisation/restructuring of offices and functioning of government/semi government/autonomous bodies. The consultants would require to go through "process consultation" with different corporations for collection and analysis of data and information and to produce reports. The fee will be as per project document.

The applications must reach the office of the undersigned within 15 days of the date of advertisement along with 4 copies of their curriculum vitae and photographs.

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আগন্তুর শিক্ষক টিকা দিন**পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (২য় বার)**

নিম্ন বর্তিত কাউন্টির জন্য ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের তালিকাবদি ঠিকাদারগণের নিকট হইতে বালাদেশের ফরাম নং-২৯১১তে সীলিমহোরস্তুত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হাইতেছে। আগামী ১৬/৫/২০০০ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটকির সময় বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা, জেলা প্রশাসক, ঢাকা এবং ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের সকল অঞ্চলের প্রকৌশল শাখা কর্তৃক দরপত্র গৃহীত হইবে এবং তা দিনই বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটকির সময় উপর্যুক্ত দরপত্রদাতা অব্দী তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিত্বের সম্মুখ্যে যদি কেবল উপস্থিতি থাকেন খোলা হইবে। শতকরা হারে দর অর্কে এবং কথায় উভয়ই সিদ্ধিত হইবে। অন্যান্য দরপত্র বালিয়া গণ করা হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের মেরে মহোদয়ের অনুকূলে বালাদেশের যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাকের ব্যাকে ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে বালিয়া ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের মেরে মহোদয়ের সহিত জমা দিতে হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের সকল অঞ্চলের হিসাববক্ষ-এর নিকট হাইতে এতি সেটি নির্ধারিত মূলে ঢাকাদেশের মাধ্যমে জাতীয়নগরপৰ্বত (অসম্ভুত্যা) টেক্সের শর্তাবলী, সিডিউল ইত্যাদি জয় করা হাইবে। সিডিউল কর্মের প্রাকালে ঠিকাদার তালিকাবৃত্ত ও চৰ্তু নবায়নের কাগজগুলি দাখিল করিতে হইবে। এসডেক্টেড বিস্তারিত বিবরণ অফিস ঢাকাকারীন সময়ে ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের অঞ্চল-৮ (মিরগুড়ি) এবং প্রকৌশল শাখাক সদৃশে জানা যাইবে।

কোন দরপত্রদাতা মোট প্রাপ্তিগ্রহণ মূলে ৫% (পাঁচ পাঁচেন্ট) এবং অধিক বা নিম্ন দর প্রদান করিলে দাখিলকৃত দরপত্র বালিয়া গণ হইবে। একাধিক ঠিকাদার একই কাজের দরপত্রে একই দর দাখিল করিলে একাধিক লটারির মাধ্যমে ঠিকাদার নির্বাচন করা হইবে।

দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ দরপত্রের কোন দলিলপ্রাপ্তি বিজ্ঞ করা হইবে না। যে কোন বা সমৃদ্ধ দরপত্র কেবল কাগজ দর্শনে বালিয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক এগুণ বা বাস্তিল করিবার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষিত থাকিবে।

কুমিক নং কাজের নাম প্রাক্তিক টাকা বালাদেশ টাকা সময়সীমা

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Crimes up in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, May 3: Crimes like murder, clash, abduction and robbery have increased in the district in the three months from January to March this year, creating panic among residents.

A young man was beaten to death by unidentified assailants on the bank of the river Gorai in the town on January 3. The victim was identified as Zia, a resident of Housing Estate area in the town.

On the same day a girl was hacked to death at Helupur upazila under Sadar upazila. She was identified as Labani, 8.

Body of Rabiu Islam, son of Nur Sardar of Bahirchun union of Bheramara upazila was recovered from the river Padma near Hardinge Bridge on January 7.

An unidentified body of a youth was recovered from a field near sugarcane purchasing centre on Kushtia-Bheramara Road on February 7.

Another unidentified body was recovered from a paddy field at village Lakkhabardia under Mirpur upazila on February 8.

A theft was committed in the office of Juba Unnayan Adhikar (Director for Youths' Affairs) at Battail, three miles off Kushtia town on February 8. The burglars made away with a motorcycle from the garage of the office. The motorcycle could not be recovered. No one was arrested in this connection.

Four persons received bullet injuries as two rival groups clashed at Gobindapur village under Kumarkhali upazila on February 9. The four were identified as Taju, Khaleque, Manan and Enamul. Later Taju succumbed to his injuries.

Abu Bakkar Siddique, 35, son of Nawab Ali of Battail, three miles away from Kushtia town, was abducted on February 9. He still has been missing. Family sources said two motorcyclists, who identified themselves as police officers, picked up Siddique at night from the house.

Sabuz, a student of class nine and son of Altaf Hossain of Shahpur village under Daulatpur upazila, was abducted by a group of armed terrorists on February 10.

Monwar Hossain, 15, son of Banu Moila of village Kharichara of Kumarkhali upazila has been missing since February 9.

Body of Manwar Hossain, 38, a cloth merchant of Kumarkhali upazila, was recovered on February 15 from town protection embankment at Kumarkhali upazila headquarters.

He was missing on February 10. Local people said the man might be killed by his business colleagues.

A highway robbery was committed in broad daylight on

Kushtia-Bheramara Road on February 19. The robbers looted cash, gold ornaments and other valuable worth Taka one lakh.

Another robbery was committed at the house of Naren Pal at Alardiga Bazar on February 10. The robbers raided the house when a marriage ceremony was being held in the house. Robbers looted gold ornaments and cash and other valuables at gunpoint.

Daulatpur police recovered a beheaded body at village Mathurapur on February 28. The victim was identified as Khokhuzzaman, 11, son of Abdus Satter.

Mukta, 11, daughter of Arman Ali of Nishintabaria of Khokhuzzaman has been missing in the afternoon of February 28. Later her body was found in a nearby ditch. She was killed after being raped, family sources said. Now has yet been arrested in this connection.

A young man was found dead in a shoal of the river Padma on March 20. The victim was identified as Majedul, 23, of village Puratan Kushtia under Hatas Haripur union.

A body of an unidentified woman was recovered from the bordering village of Dharmadaha under Adabaria union of Daulatpur upazila on March 30. Police sent the body to hospital for autopsy. A case was lodged in this connection.

Son gets life term for killing father

From Our Correspondent
GAIBANDHA, May 3: A court here recently sentenced a son to suffer life term in prison for killing his father.

The court also fined him Tk 3,000 and in default to suffer two months more.

According to prosecution story, Zulfiqer Ali of village Islampur under Gaibandha Sadar upazila was stoned on the head of his father Mokbul Hossain with a stick on January 15, 1995 following an altercation. In the following day Mokbul, 85, succumbed to his injuries in hospital.

After examining the witness and records district and sessions judge, Sirajuddin Ahmed, pronounced the verdict.

Nor'wester hits Shariatpur

SHARIATPUR, May 3: A nor'wester swept over the district on Saturday night and damaged about 500 kutcha houses, disrupted power supply, snapped telephone lines and left at least 25 people injured, reports UNB.

The worst affected areas were Janjira and Shariatpur where some 2,000 people rendered homeless. They were living in temporary shelters, officials said.

Agriculture office said IRRI-Boro on about 1,000 hectares ready for harvest were damaged partially by the storm. Prof Khaleeda Khanam, whip of the government party, visited the affected areas on Monday morning.

He gets back missing son after 9 yrs

COX'S BAZAR, May 3: An ill-fated father got back his missing boy after nine years to the surprise of their fellow-villagers, reports UNB.

Mohammed Ali, then a five-year-old boy, went missing with his family members, except his father Helal Bahaddar, from their Saraitala village in Mosheshkhali when a devastating cyclone hit the country's coastal belt on April 29, 1991.

Helal Bahaddar, a fisherman, had searched his family members — his wife, five daughters and two sons — for long, but all his efforts went in vain.

Although he married again after the tragedy, a frustrated Helal never gave up the hope of getting back his family members.

One day, Helal came to know that a missing boy was living at Badarkhali village in Chakorta thana and he rushed to the village on April 20 and recovered his missing son.

Faces of talents

By Staff Correspondent
Here are some talents who secured scholarships in talent pool of Primary scholarship examinations.

A Gazipur correspondent says: Md Tanvir Alam was a student of the Primary section in Kaliganj RRN Pilot Government High School, Gazipur. He secured the first position in the talent pool of Primary scholarship examination held in 1999 at the Upazila level. He is the only son of Suraiya Alam and Md Shamsul Alam, Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Kaliganj in Gazipur district.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent reports: Munibina Ferdousi Urmeen of Flowers' Kindergarten and Junior High School in Moulvibazar town secured Junior scholarship in talent pool of class VIII this year.

She obtained 1st position in Moulvibazar district among the Junior scholarship examinees.

Urmeen also secured Primary scholarship in talent pool in 1996 from the same school. She was awarded many prizes in cultural competitions at national level including Natun Kuri Child Artists' Competition, Islamic Foundation Poetry Recitation Competition and National Child Artists' Competition 2000.

She is the eldest daughter of Md Muslem Uddin, Principal Officer of Sonali Bank, Moulvibazar main branch and Selina Akhter a primary school teacher of Hafiza Khatun Government Primary School, Moulvibazar. Our Ja malpur correspondent says: Shahnaz Parvin (Anu) got Junior scholarship in talent pool from Ja malpur Government Girls' High School this year.

She is the eldest daughter of Md Mozibul Rahman a conductor of REB of village Satkura under Kendua union of the Sadar thana. She wants to be