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32 killed in May

Law and order deteriorates in Khulna division

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, June 25: The law and order situation is deteriorating in Khulna division day by day. Murder, robbery, toll collection, dacoity, mugging, rape are increasing alarmingly in the division.

A total of 32 persons were killed in the month May in nine districts of Khulna division.

According to police sources, during the period, seven persons were murdered in Khulna district, five persons each in Jessore, Kushtia and Chuadanga districts, three persons in Narail, four persons in Jhenidha and one person each in Satkhira, Bagerhat and Magura district.

The persons who were murdered are: Abdul Mannan of Keshabpur, Abdur Razzaq of Jhikargachha, an unidentified youth of Sharsha, Selim of Gophe and an unidentified

youth of Murali, all of Jessore district, Saiful Islam of Sondaanga, Rehana Khatun and Anwar Hossain of Dumuria, Malati Rani of Koila, Shajahan of Labanchara, Nazma Khatun of Paikgachha and Ayub Ali of Dighalia, all of Khulna district, Piyari Begum and Dilar of Kalia and Rafi Shaikh all of Narail district, Nasu, Jani, Shariful Islam, Shekhal and Nazrul Islam of Kumarkhali all of Kushtia district, Shahabuddin, mother of Harun and Abdul Jalil of Alamganga and Nesa Khatun and Shikha of sadar all of Chuadanga district, Parvez Subal Das and Shukur Ali of Kaliganj and Ala Sardar of Harna Kundu all of Jhenidha district, Meherun of Bagerhat, Eltutumish of Magura and Abdus Sattar of Satkhira district.

Besides murder, 58 persons were killed in road accidents, 34 persons committed suicide, 3

persons were killed in road accidents, 25 persons were killed by lightning, 30 persons died by drowning and 12 persons died in other incidents.

During the period, a total of 17 women and minor aged girls were raped in different places of these districts. A total of 65 dacoites were committed in different places of these districts. A total of 65 dacoites were committed in different places of these districts. More than 1000 incidents of robbery, mugging, toll collection and other crimes were committed.

Previously law and order situation improved remarkably after the surrender of outlawed party activists under the general amnesty of 1999 in these districts, but the situation deteriorated due to failure of the administration and the situation took a serious turn at present, observers said.



Construction work of Daya-Jamirta road in Sirajganj district is being hampered seriously due to onrush of flood water. High officials of Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) visited the affected spots. Despite their assurances no effective measures have been taken till now.

— Star photo by Akhteruzzaman Bablu

Foodgrains procurement drive faces setback in Natore

NATORE, June 25: Space shortage in government food godowns is severely hampering the ongoing IRI-Boro procurement drive in northern region, pushing down the grain prices, reports UNB.

The procurement drive in the region began three weeks behind the schedule as the authorities failed to shift the last year's grains from the silos in time.

Official sources said some 3 lakh mts of wheat, gunny bags and other grains remained stockpiled in the godowns of the region.

A senior official at Rajshahi food office said the government has a target to procure 2,24,000 mts of paddy at Tk 320 per maund and 1,10,000 mts of rice at Tk 520 per maund from the 16 northern districts this season.

"But it is unlikely that the target will be achieved," he said wishing anonymity.

He said there are 124 local supply depots (LSDs), three central supply depots (CSDs), one scientific instrument for loading and off loading (SILo) depots in the northern districts with a capacity of storing 4,75,000 mts of grains.

Among the godowns, 71 LSDs have virtually been abandoned due to their shabby condition and poor road communication. And 56 of them were declared unusable by PWD in 1996 and 1997. But they could not take any steps to renovate the godowns since then.

As the procurement drive failed to gain momentum, grain prices in the districts continued to decline, forcing the farmers to sell paddy at Tk 230-250 per maund, much below the government rate.

Another report from Kushtia says: The farmers of Kushtia district are likely to suffer a setback due to low production of IRI-Boro and low price of the paddy.

Harvesting of Boro has already been completed but the production is less than the expectation due to the storm.

which lashed the district several times at the beginning of May.

Farmers got bumper production last year and as a result they had utilised their land in full capacity this year. But the production is very poor as many power pumps did not work for want of electricity and fall in the groundwater level.

A total of 29,510 hectares of land was brought under the cultivation in the district but the production of per hectares was less than the previous season due to the natural calamity.

On the other hand, the middlemen are controlling the market price of paddy at the cost of growers.

Government has not yet started purchasing paddy from the growers who need immediate money to repay the loan and the water charge of the rich farmers.

A senior official of Agriculture Extension Department of Kushtia told that the yielding of Boro paddy this season would be 30 to 35 per cent less than the target.

Bittipara, Bhadriali, Ujagram, Laxipur of Sadar upazila, several villages of Mirpur and Bheramara upazila are known as the best paddy growing areas of the district. But the growers of these areas will incur a heavy loss for the problems, which they faced in the period of inactivation stage of the paddy plant.

Severe norwesters accompanied by hailstorms during pre harvesting period, high temperature during maturity stage of paddy and irrigation crisis due to sharp fall in groundwater level in the peak irrigation season made the bumper production impossible, the officials said.

The growers alleged that the supply of fertiliser was inadequate and it was of low quality.

They also alleged that the price of fertiliser was high during the peak season (February-April). Besides, a good number of irrigation machines were rendered inoperative due to abnormal fall in groundwater level during

the last March and first half of April.

The price of the newly harvested paddy in the different markets was showing a downward trend from the first week of this month in absence of government procurement drive.

The paddy per maund is being sold between Tk 210 and Tk 230 in the market.

The month of *Jaistha* is also called the *Modhu Mas*. Because various kinds of fruits are available in this month.

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