

A trail of destruction: (left) Octogenarian Feroza Begum has lost everything due to floods. A cyclonic storm which followed the floods has shattered her last hope. In the meantime, winter has arrived, but she lacks sufficient clothes. So, she tries to save herself from cold by wrapping a polythene sheet around her body at Bakal embankment shelter in Satkhira district, (right) another old victim looking vacantly sitting on his flood damaged houses at the frontier village of Kushkhali in Satkhira district. Both the shots were taken recently. -- Star photo by AKM Mohsin

SHARIATPUR, Nov 7: When the government is determined to stamp out terrorism from the country, the criminal activities of the outlawed

number of outlawed terrorists. They are passing their days in panic,

terror in these villages.

murders and extortion, local people alleged.

ing necessary information and collecting tolls.

A report from Jhenidah says: Jhenidah police arrested two women members of the outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party from Jessore town on Wednesday midnight and recovered written documents containing motives of various killings, including the killings of Adv Kalidas Boral and SMA Rob.

Police said they raided a house in Bakchar area of Jessore town to these districts within eight months. arrest Tapan, the military commandant of the party. But he managed

Police caught Putul, 27, and her mother Aleya, 45, who in face of police interrogation gave their identity as members of the party.

leaflets of the party from their possession. Police said the documents contained the names and motives of at cases, and 25 under Section 54 and eight absconding convicts.

A report from BSS says: Overall law and order in Barisal division is arrested a man along with seven litres of wine during their drive.

deteriorating day by day.

According to official sources, a total of 3,906 offences including 107 killings were committed in six southern districts under the division in the last eight months.

According to unofficial sources, the number of offences might be higher than those figures, which registered in the criminal books of Police Department here in the period till September 30. Of the total killings, 25 committed in Barisal district, 20 in Bhola, nine in Jhalakathi, 10 in Pirojpur, 19 in Patuakhali and 24 in Barguna.

A total of 143 rapes were committed in the districts of Barisal, Activists of criminal groups are involved in different road dacoities, Jhalakathi, Bhola, Pirojpur, Patuakhai and Barguna in the period. Some 63 dacoities including five in Barisal, six in Bhola, four in

Jhalakati, 10 in Pirojpur, five in Patuakhali and 33 in Barguna districts were committed in this division in the period. Meanwhile, 39 arms cases have also been filed in these districts. Of these, 17 cases have been filed in Barisal district, two in Bhola, five in Jhalakati, two in Barguna, seven in Pirojpur and six in Patuakhali district.

Besides, 281 women and children repression cases, 41 cases under PSA and 320 theft cases have been registered in this period.

A total of 2,810 different offences on acid throwing, black marketing, robberies, possessions of explosives was also committed here in

People of the locality called upon the law enforcing agencies to check the ongoing criminal activities in these districts soon.

UNB from Barguna reports: Police, in their special drive in Barguna district, arrested 230 people wanted in various cases here in last 15 They also recovered important documents and many posters and days.

> Of them, 70 were held in GR cases, 104 in CR cases, 23 in regular Besides, the law enforcers recovered a pistol, a pipe gun and

> > dwelling houses were devoured

by the river Kacha, local people

said. Besides, a launch terminal

and a bridge were devoured dur-

Keramat Ali Sikder, a 75-year-

old man of Hularhat Bandar area,

local people always urge the

governments to do the needful,

but nothing substantial has been

Now a food godown, fertiliser

godown, BIWTA's pilot office are

on the verge of extinction. Mean-

time, erosion has already

engulfed a portion of Telikhali

bazaar area. As a result, a pri-

mary school, a post office, a

Madrasha, a seed godown and a

secondary school are facing ero-

The Bishkhali River of Barguna

district is considered to be one of

the furious rivers in the southern

region. Now, the river has become

furious, threatening many areas

in Barguna launch terminal,

In Patuakhali, Laukati and

ing the last two years.

done.

sion threat.

The principal reasons behind brought out and organised by the problem, according to the concerned sources, are comparatively less number of wide roads.

The number of roads in the city ment.

(RCC) sources said that popula-tion of the city had doubled in last 29 years after liberation. Number of vehicles plying in the city now will be four times more than that in 1972. During the period number of roads did not increase at all in comparison with the increasing number of population and vehicles.

regular feature and more acute especially in Shaheb Bazar area, Bata crossing, Rani Bazar area, Malopara area, Stadium Railway Gate crossing, Laxmipur crossing and New Market area.

Footpaths and side-walks of most of the roads are blocked by vendors who open their temporary shops on the roads and by the permanent shopowners who display some of this goods on the roads. Dumping construction materials on the roads for building new markets and houses is also a big problem.

Loading and unloading of vehicles has become a permanent

From Abdul Wadood

traffic jams.

growing more acute day by day now and then to make the roads creating immense sufferings for the city dwellers, but the concerned authorities are yet to take any initiative to resolve the prob-

increasing number of vehicles, possession of the footpaths and the roads by the vendors, violation of traffic rules and negligence of traffic police.

is not sufficient enough to meet the demands. After liberation, only a road of about two kilometers long was built from Utsav cinema hall to Rajshahi Silk Factory crossing during early nineties. Another wide road was constructed during mid-eighties in Shaheb Bazar, heart of the city. About half a kilometers long street starts from Alupatti crossing to Sonadighi crossing.

Traffic jams have become a

RAJSHAHI, Nov 7: Rajshahi is cause of traffic jam in Malopara gradually becoming a city of and Rani Bazar areas. Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) The problem of traffic jams is authorities take some initiatives and footpaths clear, but the initiatives go in vain mainly for pressures from the political parties, RMP sources said.

Processions and rallies different organisations mainly by political parties and student bodies also contribute to creating traffic jams in Shaheb Bazar area. It has become an everyday phenomenon in Shaheb Bazar area to hold meeting and rallies on the road blocking traffic move-

Another reason behind the causation of traffic jams in the city is violation of traffic rules. Nobody even police personnel cares to follow the traffic rules in Rajshahi.

There are a large number of unlicensed rickshaws in the city which are pulled by untrained people. Most of them know very little about traffic rules.

Moreover, negligence of the Rajshahi City Corporation traffic police in performing their duties has also become a big problem regarding traffic jams in the city.

Traffic police are often seen standing on the roads indifferently. And somewhere, as at Shaheb Bazar, C&B crossing, Talaimani crossing. Bus Terminal area and Stadium Railgate crossing, they are seen to remain busy with collection of illegal tolls from the goods-carrying trucks.

Another problem has recently been created by the rent-a-car traders. They have not their own garage. The keep standing their cars and microbuses on the roads creating traffic jams. Private truck-owners also make traffic problem in a similar way.

It is alleged that police receives daily tolls fixed by them from the rent-a-car, microbus and truck owners for letting their vehicles stand on the roads. Such type of unauthorised stands will be at least 50 in number in the whole

News snaps

Community clinics for villagers

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 7: As part of the government commitment to reach healthcare facilities to the doorsteps of rural people, some 313 community clinics will be set up here by 2003, reports

Upazila-wise breakup of clinics: Pakundia-31, Hossainpur-23, Kuliarchar-19, Mithamoin-15, Sadar-35, Bajitpur-24, Bhairab-18, Nikli-15, Tarail-20, Aushtagram-19, Itna-18, Karimganj-35 and Katiadi-41. Under the programme, one community clinic will be set up for every 6,000 people (for 4,500 in the hilly and haor areas) in rural areas. The clinics will provide health services as 'one-stop-service-centres.'

Woman killed by wild elephants

RANGAMATI, Nov 7: A woman was killed and five people were injured when a herd of wild elephants attacked asleep villagers at

Gulshakhali in Longadu upazila early Sunday, reports UNB. The deceased was identified as Rahima Begum, 45. But the identities of the injured could not be known. Villagers said the elephants returned to a nearby 'Jarul' garden before dawn.

Training programme

DINAJPUR, Nov 7: A seven-day training programme for female

entrepreneurs began at LGED auditorium here on Monday, reports UNB. Organised by National Woman Organisation (NOW), the

programme was inaugurated by its Chairperson IV Rahman. A total of 32 promising women, who are running various incomegenerating-programmes taking loans from Rural Women Development Project of the organisation, are participating in the training programme. Speaking on the occasion, IV Rahman said the government is implementing various programmes for the socioeconomic and political empowerment of women. She said NOW has so far trained 2,216 enterprising and enthusiastic women and disbursed over Tk 3.62 crore among 1,090 women for their socio-economic development.

Workshop

A workshop on empowering local government bodies was held recently at Santhia Upazila Auditorium in Pabna district, says a press release.

Organised by International Voluntary Services (IVS) in collaboration with Samata, an NGO, it was attended by ADM of Pabna Jamal Uddin as chief guest and Abdul Matin, country director of IVS, as special guest. Abdul Quader, executive director of Samata, presided over. Among others, UNO of Santhia Wahedunnabi Sarkar, Santhia upazila Awami League president Mozzamel Haq Khan, upazila unit president of BNP Makbul Hossain, journalists Ranesh Maitra, Abdus Shahid Dudu, Abdul Matin Khan, besides some UP members spoke on the occasion.

Annual Urs of Hazrat Shah Khalilur Rahman will be held on November 12 at Garpara Imam Bari Darbar Sharif in Manikgani, says a press release. All followers and well wishers have been requested to attend

the Urs to earn blessings.

Electricity goes to 1,793 villages COMILLA, Nov 7: Comilla Polli Bidyut Samity-1 has set up

2,998km power lines in seven upazilas and one upazila in Munshiganj district, reports UNB. The samity has provided connections to 1,793 villages in 110

unions of Bobura, Chandina, Meghna, Daudkandi, Homna, Muradnagar and Debidwar upazilas of Comilla and Gazaria upazila of Munshiganj district. Starting from January 12, 1981, the samity, so far, provided 90,703 residential, 1,829 industrial, 12,614 commercial and 2,608 deep and shallow tubewell and LLP connections apart from 2,005 ones in religious and educational institutions. The samity has been running its activities, including supply, distribution and line maintenance, through six zonal offices and 10 complain centres in Comilla and Munshigani

Reception

BRAHMONBARIA, Nov 7: Renowned teacher Sheikh Abu Hamed was accorded a grand reception at Deora village in Sarail here on Friday for his outstanding contribution to the language movement and spread of education, reports BSS.

Agrodoot Samajkalyan Sangha organised the reception for him who was the founding principal of Sarail College. Ruhul Amin, a social worker presided over the function. Chairman of the Board of Directors of the state run news agency, BSS Prof AAMS Arefin Siddiqui, News Editor of BSS Aminul Islam Bedu, Rowshan Islam Bedu, Managing Director of JCM Group Mohammad Baten, Principal of Sarail Degree College Abdul Ahad Bhuiyan, Headmaster of Kalikachcha Patshala High School Abdul Wahab, poet Wahid Rahman, social worker AKM Igbal Azad, local UP chairman Saef Ullah Thakur, Major (Retd) Kamrul Abedin, executive of Saiham Group M Hasan Ahmed and journalist MA Quddus, among others, addressed the reception.



Prof AAMS Arefin Siddiqui of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Dhaka University speaking at reception accorded recently to the renowned personalities of Brahmanbaria district by Agrodoot Samajkalyan Sangha, a welfare organisation in Brahmanbaria. -Star photo

গহায়ন তহবিল গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক ভবন প্রধান ভবন (৭ম তলা) মতিঝিল, ঢাকা-১০০০

তহবিল হইতে ঋণের জন্য প্রকল্প প্রস্তাব আহ্বান

দেশের দরিদ্র জনগোষ্ঠীর গৃহায়ন সমস্যা লাঘবের উদ্দেশ্যে বর্তমান সরকারের ঘোষিত নীতিমালার আলোকে গঠিত গৃহায়ন তহবিল হইতে ঋণ প্রদানের লক্ষ্যে সরকারী/আধাসরকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান, এনজিও, স্বেচ্ছাসেবী সংগঠন, সমবায় সমিতি, স্থানীয় সরকার প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের নিকট হইতে প্রকল্প প্রস্তাব আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

আবেদনকারী সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠানের পরিচিতি হিসেবে সাধারণ তথ্যাদি যেমন-- রেজিস্ট্রেশন, কর্ম এলাকা, মাঠ পর্যায়ে লোকবল, শাখা ও সদস্য সংখ্যা, দায়-সম্পদ ও আয়-ব্যয়ের নিরীক্ষিত হিসাব, অন্য উৎস হইতে গৃহীত ঋণের বকেয়ার পরিমাণ, ঋণ আদায় হার ইত্যাদি তথা এবং গৃহ নির্মাণ ও কুদ্র ঋণ কার্যক্রমে পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতা ও সফলতা বিস্তারিতভাবে আবেদনপত্রে উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে যাহা অংশগ্রহণকারী সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠান নির্বাচনকালে বিবেচনা করা হইবে। শর্তাবলীঃ

(ক) গ্রামীণ দরিদ্র, নিম্নবিত্ত, গৃহহীন পরিবার বিশেষ করে, নদী ভাংগন, বন্যা, ঘূর্ণিঝড়/জুলোচ্ছাস ও অগ্নিকান্ডে ক্ষতিগ্রন্ত পরিবারকে কাঁচা/টিনের ঘর তৈরির জন্য এবং মহিলা শ্রমিক, গ্রামীণ ও বস্তি এলাকার দরিদ্র জনগণের জন্য মফস্বল শহর/গ্রামাঞ্চলে বহুতল বিশিষ্ট বাড়ি/আধা-পাকা বাড়ি নির্মাণের লক্ষ্যে প্রকল্প প্রস্তাবের ভিত্তিতে ঋণ সুবিধা প্রদান করা হইবে।

আনুমানিক ২২০-২৫০ বর্গফুটের দোচালা টিন/টাইলস এর ছাউনি এবং কংক্রিটের (আরসিসি) পিলার বিশিষ্ট ঘরের জন্য সর্বোচ্চ ২০,০০০/- (বিশ হাজার) টাকা এবং ২০০-২৫০ বর্ণফুটের ফ্লাট অথবা আধা-পাকা বাড়ির জন্য গৃহায়ন তহবিল ট্রাষ্টি বোর্ড অনুমোদিত কোন গৃহ নির্মাণকারী সংস্থার প্রকল্প প্রস্তাবের ভিত্তিতে গৃহ নির্মাণ ঋণ প্রদান করা হইবে।

চ্ড়ান্ত অণ্মহীতা পর্যায়ে বার্ষিক শতকরা ৫.০ ভাগ হারে সরল সুধ ধার্য হইবে। এই ঋণ ৬ মাস রেয়াতি সময়সহ কাঁচা/টিনের ঘরের ক্ষেত্রে সর্বোচ্চ ১০ বংসরে এবং ফ্লাট/আধা-পাকা বাড়ির ক্ষেত্রে সর্বোচ্চ ১৫ বৎসরে মাসিক সম কিন্তিতে আদায়যোগ্য

(ঘ) অংশগ্রহণকারী সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠানকে তহবিল হইতে শতকরা ১.০ ডাগ হার সরল সুদে ঋণ প্রদান করা হইবে যাহা প্রয়োজ্য রেয়াতি সুবিধাসহ মাঠ পর্যায়ে প্রদত্ত ঋণের মেয়াদকালের সহিত সংগতিপূর্ণ শর্তে অর্ধবার্ষিক কিন্তিতে পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে।

(ভ) মছুরীকৃত ঝণের ১ম কিন্তি অগ্রিম প্রদান করা হইবে। পরবর্তী কিন্তি/কিন্তিসমূহ পূর্ববর্তী কিন্তির সদ্মবহার নিশ্চিতকরণ সাপেক্ষে ছাড় করা হইবে। নির্ধারিত সময়ে ঋণের কিন্তি বাবহার নিশ্চিতকরণে বার্থ হইলে বরান্দ বাতিল করা যাইবে। (চ) অংশগ্রহণকারী সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠানকে ঋণ কার্যক্রম পরিচালনার লক্ষ্যে ট্রাম্টি বোর্ডের সহিত

ঋণ চ্জিপত্র সম্পাদন করিতে হইবে। (ছ) অংশগ্রহণকারী সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠান গৃহায়ন তহবিল ঝণ কার্যক্রমের সকল তথ্যাদি পৃথকভাবে রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ করিবে। ট্রান্টি বোর্ড ঋণ কার্যক্রমের সকল প্রক্রিয়া তদারকি ও

র্মনিটর করার এবং সময়ে সময়ে নীতিমালা পরিবর্তন/পরিবর্ধন করার ব্যাপারে ক্ষমতা উপরোক্ত শর্তাবলী পরিপালনে সম্মত হইলে প্রস্তাবিত গৃহ নির্মাণ প্রকল্পের ধরন, সংখ্যা, এলাকা, প্রতি ইউনিটের জন্য বিস্তারিত ব্যয়, প্রার্থিত ঋণের মোট পরিমাণ ইত্যাদি

উল্লেখপূর্বক প্রকল্প প্রস্তাব আগামী ৩০শে নভেম্বর ২০০০ তারিখের মধ্যে ফান্ড ম্যানেজার, গৃহায়ন তহবিল, ফাভ ম্যানেজমেন্ট ইউনিট, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক প্রধান ভবন (৭ম তলা), মতিঝিল, ঢাকা-১০০০ এই ঠিকানায় পৌছাইতে হইবে। অতিরিক্ত তথ্যাদির জন্য উল্লেখিত ঠিকানায় যোগাযোগ করা যাইতে পারে।

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ফারুক উদ্দিন আহমেদ গ্হায়ন তহবিল সদস্য সচিব গৃহায়ন তহবিল ট্রাম্টি বোর্ড

মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা বোর্ড, ঢাকা দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মাধামিক ও উচ্চ মাধামিক শিক্ষা বোর্ড, ঢাকা এর জন্য ৪ (চার) দরজা বিশিষ্ট সর্বোচ্চ ১৭০০-২০০০ সিসি পেট্রোলচালিত ১২ (বার) আসনের সরকার কর্তক নির্ধারিত মানের সম্পূর্ণ নতুন একটি মাইক্রোবাস ও সর্বোচ্চ ১৭০০-২০০০ সিসি পেট্রোলচালিত সিংগেল কেবিন, সরকার কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত মানের সম্পূর্ণ নতুন একটি পিক-আপ ক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে প্রকৃত আমদানিকারক/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের নিকট হতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচেছ

আগ্রহী দরদাতাগণ সোনালী ব্যাংকের ডাফটের মাধ্যমে বোর্ডের সচিবের অনুকূলে ৫০০.০০ (পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমাদানকরতঃ যে কোন কার্য দিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময় নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর নিকট হতে আগামী ১৯-১১-২০০০ তারিখ পর্যন্ত গাড়ি সরবরাহের শর্তাবলী সমেত সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করতে পার্বেন

সংগৃহীত সিডিউলের ভিত্তিতে দরপত্র কেবলমাত্র ডাকযোগে/কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস-এর মাধ্যমে আগামী ২০-১১-২০০০ তারিখ দ্বিপ্রহর ১২.০০ টার মধ্যে অবশ্যই নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর ঠিকানায় পৌছাতে হবে। হাতে হাতে/ব্যক্তিগতভাবে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না। দরপত্রের খামের উপরে "গাড়ি ক্রয়ের দরপত্র" কথাটি লিখতে হবে। ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২.৩০ (বারটা ত্রিশ মিনিট) টায় উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের সামনে (যদি কেহ থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হবে। কোন কারণ প্রদর্শন ছাড়াই কর্তপক্ষ যে কোন/সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন

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Outlaws reign in Shariatpur A city of traffic jam

parties are on rise in Shariatpur district, reports UNB. The people have become virtually hostage at the hands of a small

particularly after the sundown. Helpless people of Chhagon, Mohishor, Ramvadrapur and Tarabonia unions in Bhederganj upazila are leaving their homesteads for security of life as the underground terrorists have created a reign of

In many villages the outlawed group deployed informers for supply Local leaders urged the authorities concerned to take necessary steps to nab the terrorists without further delay.

to escape arrest.

least 40 killings in the region.

Erosion onslaught continues 5 lakh hectares of croplands devoured in six S dists in 10 yrs From Aroop Talukdar

BARISAL, Nov 7: River erosion devoured more than five lakh hectares of croplands, some 25 thousand dwelling houses, over 15 thousand educational institutions, and a large number of religious establishments in six southern districts under Barisal division during the last ten years.

Besides, erosion by the rivers Meghna, Tetulia, Lohalia, Paira, Sugandhya, Sandhya, Karkhana, Bishkhali, Ilisha, Kacha, Kirtonkhola, Baleswar and Arial Khan still continues almost unabated in Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Pirojpur, Jhalakati and Barguna districts, devouring croplands and homesteads.

People, who live by riversides, have become panicky due to continuous river erosion. For this reason, meantime, many families have shifted their houses in safer places. Usually people get anxious during the rainy season

when erosion takes serious turn. Severely erosion affected areas in Barisal district are Kazirchar, Sreepur, Lata, Alimabad, Kaliganj, Andharmanik, Bhanga, Mallikpur and Dewanbari in Mehendiganj upazila, Charkana, Chandramohan in Sadar upazila, Memania, Hizlabandar, Badartuni and Aliganj in Hizla upazila, Safipur, Patharchar, Khasurhat and Muladi Bandar



Erosion going on continuously by the River Meghna along Mirjakalu

Bazaar area under Borhanuddin upazila in Bhola district. area in Muladi upazila, Mirjaganj, Rahimgani and Doarika ferry ghat in Babuganj upazila,

Shikarpur Bandar and Dasherhat in Ujirpur upazila and some parts in Banaripara. In Pirojpur district, erosion has also taken a serious turn this year, according to reports. At

least 20 rural bazaars along the

rivers of Baleswar, Kacha,

So far nearly 300 shops, com-

--Star photo Sandhya Kirtonkhola and Paira were eroded in the last couple of

Hularhat, Kaukhali, Swarupkathi, Inderhat, Indurkani, Sreeramkati, Telikhali, Charkhali and Tushkhali bazaar areas are now

Chhanbunia and Haringhata.

Lohalia rivers have been devouring Lankehti, Telikhali and Bighai villages, causing concern among villagers.

facing erosion threat. mercial establishments and

The mighty river Meghna in Bhola is engulfing huge areas of Chowkighata of Daulatkhan upazila.

Seed scarcity may hit Boro, winter crops hard

Boro and winter crops cultivation in Habiganj and Kushtia districts remain fallow in the current Boro season if the seeds were not available may face a setback due to acute seed scarcity, reports UNB.

Farmers said that they could not preserve the required seeds last season as flash flood, incessant rain and other natural calamities being hampered due to acute scarcity of seeds. damaged paddy on a vast tract of land.

Agriculture Extension Department (AED) sources said in last sea-

son, a total of 87,900 hectares of land had been brought under Boro cultivation against the target of 82,010 hectares. "But, the output was not satisfactory due to the natural calamity," said an official of AED. The flash flood damaged crops on 6,350 hect-

ares of land, he added. It is alleged that the authority so far made no arrangements to supply seeds from BADC and Nagura Agriculture Research Institute (NARI) to the farmers.

Meanwhile, farmers of adjacent Sunamganj and Kishoreganj districts are also coming here in search of seeds as the two districts are winter crops to recoup losses caused by devastating flood. also facing seed crisis.

tons through its dealers. Under its agriculture rehabilitation programme, AED has also fixed a target to distribute 21 tons of seeds in eight upazilas, officials said. But the farmers alleged that they are yet to get the seeds from the concerned authorities. NARI is yet to distribute seeds, although it has and crops.

taken a programme to distribute 29 tons. the advantage of the situation, is selling seeds at high prices. It is taking Tk 20 to Tk 25 from the farmers for each kg seeds against the government rate of Tk 14.

It is apprehended that a large portion of cultivable lands would ginger and turmeric.

during the season.

The cultivation of winter crops in different parts of Kushtia district is Some flood-affected farmers said acute scarcity of seeds of various winter crops has been prevailing shattering the hopes of the growers.

Poor farmers can hardly buy seeds of various winter crops as a little quantity of seeds, available in local markets, is being sold at high rate. Huge quantity of seeds of different crops have been damaged by the recent flood. In last year, BADC distributed some 15 types of seeds of vegetables,

wheat, maize and potato. Various NGOs also distributed about seven tons of seeds of vegetables to give support government's agriculture rehabilitation programme. Being enthusiastic, the farmers are preparing their lands to cultivate

Agriculture Extension Department sources said floodwater and The government has decided to distribute 121 tons of seeds in the other natural calamities, including cyclonic storm, damaged crops district in the current season and BADC has already sanctioned 52.50 worth Tk 100 crore in the district.

The Padma and the Gorai marked rise three times in last three

Now the farmers have again started cultivating winter vegetables

months damaging seedbeds and newly sowed crops.

Some 5,900 hectares of land in seven upazilas are brought under It is alleged that an Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), taking winter crops cultivation with an output target of 1,500 tons per hect-

> The crops include Boro paddy, wheat, maize, potato, sweet potato, mustard, groundnut, various pulses, onion, garlic, sesame, chili,