

Prices of essentials up in Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Nov 29: Prices of essential commodities marked sharp rise in the local markets with the advent of the holy Ramadan. Prices of rice, edible oil, pulse and vegetables remained at their previous higher levels.

During visit to the markets on Monday morning, this correspondent found that the price of onion, both local and imported ones, rose by Taka 4 per kg this week. In the retail markets, price of local onion rose substantially.

The price of sugar ranged between Tk 37 and Tk 39 per kg against Tk 34 and Tk 36 per kg two weeks ago. In the wholesale markets, the price of soyabean oil ranged between Tk 34 and Tk 35 per kg against Tk 33 and Tk 34 per kg a few weeks ago. The price of garlic ranged between Tk 36 and Tk 42 per kg.

The price of different varieties of vegetables remained almost unchanged. Last week the price of potato ranged between Tk 12 and Tk 13 per kg. The price of papaya ranged between Tk 8 and Tk 10 per kg against Tk 9 and Tk 11 per kg in the previous weeks.

Last week the price of brinjal ranged between Tk 16 and Tk 18 per kg

while the price rose to Tk 18 and Tk 20 per kg. The price of tomato ranged between Tk 40 and Tk 42 per kg against Tk 38 and Tk 40 per kg in the previous week. Last week the price of ladies finger ranged between Tk 20 and Tk 22 per kg while at present the price ranged between Tk 22 and Tk 24 per kg.

The price of IRR1 ranged between Tk 14 and Tk 15 per kg in the last week. The price of pajam variety of rice ranged between Tk 16 and Tk 17 per kg.

In the wholesale markets, the price of moshur pulse ranged between Tk 38 and Tk 40 per kg, while it was between Tk 42 and Tk 42 per kg in the retail markets. The price of moog pulse ranged between Tk 40 and Tk 42 per kg. One kg of big size ruhi fish was sold at Tk 130 to Tk 135, while a medium size one was sold between Tk 90 and Tk 100 per kg. The price of shrimp ranged between Tk 180 and Tk 200 per kg.

The price of four pieces of eggs ranged between Tk 80 and Tk 85 per kg. The price of mutton rose and ranged between Tk 140 and Tk 145 last week against Tk 130 and Tk 135 per kg a few weeks ago.

Arms factory unearthed in Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 29: A clandestine arms factory was unearthed in Ekdala area in the town early Friday.

Police, acting on a tip-off, at 12:30 am raided a house in the area and recovered instruments meant for making firearms, four firearms and ammunition. Police also arrested factory owner Abdus Salam, 25.

The firearms included 17-inch pipe gun, 15-inch pipe gun, 14-inch pipe gun, and 10-inch pipe gun.

The arrested person confessed to the crime and said he had been running the factory for one year. He also said, in the mean time,

he had sold six firearms valued at Taka 2,000 to 2,500 each in different places of the district. A case was lodged.

In the latest development, police arrested another man in this connection on Saturday. He was identified as Bias Ali of Brahman Baira village under Sadar upazila.

Police said they gathered important information from the arrested persons, but did not disclose it for the sake of investigation. Police, however, said many influential people are involved in the crime.

News snaps

Life term for seven outlaws

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Nov 29: Seven outlaws were awarded life-term Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) on November 23 for possessing illegal fire arms.

The convicts are Lal Mia, Shobuj, Raju, Nazrul, Selim, Niru and Matin. According to the prosecution, acting on a tip-off a police team in Magura arrested seven outlaws along with fire arms on June 14, 1995 from village Doshotina under Sreepur upazila. Police after investigation chargesheeted the accused persons in Sreepur thana. After examining all the records and witnesses the Assistant Judge of the District and Sessions Court No. 2 here handed down the punishment to the accused persons.

Alarming rise in river piracy

NARSINGDI, Nov 29: In a predawn swoop on a mechanised boat in the River Meghna, armed pirates looted cash and goods worth Tk 2 lakh from traders near Budiamara in the town on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said a band of about 10 pirates, who appeared in another engine boat, swooped on the Srinagar-bound boat carrying 20-22 traders and took away their valuables and cash at gunpoint. The traders alleged that local administration is reluctant to take any effective measure to crack down on pirates despite an alarming rise in piracy in the river.

Snatching

THAKURGAON, Nov 29: Armed bandits snatched a motorbike and Tk 5,000 from two people near Shenua Bridge in the town on Friday, reports UNB.

Police said the hijackers waylaid Shahidul Islam and Aujit Karmakar while they were passing by the area in a motorcycle and snatched the cash and the bike after beating them mercilessly. Another report adds: 'One House One Farm' programme has been inaugurated in Ranishankail upazila, aiming to bring some 150 families under integrated nutrition services. Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock departments have jointly launched the programme to provide nutrition services to poor families.

Father hands over son to police

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 29: Having failed to correct his drug addict son, a man has helped police arrest him, reports UNB.

Police said Amir Hossain, son of Joyal Abedin of Kalipur village in Bhairab, had long been disturbing his family members as well as their neighbours. Police arrested Amir Hossain from their house recently upon a request by his father.

Rapist gets life term

THAKURGAON, Nov 29: A man was sentenced to life term Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) by a court here for raping a seven-year-old girl, reports UNB.

The convict was identified as Akhtarul. According to the prosecution, Akhtarul raped the little girl of Goriali village in Baladanga upazila on November 24, 1999. After examining the records and witnesses, the judge pronounced the judgement on November 21, just one year after the incident.

Seven arrested

JOYPUHAT, Nov 29: Police in separate drives arrested seven people on various charges from Akkelpur, Khetlal and Panchbibi upazilas on Friday-Saturday, reports UNB.

The arrested were identified as Azad, Enamul, Abdus Sobhan, Rustam Ali, Lokman Ali, Khaibar Ali and Moslem Ali. Of them, Azad and Enamul were caught from near Valki Bridge in Akkelpur upazila on Saturday for demanding money from a farmer and threatening to kill him. Police arrested Abdus Sobhan from Nashipur village in Khetlal upazila on Friday in connection with the sensational Saddam murder case. Saddam, 10, a class III student, was strangled to death on October 15 this year. On the same day, Rustam and Lokman, Khaibar and Moslem were arrested from the house of Rustam at Dharanjil village in Panchbibi upazila on charges of planting and taking hemp.

Wheat farming on 400 hectares

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 29: Some 400 hectares of land in 13 upazilas will be brought under wheat cultivation this season with an output target of 1400 mts.

To achieve the target, Agriculture Extension Department (AED) and other concerned organisations have taken up all necessary steps to assist the wheat growers, officials said.

Rivals' clash leaves one dead

DINAJPUR, Nov 29: A clash between two rival groups at village Meragao in Birol upazila on Friday over land dispute left a man killed and injured 20, four of them critically, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Hareesh Chandra, 18, son of Haradhan. Police said the clash ensued between the supporters of Haradhan and Subrata while Haradhan and his sons went to harvest sugarcane in a disputed land at 1:30 pm. Supporters of Subrata attacked Haradhan and his sons with sharp weapons, leaving Hareesh died on the spot. Of the injured, Haradhan, his sons Hemanta, Chitta Mohan and Atal were admitted at the local health complex in a critical condition. They were later shifted to the Dinajpur Sadar Hospital following deterioration of their condition.

Youth gunned down

NOAKHALI, Nov 29: A gang of miscreants gunned down a youth and injured six other people in a sudden attack at Amarpur village in Chhatkhil upazila on Saturday, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Hanurul Rashid, 20, an activist of Chhatra Dal. Of the injured, Bellal Hossain, 30, was rushed to the Sadar hospital with bullet wound and another three were admitted at the Upazila Health Complex. Local people said armed cadres of Chhatra League numbering 14-15 following previous enmity stormed into the village and fled away after ransacking the valuables.

32 get loan under Family Project in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Nov 29: A meeting was held at Kutalpara here recently to discuss salient features of Janata Bank, Faridpur-sponsored Family Project.

Presided over by Abul Marzil Choudhury, DGR of Faridpur branch, the meeting was attended by the bank's Managing Director S A Choudhury and its GM Md Nurul Islam Molla as chief guest and special guest respectively.

Under the project, each family will get loan through branches of the bank for income generating activities. At the end of the meet,

32 people received Tk 1.89 lakh loan each.

Among others, Dhaka division DGM Nurmoammad and Dhaka division DGR Md Shamsur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

Speakers urged the branch managers to help implement the project successfully. The speakers also expressed hope that loan recipients will successfully utilise the loan and start income generating projects soon.

In the meeting, 25 branch managers of greater Faridpur district were also present.

R&H engineer stand released

PIROJPUR, Nov 29: Executive Engineer of district Roads and Highways Department R & H ZQM Qamrul Ahsan has been stand released for financial irregularities, reports UNB.

Additional Chief Engineer of R & H Department, in an official order on Sunday, also asked the Executive Engineer of Jhalakati district to take over the charge.

District Accounts Officer has been asked to keep closed the cash and accounts of the department.

Official sources said Qamrul Ahsan paid bills of about Tk 13 crore through cheques during October 25-November 7 against the allocation of Tk 6 crore.

Earlier, two more executive engineers of the district were given stand release for similar offence.

Ctg transport union leader injured

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Nov 29: A transport union leader here in the city was injured last week when unidentified gunmen opened fire on him.

Witnesses said Chittagong Truck Owners' Union General Secretary Md-Yaakub Ali came under the attack in South Halishahar area adjacent to Bariater Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury College at about 11 pm.

Two gunmen on board a motorbike attacked him. The victim, who received injuries on the back, was under going treatment at a local clinic.

A case was filed with Bandar police station in this connection.

Moulvibazar DIARY

Publication ceremony

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Nov 29: Publication ceremony of 'tumra Sabal Amay Jedin' written by Muhibur Rahman Mohammed, Principal of Moulvibazar Government College was held at the local public library auditorium recently.

The function was presided over by advocate Mujibur Rahman Mujib, President of Moulvibazar district Bar Association, GKM Nurul Ameen, Deputy Commissioner of the district attended it as the chief guest while Principal Quresh Khan of Rajnagar Degree College and Principal Bimal Kanti Ghose of Panchgaon Mohila College attended as special guest. Azizul Hoque Iqbal, Advocate Kishori Pada Deb, Advocate Syed Jainal Abedin, Prof Habibur Rahman Abu, Prof Mamunur Rashid, Prof Syed Mujibur Rahman, Prof Fayzur Rahman and Vice-Principal Syed Fazlullah among other took part in the discussion.

Phensidyl recovered

Police of Moulvibazar Sadar thana recovered 50 bottles of Indian Phensidyl from the bag of a person near the bus stand area recently.

According to police, acting on a secret information Police Sub-Inspector Sawpan Nath had challenged a man Atique, 22, son of late Badar Uddin of Bhairab upazila under Kishoreganj district who was trying to get board a night coach which was bound for Dhaka. Fifty bottles of phensidyl was recovered and Atique was arrested. A case was also filed against him.

All-party action council formed

Moulvibazar district committee of All-Party Action Council was formed in Moulvibazar recently.

A meeting of the district leaders of BNP led 4-party alliance was held recently at the house of the district BNP president. After discussion a 111-member district committee of All-Party Action Council was formed with district BNP President Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury as its convener. Seven joint convenors were also selected in the meeting and they are Sajjadur Rahman (BNP), Suleman Khan (JIP) Syed Nurul Hoque (JP), Sirajul Islam Motlib (Jamaat), Md Faruk (Jamaat), Maolana Jubayer Ahmed (Islami Front) and Maolana Sansuzzaman Chowdhury (Islami Front).

Defamation suit

A defamation case was filed with the Magistrate Court in Moulvibazar against Md Mujibur Rahman, Editor of The Weekly Post Card and Faysal Ahmed, Rajnagar Correspondent of the weekly which is being published from Dhaka.

Ashok Dhar Chowdhury, Proprietor of Messrs Chowdhury Pharmacy at Munshi Bazar under Rajnagar upazila has filed the case recently as The Weekly Post Card has published a false story on Chowdhury. The court issued a warrant of arrest against the two accused persons.

Best Imam

Maulana Mohammed Ansar Uddin, founder headmaster of Baramchal Hazrul Khandaker Madrassah under Kulaura upazila has been selected the 'Best Imam' of Moulvibazar district for the year of 2000.

Islamic Foundation, Moulvibazar has awarded the 'Best Imam' of the district at a simple ceremony recently at the Islamic Foundation office here. Maulana Mohammed Ansar Uddin is a resident of Uttarbag village of Baramchal union under Kulaura upazila.



Winter is the season of festivities in rural Bangladesh. Farmers collect their paddy in the Bangla month of Agrhyan. So, they remain quite solvent during this month. Many fairs are arranged in this time where they take part in with great enthusiasm. Photo shows a large number of visitors have thronged such a village fair in Magura. -Star photo

Kishoreganj bazaars in bad shape

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 29: Most of the hats and bazaars here are in dilapidated condition causing great inconveniences to both the buyers and sellers, reports UNB.

There are about 475 hats and bazaars in 13 upazilas. Population of the district has increased to about 25 lakh but no expansion and development of these markets have taken place yet.

Apart from collecting tolls from the sellers and buyers the concerned authorities so far took no steps for the proper maintenance and development of these markets, locals alleged.

The situation worsens in rainy season when most of these mar-

kets go under knee-deep water and become muddy and slippery due to lack of proper drainage system.

Besides, shortage of accommodation has been hampering the movement of buyers and sellers. Moreover, the leaseholders realise more tax than the government rate causing hardship to the shoppers and vendors.

Scarcity of drinking water facilities in most of these markets has been causing immense suffering to the people in absence of necessary tubewells.

Moreover, there are no arrangements for latrines and urinals in most of these markets.

As a result, people respond to the call of nature in roadside and open places polluting the environment.

Besides, filth and garbage are dumped in the markets hither and thither making the markets ideal places for breeding of mosquitoes.

The upazila administrations lease out the markets in their respective area but they take little care for the sufferings of the people.

The local leaders have urged the concerned authorities to take immediate schemes to develop and renovate the dilapidated markets without further delay.

530 primary schools beset with problems

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 29: A total of 530 non-government primary schools have been plagued with manifold problems hampering education, reports UNB.

Almost all the schools are in dilapidated condition and the students are facing problems due to shortage of furniture including chairs, benches, blackboards and other necessary appliances.

Besides, teachers of these schools are not getting their salary regularly.

According to the district primary education office, of the total, 405 schools are registered and the rest 125 unregistered. About one lakh children have been studying in these schools.

Of the total schools, 51 registered and seven unregistered in Sadar, 73 registered and 10 unregis-

tered in Pakundia, 32 registered and 20 unregistered in Karimganj, 24 registered and four unregistered in Bajitpur, 32 registered and 14 unregistered in Katiadi, 17 registered and five unregistered in Bhairab, 14 registered and four unregistered in Kullarchar, 49 registered and 13 unregistered in Hossainpur, 20 registered and six unregistered in Tarail, 24 registered and four unregistered in Austogram, 21 registered and 10 unregistered in Itna, 19 registered and 18 unregistered in Nikli and 29 registered and 10 unregistered in Mitamoni.

Local leaders urged the government to take necessary measures to solve the problems of these schools to help achieve the goal of universal primary education programme.

Six-month survey reveals

184 cases of repression on women, children in Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Nov 29: A total of 184 incidents of repression on women and children were reported in the district in the last six months from May to October this year.

Out of the total, 129 were incidents were linked to women repression and the rest 55 incidents were associated with repression on children.

A survey made by Association for Community Development (ACD), a Rajshahi-based non-governmental organisation, revealed this information. ACD prepared the survey on the basis of newspaper reports and information gathered through its own sources.

A total of 19 incidents of repression on women occurred in May 2000. The number increased to 35 in June while it decreased to 24 in July. In the month of August the number of incidents of women repression decreased further to 16. Again the number slightly increased and rose to 19 in September and 22 in October.

On the other hand, a total of six incidents of repression on children occurred in

May. The number was three in June. It increased to 13 in July. The number was seven in the month of August while it rose to 12 in September and 14 in October.

Out of the total, 96 incidents of women repression and 38 incidents of child repression occurred in nine upazilas outside the city corporation area.

According to the report, 26 incidents were of killing, 31 incidents were of rape, 58 of suicide, 16 of abduction, 13 of trafficking, one case of acid throwing and 39 other kinds of repression. The incidents of suicide were the results of repression, the report says.

A total of 45 women and 13 children (below 18 years of age) committed suicide during the period.

Most suicide incidents were actually killing. The incidents of killings were made public by the killers as 'suicides', said Rashed Ibne Obaid, ACD Investigation Officer. The killers included also family members. They somehow managed to convince local people and the police admin-

istration to present the incidents of 'killing' as of 'suicide', he said.

Other major causes, which instigated the suicides, were repression by family members within the house, social injustice, poverty and illness.

To cite an example of social injustice, ACD report asserted suicidal history of one person named Anjera, 35, of Kolabaria village in Monigram union of Bagha upazila.

On August 1 after noon another person Robbani, 40, attempted to rape Anjera while she was grazing her goats in the neighbouring crop-field.

On hearing the hue and cry of the women, people nearby rushed to the spot and the culprit fled away. Anjera wanted to register a case against Robbani of the neighbouring Persouta village, but the village headmen of the two villagers resisted her and assured her of justice.

On August 3, the village headmen in arbitration meeting found Robbani guilty

and fined him Taka 4,000. They also decided to spend the money for renovation of their village road. Anjera was also rebuked for her 'indecent deeds'. Afterwards her dead body was found hanging in a mango tree beside her house on the meet day.

Social injustice pushed her to commit suicide, ACD report says.

Only one incident of acid throwing for dowry was recorded during the period. Husband poured acid into the mouth and on the body of Asma of Dhaminkour village in Bagmara upazila when she refused to go to her parents' house to bring dowry for the third time.

ACD helped her for treatment in Rajshahi Medical College Hospital at the primary stage. Still she has been under treatment in the Burn Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Dhaka Acid Survivors' Foundation is bearing all the expenses of her treatment.

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বাংলাদেশ রঞ্জন প্রক্রিয়াকরণ এলাকা কর্তৃপক্ষের দায়িত্ব বাবদার ও বিনিয়োগ উন্নয়নের লক্ষ্যে ২০০১ সালের মে মাসে ক্যাডেট, ডেক ক্যাডেট এবং ডায়েরি মুদ্রণের জন্য প্রকৃত মুদ্রণকারী/বিজ্ঞানী প্রতিষ্ঠানের কাছ হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। আগামী ০৫-১২-২০০০ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে যথাক্রমে বেপজা নির্বাহী দপ্তর, ২২২, নিউ ইস্টার্ন রোড, ঢাকা, ঢাকা ইপিজেড, গণকবরী, সাজার এবং চট্টগ্রাম ইপিজেড, দক্ষিণ হাটশাহর, চট্টগ্রাম হইতে ঢাকা ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত মাত্র) অফিসভোগ্য মূল্যে দরপত্রের সিডিউল কেনা যাইবে। আগামী ০৬-১২-২০০০ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২-০০ টায় যথাক্রমে নির্বাহী অফিসের সচিব, বেপজার কক্ষ এবং ডিপিজেড ও সিপিজেডের রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাজে দরপত্র ফেলা যাইবে। একই দিন ১২-০০ টায় একযোগে উন্মোচিত স্থানে দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হইবে। দরপত্রের সঙ্গে উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ২.৫% হারে (ফেরতযোগ্য) আনেক্সিমানি যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাকে হইতে বাংলাদেশ রঞ্জন প্রক্রিয়াকরণ এলাকা কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট দাখিল করিতে হইবে। নির্বাহী আনেক্সিমানি ছাড়া কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে না। দরপত্রের সাথে ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ইনকাম ট্যাক্স সার্টিফিকেট, মুদ্রণ সংস্থার লোকবল এবং যন্ত্রপাতির তালিকা, অভিজ্ঞতার প্রত্যায়নপত্র ও এই সংশ্লিষ্ট পূর্ব কাজের নমুনা ইত্যাদি জমা দিতে হইবে। বেপজা কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

সচিব
 জি/১১০৫ বাংলাদেশ রঞ্জন প্রক্রিয়াকরণ এলাকা কর্তৃপক্ষ