Amon yield falls short of Jt forces monitor rice target by 3,000 tonnes in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Production of Amon paddy in Pabna this year has been estimated at around 13,000 tonnes less than the target.

The yield would be around 1.10 lakh tonnes against the target of 1, 23,370 metric tones, sources in Agriculture Extension Department (AED) said.

The Amon yield in the just concluded season 22,000 tonnes less than than last years production, the AED officials told this corre-

spondent. Despite increase in the area under Amon cultivation this year, the yield decreased mainly due to successive floods and less use of fertilizer caused by its lesser supply in the district, they said. To recover and the yield was over 1,32,550 the crop loss in Amon season, farmers are now all out to go for Irri-Borro cultivation, but that also will not be easy due to shortfall of fertilizer, officials and farmers said.

DAE officials said they fixed a target to bring about 46,555 hect-

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ares under Amon cultivation to produce 1, 23,370 tonnes of paddy. But farmers exceeded the target, covering around 47,179 hectares this year before the first onslaught Pabna Sadar upazila. offlood.

damaged at least 9,000 hectors of Amon fields. After the first flood he said. receded, Amon seedlings were transplanted in most lands, barring worst affected 880 hectares as water remained stagnant on those. After were brought under Amon cultiva-

tion but it was late, the officials said. Amon harvest is almost over and now farmers are preparing lands for Irri-Boro, theu asid.

Last year, Amon was cultivated on 46,555 hectares in the district tonnes. Officials said last year's yield was about 2.84 tonnes per during the Rabi season. At least hector, which was far less this year.

The average yield per hectare was around two tonnes this year.

"The two consecutive floods damaged Amon crops this year.

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When we restored fields after the first flood, the second spell of flooding began", said Abdul Jalil Bishwas of Malanchi village in

"After recession of floodwater The two consecutive floods we did not get sufficient fertiliser that causes the fall in production,"

> "I got 4-5 maunds from each bigha this year against 9-10 mounds last year", the farmer said ... "The floods caused havoc to

the floods, a total of 46,300 hectares Amon crop in the district this year" said Pabna AED deputy director Md. Akhtarul Afgan.

AED sources said a target has been fixed to bring 64,700 hectares under Irri-Boro cultivation this year to produce 2.55 lakh tones of paddy

The officials said they apprehend short supply of fertiliser 41,000 tonnes will be needed in the district but we have supply of 35,000 tonnes, said an official. "We have asked for more 6,000 tonnes", he said.

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markets in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Joint forces Friday evening started Khulna. investigation in rice wholesale markets in Khulna and Daulatdia and talked with traders and wholesalers about rise in rice eprices.

section of wholesalers and rice mill owners have created an artificial innorthern districts. crisis by hoarding to raise the

visited some rice godowns in the city and at Daulatpur and found huge of stocks of rice there.

Khulna Metropolitan Police that retailer said. most of godown owners in the city including ten in Daulatpur have gone into hiding keeping their godowns under lock and key hearingjoint forces' operation.

There has so far been no indication of decline in rice prices in

Retailers of Khulna kitchen markets accused importers, godown owners and rice mill owners of hoarding huge quantities of There are allegations that a rice and paddy at secret places in Khulna also in their own godowns

Some retailers on condition of anonimity expressed their inability On Friday night, joint forces decrease prices under pressure, saying they bought rice at Tk 30 per kg only a week back. "We can not incur loss after investing huge It is learnt from sources in money in the business", one

> Commanding officer of Rapid Action Battalion-6, Lt Col Mezbaul Haque, said they have started operations in city to track down

DEATH IN POLICE CUSTODY

Sajid's father cries for Dinajpur 'mine blast tragedy'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Father of a youth, who was allegedly murdered in police custody here over two years ago, has demanded speedy trial of the case and exemplary punishment to the killers.

Abdur Rouf, father of Sajedur Rahman Sajid demanded this while addressing a press conference at Gaibandha Press Club yesterday.

He lamented saying there was no headway to two cases filed by convener of Gaibandha Nagorik Committee in this regard earlier.

Rouf disclosed that only two police personnel out of 12 others involved in the murder case were suspended while others are still in active police service.

While narrating the story, Rouf said police arrested his meritorious son Sajid from Gaibandha railway station implicating him in a false case on May 18, 2006. Sajid remained in police custody for two days when police tortured him to death on May 21, he said. Police, instead of handing over the body to him, hurriedly buried him under strict police guard, he said.

Terming the incident as a suicide, Noor Alam, the then officerin-charge (OC) of Gaibandha police station filed an unnatural death case, Sajid's father said. The autopsy report said Sajid was strangled, Rouf said. Contradicting the report, the OC gave a final report, victim's father said.



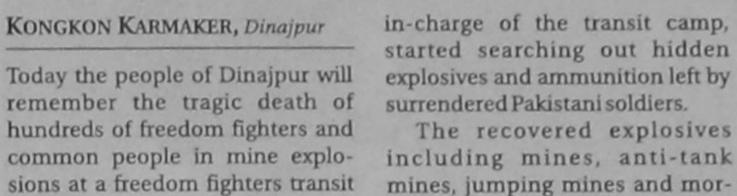
Sajedur Rahman Sajid

Earlier, the elder brother of the victim, Abdul Majed Sarker and Aminul Islam Golap, Convener of Gaibandha Nagorik Committee filed two separate cases on June 11, 2006 accusing 12 cops.

The Nagorik Committee, on several occasions, demanded fresh investigation into the incident by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

Later, CID took up the case, investigated the case filed by the OC and submitted a report on August 16, 2007.

CID accused five people, namely, Noor Alam, OC, Abu Yousuf, investigation Officer, Fahima Begum, on-duty officer, Mizanur Rahman and Dulal Chandra, constables, for torturing Sajid to death in police custody.



Girizanath High School ground. Some seven hundred people might have been killed during the incident on January 6, 1972, Dinajpur Freedom Fighters Welfare

Maharaja Girizanath High School in Dinajpur.

day today

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

camp, setup at Maharaja

Association sources said. Marking the incident, the 6th January Smriti Parishad of Dinajpur built a monument with their own initiative at the school freedom fighters and every year floral wreaths.

victory, the freedom fighters post war situation, said Md AK belonging to erstwhile Sectors 6 Azad, a witness to the incident the Maharaja Girizanath High operation. School ground to gather up the freedom fighters of Dinajpur, Joypurhat.

supervision of Captain Sharier, the family members.

started searching out hidden explosives and ammunition left by

Monument to the victims of January 6, 1972 mine blasts at freedom fighters' transit camp on the premises of

including mines, anti-tank mines, jumping mines and mortars were piled up at the school ground.

On January 6, 1972, the freedom fighters were unloading explosives from two trucks when accidentally a landmine exploded. A number of blasts that followed turned the area into debris and scattered the human limbs spread in all directions.

The people from neighbourground with a list of 158 martyred ing areas rushed to the spot and put all their efforts to save the they observe the day with placing survivors but most of them could not be saved due to inade-After the December 16 final quate treatment facilities in the and 7 of EBR setup a transit camp at who took part in the rescue

Over a hundred freedom fighters were buried at Chehelgazi Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and under Dinajpur Sadar upazila in state honour while bodies of many The freedom fighters under the others were taken away by the

Hundreds of FFs killed on this day in 1972 Dinajpur people have urged the government to take initiative for officially preserving the memory of the tragic incident.

12 'JMB-3' marked bombs recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Twelve remote control bombs inscribed with 'JMB-3' and eight strong power gels which were allegedly belonging to Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) were recovered at Akhrabazar of the town yesterday.

As locals were catching fish at a pond on PTI South Road at Akhrabazar, a bomb-like material was found at a fishing net, police and locals said, adding that 12 bombs and eight power gels were subsequently found from the

Kishoreganj Superintendent of Police (SP) Mijanur Rahman, Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge. Abu Md Fazlul Karim went to the spot and put the bombs and gels in a bucket full of water.

"JMB-3" was inscribed in all of the 12 bombs, SP Mizan said.

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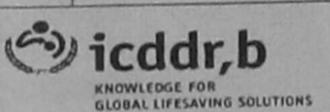
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