

Rice prices fall in Barisal, northern districts

Mobile court in Barisal from today

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Rice prices have fallen in wholesale markets in Barisal and Dinajpur following monitoring by joint forces and its import.

Traders and rice mill owners said the prices may fall further.

But the trend in the wholesale market that began on Sunday is yet to be reflected in retail markets, our Barisal correspondent reports.

The district administration at a meeting with wholesalers yesterday cautioned against hoarding of rice, saying any such attempt by traders to manipulate prices would be punished.

The meeting, also attended by joint forces and elite of the city, decided to start anti-hoarding drives around the clock monitoring.

The meeting decided that mobile courts will start operation in Barisal district from today to monitor the market, meeting sources said.

At the meeting, wholesalers said the stock limit at their godowns should be specified so that none is harassed.

The meeting questioned the role of Consumer Association of Bangladesh (CAB), saying it did not properly monitor the prices and maintain liaison with the administration in this regard.

With deputy commissioner Manjure Elahi in the chair, the meeting was attended by, among others, Khorseduzzaman Murad and Faruk Ahmed of Barisal rice wholesalers' association, district food controller ANM Safiul, CAB official K M Nurunnabi Tuhin, Maj. Shafiqul Islam from joint forces, Flight Lieutenant Anisuzzaman of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), assistant commissioner of Barisal metropolitan



Truckloads of rice entering the country through Bhomra landport in Satkhira yesterday.

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police A K M Farukul Islam and Sajjad Taimur of intelligence department.

The meeting took note that wholesale price of rice declined by Tk 2-5 per kg and Tk 2000-5000 per tonne from last week's prices.

But prices at retail markets remained at last week's rates between Tk 31 and Tk 44.

The meeting noted that CAB failed to give any clear picture about the market during the week.

Rice prices showed declining trend after joint forces started visiting markets anti-hoarding drives on Sunday. They also held meetings with traders and wholesalers.

In northern districts of Dinajpur,

Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, and Joypurhat, rice prices declined from last week's level, wholesalers and retailers said.

At least 12,200 tonnes of rice imported from India entered the country in last seven days, according to sources at Hilland port.

Md. Habbub Hossain, general secretary of Thakurgaon Rice Mills Owners Association said rice price is decreasing in the district as Indian rice is entering the market. Price of coarse rice has come down to Tk 30-31 from last week's Tk 32-34, he said.

Convener of Dinajpur Rice Mills Owners Association Md. Mossadeque Hossain and Vice-president of Dinajpur Chamber of

Commerce and Industries also said the market is showing a downward trend.

In Joypurhat and Thakurgaon, traders said prices of coarse rice fell by Tk 100 to Tk 150 per manund.

During visits yesterday, it was found that Indian coarse rice Shorma was selling at Tk 30 per kg against Tk 31-32 last week at Bochaganj Hat, the biggest rice market in Dinajpur.

Fine rice Pijam was selling at Tk 50 to 55 per kg, traders at the wholesale market said.

Dinajpur due to various reason including insufficient fertilizer.

Talking to this correspondent, Dinajpur Deputy Commissioner said they are continuing their motivation so that traders and rice mill owner do not hoard rice.

Jute workers stop agitation till Jan 15

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Laid off workers of Alim Jute Mills and casual workers of five other mills in Khulna-Jessore Industrial belt postponed their today's rail-road barricade programme till January 15 following an assurance by the district administration of payment of their arrears.

The decision was taken in a meeting with workers' leaders held at Khulna Deputy Commissioner's office.

Presided over by the Deputy Commissioner SM Feroze Alam, the meeting was attended by high officials of joint forces, Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), Khulna Metropolitan Police, project directors of six jute mills and CBA leaders.

Earlier on Sunday night, KMP Commissioner held a separate meeting with CBA leaders at Khan Jahan Ali police station and discussed the situation in the industrial belt.

The CBA leaders of six jute mills later issued a joint press statement at 11:30 pm Sunday postponing their programmes which included road-rail barricade and 'self-immolation' by 333 workers of Crescent Jute Mills who quit their jobs under Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS).

Moulvibazar BNP leader sent to jail in extortion case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Ayas Ahmed, general secretary of Moulvibazar Sadar upazila BNP, was sent to jail yesterday in an extortion case.

He was sent to jail when he surrendered before court here.

Local Jubo Dal leader Ashraf Ahmed, also a member of Nazirabad Union Parishad in Sadar upazila, filed the case against Ayas Ahmed and Sadar upazila BNP president Faruk Ahmed on April 6 last year. Faruk Ahmed is absconding, police said.

Earlier, the court issued arrest warrants against them and ordered attachment of their moveable property.

TENGRATILA BLOWOUT Police bar villagers from holding rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police yesterday barred villagers from holding a scheduled rally at Tengratila Bazar to press for compensation for the damages caused by the January 7 blowout during drilling of a gas well by Canadian company Niko.

The law enforcers from Doarabazar police station also prevented their attempt to hoist black flags atop houses, shops and other structures, sources said.

The peaceful agitation programmes were announced on Saturday by Tengratila Dabi Aday Sangram Parishad (committee to realise demands).

The programmes were taken up to protest what it called flouting of commitments made to affected people by Niko after the blowout in 2005 badly damaged croplands, greens and several public structures around the Tengratila gas field.

Several hundred people were also displaced due to the blowout that sent leaps of fire up to 300 feet in the sky.

Freedom fighter Azim Uddin Master, convener of the Sangram Parishad, said yesterday, "We wanted to press for our legitimate demands as the company did not fulfill its commitments for compensation in two years after the tragedy."

"We suspended the agitation programme following intervention by the district administration", he said.

"We will see what the administration does and then resume agitation", he said.

He said the Sangram Parishad demands compensation in line with the report made by the Directorate of Environment (DoE), which estimated Tk 84 crore damage to crops and the ecology. The company gave only Tk 1.84 crore as compensation, he said.

Land grabbing complaint against BNP leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Madan upazila BNP president Gul Ahmed and his accomplices are trying to grab 85 acres of paddy field owned by a retired army man residing at village Tabirgati under Kandua upazila in the district, according to a complaint filed to the Netrakona police superintendent.

Following the complaint, the Netrakona SP went to Khaliyari Police Station on January 2 and instructed the officer-in-charge (OC) to take action.

On April 21 last year, Gul Ahmed and his accomplices beat up labourers in his Boro paddy field in Bathuli har and took away the paddy, victim Abdul Kader Chowdhury said in his complaint.

Kader filed a case with a Netrakona magistrate's court on April 25 last year accusing seven people. The court sent the matter to Khaliyari Police Station but police did not take any action.

The criminal group on November 5 last year again attacked the labourers in Abdul Kader's field. They demanded Tk 2 lakhs as toll from Abdul Kader and took away a power tiller and other tools. The following day, Abdul Kader filed another case.

When contacted, Khaliyari OC Abdul Kaum said both the cases are under investigation.

Recovery of Buddha statues: 2 more held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Joint Forces yesterday arrested two more persons who were involved in stealing of 18 statues of Lord Buddha from the College Gate area in Khabangpuria under Sadar upazila, police said.

They are Prabaton Chakma of Panchhari under Khagrachhari, Anwar Hossen 24, of College Gate area in Khabangpuria.


Sub-inspector (SI) Mohammad Iqbal of Khagrachhari Sadar police station said the arrested were brought before a magistrate who sent them to jail.

With their arrest, a total of four smugglers were arrested in connection with smuggling of statues of Lord Buddha.




Eighteen brass-made statues of Buddha recovered in Khagrachhari on Sunday.

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জয়নুল হক সিকদার ওমেন্স মেডিকেল কলেজ এন্ড হাসপাতালে জরুরী ভিত্তিতে শিক্ষক নিয়োগের জন্য নিম্নোক্ত পদ সমূহের বিপরীতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

ক্রমিক নং	পদের নাম	বিভাগ	যোগ্যতা ও শিক্ষিততা
১.	অধ্যাপক/সহযোগী অধ্যাপক/সহকারী অধ্যাপক	বায়োকেমিস্ট্রি/প্যাথলজী/মাইক্রোবায়োলজী/ফার্মাকোলজী/এনাটমী/ফিজিওলজী/ই,এন,টি/অর্থোপেডিক্স/নিউরোসার্জারী/জেনারেল সার্জারী/ইন্টারনাল/চক্ষু বিভাগ/মেডিসিন/নিউরোলজী/নিউরোলজী/গ্যাস্ট্রোএন্টারোলজী/এনাসথেসিওলজী/কার্ডিওলজী	বিএমডিসি ও পিএসসি/নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী

উল্লেখ্য যে, জয়নুল হক সিকদার ওমেন্স মেডিকেল কলেজের বিভিন্ন রাইফেল স্কয়ার কনসালটেশন সেন্টারে বিশেষজ্ঞ ডাক্তারদের প্রাকটিস করার সুব্যবস্থা আছে। প্রাকটিসের সময় কর্তৃপক্ষের পক্ষ থেকে সার্বিক সহযোগিতা করা হবে।

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