

# Boro fields in Khulna turning yellowish

Agriculture officials said fields attacked with 'Bacterial Leaf Blight (BLB)' disease

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Boro plants in most areas of Rupsha, Dumuria, Paikgacha and Dakop upazilas in Khulna district are turning yellowish.

The substance of the grain is drying up, which may turn those into sterile sheaves, farmers and agriculture officials apprehend. Most Boro paddy fields are in sprouting stage now.

Agriculture officials and scientists of government's plant protection department said the Boro fields have been attacked with 'Bacterial Leaf Blight (BLB)' disease.

This has been caused by excessive use of urea fertilizer against far less and disproportionate use TSP (triple super phosphate) and MOP (muriate of potash), according to officials of Khulna Agriculture Extension Department (AED).

The disease has also attacked Boro fields in neighbouring districts they said. They are ascertaining the extent of the damage in Khulna districts, they said.

Farmer Shukumar Mondol of Jhilerdang village in Dumuria upazila told this correspondent that he had transplanted Boro on five bighas of land. The plants are turning yellowish and substances of the grain are drying up. He said local AED officials could not identify the disease and suggest any remedy.

So were comments of farmers Gopal Mondol of Dhopakola village under Rupsha upazila and Zakir Hossain of Anandanagar under Terokhedra upazila in Khulna



A Boro field in Khulna attacked with BLB disease.

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district. They said the disease has taken an alarming turn, causing extensive damage to Boro fields.

Over 500 farmers in Rupsha upazila staged a demonstration in front of the agriculture office on March 29 demanding immediate steps to prevent spread of the disease.

Excessive use of urea fertilizer in the land is the lone cause of Boro paddy being attacked with BLB disease, said Ahsanul Hakim, who is an expert work-

ing in the plant protection section in the Khulna district AED office.

He said farmers had no means to buy TSP and MOP fertilisers as their prices were very high during plantation. TSP and MOP should be applied in fields to remove salinity. Not getting the two fertilizers, farmers used excessive urea without knowing its bad effects, he said.

Ahsanul Hakim said there is no anti-bacterial medicine available in the market to check the BLB

disease.

He suggested some preventive measures like spraying of bleaching powder-mixed water and application of five kilograms of Potash fertiliser per hectare to combat the disease.

According to AED, five lakh hectares have been brought under Boro cultivation in ten districts of Khulna division this year.

But officials could not give any information on how much land in Khulna division have been attacked by BLB disease.

## BDR-BSF MEET HELD IN SYLHET Border fencing, killings, smuggling discussed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, SYLHET

The officials of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF) at a region level flag meeting on Beanibazar borders on Monday agreed to resolve some major disputes through discussions and by taking timely measures.

The border officials took several decisions to avoid clashes over the disputed lands along Sylhet borders while a few other unsettled issues would be raised at the higher level, an official said.

The sector commander-level meeting between the BDR and the BSF was held at Sutarkandi Trade centre in the Indian side, 200 yards off zero line. Sector Commander of BDR, Sylhet-Col Khondaker Obaidul Ahsan led the seven-member Bangladesh side while the DIG of BSF, Shilchar, MP Singh the

eight-member Indian side.

Trans-border problems including disputed lands on borders, illegal migration, cattle lifting etc dominated the discussions, the sector commander of BDR, Sylhet told The Daily Star.

The agenda also included border fencing, smuggling of explosives, firearms and liquors from Indian states into Bangladesh, attack on Bangladesh nationals by the Indian border guards and armed civilians, killing of civilians, and harbouring of miscreants and other border crimes.

Meeting agenda also include survey of the disputed lands. In Sylhet region, most of the disputed lands on the border have long been under the possession of the Indian authorities while Bangladeshi farmers are barred from cultivating their lands.

## Jamaat leader held as child dies at his clinic

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police yesterday arrested Ameer of Tangail Pourasava unit of Jamaat-e-Islami, also owner of Dhaleshwari Clinic in Tangail town, Dr Abdul Hamid following allegation of a child's death due to wrong treatment and negligence at his clinic.

Officer-in-Charge of Tangail Police Station Ashraf Hossain told The Daily Star that two-month-old Naimul Haque, son of Saudi expatriate Abdur Razzak of Deojan village under Delduar upazila, was rushed to Dhaleshwari Clinic in the town on Monday noon with problem in his urethra.

Child's mother Nargis Begum said clinic owner Dr Abdul Hamid, who examined her son,

told her that khatna (circumcision) would be required to cure Naimul.

After conducting circumcision of the child at the Operation Theater of the clinic, Dr Hamid went to his residence on the second floor of the clinic building.

Naimul went into convulsions sometime after the operation but the doctor did not come to see him despite requests for several times, Nargis Begum said, adding that Naimul died after Dr Hamid came to the clinic in the afternoon.

Naimul's uncle Sirajul Islam on Monday night filed a case with Tangail Police Station in this regard.

Police arrested Dr Hamid yesterday morning and sent him to court.

## 12 bombs recovered in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) recovered 12 hand bombs from Gopalpur village in Najirganje union under Sujanganar upazila in the district yesterday afternoon.

Acting on a tip-off, a team from Rab-12 raided the village at around 4:30 pm and recovered the bombs, wrapped in a bag and hidden under the ground.

The bombs might have been stashed by outlaws, Flight Lieutenant Ahmed Fayal of Pabna Rab told this correspondent over phone.

## 'Journalists are mouthpiece of people'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Journalists should be the mouthpiece of people, ignoring any fear during any government.

This was stated by speakers at a seminar on 'The Role of Journalists and Expectation of People' held at Dinajpur Press Club yesterday.

They also called for inclusion of journalists in districts in the Wage Board award for newsmen.

Md. Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Editor of Bangladesh Observer, attended the seminar as chief guest.

Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul and Jalil Bhuiyan president and secretary respectively of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ); Altaf Mahmud, president of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ); Omar Farook and Mollah Jalal attended it as special guests.

Chitta Ghosh, president of Dinajpur Press Club presided over the meeting.

They urged newspaper owners to pay salary in conformity with responsibility of journalists.

About 500 journalists from districts under greater Dinajpur and Rangpur attended at the day-long meeting.

## New committee of Sonaimuri Blind Welfare Association

STAR NATIONAL DESK

The triennial general meeting of Sonaimuri Blind Welfare Association on Saturday re-elected Md Sahab Ullah and Golam Mostafa Bhuiyan as president and general secretary of the association, says a press release.

A 35-member working committee was also formed through the votes of general members.

Organisation President Md Sahab Ullah, who is also an additional secretary of the government, presided over the meeting where Sonaimuri Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Ataur Rahman, Sonaimuri Paorasava Chairman Motaher Hossain, Principal of Sonaimuri College Aminul Islam spoke, among others.



Boatloads of watermelon arrive in Barisal port but the juicy summer fruit remains dear to most people.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

## KIDNAP, MURDER OF SCHOOLBOY IN SYLHET 4 JCD men among 7 sued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Seven persons including four cadres of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) have been accused in the case for kidnap and murder of schoolboy Abdullah.

Abdullah, a student of class five, did not return home after he went out of their house in Kalbakhani area of the city in the afternoon of March 18.

His body was recovered on the next day from Kazitola Dighi (water body), about half a kilometre away. His shirt and pant were recovered from Kolbakhani area on the same day.

The victim's father Samaj Ali filed a case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate court here Monday afternoon as Sylhet Kotwali police earlier recorded the

murder case as a UD case.

The accused are JCD cadres Sunai Miah, Salai, Shukur and Zuber and Samaj Ali's neighbour Anwar Ali, his wife Panna Begum and Panna's mother Banu Bibi.

Samaj Ali in his case alleged that his wife Anwara Begum had a quarrel with their neighbour Banu Bibi and her daughter Panna over a trivial matter days before his minor son was kidnapped.

On the following day, the JCD cadres picked up 11 year-old Abdullah from near their house. Samaj Ali claimed in his complaint.

In the case filed with the CMM court, Samaj Ali also prayed for a fresh autopsy of the body and converting the UD case into a regular murder case.

The CJM ordered investigation and filing of a fresh case.

## Arrest warrant against KCC chief engineer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The court of Additional District and Sessions Judge Md. Barakuzzaman has issued warrant of arrest against suspended chief engineer of Khulna City Corporation Liaquat Ali Sharif.

The judge issued the order on Monday as the suspended chief Engineer of KCC did not appear for deposition in the court as one of the chargesheet prosecution witnesses in an extortion case filed with Khulna Sadar police station on November 2 last year by suspended official of KCC's MSP project SM Hafizur Rahman as complainant.

The detained KCC Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman was present during ongoing trial of the extortion case, first among eight others, in the court on Monday.

## BANGLADESH PARJATAN CORPORATION South-West Zone

233, Bir Uttam Ziaur Rahman Sarak, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.

### INVITATION FOR TENDERS

01.	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism
02.	Agency	Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation
03.	Procuring Entity Name	Chairman, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, 233, Bir Uttam Ziaur Rahman Sarak, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
04.	Tender Package No.	02 (Two)
05.	Tender Package Name	(a) Construction of Parjatan Motel Building at Kuakata. (b) Construction of Youth Inn Building at Kuakata.
06.	Invitation Ref. No. and Date	South-West Zone-01/2007, Date: 30-3-2008. South-West Zone-02/2007, Date: 30-3-2008.

#### KEY INFORMATION

07.	Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) (National).
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#### FUNDING INFORMATION

08.	Budget and Source of Fund	Government of Bangladesh (GOB) under development budget
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#### PARTICULAR INFORMATION

09.	Name & Address of the Offices Selling Tender Document	(a) Finance & Accounts Division, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, 233, Bir Uttam Ziaur Rahman Sarak, Tejgaon, Dhaka. (b) Divisional Commissioner Office, Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
10.	Name & Address of the Offices Receiving Tender Document	(a) General Manager, South West Zone-233, Bir Uttam Ziaur Rahman Sarak, Tejgaon, Dhaka. (b) Divisional Commissioner Office, Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
11.	Name & Address of the Offices Opening Tender Document	(a) Conference Hall, B.P.C., 233, Bir Uttam Ziaur Rahman Sarak, Tejgaon, Dhaka. (b) Divisional Commissioner Office, Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
12.	Tender Last Selling Date	24-4-2008 (During Office Hour).
13.	Tender Closing Date & Time	27-4-2008 at 12.00 Noon
14.	Tender Opening Date & Time	27-4-2008 at 3.00 pm.
15.	Description of Works.	

Sl. No.	Name of Works	Location	Tender Security	Price of Tender Documents (Non-Refundable)	Completion Time
(a)	Construction of Parjatan Motel Building	Kuakata	9,74,000/-	4000/-	540 Days
(b)	Construction of Youth Inn Building	Kuakata	15,17,000/-	5000/-	540 Days

#### INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

16.	Eligibility of Tenderers	(a) Tenderers who have 1st. class (Unlimited/ Special class) enlistment in Government/ Semi-Government/ Autonomous Organization and having experience of constructing a single building worth not less than Tk.3.00 crore for SI no. 15 (a) and Tk.4.50 crore for SI no. 15 (b) in a single work order in last 5 years. (b) Liquid assets: Minimum required cash flow amount for the works is Tk.75.00 (seventy five) lacs. (c) The Tenderer shall have a minimum average annual construction turnover during last 5 (five) years is Tk. 3.00 (three) crore. (d) Other required eligibility and conditions of the tenderer are shown in Tender Data sheet of tender documents. (e) The Tenderer will apply for purchasing the tender documents to the officers designated for selling the same on their Letter Head pad. The Tenderer will produce the Original documents shown as below:
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- The Tenderer must have experience in construction of similar nature Building having minimum cost of above Tk.3.00 crore for SI no. 15 (a) and Tk.4.50 crore for SI no. 15 (b) in a single work order during last 5 years, work order & work completion certificate must be submitted, issued by the employer not below the rank of Executive Engineer.
- Uptodate Income Tax clearance certificate with TIN no. (iii) VAT Registration Certificate (2005-2006).
- Upto date Trade License.
- Enlistment Certificate.
- Bank Solvency Certificate 30-06-2007.
- Affidavide for Proprietorship.

1 set Photo copy of all original documents (item no. e) must be attested by the 1st. class Gazetted officer & to be submitted with the Tender.

#### PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS


17.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Engr. Mir Muzibul Alam
18.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	General Manager
19.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	South West Zone, 233, Bir Uttam Ziaur Rahman Sarak, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
20.	Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	Office: 9128823, Res.: 9141018, Mobile: 01711-939683 Fax: 88-02-8126501 ; E-mail: bpcbo@bangla.net ; Website: www.bangladeshtourism.gov.bd

#### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- The tender shall be submitted with Tender Security in the form of Bank draft / Pay Order/ Bank Guarantee from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation.
- The tender shall remain valid for 120 (One hundred Twenty) days from the day of submission of the tenders by the tenderers. In case of failure of the successful tenderer to accept the work order if placed within the validity period, then owner shall forfeit the earnest money without notice and cancel the work order.
- Payment will be made Subject to the availability of funds. No claim or extra payment will be entertained for delay of payment.
- Tender without Tender security money will be rejected. Tender security money will be refunded to the unsuccessful tenderers within 7 (Seven) days of finalizing the decision on the tenders provided that a formal request for the refund is received at least three days in advance.
- Quoted rate to be written in figure & in words and only two digits to be used after the point.
- Due to unavoidable circumstances tender documents selling, receiving & opening if disturbed the next working day will be applicable for same respectively. Other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.
- Furnishing of any false misleading documents may result in rejection of tender.
- Tender will have to obey all terms of The Public Procurement Regulations-2003.
- Bidders and their authorized representatives are allowed to attend at the time of opening to tenders.
- The Head of procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

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১)	মন্ত্রণালয়	স্থানীয় সরকার বিভাগ, স্থানীয় সরকার, পল্লী উন্নয়ন ও সমবায় মন্ত্রণালয়।
২)	সংস্থা	ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশন, ঢাকা।
৩)	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী	নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, অঞ্চল-৫, ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশন, নগর ভবন, ঢাকা।
৪)	ক্রয় পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
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৭)	দরপত্রের যোগ্যতা	The Public Procurement Regulation 2003 এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের জন্য প্রণীত দরপত্র দলিলের বর্ণনামুযায়ী।
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১০)	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, অঞ্চল-৫, ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশন, নগর ভবন, ঢাকা।
১১)	দরপত্র বিক্রির শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	তারিখ: ২৭/০৪/২০০৮ইং অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
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১৩)	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	তারিখ: ২৮/০৪/২০০৮ইং সময় ১৪.০০ ঘটিকায়।
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০২)	লেকসার্কিস, কলাবাগান রাস্তার (ডলফিনের গলি) উন্নয়ন কাজ (হোঃ নং-৬৪/এ হতে হোঃ নং ৭০,৬১,৬৪,৬৭ হতে হোঃ নং-৪৪/৪ পর্যন্ত এবং হোঃ নং-৫৮/১ হতে হোঃ নং-৫৬ পর্যন্ত)।	২৩,০০০/-	১,০০০/-	৪৫ দিন

**শর্তাবলী:** ক) দরপত্রের নিরাপত্তা জামানত যে কোন সিভিল ব্যাংক হতে মেয়র, ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে জমা দিতে হবে।  
খ) দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নাধিকারকারীর দপ্তর থেকে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।  
গ) দরপত্র খোলার সময় দরদাতা/প্রতিনিধিগণ উপস্থিত থাকতে পারবেন।  
ঘ) কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও সর্বল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করবেন।  
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## Tortured, now under the open sky

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

A truck driver with his family members including three children is passing days under the open sky, as students and teachers of a Qwami madrasa along with their accomplices burnt down his house on March 23.

The victim family members are also facing threats of killing or abduction, said the driver, Sohrab Ali of Dwaupur village in Raiganj upazila.

Following a dispute over the land of Sohrab's house, teachers and Managing Committee members of Faridpur Rajul-Ulum-Qwami Madrasa had been threatening Sohrab to evict him from the land, sources said.

Students and teachers of the madrasa along with some unknown faces attacked the house on March 23 morning and set fire to the house after damaging the furniture and looting valuables



Victims of vandalism, family members of Sohrab Ali now under the open sky.

PHOTO: STAR