Boro target to be attained in 10 southwestern dists

DAE Officials said 22 lakh tonnes will be produced against last year's 18 lakh tonnes as bacterial infection is minimal

AMANUR AMAN, *Kushtia*

Despite bacterial infection in certain areas, the targeted 22 lakh tonnes of Irri-Boro production in 10 southwestern districts under Khulna division in current season will be attained, according to agriculture officials.

The production target this year is four lakh tonnes higher than last year's 18 lakh tonnes, they said.

The target will be fulfilled as rice cultivation exceeded their estimated area while the bacterial infection affected small pockets only, officials of the Departments of Agricultural Extension (DAE) said.

Farmers cultivated Boro on 5.64 lakh hectares against the target of 5.21 lakh hectares in the ten districts this year. The districts are Kushtia, Jhenidah, Jessore, Magura, Narail, Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Chuadanga and Meherpur.

Of the total area, hybrid Boro has been cultivated on 1,74,963 hectares and high yielding varieties on 3,83,800 hectares. The rest were under different local varieties.

The DAE officials said Boro on 14,229 hectares have been affected with bacterial leaf streak (BLS) and Bacterial Leaf Blight (BLB), locally known as pata pora disease in five districts of Khulna, Jessore, Magura, Jhenidah and Bagerhat. The affected areas are about 8000 hectares in Jhenidah, 3860 in Jessore, 700 in Magura, 1000 in Khulna and 730 in Bagerhat. "This will not hamper the expected target of production as the total area under Irri-Boro exceeded the target and as a bumper harvest is on the horizon", said Md. Meser Ali, Additional Director (AD) of AED for Khulna division.

The bacterial attack will not effect the overall production, he told this correspondent.

"Moreover, fields in all the districts in the region have not been affected. Certain areas in only five out of 10 districts have been affected," Meser Ali said.

This correspondent also contacted DAE officials in other different districts over phone. They also shared the same view expressed by Meser Ali.

They said they got reports of good crop, mainly because of favourable weather, proper irrigation facilities and supply of fertiliser.

"We are expecting 10 percent extra yield this year as there has not been any natural calamity till now in the region", said S M Shamsul Arefin, DD of DAE regional office in Kushtia.

The highest target of cultivation was set for Jessore where 1,53,773 hectares were brought under Irri-Boro cultivation, while the lowest 24,853 was in Meherpur.

Areas under rice cultivation in other districts were 89,479 hectares in Jhenidah, 70,970 in Satkhira, 40,883 in Magura, 34210 in Narail, 43625 in Khulna, 34,994 in Chuadanga, 33,852 in Kushtia and 37,805 hectares in Bagerhat.

Experts and agriculture officials hope that the bumper production will help to ease the current food shortage caused by last year's floods and cyclone Sidr.

Kushtia millers sell rice at Tk 25 a kg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kushtia*

Kushtia Rice Mill Owners Association (KROA) in a noble gesture yesterday stared selling rice at Tk 25 per kilogram among poor people in the town.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Pulock Ranjan Saha inaugurated the programme while Maj Baten of joint forces was also present. The KROA took the decision at a meeting with Brig. Atiqur Rahman, held at Kushtia Circuit House on Thursday.

Sources said Brig Atiq urged rice mill owners to do something for the people.

It will sell rice to 600 people on Saturday, Monday and Wednesday and the programme will continue so long needed, its president Abdur Rashid told journalists.

Two held for pasting posters against Pahela Baisakh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Rangpur*

Police Friday night arrested two persons from Rangpur Medical College area in the town while pasting posters with 'fatwa' against observance of Pahela Baishkh.

The arrested are Achirul Hoque of Bhojonpur in Tetulia upazila in Panchagorh and Rashedul of Guptapara in Rangpur Sadar upazila.

Police said they introduced themselves to tem as followers of peer of Rajarbag in Dhaka.

The posters read: Don't offer janaja prayer for the dead person who observe Pahela Baishakh.

It also read: Observance of Pahela Baishakh is equal to divorce of wife.

Voter ID card distribution begins in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Moulvibazar*

Distribution of national identity and voter cards started in Moulvibazar yesterday.

The programme was inaugurated at a simple function held at Moulvibazar Pourasava auditorium.

Deputy Commissioner Md Alkama Siddiquee was the chief guest at he function presided over by Pourasava Chairman Fayzul Karim Mayun. Lt. Col. Zahid Hasan, Commander of Moulvibazar Army Camp and Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer HM Humayun Kabir were special guests.

Rice truck missing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Nilphamari*

A Bogra-bound truck loaded with food grain from Nilphmari district remained missing for five days as of yesterday.

The truck hired by trader Samshad Alam of Saidpur Poura Bazar was loaded with 157 bags of wheat and 120 bags of atta (coarse flour) weighing about 14 tonnes, said police and traders.

The truck started for Md Hashim, the owner of Nishita Enterprise in Bogra on April 7.

It was supposed to reach the destination within four hours.

The Bogra trader then contacted with the Saidpur trader and informed that the truck had not reached.

PHOTO: STAR

District corruption prevention committee organises a human chain at Dinajpur town yesterday as part of their awareness campaign against corruption.

Pahela Baishakh a reminder of tragedy for them

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, *Patuakhali*

Nur Jahan was crying beside the grave of her son Al-Mamun, who was killed in the bomb attack on Pahela Baishakh celebrations at Ramna Batamul in Dhaka in 2001.

"Why have you come here? Ahead of the day [Pahela Baishakh] many journalists from different areas come here to know how we are, only to add to our sorrows. I buried here (showing Mamun's grave) all my hopes seven years back. Can you tell me why my son was killed?" she said after I introduced myself to her.

"We would be happy if the culprits get exemplary punishment by the court. We want to know the names of the masterminds behind the cowardly act," Kashem Gazi, father of Al-Mamun added at their Kachipara home under Baufal upazila, about 60 kilometres to the north-east of Patuakhali town.

Mamun, 23, his cousins Reazul, 22, and Shilpi, 20, -- all college students -- went to Dhaka to visit their relative's house. They went to Ramna Batamul to see celebration of Pahela Baishakh.

The three cousins were among the 10 people killed in the bomb attack that also injured over 100 others in 2001.

"I rushed to the spot hearing the news shortly after the blasts. Shrapnel smashed their legs. Several splinters pierced through their ribs, some might have hit the brain," said Parvin, sister-in-law (brother's wife) of Shilpi who had gone to the Parvin's house in Dhaka.

Shilpi's mother Suja Begum died on February 12 in 2007 without seeing the culprits get due punishment.

"I forbade him to join any procession or meeting of any party, but he didn't listen to me," said Samsul Haq Gazi, father of another victim Reazul.

"I learnt that an accused of the bomb attack case is now working as an SI (sub-inspector) in Patuakhali. I cannot understand how he has been awarded instead of getting punishment," he added.

GRAFT IN KCC

Task force starts work today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

The ten-member Task force to be headed by a high-ranking army officer will start functioning from today to prevent corruption in Khulna City Corporation and provide better services to city dwellers.

The task force team was formed in a high level meeting held in the office of the joint forces in Khulna city on Thursday.

Among others, acting Mayor Moniruzzaman Moni, panel mayors Anwarul Kadir Khokon and Nahid Sultana, Chief Executive Officer Tapan Kumar Ghosh, acting Chief Engineer Nazmul Islam and sectional heads attended the meeting.

The task force members will monitor activities of officials and employees of all the departments to have a transparent administration in the city corporation with a view to ensuring better services for tax paying city dwellers.

Five rooms have been given to the task force team for the purpose, KCC sources said, adding that each official and employee will have to carry identity cards and comply with guidelines to be set by the task force for discipline, diligence, accountability and punctuality.

There have allegations of corruption, nepotism, irregularities and politicisation of administration in KCC during the last 15 years.

BHASANI UNIVERSITY

Guardians demand proper facilities for students

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Tangail*

Guardians of students of Mawlana Bhasani University of Science and Technology (MBUST) at a view-exchange meeting yesterday urged the government to provide all facilities for its students as in other universities.

The university was set up by great leader Mawlana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani -and it should be provided with sufficient funds to create facilities at last for the sake of the great leader, they said.

Academic activities are being greatly hampered for want of sufficient teachers, well-equipped laboratories, hostels, transports and other facilities, which need budgetary allocation, they said. Vice-chancellor Prof Dr Monimul Haque presided over the meeting organised by the institute.

The VC said he has been trying to overcome all problems of the university. "I have already talked to authorities about problems and requirements of the university," he added.

MBUST Register Prof Nurul Islam; Dr AKM Mohiuddin, chairman of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering department; Dr Younuch, chairman of Environmental Science and Resource Management; Motiur Rahman, chairman of Computer Science and Engineering department; Abu Bakar Siddiqui, chairman of Textile Engineering department; Nazrul Islam Patwari, chairman of Information and Communication Technology department and Criminology and Police Science Department chairman Asaduzzaman Sadi attended at the meeting and answered questions from the guardians.

PHOTO: STAR

Children waiting in line at Rangamati town before casting flowers into Kaptai Lake as the indigenous people start celebrating the three-day *Biju* festival yesterday.

Protest against drug use, not women's rights

Finance adviser says in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Pabna*

Finance and Planning Adviser Dr. AB Mirza Azizul Islam yesterday said those who are opposing the proposed policy for women's property rights are doing so without properly realising it. They have resorted to violence to accomplish their political motive.

He was inaugurating a center for cure of drug addicts at Arifpur village in Pabna.

"Those who are protesting against the women policy do not know about it" he said.

Drug addicts are increasing in the country due to various reasons but they (the protesters) do not protest it, he said.

"Taking drug is Haram (forbidden) in Islam but they do not protest against it or come forward to remove it from society", the advisor said.

Mirza Azizul Islam called upon the people irrespective of classes to build a social movement against drug.

Dr. Sarwar Jahan Fayez chaired the function, also addressed by Director General of Narcotic Department Md. Humayun Kabir, Acting Director of Pabna Mental Hospital Dr. Mahfuzur Rahman.

Earlier, the finance adviser inaugurated Pabna Consumers Co-Operative Society' at Pabna police lines.

Speaking there, the finance adviser said rice prices will come soon as Boro harvest has started.

The government has launched OMS and BDR shops to help the poor, he said.

Price hike of food is now a global problem and raising production is the only way to contain it, he said.

The government procured 32 lakh tonnes of food grains till March, he said.

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3rd Time Tender

1. Sealed tenders (Double Envelop System) in local currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers (enlisted Firms in DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh *Army*:

Ser No.	Nomenclature	Date of selling		Date of opening	Currency	Tender No.
		From	To			
A.	Web Equipment Personnel Pattern-1980 (Pack GS). Web Equipment Personnel Pattern-1980 (Pack Petrol) Web Equipment Personnel Pattern-1980 (Yoke). Total Qty-33,300 Nos.	20-4-2008	06-5-2008	07-5-2008	Local	2441/ P-6

2. Tender schedule with detail specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per IT selling rate (non-refundable) during office hour between 0800 hour to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hours and will be opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in presence of tenderers (if present).

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পুনঃ উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/ডিভিশন	বিদ্যুৎ, জ্বালানী ও খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়/জ্বালানী ও খনিজ সম্পদ বিভাগ।
২।	সংস্থা	বাংলাদেশ তৈল, গ্যাস ও খনিজ সম্পদ কর্পোরেশন (পেট্রোবাংলা)।
৩।	প্রকিউরিং এন্টিটির নাম	তিতাস গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিসন এন্ড ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড।
৪।	মালামালের বিবরণ	গ্রুপ-ক ঃ সাধারণ আকৃতির ভাল্বপিট কভার --৮৭০টি গ্রুপ-খ ঃ হেভী ডিউটি ভাল্বপিট কভার --৭৫টি এবং বিশেষ ডিজাইনের ভাল্বপিট কভার --৫টি
৫।	দরপত্র সূত্র নং ও তারিখ	ক্রবিঃ ২৩১৬/২৫-ডাপিক তারিখ ০৮-০৪-০৮।
৬।	প্রকিউরমেন্ট মেথড	"এক স্তর এক খাম" পদ্ধতিতে ওপেন টেন্ডারিং মেথড।
৭।	অর্থায়নের উৎস	কোম্পানীর নিজস্ব অর্থায়ন।
৮।	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময়	১০-০৪-০৮ হইতে ২৩-০৪-০৮ তারিখ পর্যন্ত সকল কার্যদিবসে সকাল ৯ঃ০০ ঘটিকা হইতে ২ঃ০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
৯।	দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৪-০৪-০৮ তারিখ বেলা ১১০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১০।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২৪-০৪-০৮ তারিখ বেলা ২ঃ০০ ঘটিকায় উপস্থিত দরদাতা/প্রতিনিধিদের সম্মুখে, যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন।
১১।	ক) দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের স্থান	(ক) হিসাব বিভাগ (ক্যাশ কাউন্টার), তিতাস গ্যাস টি এন্ড ডি কোং লিঃ, ১০৫, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার বা/এ, ঢাকা-১২১৫। (খ) হিসাব বিভাগ, বিওজিএমসি (পেট্রোবাংলা), ৩, কাওরান বাজার বা/এ, ঢাকা-১২১৫। (গ) হিসাব বিভাগ, বাপেক্স, ৮০/এ,বি শাহজালাল টাওয়ার (৮ম তলা), সিদ্ধেশ্বরী সার্কুলার রোড, মালিবাগ, ঢাকা-১২১৭।
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১৫।	দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলার নির্ধারিত তারিখে সরকারি ছুটি বা অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ অফিস বন্ধ থাকিলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে উপরোল্লিখিত স্থান ও সময়ে উপস্থিত দরদাতা/প্রতিনিধিদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হইবে।	
১৬।	কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই সকল দরপত্র অথবা যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ এবং বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।	

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Invitation for Tender (IFT) for Purchase of Education Materials

Project Name	BRAC Education Program (BEP)
Source of Fund	Aus Aid and EC
Tender Package No	BEP-EM/02-08
Reference No & Date	IFT/BRAC/BPD-BEP/08-018 April 10, 2008
Tender Name	Education Materials (Exercise Khatta)
Time for Delivery	08 Weeks from the date of issue of Purchase Order
Price of the Tender Documents	Tk. 500.00 (Five Hundred) only.
Tender Security	2.5% of Tender Security
Tender Documents Available	Accounts Department, Annex Building, 5th Floor, BRAC Center, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
Date & Time for Selling Documents	April 15 to April 20, 2008 Between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Tender Dropping Place, Date & Time	Procurement Department, Ground Floor, BRAC Center, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. April 21, 2008 between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Tender Opening Place, Date & Time	4th Floor Staff Canteen, BRAC Center April 21, 2008 at 3:30 pm.

জরুরী ভিত্তিতে বাড়ি আবশ্যক

প্রাইম ব্যাংক ফাউন্ডেশনের একটি শিক্ষামূলক প্রতিষ্ঠানের জন্য ঢাকার উত্তরায় ৫-১০ কাঠা জমির উপর নির্মিত একটি বাড়ি জুন / জুলাই ২০০৮ থেকে ভাড়ার জন্য প্রয়োজন। এক্ষেত্রে রাস্তার পাশে সুনির্মিত বাড়িকে প্রাধান্য দেয়া হবে। আগ্রহী প্রকৃত মালিকগণকে নিম্নে বর্ণিত তথ্যসহ অতি সত্বর নিম্ন ঠিকানায় যোগাযোগ করার জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

- স্থান ঃ ঢাকার উত্তরায় ৪, ৬, ৭, ৯, ১০, ১১, ১২, ১৩ অথবা ১৪ নম্বর সেক্টর
- ভবন ঃ ৫-১০ কাঠা জমির উপর নির্মিত ৬ তলা সম্পূর্ণ বাড়ি
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