

# Use of hormones in banana orchards poses health hazard

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Indiscriminate spraying of harmful hormones and chemicals in banana orchards in hilly upazilas of Modhupur, Ghatail and Sakhipur continues unabated, posing a serious health hazard and causing environmental degradation.

The hormones are usually sprayed to increase yield of banana, making it larger and ripen it quickly.

Banana consumers have become vulnerable to different kinds of diseases including cancer.

Due to rampant use of harmful chemicals, environmental friendly worms and insects are also decreasing fast.

About 2 lakh tonnes of bananas are produced in the three upazilas every year.

This year, 4,000 hectares of land were brought under banana cultivation in Modhupur, 2,500 hectares of land in Ghatail and 700

hectares in Sakhipur.

During a recent visit to Modhupur, banana growers said they apply 'planofix' hormone during budding stage to get early yield and look those larger.

'Ethrel' hormone is applied to the fruits after harvest to ripen those early and look those yellow. The two types of hormones are very harmful to human beings. Even they cause cancer, experts said.

When contacted, Agriculture Extension Department (AED) deputy director here Horipada Ghose said mobile teams comprising officials of upazila administration and agriculture department patrol the area to stop the bad practice.

Moreover, AED holds regular motivational campaigns to create awareness among farmers about bad effects of the hormones, he said.

The Crime Prevention Company-3 of Rapid Action



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Two workers spraying hormones in a banana orchard in Modhupur upazila, making the fruits larger as well as dangerous for consumers.

Battalion-12 led by Captain CAH Mahmud raided Modhupur banana market, the biggest one in the district last week.

They caught red-handed five sprayers and 20 banana wholesalers when they were spraying harm-

ful chemicals to ripen bananas. They damaged 1,000 bunches of bananas on the spot. Each of the sprayers were fined Tk 5,000 under Food Purity Acts. Later, 20 banana wholesalers were released after giving undertakings.

## 8 sacks of fertiliser seized: 2 held in B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Police seized eight sacks of fertiliser weighing 400 kilogram and arrested two persons who were smuggling those from Brahmanbaria to Habiganj district on Thursday.

Ahid Mia, 35, and Arzoo Mia, 50, were smuggling eight sacks of fertiliser from Brahmanbaria to Madhabpur upazila of Habiganj district through Dhaka Sylhet highway, police said.

Acting on secret information, a team of police of Islampur outpost challenged them near Islampur Degree College here.

As Ahid and Arzoo failed to show valid documents, police seized the fertiliser and arrested them.

## 'Solve waterlogging, end woe of people in Kobadak basin'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Leaders of Pani Committee (committee for water), an organisation floated by local people, yesterday urged the government to take measures to solve the persisting waterlogging problems in the Kobadak basin to mitigate sufferings of the affected people.

They said over 2,00,000 people in 24 unions under five upazilas in Satkhira and Jessore districts remained marooned as water from the silted river Kobadak entering the areas through breaches of embankments and due to overflowing of banks, they said at a press conference organised by the committee at a hotel in the town.

Affected people are sufferings

for lack of food and pure drinking water as waterlogging is hampering agriculture and other income generating activities, they said.

Stressing the need to take up a long-term project to dredge silted Kabodak River in the south-western region to solve the waterlogging, they urged the government to declare the under-water areas as a 'disaster zone'.

The worst affected upazilas are Kalaroa and Tala in Satkhira and Manirampur, Keshabpur and Jhikargachha upazilas in Jessore district, Pani Committee President Principal ABM Safiqul Islam said while reading out a written statement.

Over 10,000 homeless people have taken shelter on high lands in the affected areas and the people

are facing acute scarcity of food and pure drinking water, he said.

The problem has aggravated over the years due to declining flow of the Ganges, deposit of silt in the Kabodak, unplanned coastal embankments and shrimp cultivation, he said.

He demanded that the government arrange sufficient relief for the affected people and their rehabilitation after receding of the stagnant water.

Expressing concern over spread of skin diseases and diarrhoea in the affected areas, he urged the political parties and NGOs to stand by the affected people.

## 10-day ban on hilsa fishing Oct 15-24

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A 10-day restriction on fishing of hilsa has been imposed from October 15 to 24, official sources said.

The Directorate of Fishing has imposed the ban along 7,000 square kilometre coastal, estuary and river waters to facilitate safe breeding of hilsa during peak breeding season.

The ban will be enforced from Shahekhali to Haitkandi in Chittagong district, Uttor Kutubdia to Gondamara point in Cox's Bazar district, Uttor Tazumuddin to Poschim Syed Awalia in Bhola district and Latachapl in Kalapara

upazila in Patuakhali district.

Lakhs of hilsa fishes proceed to coastal, estuary and river waters from sea to lay eggs during full moon, Fishing Directorate sources said.

District and upazila administration, naval force, coast guards, police and other law enforcing agencies have been asked to monitor proper execution of the restriction, official sources said.

Stern action will be taken against violators of the restriction, they said. First time violators of the restriction will be fined Tk 1,000 along with six months' imprisonment. Punishment will be doubled for repeated offence, they further said.

## 4 held for possessing VGF rice in three districts

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Seventy-seven sacks of Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) and Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) rice were recovered in Bandarban, Mymensingh and Sirajganj districts yesterday and Thursday.

Four persons including a union parishad (UP) chairman were arrested in Bandarban and Mymensingh districts in this connection.

Our Bandarban Correspondent reports: A UP chairman and two others were arrested for illegally possessing VGF rice in Naikhongchhari upazila yesterday. Following allegations received from people, policemen of Baishari police investigation centre conducted raids in different places in the upazila and recovered 53 sacks of VGF rice sanctioned for distribution among poor people of Baishari union, police said.

About 26 sacks of VGF rice were recovered from the house of one person named Wahiduzzaman while 27 other sacks were recovered from a shop.

Police arrested Baishari UP chairman Faruq Ahmed, Wahiduzzaman and shop employee Abdul Quddus in this connection.

Later, Mamun Miah, an executive magistrate of Bandarban Collectorate and Captain Abdul Awal of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) visited the spot and assured people that stern action would be taken against the criminals.

Our Mymensingh Correspondent reports: Police recovered 800 kilogram of VGF rice kept illegally in 10 sacks at

Goshgoan Bazar in Dhubaura upazila yesterday.

One person identified as Md Mafiz Uddin, 50, of Jhigatala village in Dhubaura was arrested in this regard.

VGF rice was distributed among 1,000 people at Goshgoan union yesterday in absence of upazila relief officer, police said. During its distribution, Mafiz Uddin deceived the recipients and took VGF rice to Goshgoan Bazar illegally for sell yesterday morning.

People informed local administration about the matter. Being informed, Dhubaura upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) Sultan Alam rushed to the spot and arrested Mafiz along with the rice.

Mafiz Uddin confessed to police that he had distributed 10 kilogram of rice instead of 15 kilogram of rice to each of the needy people.

When contacted, Dhubaura UNO said Mafiz along with seized rice was handed over to Dhubaura police.

Our Sirajganj Correspondent reports: Police recovered 14 sacks of VGD rice at Pathrail in Chowhali upazila on Thursday.

Tipped off, a team of police rushed to the village and recovered the rice while being taken to the godown of Abu Sayeed, a local rice trader.

Instead of distribution, Abdul Quader, chairman of Umorpur Union Parishad sold the rice illegally to Abu Sayeed, Chowhali Police Station sub-inspector Kofil Uddin said. After the incident, both chairman Quader and Abu Sayeed went into hiding, he said.

While contacted over cell phone, district relief officer Abdul Khair said he had heard the incident but failed to say in details.

## Boatmen kill dolphin on Meghna River

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Callous boatmen on the Meghna River yesterday killed a dolphin near Panishyar village under Sarail upazila of the district.

As a few boatmen of Panishyar village were carrying brick on a big boat on the Meghna River near Panishyar village, 15 kilometres off the district town, a 40 kg dolphin jumped onto the boat, locals said.

The boatmen beat the dolphin to death and later sent it to Bikal Bazar of Sarail for sale.

Earlier on several occasions, fishermen and boatmen caught and killed dolphins, which is still seen in Meghna and Titas rivers.

## 'Absconding' C'nawabganj BNP leader Papia returns

OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'nawabganj

After remaining absent for 16 months, Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila BNP President Syeda Ashifa Ashrafi Papia on Thursday arrived at her Pathanpara residence as party leaders and activists welcomed her with motorcade rallies.

Syeda Ashifa Ashrafi Papia, president of Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila BNP, remained absconding from the area after an extortion case was lodged against her on June 6 last year.

Chapainawabganj District and Session Judge's Court awarded her five years imprisonment in an extortion case on August 13 last year.

However, the High Court recently stayed proceedings of two cases against her.

As she arrived at Baliaghata, leaders and activists welcomed her and accompanied her to Pathanpara residence with motorcade rallies on the eight-kilometre road.

Addressing leaders and workers, Papia said cases lodged against her were false and baseless.

Conspiracy against BNP will not be successful, said Papia's husband district BNP secretary and former lawmaker Harunur Rashid Harun.

Leaders and activists belonging to a faction of pourasava and upazila BNP expressed dissatisfaction over her return, party insider said.

Asked about motorcade rally during the emergency, Superintendent of Police SM Mahfuzul Haque Md Nuruzzaman said police did not allow any motorcade rally in this town but if some people drive motor cycle in groups police has nothing to do.

## Family of 2 slain BNP leaders still under death threat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Family members of slain Shaikupa upazila BNP organising secretary Idrish Ali and Jubo Dal leader Haidar Ali Hadu are passing amid hard days amid threat by the killers belonging to outlawed parties.

After Idrish's murder by the cadres of Gono Mukti Fauz on January 21 this year, his wife Tahmina Begum along with her two sons Uthas, a student of class seven of Shaikupa High School, and three-year-old Uttal left their house and started living in Shaikupa town in fear of the criminals.

The tragic memory still haunts Idrish's mother Rawshan Ara Begum, who still lives at her son's house.

Idrish's elder brother Abu Bakar Jamal, also chairman of 5 No Kacherkol union, said he did not file any case with Shaikupa Police Station fearing reprisal from the terrorists who are still giving death threats to him and his sons.



PHOTO: STAR

Slain Idris' mother is the lone resident at the house left by other family members due to threat by outlaws.



PHOTO: STAR

Grameenphone arranges a boat race on a river in Dashmina upazila in Patuakhali on Thursday.

## Central BNP team starts Sylhet visit tomorrow, a faction plans boycott

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A central coordination team of BNP will start visiting greater Sylhet region from tomorrow to look into the organisational matters in four districts where the party has been suffering serious intra-party feud for long.

The 18-member team led by BNP Joint Secretary General Prof Abdul Mannan will visit Habiganj on October 12, Moulvibazar on October 13, Sunamganj on October 14 and Sylhet and hold meeting with the local bodies.

However, a major faction of the party leaders, mostly loyal to Sylhet BNP district chief Ilyas Ali, may boycott the Sylhet meeting, a few local leaders said, adding that the committee is yet to inform the office-bearers in Sylhet of their coming.

Four former lawmakers, all among those planning the boycott, sources said.

Talking to The Daily Star last night, the deputy chief of the committee, former whip Fazul Haque Aspia, however, said the committees in Sylhet city and four districts were duly informed of the matter and they had been asked to communicate with the upazila committees in time.

"We have no confidence on most of the 18-member committee members as they are well-known reformists and they had no

role for the party at the crucial moments after the one eleven," said Ali Ahmed, a member of Sylhet district convening committee.

"I did not get any letter regarding the meeting," Sunamganj district BNP General Secretary former lawmaker Kolim Uddin Ahmed Milon, told The Daily Star last night.

In another move days ago, a team sent by the central committee held meetings with the BNP men in Sylhet, where party men loyal to former finance minister Saifur Rahman attended but the adherents of Sylhet district BNP chief former lawmaker Ilyas Ali boycotted.

Later the pro-Ilyas people staged a showdown in the name of Eid reunion on last Monday.

Their rivals announced holding a counter showdown today but it was later postponed.

## Woman killed in Patuakhali clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A woman was killed in a clash between members of two families at Shrirampur village in Dumki upazila on Thursday.

The victim is Jahanara, 35, daughter of Abdur Rashid Mridha. Police arrested three persons including a woman for their alleged involvement in the incident.

There was previous enmity between family members of two brothers Rashid Mridha and Late Naya Mridha, police and locals said. The clash ensued when a child belonging to Rashid's family was assaulted by other family members. Nur Hossain's son Naya Mridha and others attacked members of Rashid Mridha's family with sharp weapons. They chopped four persons sustaining their grievous injuries. All of the injured were admitted to Dumki Lutheran Hospital immediately after the incident. Of them, Jahanara was declared dead by on-duty doctors.

The body was sent to Patuakhali morgue for autopsy.

Police arrested Nur Hossain Mridha, his wife Lutfi and son Monir Hossain.

### বাংলাদেশ শিল্প ব্যাংক

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অর্থক্ষণ আদালত আইন, ২০০৩ এর ৩৩(৫) নং ধারার বিধান মতে

## নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অগতিরি জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, মেসার্স অওয়াল টেক্সটাইল মিলস লিমিটেড, গ্রাম-ইটাখাটা, থানা-গাজীপুর সদর, জেলা-গাজীপুর-এর পরিসীলক (১) জমার মোহাম্মদ আলী মিঞা (২) জমার এ কে এম মাদুদুল আলম (৩) জমার মোঃ আবদুল সবার এবং (৪) জমার শাহজাহান সরকার, সকলের টিকানা-গ্রাম-ইটাখাটা, থানা-গাজীপুর সদর, জেলা-গাজীপুর, নিম্ন-তফসিল বর্ণিত স্থাবর/অস্থাবর সম্পত্তি বন্ধক রেখে উল্লিখিত শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠানের নামে বাংলাদেশ শিল্প ব্যাংক হতে ঋণ গ্রহণ করেছেন। বারংবার তলব ও তাগাদা দেয়া সত্ত্বেও তারা ব্যাংকের পাল্টা পরিশোধ করেননি। ফলে তাদের বিরুদ্ধে ০৪-০৪-২০০৪ তারিখে অর্থক্ষণ আদালত, ঢাকায় মামলা দায়ের করা হয়। পরবর্তীতে ০৭-০১-২০০৭ তারিখে দায়েরকৃত ডিক্রিজারি মামলার প্রত্যয় মাননীয় আদালত অর্থক্ষণ আদালত আইন, ২০০৩ এর ৩৩(৫) ধারা অনুযায়ী প্রকল্পের নিম্নতফসিল বর্ণিত স্থাবর-অস্থাবর সম্পত্তি বিরুদ্ধে দখল ও বেআইনি অধিকার ব্যাংকের করবার প্রদান করে।

উল্লিখিত আইনের বিধান মতে নিম্ন-তফসিল বর্ণিত স্থাবর ও অস্থাবর সম্পত্তি "নেমানে যে অবস্থায় আছে" বিরুদ্ধপূর্বক ৩১-০৭-২০০৪ তারিখ পর্যন্ত ডিক্রিমুলে পাল্টা ২,৪০,৯৭,৩৯৬.০০ টাকা আদায়ের লক্ষ্যে অর্থক্ষণ আদালতের নিকট থেকে অত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি বহন করে নিম্ন পাত্রে বা সাদা কাগজে স্পষ্ট অক্ষরে নিলাম জেতার নাম, টিকানা, ব্রহ্মদর (অক্ষরে ও কথায়), বার অর্ধে ১০.০০ লাখ (দশ লাখ) টাকা হলে ২০%, ১০.০০ লাখ (দশ লাখ) টাকা হতে ৫০.০০ লাখ টাকা পর্যন্ত হবে ১৫% এবং ৫০.০০ লাখ (পঞ্চাশ লাখ) টাকা অধিক হলে ১০% এর সমপরিমাণ টাকা জামানতস্বরূপ ব্যাংক ড্রাস্ট বা পে-অর্ডারের (বাংলাদেশ শিল্প ব্যাংকের অফিস) বিরোধ লিখে সহি স্বাক্ষরিত সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহান করা যাচ্ছে। উল্লেখ্য যে, কোম্পানী/অথবা এর পরিচালকগণের নিকট সরকারি/মহা-সরকারি বা স্বায়তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের যথা-বিলক, পৌরসভা, ওয়াসা, পিভিবি, আরবিবি, গ্যাস সরবরাহ প্রতিষ্ঠান, ফ্রিডক, ইত্যাদিসহ যে কোন পাল্টাদায়েরের পাল্টা বা দাবী থাকলে তা পরিশোধের কোন দায়-দায়িত্ব বাংলাদেশ শিল্প ব্যাংকের উপর বর্তাবে না।

অর্থক্ষণ জেতারপত্র ৩০-১০-২০০৮ তারিখ বেলা ১২ (বার) ঘটিকার মধ্যে আইন উপ-বিভাগ-১, বাংলাদেশ শিল্প ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ৮ রাজউপ এডিনিটি, ঢাকা (৩য় তলা) প্রস্তুত দরপত্র বাস্তবায়নের সমুদ্রে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হবে। দরপত্র অবশ্যই শর্তমুক্ত হতে হবে। অসম্পূর্ণ দরপত্র ব্যাংকের নিকট গ্রহণযোগ্য হবেনা। নিলামকৃত সম্পত্তি উদ্ধৃত দরপত্রের উপর প্রযোজ্য হারে সমপরিমাণ অর্থ জামানতস্বরূপ বাংলাদেশ শিল্প ব্যাংকের অনুমুদ্রিত যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংকের ইস্যুকৃত ব্যাংক ড্রাস্ট অথবা পে-অর্ডার আকারে দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে। দরপত্র গৃহীত হলে অর্থক্ষণ আদালত আইনের ৩৩(৫) অনুসারে ৩০ (ত্রিশ) দিন, ৬০ (ষাট) দিন বা ৯০ (নব্বই) দিনের মধ্যে (যে কেউ বেটা প্রযোজ্য) অবশিষ্ট মূল্য পরিশোধ করতে হবে। এতে বার্ষ হলে জামানতের টাকা ব্যাংকের অনুমুদ্রিত ব্যাংক ড্রাস্ট হতে হবে। প্রকাশ্যে ব্যাংক যে, দরপত্র উল্লিখিত মূল্য অর্থগ্রহণ বা কম প্রতীয়মান হলে অথবা কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন/সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।

**তফসিল (ক)**

গাজীপুর জেলার সদর থানার ইটাখাটা মৌজা নং-৩৫, জেলা নং-৩৫, খতিয়ান নং ৬৮২, প্রট নং-১২৮৩ (পুরাতন), ৪২২ (নতুন), জমির পরিমাণ ৭২ শতাংশ জমি এবং জমির উপর নির্মিত/নির্মিতব্য দালান-কোঠা, যন্ত্রপাতি, বৈদ্যুতিক সরঞ্জামাদি এবং পানি, গ্যাস, বিদ্যুৎ, নর্দমা ইত্যাদি।

**তফসিল (খ)**

Sl.	Item	Quantity
01.	Hank to Cone Winder	1 Set
02.	Twist Doubler (Ring twist)	1Set
03.	Cone Greel	1Set
04.	Sectional Warrer	1Set
05.	Pina Winder	1Set
06.	Doubling Machinery	1Set
07.	Looms: Reed space-56"	10 Sets
08.	Looms: Reed space-64"	5 Sets

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## Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the undermentioned works as per following terms and conditions:

1.	Name of work	Renovation work of boundary wall & main gate in front of CAAB Headquarter at ZIA, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
2.	Source of funds	Own fund of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB)
3.	Tender package No.	CD-2/05/2008-2009
4.	Invitation of tenders ref. & date	CAAB/W-123/Pan-99(Ka)229, Dated: 04.09.2008
5.	Time for completion of works	9 (nine) months.
6.	Eligibility of tenderers	Local bonafide civil contractors/CAAB enlisted 'A' Special Class & above (Civil) contractor.
7.	Cost of tender document	Tk. 1000/- (one thousand) only (non-refundable)
8.	Earnest money	Tk. 3,00,000/- (three lac) only as earnest money must be submitted along with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
9.	Name and address of the offices selling tender document	a) Executive Engineer, Civil Division-2, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b) PA to Member (Operation & Planning), CAAB HQ, Dhaka. c) PA to Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Dhaka. d) PA to Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, Dhaka. e) CAAB Headquarter, Cash Section, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
10.	Name of the office receiving tenders	Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarter, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
11.	Name and address of the office opening tenders	Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarter, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
12.	Last date and time for selling the tender documents	26/10/2008 up to 12.00 hours.
13.	Last date and time for submission of tenders	29/10/2008 up to 12.00 hours.
14.	Date and time for tender opening	29/10/2008 at 12.30 hours (In presence of tenderers or their authorized representative, if any).
15.	Reason for summary rejection of tender	i) If attested copy of the up-to-date enlistment renewal fee receipt and up-to-date valid trade licence is not furnished along with the tender. ii) VAT registration and up-to-date Income Tax certificate issued from appropriate authority is not furnished along with the tender. iii) If the original money receipt of purchasing tender documents is not enclosed. iv) If the requisite earnest money is not furnished along with the tender. v) If the requisite tender documents are not furnished along with the tender.
16.	Special conditions	If communication is disrupted on the last date of receiving and opening the tender, tenders will be received on the next working day. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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