

## FERTILIZER AT LOWER PRICES

# Little impact in north dists as most dealers not selling at new rates

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The government's decision to sell non-urea fertiliser at subsidised rates is yet to leave any noticeable impact on the Boro farmers in the northern region as they failed to procure chemical fertiliser during the last couple of days due to dealers' unwillingness to sell stocked fertiliser at reduced prices.

Fertilizer dealers in Nilphamari district said they would incur huge loss if they have to sell chemical fertilizer at new rates as they have huge stock of fertilizer that was purchased earlier at much higher rates from the importers, reports our correspondent.

The government has taken decision to give subsidy on TSP, MOP and DAP making its price to down to about half of its previous prices. However, the price of urea remains the same as before.

Several dealers said they already purchased from the importers a bag (of 50 kg) TSP at Tk 3475, a bag of MOP at Tk 2160 and that of DAP at Tk 4500.

In a meeting chaired by Nilphamari deputy commissioner on Thursday, the district monitoring committee

directed the fertiliser dealers to sell three variety of chemical fertiliser at prices prescribed by the government.

Accordingly the dealers are to sell a bag of TSP at Tk 2000, a bag of MOP at Tk 1750 and a bag of DAP at Tk 2250.

In the meeting, the representatives of fertiliser dealers requested the monitoring committee to exempt their previously purchased chemical fertilizer from the newly introduced selling prices but the authorities turned down the request saying that there was no instruction yet in this regard, said several dealers.

Sources at district unit of Bangladesh Fertilizer Association (BFA) informed that for the ensuing Boro season they have stocked till 15 January 250 tonne of Triple Super Phosphate (TSP), 225 tonne of Murex of Potash (MOP) and 1 tonne Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) besides 3,837 tonne urea.

"The government is now giving about 55 percent subsidy to the stocked chemical fertilizer of the importers. But the dealers are deprived of getting such subsidy although they procured the fertilizer at high prices earlier," district unit of BFA President Abdul Wahed said.

Many dealers will lose their capital if they have to sell their stocked chemical fertiliser at the present reduced prices, he said.

Our Rangpur Correspondent adds:

Farmers of greater Rangpur region are happy with the government decision for slashing of the prices of non-urea fertilizers but said the disbursement system should be made easier to help farmers get its full benefit.

"Due to the subsidy for non-urea fertilizers, farmers will be able to produce with much lower cost. It will lead to increase of production in the area," said Alamgir Choudhury, convener of Rangpur Krishi Unnayan Parishad, an organisation of agricultural farmers of greater Rangpur region.

"He urged the government to execute the decision as early as possible so that the farmers are able to get the benefit during the current season.

President of Rangpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mostafa Azad Choudhury also hailed the government decision to give subsidy for non-urea fertilisers.

Due to price hike of agricul-

tural imputes including diesel and fertilizers,

Many small and marginal farmers of the area, who had stopped cultivation and lent their land to the big farmers in the recent past, are now eyeing starting farming on their own land again.

Farmers want introduction of open market policy regarding fertilizer disbursement to facilitate its easy availability.

At present, farmers have to collect recommendation from the sub-assistant agriculture officer of the concerned union before collecting fertilizers from the concerned dealer. Farmers termed the system as 'hazardous and time consuming'.

Former UP member and a big farmer of Sarai Union under Kounia upazila Mostaque Ahmed suggested that if the sub-dealers sell fertilizers on every day, the farmers would not need to run after the SAOs and the BCIC dealers.

Small farmer Mojibor Rahman, who is also a former member of Sarai Union Parishad, said farmers will not get the full benefit of reduced price of non-urea fertilizers if they have to wait for days to collect recommendation of the SAOs.

## ALLEGATIONS AGAINST KHAGRACHHARI MAYOR

## Probe finds them true as 10 of 12 councillors file 'no confidence'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Most of the allegations made by 10 of the 12 councillors of Khagrachhari Municipality against Mayor Mohammad Joyanal Abedin have been found true.

Earlier on November 6 last year, the mayor faced 'No confidence' from the 10 councillors.

Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Monindra Kishore Majumder is preparing a report on the allegations, which will be sent to Local Government Ministry soon through Khagrachhari deputy commissioner, sources said.

When asked about the matter, ADM Monindra Kishore Majumder told The Daily Star, "I have completed investigation and am preparing the report. Most of the charges have been found true."

On November 6 last year, ten councillors expressed 'No confidence' against



Joyanal Abedin

Khagrachhari Municipality Mayor Mohammad Joyanal Abedin and demanded his removal from the post for his rampant corruption.

The 'No confidence' letter that was sent to the secretary of Local Government Ministry on the date mentioned at least 25 corruption charges against the mayor for his alleged involvement with rampant corruption, tender manipulation, threatened, attack, misappropriation of government

fund, taking bribes and anti-social activities.

The letter mentioned that Joyanal, once serving as the 'bodyguard' of former BNP lawmaker Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan (now convicted in a case), was elected mayor on November 9, 2004 with the help of Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan.

Within a year, he built at least two houses in port city Chittagong and at Shantinagar in Khagrachhari town and misappropriated huge amount of money from development organizations through abuse of power, they said.

Joyanal Abedin is still facing four criminal cases with Khagrachhari District and Sessions Judge's Court, police said.

Municipality Mayor Joyanal Abedin, however, termed the allegations as false, baseless and fabricated and said the municipality commissioners 'designed a drama to blackmail him'.

## Opponents hurt upazila chairman candidate

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

A chairman candidate of Dighinala upazila was hospitalised after being beaten by his opponents at Merung Bazar, 45 kilometre off the district town, Thursday night, police said.

Chairman candidate SM Yusuf Ali was attacked by men of his opponent Mohammad Abul Kashem while he was preparing to go back to his Jamtali house on completion of his election campaign, they said.

Initially, he took treatment at Dighinala Upazila Health Complex from where he was shifted to Khagrachhari Adhunik Sadar Hospital at mid-night.

When contacted, Yusuf Ali confirmed that Abul Kashem's men attacked him with a motive to kill him. He further said that he had lodged several complaints with the returning officer against Abul Kashem and his men.

Earlier, Election Commission (EC) held up Dighinala upazila election on January 15 following a complaint lodged by probable candidate Priyadarshi Chakma. He alleged that armed cadres of the United Peoples Democratic Front (UPDF) had forced him to withdraw his nomination paper.

## JP leader ex-MP Shahadat Hossain expelled from party

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Jatiya Party (Ershad) vice-president and former lawmaker Shahadat Hossain was expelled from the party for breaking discipline of the political organisation.

On contact, JP chairman HM Ershad's press secretary Sunil Shuva Roy confirmed that he had been expelled from the party yesterday.

District JP member secretary Ashrafuzzaman Ashu urged party leaders and activists to snap political relationship with the expelled leader.

However, Shahadat Hossain said severed ties with Jatiya Party long time ago and he is contesting for chairmanship of Kaliganj upazila with hope to serve the people as a public representative.

"Being jealous of my popularity, a vested quarter in the party is now spreading statement against me," he said.

## UP CHAIRMAN MURDER

## 2 BNP leaders among 11 charge-sheeted in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Eleven people including two BNP leaders have been charge-sheeted in the sensational Dhandia Union Parishad (UP) chairman Arifuzzaman Chanchal murder case.

Investigation Officer (IO) Kazi Abu Daud, also officer-in-charge (OC) of Patkelghata Police Station, submitted the charge sheet with chief judicial magistrate's court here yesterday.

Other charge-sheeted accused are Humayun Kabir, Firoz Khan and Sudhanya Saha of village Khordo in Kalaroa upazila, Nur Islam and his wife Zobeida Khatun and Mahitosh Hajra of village Sarulia and Shainoor Rahman of village Dhandia and Abdul Malek Lal of village Senergati in Tala upazila and Rabiul Islam Sardar of village Shankarpur in Jhikargachha upazila and Shavkat Ali of village Joypur in Manirampur upazila in Jessore, court sources said.

Of the accused, Dhandia union Juba Dal president Ruhul Quddus, Dhandia union BNP general secretary Abdul Malek Lal, Mahitosh Hajra and Nur Islam are absconding, they said.

Dhandia UP chairman Arifuzzaman Chanchal, son of Asir Uddin of village Sharsha in Tala upazila, also a member of district BNP convening committee, was abducted and strangled by the criminals on October 12, 2008.

## Constable hurt in clash with gamblers: 15 held

A CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

A constable received head injury in a gambler-police clash at a remote shoal village of Darigaon in Nilokkha union under Raipura upazila Thursday night.

The injured is Saidur Rahman, a constable of Raipura Police Station. The clash ensued when police asked gamblers to stop gambling in guise of staging a drama. Police hurled 17 rounds of tear gas shells to bring the situation under control.

Raipura Police Station officer-in-charge Emdad Hossain said 15 persons were arrested for their involvement with the incident and they were sent to court.



PHOTO: STAR

Two friends nurturing their plum orchard under 'Friends Project' at Arapur village on the outskirts of Jhenidah town.

## They eye changing lot with plum cultivation

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Three once unemployed youths at Arapur village on the outskirts of Jhenidah town are now eyeing change of their lot through plum cultivation.

Getting inspiration from advertisements in the television and other media, the three youths -- Hazi Abdul Hamid, Atiar Rahman and Pattar Ali undertook a project titled 'Friends Project' on two acres of land at nearby Gayashpur village.

Cultivating baulk, apple kul, Thai kul and other hybrid varieties of plum there, the three friends are now a source of inspiration for many others in the area.

Now they look after the orchard by turn, working

along with the labourers, with dream of success.

Visiting Gayashpur village, one may see a lively atmosphere as traders from different bazaars flock the orchard to purchase plum while interested farmers from different areas come to see the farm and enquire about the profitable plantation.

"Planting about eight hundred saplings of plum on two acres of land and nurturing them till maturity cost Tk 2 lakh 50 thousand. If the weather remains favourable we will get 25/30 kg per plum tree," said the three innovative farmers.

The cost this year is relatively high as a good amount has been spent for planting saplings and their nurturing, putting fertiliser etc but the

cost will be much lesser the next year, they said.

"If we get good profit this year we will extend our plantation next year. Every plum tree will yield at least 25/30 kg of fruit. We expect to get 25 thousand kg from 800 plum trees and sell it at around Tk 6 lakh. If it so happens, our profit will stand at around Tk 3 lakh 50 thousand," they told this correspondent.

"Many locals visit the large plum garden out of curiosity. We have already sold 1,100 kg of plum worth around Tk 62 thousand and expect to get around Tk 5 lakh 50 thousand more by selling plum. Saha Nursery of Jhenidah town has helped the friends in planting plum trees," Atiar Rahman said.

## 'Punish attackers on RU newsmen'

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University (RU) journalists have demanded an exemplary punishment to the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) cadres who severely beat up two journalists on the campus on Thursday.

They met Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton at the city office of Awami League and placed the demand before him yesterday.

At least 10 students including the two journalists were injured seriously in a clash

between two factions of BCL over establishing supremacy on the campus on Thursday.

MA Jahid, RU Correspondent of The News Today and Sayem Sabu, RU Correspondent of The Daily Jangar were injured severely when BCL cadres attacked them with iron rods and pipe. At that time, the journalists were performing their professional duties.

RCC Mayor gave them a patient hearing and assured them necessary action against the culprits.

Among others, RU unit BCL president Ibrahim Hossain

Moon, joint secretary Azim-Bin-Kamal, Masud and Mamun were present during the visit.

Earlier, a memorandum was submitted to acting vice-chancellor Prof Mammunul Keramat at his office on Thursday containing the same demand.

Progressive Teachers' Society (PTS), Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Chhatra League of JSD, Progressive Students' Alliance and different organisations also condemned the attack and demanded punishment to the culprits.

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19.	Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone : 9893292 Fax : 9893292 E-mail : dgm tp2@dpdc.org																		
20.	The Procuring Entry reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.																			
Md. Amanul Haque Deputy General Manager (Technical), Project-2 Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd.																				