

Pineapple boost in Madhupur

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Tangail

There has been a bumper production of pineapple in Madhupur upazila of the district this season because of favourable weather conditions.

Wholesalers from different areas of the country are thronging the local markets to buy the sweet and juicy pineapples of Madhupur as the produce has started coming to market.

According to Madhupur Agriculture Office, pineapple was cultivated on 7,300 hectares of lands in Alokdia, Aushnara, Digor Baid, Arunkhola, Laofula, Raniad, Moter Bazar, Jalchhatra, Garo Bazar and Rasulpur areas of the upazila this year. The fruit was cultivated on 6,500 hectares of land last year and on 5,550 hectares in 2007.

"We expect production of

around 90,000 tonnes of pineapple in the upazila this season," an agriculture official said.

Pineapple farmers expected about 20 tonnes of more yield from per hectare of land in the upazila this year. The price of pineapple is also getting higher this year than the previous years, said a farmer.

Hormone is used normally to make the fruit big and ripen it every year but less amount of hormone is used this time, said pineapple farmer Abdul Aziz.

As a result, the demand for and price of pineapples produced in Madhupur have increased this year, he added.

Madhupur Upazila Agriculture Officer Mohammad Abu Hanif told The Daily Star that they have provided the farmers with different supports including training this year.



A bumper production of pineapple in Madhupur upazila in Tangail brings smiles on the faces of farmers in the area.

Stop Tipai projects right away

Environmental bodies ask India

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Environment bodies yesterday demanded an immediate halt to implementation of Tipaimukh hydroelectric project and Fulartol irrigation project in India.

They also demanded formulation of a regional water resources plan and its implementation for the benefit all the countries concerned.

And Bangladesh government must initiate steps to formulate such a plan on the basis of regional cooperation and talks, they stressed.

The demands were made from a rally and human chain jointly organised by Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) and Nirbhik at Meghnaghat in Sonargaon upazila of Narayanganj district yesterday morning. Various other environment groups also joined the programme.

Participants in the rally and human chain carried banners inscribed with slogans "Stop construction of Tipaimukh

Dam, Save Meghna River".

Speakers at the rally demanded that India give Bangladesh a detailed report on Tipaimukh dam containing its impact on environment, life span of the dam and its design. No such dam should be built on any river flowing through the two countries without discussion with Bangladesh, they emphasised.

They noted that not only people of Bangladesh but also people of the Indian states of Manipur, Mizoram and Assam protested construction of the disputed Tipaimukh dam in Manipur state.

They said the dam to be constructed 100 kilometre off Jokingan border in Sylhet district of Bangladesh would be 1,600 feet long and 500 feet high.

The speakers said after commissioning of the dam the environment of Indian states of Manipur, Mirozam and Assam would face huge damage; the water flow of Barak and other rivers would get reduced by 17242 cusecs.

A vast area adjacent to the dam would be submerged, 1320 families would be displaced and 27,242 hectare forest and hilly land of these area would be destroyed.

The speakers said they have learnt that India would not only construct Tipaimukh dam, it would also construct another irrigation barrage at Fulartol on the upstream of the Barak river.

They said if the two projects are implemented environment of Bangladesh would be devastated and millions of people adversely affected.

The speakers at the rally said the construction of the Tipaimukh dam and Fulartol irrigation barrage would violate the international norms, convention and water treaty between Bangladesh and India.

They said the people of Bangladesh have taken stand against the Tipaimukh dam. They urged the government to initiate sincere discussion with India to dissuade it from constructing Tipaimukh dam.

Latif antics anger Ctg AL leaders

Mull going to PM for solution

SHAHIDUL ISLAM, Chittagong

Awami League (AL) leaders in Chittagong plan to lodge formal complaint with party chief and premier Sheikh Hasina against AL lawmaker MA Latif of Chittagong-10 for 'tarnishing the party's image through controversial activities'.

They said if necessary, they would request the prime minister to scrap Latif's party membership, which would also result in cancellation of his membership in parliament.

Meanwhile, Latif, also president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI), yesterday said none except the party president has the right or authority to decide on cancellation of his party membership.

"I shall show respect to any decision she makes," said the lawmaker, who is receiving treatment at a city clinic.

He is scheduled to fly to Singapore for treatment tonight.

"He (Latif) has been giving birth to controversies one

after another since Awami League came back to power in January," said a number of AL leaders yesterday.

Referring to the recent incident of a scuffle between Latif and law enforcers on Friday at the Water Transport Coordination Cell (WTCC), they said his activities are unbefitting of a lawmaker.

City AL President and Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury yesterday told journalists at his residence that they would hold an emergency party meeting within a day or two about making recommendation to the premier for scrapping his party membership.

He said since a lawmaker holds a dignified position in society, the person is expected to behave or act so that others can adore and emulate him or her.

"But this man (Latif) crossed that line," he added.

"Latif's errant activities don't befit a parliamentarian's. Earlier, we verbally informed our party chief about his improper behaviour. But after Friday's incident we are considering to hold a party meeting first and then file a formal complaint with her soon," said city General Secretary AL Kazi Inamul Hoque Danu.

"As far as we understand, Latif never belonged to Awami League, rather he was more associated with BNP and Jamaat. It seems he cares little for the party's image," Danu alleged.

"We suspect that he (Latif) might be on a mission to spoil the image of the ruling party and the present government,"

headed.

City AL Joint Secretary Khorshed Alam Sujon, who was an AL nomination aspirant from Chittagong-10, said Latif has little understanding of the status of a parliamentarian.

He said since Latif, was sworn in as a lawmaker, he gave birth to controversies instead of proving himself as a competent parliamentarian.

Meantime, Latif said, "Sheikh Hasina knows me very well. They (city AL leaders) can lodge complaint against me but it is the party president who will make the decision."

He alleged that the shipping minister's 'henchmen' ransacked his office on Friday night and threatened his supporters.

Latif said his collarbone got fractured in the 'attack' on Friday.

He demanded formation of a parliamentary enquiry committee to probe the incident at the WTCC office.

"I have already lodged a complaint with the Speaker about the attack on me," he added.

Latif got involved in a scuffle with law enforcers on Friday when he along with his followers tried to force his way into a WTCC meeting attended by Shipping Minister Afsarul Amin and City Mayor Mohiuddin Chowdhury.

Latif claimed that the cops assaulted him at the instigation of the minister and the city mayor whereas police alleged that the lawmaker himself attacked a few of their officers.

Wasa plans big

Decides to treat canal waters, pump it into polluted rivers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) has decided to set up common effluent treatment plants at end points of different canals and pump treated water into city's surrounding rivers to reduce pollution.

A feasibility study at a cost of Tk 100 crore—financed by the World Bank—has already started under Dhaka Integrated Environmental and Water Management Project. So far different spots have been selected for study, said a Wasa press release.

According to the press release, during his visit at Kalyanpur Regulating Pond Managing Director of Dhaka Wasa Shahjahan Ali Mollah said the project could be implemented in next four to five years. Dhaka Wasa Board-Chairman Golam Mostafa, its Deputy Managing Director (planning, research and development) Liakat Ali, Chief Engineer Nurul Haque and

other officials concerned were present there.

Through Kalyanpur Regulating Pond station water from four branch-canals in Kalyanpur as well as Ramchandrapur and Katasur canals is pumped into the river using three pumps.

From July next two more high-performance pumps, procured with Japanese financing, would be engaged to pump out water at an average of 20,000 litres per second, said the press release.

Local lawmaker Fazle Noor Tapash joined the Wasa chairman and its two managing directors while visiting the Hazaribag canal. They decided to dredge the canal to restore its normalcy.

Wasa informed the MP that Hazaribag canal would become clean regaining its natural flow by December. The measure would ease the water-logging problem at Hazaribag to a great extent, the Wasa officials told the MP.

JS session resumes

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when they attend parliament proceedings.

"After everything, I urge the opposition lawmakers to return to the House and speak in favour of the people and point out faults, if any, of the government and the proposed budget," the speaker told reporters after attending a workshop held at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

BNP-led opposition lawmakers, who are abstaining from the session over seating arrangement row, will not join parliamentary proceedings today, said opposition chief whip Zainul Abidin Faroque.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday over telephone, the opposition chief whip said the BNP Parliamentary Party would sit this week to decide their next course of action in

this regard.

The speaker, however, said the seating arrangement in the House might be changed if the opposition joins parliament and voices their demands in the House.

The speaker said the treasury bench and the opposition bench might reach a compromise over the seat row issue once the latter returns to the House. "There is no last word in politics," observed Hamid.

"I have given them (the opposition) five seats in the front row," he said, adding, "As speaker of the House I cannot do anything abruptly."

The supplementary budget is expected to be passed on Tuesday and discussion of the proposed budget will begin on Wednesday, officials at the Parliament Secretariat said.

বেসামরিক বিমান চলাচল কর্তৃপক্ষ
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১৯৮৬/১৯৮৭/১৯৮৮ তারিখ: ০৩-০৬-২০০৯ খ্রিস্টাব্দ

ইজারা বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিমান বন্দর পরিচালনা রায়ুন। গাছ লাগান, গাছের পরিচর্যা করুন, পরিবেশ বানান।

জিয়া আন্তর্জাতিক বিমান বন্দরে এয়ারপোর্ট টের্মিনাস সমূহে কাউন্সিলিং এন্ড ফরোয়ার্ডিং এজেন্ট এসোসিয়েশন অফিস ভবনের পশ্চিম পার্শ্বে ফটোটাট দোকান নং-০৩ (আয়তন ৮০.০০ বর্গফুট) ইজারা গ্রহণে ইচ্ছুক ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান/সংস্থের নিকট হইতে নিম্নে বর্ণিত শর্তে ইজারা দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

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1. Selling entity	Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB)
2. Invitation of auction notice Reference & date	CATC/Store/Inventory/1/40/(Part-1)/(2nd Call)
3. Description of auction	Old/Un-useable materials stored in the Room No-116 at CATC.
4. Completion time	7(seven) days from the date of submission of bid money.
5. Eligibility of auctioneers	Auctioneer/Contractor/Businessmen.
6. Price of auction schedule	Tk 500/- (five hundred) only (non-refundable).
7. Earnest money	10% (ten percent) of quoted auction value (refundable) must be submitted in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Principal (Director), CATC, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
8. Name & address of the offices selling auction schedule	1. Cash Section of Director, CATC, CAAB, Dhaka. 2. Cash Section of Director (Finance), CATC, CAAB, Dhaka.
9. Name & address of the offices receiving auction schedule	Office of the Principal (Director), CATC, CAAB, Dhaka.
10. Name & address of the offices opening auction schedule	Office of the Principal (Director), CATC, CAAB, Dhaka.
11. Last date & time for selling auction schedule	5/7/2009 during office hour.
12. Date & time for submission auction schedule	6/7/2009 on or before 12-00 noon.
13. Date & time for opening auction schedule	6/7/2009 at 12-15 pm.
14. Designation, address and telephone No. of official inviting	Principal (Director), CATC, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229. Telephone: 8914546

NB: 1. If any unavoidable circumstances arises at the date of receiving/opening of the auction schedule, the next working day will be scheduled for receiving/opening of the schedule.
2. Other terms & conditions can be seen at the office of the Principal (Director), CATC, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229.
3. The selling entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all auction schedule without assigning any reason.

Paritosh Kumar Halder
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Civil Aviation Training Centre
CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229
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Vit A given clean chit

Probe finds nothing wrong with vitamin, deworming pills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government probe into the incident of children falling ill around the country did not find any link between it and the Vitamin A Plus campaign running nationwide.

The probe also found that the children who fell sick had been suffering from problems not related to the intake of Vitamin A and deworming pills.

The investigation committee headed by Director of Primary Health Care Dr Jahangir Alam submitted its report to Health Secretary Sheikh Altaf Ali on Thursday.

The findings were handed over to Health Minister Prof AFM Ruhul Haque on Friday. The report said Habib, 11, who died at Daulatdia, had been suffering from encephalitis. He had also not taken any Vitamin A or deworming pills.

The health minister told reporters that parents had panicked in some areas after a certain quarter misled them about the tablets by making announcements on hand mikes after some children fell ill.

He said a few children had complained of chest pain and nausea after taking the deworming tablets, which are

the side effects of taking the pills but there was nothing to worry about.

Those who were admitted to hospital with diarrhoea had already been suffering from the condition for a few days and this had no connection to the intake of Vitamin A capsules, he said.

The health minister said the laboratory test report stated that the Vitamin A capsule and Albendazol (deworming tablet) being administered to children were safe. Sample of the tablets were earlier sent for tests at the laboratory of Institute of Epidemiology Disease Control and Research.

"The government is now waiting for the report from CDC Atlanta, USA, where more samples have been sent for tests," he added.

Health experts at a seminar at the IDB auditorium yesterday criticised the government for not including members of civil organisations in the probe committee as that would have been more neutral.

They also questioned how officials of Unicef and World Health Organisation made comments on the quality of the Vitamin A and deworming tablets before they were tested in any laboratory.

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ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
টেন্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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