

Diseases caused by pest attack in N-dists threaten aman yield

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Paddy farmers of Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and Joypurhat districts are worried as different diseases caused by pest attack pose threat to their hope for good a yield of aman this season.

The diseases are leaf roller, BHP (brown plant hopper), sheath blight and stem borer.

Agriculture Extension Department (AED) officials claimed the situation is 'not so alarming' while affected farmers believe use of pesticides has failed to check the pest attack.

AED officials in the four northern districts admitted attack of the diseases on about 1,000 hectares of land but information from other sources shows the pest attack has damaged crops on about 12,500 hectares in different areas of the districts, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

During a recent field survey, he saw widespread attack of brown plant hopper (BHP), sheath blight, leaf roller and stem borer in the paddy fields in Chirirbandar and Sadar upazilas of Dinajpur, Ghoraghat, Parbatipur and Haripur of Thurgaon, Atwari and

Debiganj of Panchagarh district.

Sishir Mandal, a farmer of Chirirbandar upazila in Dinajpur, said his 20 acres of land have been affected by sheath blight disease.

Swarna, BR-11 and pajam varieties of paddy are the worst affected, said farmers.

AED sources, however, said the varieties other than swarna were not 'so affected'.



Affected by sheath blight disease due to pest attack, paddy plants turn yellowish and sterile in a field of Gorulgram village in Biral upazila under Dinajpur district.

As in every rainy season during the past few years, the growth of grasshoppers in many areas of the districts has caused extensive damage to paddy crops.

Despite the delayed monsoon, aman has been cultivated on 5,10,185 hectares of land against the target of 4,92,820 hectares in Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and Joypurhat the four northern

districts, AED sources said.

When contacted, AED deputy directors of the four northern districts admitted the pest attack but said the situation is under control.

Our Thakurgaon Correspondent reports: Attack of sheath blight and stem borer in Aman plants in ten upazilas of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts threatening the aman pro-

duction target, according to farmers and agriculture officials.

Farmers are fearing losses as use of medicine to save aman plants from the diseases and arranging additional irrigation to make up for scanty rainfall have added to their production cost.

Thakurgaon AED Deputy Director Daliluddin admitted that Aman fields in Pirganj upazila in Thakurgaon are mostly affected by sheath blight. Stem borer and leaf roller also attacked aman fields in different areas of the district.

The pest attack in aman fields during the season occurs mainly due to insufficient rainfall and use of low quality seeds, he said, adding that they are suggesting farmers to irrigate the land and take some preventive measures like spraying of propiconazole or hayconazole group medicine mixed with water to combat the pest attack.

Several farmers, on the other hand, said they failed to get results after spraying medicines as adulterated pesticides have flooded the market.



Students along with a large number of people from all walks of life join a human chain at Zero Point in Jaldhaka town yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the rapist and killer of schoolgirl Eti Moni.

RAPE, MURDER OF JALDHAKA SCHOOLGIRL Thousands of protesters submit memo to UNO

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Several thousand people including students and teachers brought out a procession in Jaldhaka upazila town and besieged the UNO office yesterday protesting alleged bid to save the rapist and killer of Eti Moni, a class ten student of Jaldhaka Girls' High School.

They also handed over a memorandum to the UNO and held a meeting at Zero Point in the town demanding arrest of the culprit within 24 hours.

"An influential quarter is trying to save the culprit by diverting the matter. They are trying to manage the doctor concerned of Nilphamari district hospital to implement their evil design," the victim's father Yakub Ali said in the meeting.

Just after uttering the words, the ill-fated father became senseless. He was admitted to Jaldhaka Upazila Health Complex.

Bursting into protest against the rape and murder of the schoolgirl, the huge crowd chanted slogan demanding a fair post mortem report.

Speakers in the meeting warned of tougher programme to paralyse the upazila if the rapist and killer is not arrested within 24 hours.

The district administration's meeting on law and order yesterday also discussed the matter.

"The first hand report indicates that the girl was raped and killed. Police is trying to arrest the criminal," Superintendent of police Golam Rasul said at the meeting.

He requested the district civil surgeon to see that none could divert the issue to save the culprit.

Eti Moni, a class ten student of Jaldhaka Girls High School, was killed after rape at her LSD Para home in Jaldhaka town on September 30 evening when other members of the family had gone out.

The next day, the victim's father filed a case with Jaldhaka Police Station accusing Mahmudur Rahman, 25, of Dundibari village, for the rape and murder. The victim's post mortem was done the same day.

3 Pirojpur arrestees remanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Three people, arrested on September 29 in connection with trading CDs containing video footage of the rape of a schoolgirl by a BCL leader in Pirojpur town, were placed on a two-day remand yesterday.

Sub-Inspector Azim Howlader, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, produced the three in the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, seeking a five-day remand.

Suman Talukdar, owner of Soukhin Audio-Video Corner, Shahin Howlader, apprentice worker of Digital Mobile Servicing Centre and Faisal Gazi, buyer of the porno CD, were arrested following a case filed by the law enforcers against five people on September 28 on charges of recording the scene and trading on the pornography.

Shibir besieges RU proctor, holds rally

A RU CORRESPONDENT

Leaders and activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) Rajshahi University (RU) unit yesterday besieged the university proctor for an hour as he tried to prevent them from holding a rally on the campus.

Sources said around 100 Shibir men, led by Bangabandhu Hall unit President Shah Newaz Sachcho, were holding a rally on the campus at noon, defying the restrictions imposed earlier by the authorities on rallies and processions for an indefinite period.

Hearing the news, Proctor Prof Chowdhury Zakaria, assistant proctors and police rushed to the spot and requested the Shibir men not to hold rally.

Ignoring the request, the shibir men went ahead with their programme and at one stage, they besieged the proctor on the spot for an hour.

The Shibir men also threatened to paralyse the campus if the killers of their leader Sharifuzzaman Nomani were not punished.

Teachers and general students urged the university authorities to take immediate steps against the Shibir men who held a rally on the campus, defying the restrictions.

When contacted, Proctor Zakaria said he urged the law enforcers to take legal steps against the Shibir leaders and activists who held a rally on the campus, defying the restrictions.

SNIPPETS

28 cobras killed

BSS, Chandpur

Twenty-eight cobras were killed at a house of Sido Pradhan at village Char Mukandi under Mallah upazila on Friday. Locals said, housewife Fatema Khatun first saw a snake while it was attacking a poultry bird on the day. As she raised a hue and cry, the neighbours came to her help. The villagers followed the snake and saw it entering a hole in the house. They then dug the earth and killed all the 28 cobras in the hole.

Fisherman drowns

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A fisherman drowned as his fishing boat capsized yesterday morning in the Roymongal near Kaikhali in Shyamnagar upazila after a speedboat of BSF hit the boat. The victim went missing and the BDR and police personnel failed to recover the body from the river. The victim was identified as Anwar Hossain Mollah, 30, son of Monsur Ali Mollah of Kaikhali village of the upazila. Quoting locals, BDR and police said, a group of fishermen was fishing in the Roymongal. BSF men of Shamsar Nagar camp under 24 Parganas district entered Bangladesh waters on a speed boat and hit the fishing boat.

Cop kills himself

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A constable of Agoljehara police station allegedly committed suicide at the police station yesterday morning. The dead was identified as Enayet Hossain Imu, 40, son of Abdul Gafur Sardar of Uttar Karfa village under Swarupkati upazila of Pirojpur district. Officer in-charge of Agoljehara police station Ashok Kumar Nandi said Enayet went upstairs of the police station with a rifle and shot himself in the chest at about 10:00 am. He was rushed to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College and Hospital (SBMCH) after first aid at Goila hospital at Agoljehara. But he succumbed to his injuries there at 11:30 am. Victim's family sources said, before the incident, Enayet had a family feud on yesterday morning.

308 bullets recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

At least 308 bullets were recovered from a place inside the Parbatipur police station compound while labourers were digging earth yesterday. Sources said the bullets were found in a clay pot. The labourers were digging earth for constructing wall of Parbatipur police station, said Imtiaz, a sub-inspector at the police station. The bullets made for 303 rifles were later deposited with the police station after filing a general diary (GD).

Five hurt in bomb blast

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Five persons were injured in a bomb explosion yesterday noon. The incident took place at Jhikapota village under Moheshpur upazila. The injured are Rustom Ali, Tozammel Haq, Amina Begum, Saiful Islam and Suza Uddin. Police and locals said, Akidul, son of Tozammel of Jhikapota village found the bomb near a pond. Assuming it as a toy, he brought it to his house. At a stage, the bomb exploded with a huge bang injuring five people.

BCL rivals at Pirojpur college clash: 15 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

At least 15 activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) were injured in factional clashes on Pirojpur Government College campus and at General Hospital yesterday.

Police said two factions of BCL college unit-one led by its president Mezbah Uddin Sabu and the other by college students union general secretary Faisal Mahbub Shuva-clashed over control of the campus at around 11:00am, leaving ten activists from both sides injured.

The clash spread to Pirojpur General Hospital after the injured were admitted there. At least five BCL activists belong-

ing to both factions were injured in the clash.

Those undergoing treatment at the general hospital are Mezbah Uddin Sabu, Faisal Mahbub Shuva, Mashur Rahman, Mohsin, Russel Kazi Juman, Asaduzzaman, Arif, Regan and Sadhan Barua.

Police rushed to the hospital, dispersed the clashing groups and brought the situation under control. Additional police have been deployed on the college campus to avert any further incident.

When contacted, College Principal Prof Saroj Kumar Roy said the academic council will soon hold a meeting to take necessary measures to ensure peaceful academic atmosphere on the campus.

Barisal medical authorities sue tree plunderers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The authorities of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College (BSBMC) have lodged a case in connection with felling of 63 trees on the campus and looting them during Eid vacation.

College Principal Prof Syed Zahid Hossain filed the case with Kotwali Police Station on Monday night without naming anyone as accused.

When contacted, officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station said they have recorded the case and started investigation into the matter.

Earlier on Saturday, a day labourer was arrested under Section 54 and sent to jail for collecting leaves and branches of the trees

allegedly looted by Sramik League leader Azizur Rahman Tuhin.

Local sources said Tuhin, also a CBA leader of Barisal Water Development Board, cut down the trees and looted them during Eid vacation, claiming that those were planted by his father before the government acquired the land for expansion of the campus.

Meanwhile, the authorities had earlier served notices on three college employees and five security guards, asking them to explain why necessary actions will not be taken against them for their negligence of duty.

The college employees and security guards were on duty on the campus during the vacation.



The backyard of Mainul Hasan Hostel of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College gives a bleak appearance as 63 trees were recently felled allegedly by a Sramik League leader.

Girl abducted, two others rescued in 3 districts

STAR NATIONAL DESK

A schoolgirl was abducted yesterday in Natore while a college girl and a schoolgirl were rescued on Monday in Jhenidah and Patuakhali.

A Correspondent from Natore reports: Criminals abducted a schoolgirl from Perebaria area under Bagatipara municipality in Bagatipara upazila yesterday. Tamanna, 12, is daughter of Tozammel Haque of village Sobgram.

Police and villagers said, Tamanna was abducted while she was going to school in the morning. A gang of local criminals waylaid her near Perebaria food godown and took her to an unknown place by a motorbike.

Tamanna's father later filed a general diary with Bagatipara police station.

In Patuakhali, relatives on Monday rescued a student of Patuakhali Government Girls' School eight hours after her abduction from near the school gate, reports our correspondent.

Police arrested Matin, 25, of Kathpatti in the town, for his alleged involvement in kidnapping the girl, Fatima Akhter Dina.

"Fatima started for her school with a classmate at about 8:00am. When she reached

near the school gate, a gang of five or six people including a woman forcibly took her into a microbus and left the place," said the girl's uncle Md Zafar Ahmed, vice principal of the college.

Relatives rescued the girl from Sadar Road at about 4:00pm, he said.

The girl stays at Zafar Ahmed's house at Collegepara in Patuakhali town for her study there.

Her parents live in their village home in Baufalupazila.

Our correspondent from Jhenidah reports: A girl student of Government Nurun Nahar College was kidnapped on Monday afternoon by some youths of the municipal area. Police immediately launched a drive and rescued her at night from Udaypur area of the town.

The girl, Shamima Sultana Roni, is the daughter of Shafi Uddin of Gobindapur.

The duty officer at Jhenidah Sadar police station said, the youths kidnapped her when she was going to town from her hostel.

A case was filed against six including Shamim and Rasel of Pabohati, Shohag and Sifat of Porahati and Arif of Khajura but none was arrested till filing of this report yesterday.

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| ২। | সংস্থা | বাংলাদেশ তেল, গ্যাস ও বনজ সম্পদ কর্পোরেশন (পেট্রোলার)। |
| ৩। | প্রকৃতির এটিটির নাম | তিতাস গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিসন এন্ড ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানি লিমিটেড। |
| ৪। | মালিকের বিবরণ | ১। ওটি ভাবে কেবিন প্রিজেন্ট। ২। ২টি কার। ৩। ২টি মাইক্রোবাস। |
| ৫। | দরপত্র সূত্র নং ও তারিখ | ১। কবিবিঃ ২০১৬/০১-পিক-আপ/০৯-১০ তারিখঃ ০১-১০-২০০৯। ২। কবিবিঃ ২০১৬/০১-কার/০৯-১০ তারিখঃ ০১-১০-২০০৯। ৩। কবিবিঃ ২০১৬/০১-মাইক্রো/০৯-১০ তারিখঃ ০১-১০-২০০৯। |
| ৬। | প্রকৃতির মূল্য | নিজস্ব অর্থ। |
| ৭। | অর্থায়নের উৎস | ০৫-১০-০৯ হইতে ০৫-১০-০৯ তারিখ পর্যন্ত সকল কার্যদিবসে সকাল ৯ঃ০০ ঘটিকা হইতে ১ঃ০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। |
| ৮। | দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময় | ২৬-১০-০৯ তারিখে সকাল ১১ঃ০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। |
| ৯। | দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময় | ২৬-১০-০৯ তারিখ বেলা ২ঃ০০ ঘটিকা উপস্থিত দরদাতা/প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি উপস্থিত থাকেন)। |
| ১০। | দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় | (ক) হিসাব বিভাগ (ক্যাশ কাউন্টার), তিতাস গ্যাস টিএন্ডডি কোং লিঃ, ১০৫, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এডিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার বা/এ, ঢাকা-১২১৫। (খ) হিসাব বিভাগ, বিজিএমসি (পেট্রোলার), ৩, কাওরান বাজার বা/এ, ঢাকা-১২১৫। (গ) হিসাব বিভাগ, বাসেজ, ৮০/এ, বি, শাহজালাল টাওয়ার (৮ম তলা), সিদ্ধেশ্বরী সার্কেলার রোড, মালিগা, ঢাকা-১২১৭। |
| ১১। | ক) দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের স্থান | (ক) ক্রয় বিভাগ (২তম তলা), তিতাস গ্যাস টিএন্ডডি কোং লিঃ, ১০৫, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এডিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার বা/এ, ঢাকা-১২১৫। (খ) ক্রয় বিভাগ, বিজিএমসি (পেট্রোলার), ৩, কাওরান বাজার বা/এ, ঢাকা-১২১৫। (গ) কোম্পানীর সচিব-এর দপ্তর, বাসেজ, ৮০/এ, বি, শাহজালাল টাওয়ার (৮ম তলা), সিদ্ধেশ্বরী সার্কেলার রোড, মালিগা, ঢাকা-১২১৭। |
| ১২। | দরদাতার যোগ্যতা | মহাব্যবসায়িক (গেজান) এর দপ্তর (৩য় তলা), ১০৫, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এডিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার বা/এ, ঢাকা-১২১৫। |
| ১৩। | দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য | প্রকৃত আমদানিকারক/সেল ডিস্ট্রিবিউটর। ১। পিকআপ ৮৫,০০০.০০ (টাকা পাঁচ হাজার) অফেরতযোগ্য। ২। কার ৮,২০০.০০ (টাকা দুই হাজার) অফেরতযোগ্য। ৩। মাইক্রোবাস ৮২,০০০.০০ (টাকা দুই হাজার) অফেরতযোগ্য। |
| ১৪। | দরপত্র জামানত | ১। পিকআপ ৮৫,০০০.০০ (টাকা দশ লক্ষ পঁয়তাল্লিশ হাজার)। ২। কার ৮,২০,০০০.০০ (টাকা এক লক্ষ বিশ হাজার)। ৩। মাইক্রোবাস ৮১,৩০,০০০.০০ (টাকা এক লক্ষ বিশ হাজার)। |
| ১৫। | দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলার নির্ধারিত তারিখে সরকারি মুদ্রা বা অনিবার্য কারণবশত অফিস বন্ধ থাকিলে পরবর্তী গ্রহণ কার্যদিবসে উপস্থাপিত হুন ও সময়ে উপস্থিত দরদাতা/প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হইবে। | |
| ১৬। | কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীতকেই যে কোন অধরা সকল দরপত্র যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে। | |

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তিতাস/জনসংযোগ-০৯/২০০৯-১০
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উপ-মহাব্যবসায়িক (ক্রয়)
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