

FAILURE TO CONTROL PEST ATTACK

Netrakona farmers may not get targeted quantity of aman

JAHANGIR ALAM, Netrokona

A large section of farmers may not get the targeted quantity of aman paddy as 40,000 hectares were attacked by pests, particularly by Pamri poka and leaf folder, this season in all the 10 upazilas of Netrokona.

The aman cultivators of the district are hoping against hope due to the widespread pest attack. Their frustration deepened because of non-availability of effective insecticides in the local markets in proper time to combat the pest menace.

Vast paddy fields turned yellowish due to attack by an insect locally called 'Pamri Poka' about three weeks ago. Pamri and leaf-folder damaged roots and leaves of aman plants, sources of Netrokona Department of Agriculture Extension said.

The worst affected upazilas of the district are Sadar, Kendua, Atpara,

Barhatta and Purbadhala upazilas.

A DAE source said they had apprised the local Agriculture Departments of the massive pest attack in different upazilas of the district with a request to supply effective insecticides for pest control.

"Failing to receive supply of pesticides, we advised the farmers to spray pesticides available in the local markets, he said preferring anonymity.

Md Shahjahan Mia of village Sharmushia in Atpara upazila said he applied insecticides of different local brands but those were not effective.

Taking to this correspondent, farmers from different areas of the district have urged the Agriculture Department to provide them with right kind of pesticide in right time to fight the pest attack.

They apprehended that nearly fifty per cent of the aman crop in the district

would be damaged this season as the pest attack could not be controlled.

The farmers said, repeated flash flood this year added to the situation as they damaged their newly planted aman twice. Missing of aman target will now cripple them economically, they said.

The DAE sources said 2,26,000 hectares of land have been brought under aman cultivation in the district this season with a target to produce 4.52 lakh tonnes of paddy.

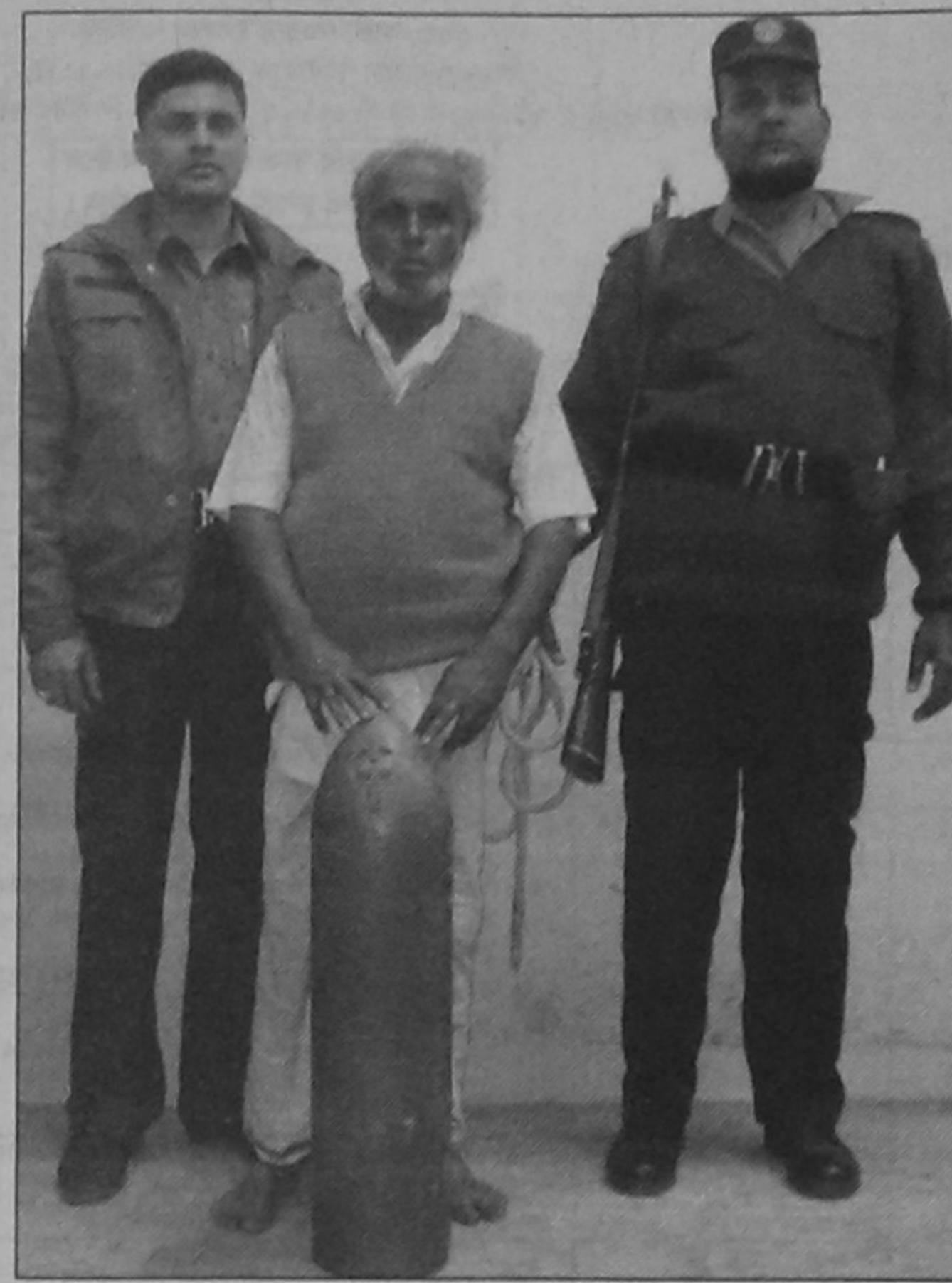
Contacted, DAE deputy director in Netrokona Mohammad Abdullah Ibrahim told the correspondent that the pest attack took a serious turn in the district due to lack of rain.

Block supervisors and others officials of the department are visiting the affected paddy fields and giving necessary suggestion to the farmers to control the pest menace.



PHOTO: STAR

A demarcation pillar, set during the British rule, was dug out from near Chhalyal Bari Bridge beside Matlab Road in Chandpur Sadar upazila yesterday. As the 'immensely valuable magnetic metal' that was supposed to be inside the pillar went missing, police arrested one Wali Ullah on suspicion.



TWO BRIDGES IN AWFUL CONDITION

Plying of vehicles risky at entrances to Jessore town

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

A large number of vehicles ply amid risk of accident anytime as two important bridges across Bhairab River at the entrances of Jessore town have remained in an awfully dilapidated condition.

The bridges, situated at Bablatola and Barandipara in the town, have to bear the pressure of all the vehicles that come to or pass by the city from 8:00am to 9:00pm have to use the bridges as they are not allowed to ply

any other road during the time.

Constructed in 1962, the two bridges with 22-metre length and 7-metre width each were designed for vehicles weighing up to eight tonnes but they had to bear as much as 30 tonnes, resulting in shortening of their longevity, said sources at Jessore traffic department.

As the main Bablatola Bridge became unusable five years ago, authorities set a Bailey bridge on it and hung a signboard on both sides

warning heavy vehicles not to use it. The railing on one side has been damaged and there are several cracks on the lower portion of the bridge.

Another signboard of the Roads and Highways Department, hung at Barandipara Bridge termed the bridge as a damaged one and imposed restriction on plying of heavy vehicles there.

The big hole at the middle part of the bridge was repaired with steel sheets but there are still some small holes.

Restriction on plying of heavy vehicles on the two bridges is hardly followed as there is no alternative route.

"We have sent two separate projects to the ministry concerned to build new bridges -- a Tk 3 crore 60 lakh project for Bablatola Bridge and Tk 3 crore project for Barandipara Bridge. We will erect a Bailey bridge on Barandipara Bridge in a short time," said Emdadul Hossain, executive engineer of Jessore Roads and Highways Department.



PHOTO: STAR

Two bridges at Bablatola and Barandipara across Bhairab River at the entrances to Jessore town remain in awfully dilapidated condition.

200 vulnerable bldgs in Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat still in use

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

Frequent tremors remind the people of Nilphamari and Lalmonirhat that 200 buildings, declared vulnerable and abandoned by Public Works Department (PWD) long ago, are still in use posing serious threat to their lives.

Experts apprehend heavy casualties and loss of property if a major earthquake occurs in the northern region.

Of the 200 buildings, a few were constructed during the British period and they are still housing important government offices and establishments.

There are at least 30 structures on the list of vulnerable buildings prepared by PWD in Nilphamari. The buildings include giant Sayedpur railway workshop, district jail, railway stations of Nilphamari, Sayedpur and Domar, old building of Nilphamari Government Boys High School, Sayedpur Bangla High School, Sayedpur municipality office, Kazi Nazrul Islam Hall and Nil Kuthi now being used as officers mess.

Lalmonirhat having the divisional office of railway department, has more than

300 railway buildings built during the British period. The department declared at least 100 of those abandoned many years ago.

But most of those structures are still being used as offices and godowns and even as residences.

PWD sources in Lalmonirhat informed at least 100 railway buildings in Babu Para, Store Para, Saheb Para and other places have been declared risky.

Sayedpur railway workshop in Nilphamari district, built in 1885, has now become risky but several thousand people, including many high officials, still work there.

The district jail complex in Nilphamari was constructed over 125 years ago and the PWD declared it vulnerable about 12 years ago.

Jailer Golam Rabbani told this correspondent that the jail, which was built with a capacity to accommodate only 94 prisoners, are houses more than 500 inmates.

Station Master of Nilphamari railway station Shafiqul Islam said tenders were floated six years ago for demolition of the station building and construction of a new one.

"But there is sign of progress as yet in this regard," he lamented.

Talking to this correspondent, a PWD assistant engineer in Nilphamari said besides the public buildings, a number of private owned structures in the district are also equally vulnerable to major earthquake.

Two years ago, the newly constructed slaughter-house of Nilphamari municipality collapsed all of a sudden, killing five people.

Kazi Rafiqul Alam, divisional railway manager in Lalmonirhat, said the railway division in Lalmonirhat offi-

cially declared more than 100 buildings, built in British period, abandoned.

But the risky buildings are still in use for lack of accommodation and fund, he added.

The executive engineer of PWD in Lalmonirhat, Khairul Islam, told this correspondent that risky public buildings might rain down on users in case of a major earthquake.

But most of those buildings cannot be demolished right now as there is no alternative arrangements, he said.



PHOTO: STAR

Nilphamari district jail, which was declared vulnerable and abandoned by Public Works Department long ago, still in use posing threat to lives of many inmates.



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Invitation for Tenders

Memo No. BTEB/Store/TPR9/621

Date : 13-12-2009

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education
2	Agency	Bangladesh Technical Education Board
3	Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Technical Education Board
4	Procuring Entity Code	2991
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Goods
7	Invitation Ref No. & Date	No.BTEB/Store/TPR9/621 Date: 13-12-2009

8	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method
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9	Budget and Source of Funds	Own Fund
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10	Tender Package No.	R9
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11	Tender Package Name	Supply of CCTV Camera & Heavy Duty Laser Printer.
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12	Tender Publication Date	13-12-2009
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13	Tender Last Selling Date	13-01-2010 during office hours
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14	Tender Closing Date & Time	Date: 14-01-2010 Time: 2:00 P.M.
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15	Tender Opening Date & Time	Date: 14-01-2010 Time: 3:00 P.M.
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16	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address (given below)
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-Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Bangladesh Technical Education Board, Room No.-411, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
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-Selling Tender Document (Others)	(i) Director General, Directorate of Technical Education, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
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(ii) Senior Assistant Secretary, Section-15, Ministry of Education, Building-6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000	
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Receiving & Opening Tender Document	Bangladesh Technical Education Board, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
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17	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	Tk. 500/-
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18	Brief Description of Goods or Works	
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Package-R9	Lot No.	Description of goods	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)	Location	Completion Time in Weeks/Months
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1	1	Supply of CCTV Camera	20,000/-	Bangladesh Technical Education Board, Dhaka	4 Weeks
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2	2	Supply of Heavy Duty Laser Printer	45,000/-		8 Weeks
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19	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Dr. Md. Abdul Hoque Talukder
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20	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Secretary
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21	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Technical Education Board, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
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22	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel. No. 9115428
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23	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders in parts or in full without showing any reason whatsoever.	
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Dr. Md. Abdul Hoque Talukder

Secretary

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Dhaka-1207

পুনঃ খোলা দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

"বিদ্যুৎ সশস্ত্রী বাতি ব্যবহার করুন"

সূত্র নং-বিউবো(সিএমও)/যন্ত্রপাতিক্রয়/০৯/১৭০(২) তারিখঃ ০১/১২/২০০৯ইং

১। মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ বিদ্যুৎ বিভাগ, বিদ্যুৎ জালানি ও খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়।

২। সংস্থা বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড।

৩। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং ও তারিখ বিউবো(সিএমও)/যন্ত্রপাতিক্রয়/২০০৯/১৭০(২) তারিখঃ ০১/১২/২০০৯ইং।

৪। দরপত্র আদানকারীর নাম প্রধান চিকিৎসা কর্মকর্তার দপ্তর, বিউবো, ওয়াশিংটন ভবন, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা।

৫। কাজের নাম চিকিৎসা যন্ত্রপাতি সরবরাহ।

৬। সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি পুনঃ খোলা দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি।

৭। অর্থের উৎস রাজস্ব খাত।

৮। দাপ্তরিক প্রাক্কলিত মূল্য ৪২,৭২,৩৭৫/-

৯। দরপত্রের মেয়াদ/ কার্যসম্পাদনের সময়সীমা কার্যসম্পাদন ইস্যুর পর হইতে ৬০ (ষাট) দিন।

১০। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় ২৩-১২-২০০৯ইং ১৬:০০ ঘটিকায়।

১১। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময় ২৪-১২-২০০৯ইং ১২:০০ ঘটিকায়।

১২। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় ২৪-১২-২০০৯ইং ১২-৩০ ঘটিকায় দরদাতাগণের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ থাকেন)।

১৩। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের দপ্তর ১। প্রধান চিকিৎসা কর্মকর্তার দপ্তর, বিউবো, ওয়াশিংটন ভবন, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা।

২। বিভাগীয় কমিশনার অফিস, ১ম ১২-তলা সরকারি ভবন (২য় তলা), সেলুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা।

৩। ব্যবস্থাপক, রূপায়ী ব্যাংক, রূপায়ী সদন শাখা, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা।

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১৫। ঠিকাদারের যোগ্যতা বিউবো'র তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/প্রকৃত আমদানিকারক ও সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান।

১৬। দরপত্রের মূল্য (অফারযোগ্য) ২০০০/- (দুই হাজার) টাকা। পে-অর্ডার উপ-পরিচালক (হিসাব), কোয়াক, বিউবো, ঢাকার অনুকূলে প্রদানপূর্বক দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

১৭। জামানত (ফেরতযোগ্য) ১,১০,০০০/- (এক লক্ষ দশ হাজার) টাকা। পে-অর্ডার উপ-পরিচালক (হিসাব), কোয়াক, বিউবো, ঢাকার অনুকূলে প্রদানপূর্বক দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

১৮। কার্য সম্পাদনের জামানত প্রদত্ত দরের ১০% (দশ শতাংশ) পারফরমেন্স গ্যারান্টি হিসাবে Notification of Award পর ইস্যু করার ১৪ দিনের মধ্যে উপ-পরিচালক (হিসাব), কোয়াক, বিউবো, ঢাকার অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাক্ট এর মাধ্যমে জমা দিতে হইবে।

১৯। শর্তাবলী ১। নিম্নবর্ণিতকর্তার কোন কার্য দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকে দরপত্র বাতিল বা গ্রহণ করার পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

২। দরপত্রটি পিপিআর-২০০৮ইং অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হইবে। ৬৫ নং আইনের ৩ ধারার ১ (ক) উপ-ধারা মোতাবেক উক্ত দর দাপ্তরিক প্রাক্কলনের ৫% এর অধিক কম বা অধিক বেশী দর দরপত্রে উদ্ধৃত করিলে উক্ত দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

৩। দরপত্রের সাপেক্ষে আয়কর, ভ্যাট সনদপত্র, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

৪। যন্ত্রপাতি নিজ খরচে স্থাপন ও চালু করিতে হইবে।

৫। দরপত্র গ্রহণের জন্য আয়কর, ভ্যাট সনদপত্র, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স এর সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

৬। ব্যাংক স্বাক্ষরতার সার্টিফিকেট দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

10 officials, staff of fake NGO sued in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Ten officials and staff of a fake NGO at Patkelghata in Tala upazila were sued on Tuesday night on charge of collecting money from innocent villagers on false pretext of supplying relief materials to them.

However, police arrested two of the accused while they were collecting Tk 400 from every villager at Manikhar on December 13.

The arrestees are Karmojibi Mahila Sangstha director Kabilul Islam, 48, son of Mokserul Islam, field officer Abdul Haque, 50, son of Paban Ali of village Balia-Shreemantokati in the same upazila.

The other accused are Ashrafur Islam Mithu, Rejaul Islam, Eman Ali, Saju Ahmed, Rejwan Ali, Asadul Islam, Parvin Akhtar and Rifat Uddin, police said.

Set up by Ashrafur Islam Mithu and Rejaul Islam of village Bharsa about a year ago, they employed 50 staff to collect Tk 150 to 400 from over 1,000 people of villages Bharsa, Achintala, Kumira, Bakshia, Cowgachha, Dhandia, Senegati, Jujkhola, Nagarghata, Jalapur, Khesra, Muragachha, Hariarnagar and adjoining villages.

They also distributed some rice, pulse, oil and other things among them as a ploy to continue their illegal activities, police said.

বিদ্যুৎ/জন-৬৪৮(৪)/১০/১২/০৯
জিডি-৫৬৫১ডাঃ মেজর (অবঃ) এম ফজলুল হক
প্রধান চিকিৎসা কর্মকর্তা (চলতি দায়িত্ব)
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