

More farmers in Rajshahi cultivate onion this year

UNB, Rajshahi

Farmers in three upazilas of the district have brought vast tracts of land under onion cultivation as its cultivation proved to be more profitable than other crops.

Some 15,570 hectares of land have been brought under onion cultivation in the district this year against 14,622 hectares last year.

Farmers are showing interest in onion cultivation as its production cost is lower this season due to low price of its seeds. On the other hand, the market price of the produce is higher than last year's initial rates.

A large number of farmers in

Durgapur, Bagmara and Puthia upazilas have been cultivating various varieties of onion including Taherpuri variety.

After visiting different areas, it was found that the farmers were busy in cultivating onions on their fields.

Onion cultivator Ayub of Ratanpur village in Durgapur upazila said he cultivated onion on two bighas of land last year. "But, I brought four bighas of land under onion cultivation this year as I got high price of my produce last year."

Another cultivator, Sajjad, of Lakkhipur village in the upazila, said the onion production will increase this year if favourable weather prevails and no ferti-

liser and insecticide crisis arises.

He said the farmers are becoming more interested in onion cultivation as they got fair price of their produce in the famous weekly onion market, Taherpur Bazaar.

A huge quantity of onions is marketed at Taherpur Bazaar every year.

Onion traders from all over the country, particularly from Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet, come in barges to the bazaar on the bank of the Baranai River.

They hire 'chung' (space under rooftop of a house), buy and store onions and carry the stock by waterway to their trading centres during the season.

BNP leader held in killing case

UNB, Comilla

Police arrested a local leader of BNP from his residence in Chandina upazila Saturday night in connection with a killing case.

Arrestee Khorshed Alam is president of Comilla District (north) BNP and former chairman of Chandina Upazila Parishad.

His manager Dulal was also held in connection with the case filed by Selina Begum, daughter of Abdul Ali of Baro Ali Char village in Muradnagar upazila.

The arrestees were produced before a court Sunday.

In her case statement, Selina alleged that her brother

Belal Hossain, a scrap trader, went to buy scraps at the house of Khorshed Alam in Chandina upazila headquarters on June 16, 2003.

Khorshed beat Belal to death following altercation over scaling of scraps.

Victim's relatives could not file a case against the BNP leader due to his political influence at that time, said Selina.

Police arrested the two as Selina Saturday filed a case with Chandina police station against five for murdering her brother.

Khorshed Alam, terming the case as concocted, claimed that the case was filed just to harass him politically.

Fire kills girl in Barguna

11 shops gutted in Bhola

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A four-year-old girl died in a fire incident in Barguna while 11 shops and a house were gutted in Bhola on Saturday.

According to UNB, Kakoli, daughter of Dulal Pada of Patakata village in Amtali upazila died in a fire incident at night.

Victim's mother Salma Begum said, the fire originated from kerosene lamp and burnt their dwelling house while she went to another house keep-

ing her daughter asleep.

On information, police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy.

In Bhola, at least 11 shops and a dwelling house were gutted in separate fire incidents in Sadar and Charfashion upazilas on Saturday night.

Locals said the shops were gutted in a devastating fire at Hajirhat in Charfashion upazila at dead of night. They said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a readymade garments shop and soon engulfed the nearby 10 shops.

The affected shop owners claimed that cash and valuables worth Tk 50 lakh were gutted in the blaze.

In another incident, the dwelling house of Yunus Mia of Rajapur union in Sadar upazila was burnt to ashes late at night.

The reason behind the fire could not be known immediately.



A three-wheeler lies ravaged after a head-on collision with a bus near Gobindapur Primary School on Shailakupa-Hatfazilpur road. Three people were killed and three others injured in the accident.

6-year-old girl raped

Man gets life for violating 4-year-old kid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kusthia

A six-year-old girl was violated by a young man at Bhaluka village in Sadar upazila in Chudanga on Saturday noon.

The girl, rescued unconscious in the evening, is now undergoing treatment at Chudanga Sadar Hospital.

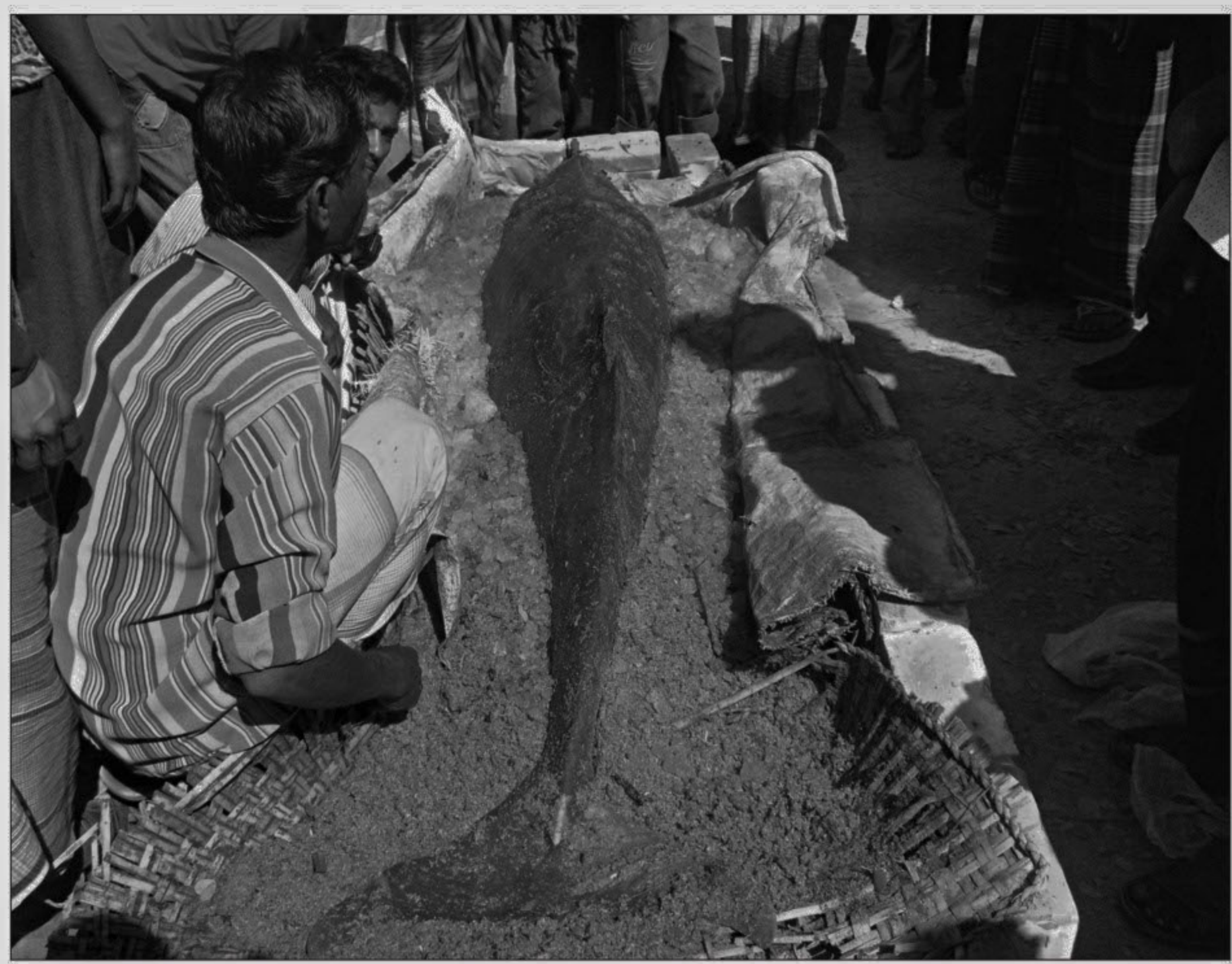
According to locals and family sources, one Mahbul, 22, of the same village called the girl, a student of class I at Shankarpur primary school at about 2:30 pm when she was collecting grass for goats at a field at Bhaluka.

Mahbul gagged the girl with a piece of cloth and took her inside a nearby bush and raped her, they said.

Mahbul then fled away leaving the girl unconscious.

Locals found the girl at about 5:00 pm and took her to Chudanga Sadar Hospital.

Doctors at the hospital said the girl is now out of danger but the officer-in-charge (OC) of Chudanga Sadar police station yesterday said he was unaware about



This Ganges dolphin was found dead at a canal in Shahebar village in Bagerhat Sadar upazila yesterday morning.

Two killed in tiger attacks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Two fishermen were killed by tigers on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon in two areas of Sundarbans in Koira upazila.

The victims are identified as Uzir Morol, 50, son of late Sonai Morol of Hadda village in Koira upazila and Shankar Sana, 35, son of Haripada Sana of Gharilal village under Shyamnagar upazila.

Forest officials said Uzir went to Brahmakhali area to catch fish in the canal at 3:00pm. Suddenly a tiger swooped on him and dragged him into deep forest.

In another incident, Shankar while fishing in Sapkata area on Sunday another tiger attacked and killed him at about 5:00pm.

10 hurt as rival Jubo League men clash

A CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

At least 10 people were injured, four of them seriously, as two rival groups of Jubo League clashed over control of Begumganj bus terminal in Noakhali yesterday.

The seriously injured-- Bablu, 30, Jewel, 28, Swapon, 30, and Jahangir, 32--were admitted to Begumganj Upazila Health Complex.

Police arrested three Jubo League men-- Sumon, Sujon and Khalil--on the spot with firearms.

Police and witnesses said the activists of a Jubo League faction led by Choumuhoni municipal Jubo League General Secretary Jahangir had an altercation with bus worker Shahid who was collecting tolls at the bus terminal for another faction of the party at noon.

At one stage, activists belonging to Jahangir faction beat up Shahid, leaving him seriously injured.

When the news spread, supporters of both factions came to the bus terminal and attacked each other. Ten Jubo League men from both factions were injured in the clash.

Choumuhoni Jubo League leader Jahangir received head injury and is undergoing treatment at Begumganj health complex.

The Jubo League men also damaged seven bus counters, one motorcycle, one truck, a passenger bus and several CNG auto rickshaws during the clash.

Police dispersed the clashing groups and brought the situation under control at around 1:00pm.

Hybrid tomato doubles output in Jhalakathi

UNB, Jhalakathi

Hybrid tomato cultivation is gaining popularity among the farmers of the district due to its high yield.

Agriculture department sources said while per hectare local variety production of tomato is 20 metric tonnes the farmers are getting maximum 40 metric tonnes from the high yielding variety.

Farmers said, they are expecting more production this season due to favourable weather condition.

Rabindra Baroi, a farmer of Shimulia village in Sadar upazila, said he cultivated more hybrid tomato this year due to consecutive success.

"The production of hybrid tomato per hectare is much higher than the local variety

and it is free from diseases," he said.

Local farmers, however, alleged that they are facing serious irrigation problem as the connecting canal that flow over the village has dried up.

Moreover, they cannot use pump for irrigation due to absence of electricity in the village.

Monika Baral, deputy assistant agriculture officer, said earlier the farmers were not interested in cultivating hybrid crops like tomato, bitter gourd etc.

But they have been inspired by the success of Rabindra Baroi and now more farmers are engaged in hybrid tomato cultivation, she added.

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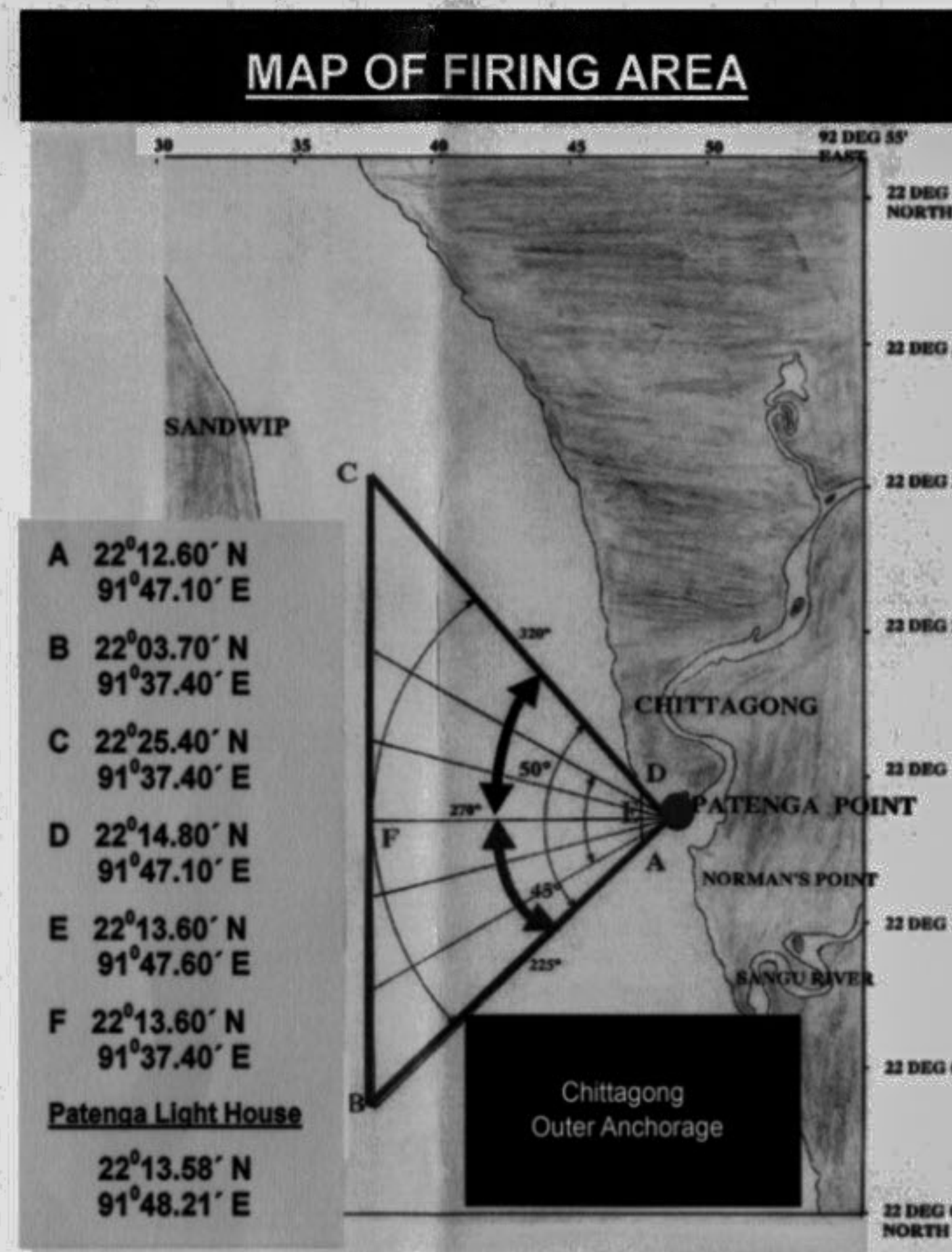
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2. All types of ships, craft and aircraft are hereby warned and requested to refrain from entering, plying or any other activities in the area during the said period. Danger height for the firing area during the period will be 3000 (three thousand) meters.

3. Cooperation of all concerned is solicited in this regard.

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