

ASHUGANJ FERTILISER FACTORY

# Urea getting damaged for lack of proper storage

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A large amount of urea fertiliser stored at Ashuganj Chemical Fertilizer Company Limited (ACFCL) is getting damaged due to lack of adequate facilities for storage and maintenance.

Washed by rainwater, a good amount of the fertiliser is found way to nearby Meghna River.

Of 1,21,744 tonnes of urea stored at ACFCL as of yesterday, 82,740 tonnes in unpacked condition is kept at the 40,000-tonne capacity 'Bulk Station', 24,004 tonnes under the open sky on different corridors and roads of the factory while 15,000 tonnes of packed urea is kept at two godowns, ACFCL office sources said.

Since June last, two walls of the overloaded bulk station collapsed four times under heavy pressure, causing a large amount of urea fall into the adjacent drain and road. Much of it was damaged

by rainwater.

The urea and dealers have alleged that the packed fertiliser stored on different corridors and roads of the factory is gradually losing the quality as it absorbs humidity from the wet soil and air and gets direct heat from the sun.

Besides, the fertiliser bags stored under the open sky are not properly covered with tarpaulin, making them exposed to sudden rain during the monsoon, they said.

Of 1,235 tonnes of urea that is currently produced at the factory daily, 1000 tonnes are packed in the bags while the rest is being kept in the open spaces.

A good amount of it is washed away by rainwater.

During a visit to the factory yesterday, this correspondent saw unpacked fertiliser scattered at different spots of the factory.

Unpacked urea gets damaged every year during the 'dull season' but this

year the damage is enormous due to wall collapse four times, said several labourers of the factory.

About 10,000 tonnes of urea worth about Tk 10 crore have been damaged till now, said a factory staff on condition of anonymity.

When contacted, Md Osman Gani, the managing director of ACFCL, said, "Due to incidents of wall collapse following excessive rain, some fertiliser from the Bulk Station fell down on the road and drain and got wet but its quality did not decrease. If low quality is found in any urea, we instantly send it to the factory to refine them again."

Claiming that the fertiliser bags stored under the open sky were properly covered with tarpaulin, he said, "The storage of urea under the open sky would come down soon as the dealers of the factory have started withdrawing their allocated fertiliser for the coming peak season. They are taking about 1161 to 1688 tonnes of fertiliser daily."



PHOTO: STAR

Lack of accommodation at the godown compels authorities of Ashuganj Chemical Fertiliser Company Ltd to keep huge quantity of urea fertiliser under the open sky, making it vulnerable to damage by rain and sun.



PHOTO: STAR

Air force and navy men recover the wreckage of Bangladesh Air Force's F-7 training aircraft that crashed on the Karnaphuli River in Chittagong on Thursday.

LAUNCH MISHAP

## Two bodies recovered

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Bodies of two launch passengers missing at Mawa were recovered yesterday but the other missing person could not be traced yet.

Louhajang police chief Helal Uddin said, the body of Manik Matbar, 35, surfaced near Shimulia Hrisi Bari of Louhajang yesterday noon. Manik is a son of Shamsu Matbar of Chhabbish Para village under Jajira upazila in Shariatpur district.

Earlier the body of missing Sikandar Dhali, 35 was recovered from near Mawa no 3 ferry ghat and his relatives took the body to their home. Sikandar is a son of late Hashem Dhali of Doni Debolnagar in Palong upazila of Shariatpur district.

Both Manik and Sikandar were traders. They were returning from their workplace in Dhaka to their village homes. They fell from a launch into the Padma River.

Several passengers fell off MV Parveen into the river when it collided with a ferry as soon as it left Mawa Ghat for Shariatpur Thursday night.

One passenger is still missing, police sources said.

## Fratricide

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

A man was killed allegedly by his younger brother over family feud at Kandira village in Kendua municipal area yesterday morning.

The victim was identified as Tajul Islam, 60, of the village.

Police and local people said there was a longstanding enmity between Tajul Islam and his younger brother Abu Zahar, 25, over sharing of landed property.

At about 8:30am an altercation ensued between the two brothers and at one stage Zahar hit Tajul with a sharp weapon, killing him on the spot.

# Sundarbans combing for criminals starts

Only one held in four days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Coastguards west zone have launched 'Operation Sandhan' involving the police and forest guards to nab pirates and poachers and recover illegal arms hidden in the Sundarbans.

So far only one notorious pirate of the Sundarbans was arrested from Mongla EPZ area on Wednesday, day after of the start of the operation in the forest and coastal belts.

The arrestee was identified as Shahidul Islam, 40, alias 'Nata' Shahid, said to be the operation commander of the notorious Raju Bahini of the Sundarbans.

Police said Shahid was wanted in several criminal cases including murder, robbery, extortion and kidnap-

ping for ransom. Operation Sandhan will continue till the desired goal for rooting out pirates and poachers from the Sundarbans and its coastal belts is achieved, said operation-in-charge Lt. Commander Lokman Hakim of coastguards west zone.

Our main goal is to ensure security of wildlife, fishermen and *bawalis* who are sources of huge revenue earnings.

Captain Saiduzzaman, commander of coastguards west zone, is leading Operation Sandhan.

A huge contingent of coastguards is carrying out the operation in the sea belts and the Sundarbans with help of five ships and two high speed boats.

The five ships are CGS Noakhali, CGS Pabna, CGS

Bogra, CGS Tamjid and CGDS Patuakhali.

Another important objective of Operation Sandhan is to recover illegal arms from the Sundarbans, the world's biggest mangrove forest and home to Bengal tigers, said divisional forest officers of both east and west wings of Sundarban Forest Division Mihir Kumar Dey and Zahiruddin Ahmed.

The pirates use sophisticated arms for committing heinous crimes while the forest guards have nothing to match their modern arms, they said.

Development of infrastructure and communications is inevitable for protecting the forest and quick movement of law enforcers and forest guards is a must to contain crimes there, they pointed out.

# Abducted student freed in Kushtia

Businessman still untraced

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Police yesterday rescued a college student after three days of his abduction by outlaws while a businessman of Natore abducted from Daulatpur in the district on Thursday remained untraced.

Police arrested three people including a journalist for their alleged involvement in the abduction of the college student.

According to police, cadres of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-ML) faction Janajuddho abducted college student Rakibul Hasan from Majampur Rail Gate area on Tuesday. The outlaws picked up Rakibul into a microbus when he was returning to his residence in upazila parishad area from the town at about 4:30pm.

Son of Rafiqul Hasan, Rakibul was a honours first year student at Kushtia Government College. The gang demanded Tk. 20 lakh ransom from Rafiqul, a motor parts trader in the town for his son's freedom.

But Rafiqul informed the matter to police.

According to Assistant Police Super (ASP-circle) Kushtia Chokdar Abdul Halim, on a tip-off that the abductors confined Rakibul to a house in

Khalishakundi area in Daulatpur upazila, several police teams from Kushtia and Daulatpur raided the area on Friday night.

At this the abductors freed Rakibul in the morning.

A police team rescued Rakibul from Khalishakundi-Gangni highway at about 7:30: am, ASP Halim said. Police also arrested three people for alleged link with the abduction, headed.

Meanwhile, police are yet to rescue businessman Bakkar Ali who was abducted on Thursday night.

The incident took place at Jamalpur village in Daulatpur upazila and the criminals demanded Tk 3 lakh ransom for his freedom.

According to police, Bakkar Ali Munshi, 35, son of Boyen Munshi of Halsha village in Sadar upazila of Natore came to a relative's house at Jamalpur on Wednesday.

A gang of criminals picked up Bakkar at gun point from a street at the village at about 9:30pm on Thursday.

Later, the gang demanded Tk. 3 lakh from Bakkar's wife in Natore over phone.

Bakkar's wife Roksana rushed to Jamalpur village on Friday evening and filed a GD with Daulatpur police station.

# UDICHI BOMBING CASE

## Fresh warrants for arrest of six

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

A Jessore court on Thursday issued fresh arrest warrants against six people among 23 accused who were earlier acquitted in the case for bomb blast at a function of Udichi Shilpi Goshthi at Munshi Meherullah Maidan in Jessore on March 7, 1999.

The Chief Judicial Magistrate of Jessore Mostafizur Rahman issued the warrants in the renewed case for the bomb blast.

The six people against whom arrest warrants were issued are former ward commissioner late Alamgir Mohiuddin, siblings Ahsan Kabir Hasan and Mizanur Rahman who were killed in a crossfire with Rab, Sohrab, Shariful Islam and Mehedi Hasan of Jessore town.

Earlier 17 other accused in the case took bail from the court.

On June 28, 2006 a Jessore court acquitted all the 23 accused in the case due to lack of evidence.

But following the confession of Islamist militant leader Mufti Hannan, the government filed a petition with the High Court against the lower court's judgment after three

and a half years.

After hearing, the High Court issued notices to the 23 accused. On June 26, the notices came to the Jessore Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court that sent it to the 23 people on August 3. Seventeen of them responded to the notice and took bail.

The court issued arrest warrant against the six other people who had failed to respond to the notice.

There are no documents of death of the three earlier acquitted people in the court's acknowledgment, court sources said, adding that their names will be withdrawn after getting the police report to this effect.

Ten people were killed and over 100 others injured in two bomb explosions at the cultural function of the last day of 12th national conference of Udichi Shilpi Goshthi at Munshi Meherullah Maidan on March 7, 1999.

On December 14, 2000, the Criminal Investigation Department submitted charge sheet to Jessore court accusing 24 people including former minister and BNP leader Tariqul Islam. Later, an Appellate Division bench of the Supreme Court dropped Tariqul Islam's name.

# Well-5 at Kailashtila on test run

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

After a closure for about a year, Well-5 at Location-1 of Kailashtila Gas Field at Golapganj in Sylhet began test gas production yesterday as repair work of the well completed last week.

"Test run of the gas well will continue for two more days. If everything goes well, we will start commercial production from the well in a few days," the DGM of Sylhet Gas Fields Company Limited (SGFL) Zahirul Islam, also the in-charge of Kailashtila Gas Field, told this correspondent yesterday evening.

Private company HLS Ltd and state-run Bapex conducted the remedial work of the well last week under the supervision of the SGFL experts and made it ready for production.

Now the well will produce 15 mmmcf gas everyday for supplying to the national grid, the official said.

Drilled by the state-run Bapex in 2006, the Well-5 started gas production in September 2006.

It ran almost without any major trouble till October last year when water and sand started coming out from the well, compelling the authorities to seal it.

Six gas wells in two locations of Kailashtila Gas Field under SGFL, a concern of Petrobangla, supply about 100 mmmcf gas daily to the national grid. Besides, condensates like petrol, diesel and NGL are being produced as by-products. The SGFL also produces LPG from the NGL, extracted as by-product from Kailashtila wells.



PHOTO: STAR

Police seize a large quantity of spurious turmeric powder and materials used for adulteration from a factory at Heliport in Panchagarh town yesterday.

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**

জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড  
সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা

সবাই মিলে দিব কর দেশ হবে স্বনির্ভর

সঠিক সময়ে কর দিন উন্নয়নে অংশ নি

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জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের উদ্যোগে করদাতা উদ্বুদ্ধকরণ কর্মসূচির অংশ হিসেবে আগামী ২৬ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০১০ তারিখ থেকে ৩০ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০১০ তারিখ ঢাকা ও চট্টগ্রামে আয়কর মেলা-২০১০ আয়োজন করা হচ্ছে। ঢাকা ও চট্টগ্রাম শহরের অধিক্ষেত্রাধীন ব্যক্তি/কোম্পানি পর্যায়ের করদাতাগণ এ মেলায় তাদের আয়কর রিটার্ন জমা প্রদান করতে পারবেন।

আয়কর মেলায় করদাতাদের নিম্নলিখিত সেবা প্রদান করা হবে:

- ▶▶ ঢাকা ও চট্টগ্রাম শহরের অধিক্ষেত্রাধীন করদাতাগণ তাদের ২০১০-২০১১ কর বর্ষের আয়কর রিটার্ন জমা দিতে পারবেন;
- ▶▶ করদাতাগণ মেলায় স্থাপিত সোনালী ও জনতা ব্যাংকের দুটি বুথে তাদের আয়কর জমা দিতে পারবেন;
- ▶▶ মেলায় নতুন করদাতাদের তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে টিআইএন (ট্যাক্সপেয়ার্স আইডেন্টিফিকেশন নাম্বার) সার্টিফিকেট প্রদানের ব্যবস্থা থাকবে;
- ▶▶ করদাতাগণকে রিটার্ন পূরণে সহায়তা করার জন্য মেলায় আয়কর কর্মকর্তা পরিচালিত Help Desk থাকবে;
- ▶▶ মেলায় জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের ওয়েবসাইটে (www.nbr-bd.org) বিদ্যমান Tax Calculator Software ব্যবহার করে করদাতাগণ সহজেই তাদের আয়কর পরিগণনা করতে পারবেন;
- ▶▶ মেলায় মহিলা করদাতা, প্রতিবন্ধী করদাতা ও সিনিয়র সিটিজেনদের জন্য পৃথক কাউন্টার থাকবে;
- ▶▶ মেলায় করদাতাদের আয়কর রিটার্ন ফরম, ফরম পূরণের নির্দেশিকা, আয়কর সম্পর্কে তথ্য-কণিকা প্রভৃতি সরবরাহ করা হবে;
- ▶▶ মেলায় করদাতাদের সুবিধার্থে ফটোকপিয়ার, কম্পিউটার প্রিন্টার, ইন্টারনেট ইত্যাদির ব্যবস্থা থাকবে।

জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের পক্ষ থেকে সম্মানিত করদাতাদের ঢাকা ও চট্টগ্রামে অনুষ্ঠিত আয়কর মেলায় সাদর আমন্ত্রণ জানানো যাচ্ছে। মেলায় আপনার স্বতঃস্ফূর্ত অংশগ্রহণ করদাতা উদ্বুদ্ধকরণে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের এ কার্যক্রমের সফলতা নিশ্চিত করবে।

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