



A wholesaler pile up a large quantity of bean at Muladuli in Pabna district, right, workers putting into sacks the winter vegetable at the country's largest bean market, for transport to other districts.



PHOTO: STAR

Loss feared despite bumper yield

No storage facility for bean in Pabna

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Farmers of the district are optimistic about getting bumper bean production, as the weather remained favourable in the current season.

At least 2,500 hectares of land have been brought under bean cultivation this season and 800 to 1,000 maunds of bean is expected from every hectare, according to a source at the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in the district.

Some 60 to 70 trucks loaded with bean are going to different places across the country including Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet and Narayanganj every day from 'Muladuli bean zone', the largest bean producing area of the northern region.

Farmers are, however, in fear of getting deprived of reasonable prices as abundant supply and lack of storage facilities have led to drastic fall in price.

The largest bean wholesale market has been established at Muladuli in Ishwardi upazila following the large-scale cultivation of bean in this region. Bean farmers from Ishwardi, Atgoria and other upazilas bring their produce to Muladuli from where the vegetable traders from across the country buy beans.

"Some 1,500 to 2,000 maunds of bean is being traded everyday in this market since last two weeks. We collect beans from the farmers. Later we sell to traders in different areas of the country," said Md Sohel, a bean wholesaler at Muladuli market.

Nearly 4,000 farmers have changed their lot by cultivating beans. More people are being engaged in bean cultivation every season.

Vast areas including Atgoriara, Ramnathpur, Potirajpur, Sobaikandi, Muladuli, Abdullahpur, Bagh Asla, Sheikhpura and Marmipara of Ishwardi upazila, and Bameshwarpur, Alampur, Kakmari, Gopalpur and Rampur of Atgoria upazila have been brought under bean cultivation this year, DAE sources said.

Of the total area, about 1,300 hectares of land in Ishwardi and Atgoria upazilas were cultivated using intensive cultivation method, a special method using less insecticide to get bumper output, the DAE source added.

"I have brought 30 bighas of land

under bean cultivation this year as against 25 bighas last year. I am collecting at least 12 to 15 maunds of bean in a weak from one bigha. I expect to get at least 300 maunds from each bigha this year," said Md Habibur Rahman, a bean farmer of Muladuli.

Due to the lack of preservation facilities, however, the farmers here are often deprived of reasonable price. "The bean sold for Tk 850 to 900 a maund. But the rate suddenly fell last week when I had to sell the vegetable at Tk 200 per maund due to its huge supply," Habibur said.

"The DAE has taken a plan to set up a specialised cold storage for vegetables in Muladuli. The project is under process," said DAE Deputy Director Md Zaman Azam.

One killed, 40 hurt as rival villagers clash

STAR NATIONAL DESK

One person was killed and 40 others were injured as rival villagers clashed in Netrakona and Mymensingh districts yesterday.

A middle-aged man was killed and 20 others were injured as villagers clashed at Jainpur village under Khaliajuri upazila in Netrakona yesterday over a piece of disputed land, reports our correspondent.

The dead was identified as Robindra Chandra Das, 55, of the village.

Police and locals said, there was a long-standing dispute between Robindra Chandra Das and Khagendra Chandra Das over the ownership of the land.

Yesterday morning, after an exchange of hot words, Khagendra hit Rabindra with a

lethal weapon. On hearing the news, men of Rabindra attacked the house of Khagendra with sharp and lethal weapons. Khagendra's supporters launched a counter attack killing Rabindra on the spot and injuring 20 others.

In Mymensingh, at least 20 people including a woman were injured in a clash between two rival groups at Raghobpur village in Sadar upazila yesterday, reports our correspondent.

Police said, there dispute was prevailing between the groups of Rafiq Master and Salam Member of Raghobpur village over a murder case filed eight years ago.

Salam Member along with his supporters attacked the men of Rafiq Master with arrows that ensued a clash between the two groups at around 7.30 am, leaving 20 people injured, police said.



Low-income people throng roadside stalls to buy warm clothes for cheap prices at Moghohat railgate in Lalmonirhat town yesterday as chilling winter has set in with all severity in the northern districts.

Cashing in on others' woes

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Warm clothes sellers are doing brisk business in the town and other areas of the district as common people continue to shiver with biting cold.

Sale of winter clothes has increased in the roadside makeshift shops and different markets in the town in the last few days.

Chilly weather is hampering day-to-day jobs of townspeople in different ways while people living in the char areas are the worst victims.

People belonging to low and fixed income groups are crowding the makeshift shops to buy warm clothes such as sweaters, jackets, cardigans, woolen caps and mufflers to protect themselves from the biting cold.

"I have sold a number of second-hand warm clothes today. Demand for used warm clothes is much higher than the new ones," said Rajob Ali, owner of a shop at a makeshift market near the Moghohat railway gate in the town.

He said low and fixed income group people including day-labourers, rickshaw-

pullers and low paid employees of different government and private organisations are crowding his shop.

Mazibor Rahman, a rickshaw puller, who lives in a shanty on the embankment of the Teesta River at Kalmati village said, "We were suffering from severe cold for the last few days. So, I have come to the town to buy some second-hand warm clothes for my family members saving a few bucks from my daily income."

"But the prices of the clothes are much higher compared to the last year's," he added.

Shamsul Haque, who sells second-hand warm clothes including jackets, woolen blazers and pullovers in his shop at the market at Puran Bazar in the town, claimed many well-off people were also buying second-hand products from the market.

"Particularly youths are frequently visiting the market to buy different items as their quality and designs are often better than the new ones", he added.

Yaqub Ali, owner of Janata Garments, a shop at Puran Bazar

also said, buyers, mostly from low-income groups had been flocking to his shop for the last few days.

Ramoni Kanto Barmon, a farm-labourer residing at Roypara in the town said he had bought two woolen sweaters for his children from a vendor on the footpath near the railway station.

"Quality of the clothes is very good. They look fresh and are comfortable to wear," added a beaming Ramoni.

Many shopkeepers at different hawkers markets of the town claimed that demand for different varieties of shawls and woolen blankets are also high this year. Prices of the warm clothes are comparatively higher this year than the last year's, they said.

Journalist murder sparks protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
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Muladi upazila Press Club President Monir Hossen Bari yesterday died following head injuries caused by his cousin Alauddin Bari, a retired police constable, in front of his house in Muladi Bandar area of the district Tuesday evening.

Slain Monir, 31, local correspondent of regional daily Matobad, was also a ward councillor candidate in the upcoming Muladi municipal election scheduled for January 13, 2011.

Alauddin hit Monir on the head with a spade on Tuesday evening when the victim asked him to stop a construction work that obstructed free movement of local people, said Muladi Police Station Officer in Charge Amiruzzaman.

Alauddin was building a wall on a walkway of villagers. When Monir requested him to stop the work, Alauddin and his family members attacked him, said family members of the victim at Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital (SBMCH) morgue yesterday.

Critically injured Monir was rushed to SBMCH from where he was referred to Dhaka on Tuesday night.

On the way to Dhaka, Monir succumbed to his injuries at Aricha ferryghat at about 1:00am yesterday. The body was sent to SBMCH for autopsy.

Monir's elder brother Jasimuddin Khokon lodged a murder case yesterday morning accusing Alauddin, his wife Aleya Begum, sons Motaieb Bari and Sohel Bari and Russell, their associate, said Amiruzzaman Amir, officer in charge of Muladi police station.

All the accused fled the area after the killing, police said.

Demanding arrest of the killers, Barisal journalists held a rally in front of Barisal Press Club and brought out a procession with the body yesterday.

Speakers at the rally said one journalist was killed and 20 others were injured in attacks made by working and retired policemen during last 22 days in Barisal.

Muladi upazila Press Club and local business association have taken a three-day protest and mourning programme in this connection.

BSF injures farmer

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Sathkira

A Bangladeshi fish farmer was injured seriously when Indian Border Security Force (BSF) opened fire at Baikari border in Sadar upazila Tuesday evening.

Injured Ainur Islam, 25 son of Ala Uddin of village Baikari was admitted to a private clinic in Sathkira town in a critical condition, hospital sources said.

Quoting locals BSG said, the BSF men of Joynagar camp in Swarnnagar police station in India opened fire targeting him while he was working at his fish farm near the border.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Tk 28 lakh rubber seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Border Guard of Bangladesh (BGB) Ramgarh unit seized raw rubber worth Tk 28 lakh from Hasnabad and Singaria areas under Fatikhchhari upazila in Chittagong on Tuesday evening. Police said, acting on a tip off, a Ramgarh BGB team led by Lt. Colonel Abdul Gaffar raided Hasnabad and Singaria in the evening and seized 318 sacks of raw rubber stolen from BFIDC rubber forest. "An organised gang is involved in stealing rubber from the government-run BFIDC rubber gardens in Ramgarh of Khagrachhari district and Fatikhchhari of Chittagong district," said Lt. Colonel Gaffar.



A housewife cooks using an earthen stove at Gangadharpatti in Manikganj yesterday as gas supply is too scanty to do the job.

Int'l confce at Kuet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A two-day international conference on mechanical, industrial and energy engineering will begin here today at the auditorium of Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet). Organised by the mechanical department of Kuet, over a hundred eminent research scholars and engineers from 10 countries of the world are expected to participate in the conference. They will present 114 technical papers and exchange views among themselves and also with research scholars and engineers of Bangladesh on matters relating to advancement of modern science and technology. Former vice chancellor of Kuet and an eminent engineer professor Dr MH Khan will inaugurate the two-day conference where the incumbent vice chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Alamgir will remain present as special guest.

One held with arms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and Gobindaganj police in a joint drive arrested a notorious criminal from village Satgachi under Gobindaganj upazila and recovered a pistol early Tuesday. Police said, on a tip off, a contingent of Rab and Gobindaganj police arrested Tarajul, son of Hafizur Rahman from the village. As per the confession of arrestee, the team made another drive and recovered an Italy made 9mm pistol digging earth adjacent to his home. The team also seized a motorbike from the house. Police said there were several cases against criminal Tarajul. He is an absconding accused and wanted by police.

Protesters damage buses

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Agitated locals vandalised at least eight buses on Tuesday while protesting the death of a cultural activist accident on Dhaka-Khulna highway under Kashiani upazila on Monday. The deceased was identified as Haidar Hossain, 24, son of Mohsin Ali and also the office secretary of Udichi of Kashiani upazila. Sources said, on Monday afternoon, a passenger bus ran over Haidar while he was going to the city on his motorbike. The agitated locals attacked the buses on their way to attend the namaj-e-janaja at the MMA Khaleq Degree College.

Debate festival at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

Group of Liberal Debaters (GOLD), a debating organisation at Rajshahi University (RU) will organise a three-day debate festival on the campus from December 28. With the slogan of "Tarun Budget Hok Agamir Ongkar", the festival will be held at the university Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium in association with Gonatantrik Budget Andolon. The organisers said that the three-day festival includes inter-university debate championship-2010, career planning seminar, film show, debaters reunion and cultural programme.

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