

Sunned rice discourages buyers at OMS outlets

Prisoners, ansar members also raise objection

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Open market sale (OMS) of rice meant for the low-income people has apparently failed to attract the target group here as sunned rice, not generally liked by locals, has been supplied to OMS dealers in the district. Not habituated to eating sunned rice, inmates of Patuakhali Jail and Ansar members in the district town have already raised objection to its supply as their food.

are not habituated. We have to cook this rice three times daily as it gets rotten in a few hours. In case of boiled rice, cooking once a day is enough," Food control department is selling nine tonnes of rice under OMS programme in different places in the district town, said Mahbubur Rahman, district controller of food. Urging not to supply sunned rice for the inmates of Patuakhali jail, authorities sent a letter to the food offi-

cial on February 28. "Prisoners are not used to taking sunned rice. Many of them have already warned the jail authorities not to supply sunned rice. The matter may lead to dissatisfaction among the inmates. There are over 400 prisoners and 80 jail policemen here," goes the letter signed by Patuakhali jail superintendent. The Ansar Battalion office in Patuakhali also sent letter to the food department on the same issue. A letter

signed by its company commander Abdul Maleq Biswas on March 2 requested supplying boiled rice as Ansar members objected to taking sunned rice. When contacted, Mahbubur Rahman, district controller of food, said, "We informed our higher authority of the matter, quoting letters from Patuakhali Jail and Ansar Battalion. In this regard, we sent a letter narrating local situation on March 2."



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Only a few people come to buy cheaper rice at OMS (open market sale) shops in Patuakhali town as locals are not habituated to eating sunned rice that is being supplied for the programme meant for low-income people.

SUNDARBANS Second incident of fire in 3 days

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Fire broke out again in Nangli Camp area of the Sundarbans Wednesday afternoon. This is the second incident of fire in the mangrove forest within a span of three days. On Tuesday, a fire broke out in the compartment No-25 at Napitkhali under Chandpai Range. The blaze could not be tamed as of 6:00pm yesterday despite hectic efforts by firemen and forest keepers.

Md Khalilur Rahman, the probe committee has been asked to submit its report within seven days. Both Conservator of Forests Akbar Hossain and Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) of the east wing of Sundarban Forest Division Mihir Kumar Dey smell sabotage in such incidents of fire taking place in the forest one after another. "We will have to unveil the mystery behind the fire incidents at any cost to protect resources of the forest and stop its recurrence," DFO Mihir Kumar said.

'They threatened me to burn with acid, and they did it'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Victim of acid attack by divorced husband and his two accomplices, a young woman is groaning in pain at the surgery ward of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH). On Wednesday evening, Shamim Reza, ex-husband of Shirin Akhtar, 20, daughter of Hasen Ali of Gopalpara village in Bagmara, along with Shamsur Rahman and Masum of Puthia upazila entered Shirin's father's house and threw acid on her, causing serious burn injuries on her face and other parts of body.

others with a bottle of acid and two syringes entered our house and poured it on Shirin when she was cooking at the kitchen-shed at around 7:00pm," said her brother Helal Uddin at the hospital. "My face, eyes started burning as they threw something on me. I thought I was dying," said Shirin. While studying intermediate at Bhawaniganj College, Shirin developed relation with Shamim of Durgapur upazila and married him without consent of her family members in November 2009, said her family members. Three months later when her parents accepted the marriage, Shamim and his family members began to create pressure on her for a piece of land and Tk 2 lakh as dowry, they said, adding that her in-laws would torture her often and one day in May or June in 2010, they beat her up and drove her out from their house in Durgapur.

He said Tuesday fire at Napitkhali under Chandpai Range originated from cigarette butts of the tree fellers. Shajahan Howladar, a fisherman of Dakkhin Rajapur village adjacent to the forest, saw the fire at around 5:00pm on Tuesday. He and rushed to Dhanshagar station to inform the station Officer Abdul Khaleque about the fire incident.

Locals caught Shamim Reza, 25, of Durgapur, and his accomplice Shamsur Rahman, 25, of Puthia upazila, and handed them over to police while another accomplice Masum, 26, of Puthia upazila managed to flee, said Harunur Rashid, officer-in-charge of Bagmara police station. "Shamim and the two

She went to her father's house in Bagmara and started living there. In November 2010, Shirin divorced Shamim but he and his family members started making cell phone calls, threatening her to burn with acid, even kill if she does not return to his house, she said. Her elder brother Nurul Islam filed a case with Bagmara police station accusing the three acid attackers. "Now our main concern is to ensure best treatment for my sister and punishment of the attackers," he said.

AL leader beats up RCC engr

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The superintendent engineer (SE) of Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) was assaulted allegedly by a local Awami League (AL) leader and his aide on Wednesday for refusing to sign a bill.

Victim Ashraf Haque alleged that Rajpara unit AL president Hafizur Rahman Babu and his aide Golam Akbar Khokon beat him up entering into his office at Nagar Bhaban at around 5:00pm.

The AL men got angry as he and his subordinate engineers refused to entertain their request for signing a bill for a construction work before completing the project, sources said.

Babu, also a contractor, was given the work for constructing a 2000-foot drain and doing some repairs in the city's Chandipur area at a cost of Tk 12 lakh last year.

On Wednesday, he along with an aide stormed into the office room of the SE and attacked him. Later some councilors and other officials rushed to the scene and rescued Ashraf.

Contacted, Hafizur Rahman Babu, however, denied assaulting the SE and said he had an exchange of hot words with Ashraf.

He also claimed that he had completed the work last year.

Talking to The Daily Star, Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton said he already directed the city unit AL leaders to take action against the responsible persons.



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The same solidified, discoloured and sand mixed urea fertiliser, earlier contained in damaged yellow and red bags when they were unloaded in Chittagong and Mongla ports upon its import from China, is being repacked in attractive white plastic bags on the premises of Gaibandha buffer stock godown in a bid to make the damaged fertiliser 'acceptable' to farmers.

Gaibandha dealers stop taking low-quality urea

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Fertiliser dealers at a meeting here on Wednesday decided not to take urea for the month of March, as the buffer stock authorities still continued to supply 'solidified, discoloured and sand contaminated fertiliser for sale among the farmers.

Contacted, Gaibandha district fertiliser traders' association president Kazi Hamidul Haq said most urea fertiliser imported from China are found in damaged sacks at Chittagong and Mongla ports. The transport agencies supply those to buffer stock and a large quantity of fertiliser fall from sacks during loading and unloading.

As the farmers refused to take those low quality fertiliser, we are facing a great difficulty in taking the quota for the month of March fearing possibility of remaining unsold, he added. Anyway, we are repacking the fertiliser of the damaged bags in white plastic bags, as the farmers refuse to take yellow or red bags other than the white one, said Haider Ali, in-charge of the buffer stock.

Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) has allocated 9,600 metric tons of urea in Gaibandha for the month of March, but the dealers are yet to lift the quota because of damaged sacks and discoloured fertiliser. Despite all, such bags are still coming from the ports, he said.

About one lakh 18 thou-

sand 985 hectares of land will be brought under boro cultivation in Gaibandha this season. Over 90 percent of the targeted areas have already been brought under cultivation, sources said. Earlier, the buffer stock authorities supplied 7,900 metric tons of urea for distribution through 102 dealers in Gaibandha district. Of those, over 3,000 tonnes were imported from China in December and most of the bags were damaged, they said.

Although the district administration stopped selling those fertiliser in the first week of February, but the buffer stock officials are still supplying the fertiliser to the dealers, said Mahbub Alam Ripon, secretary of district fertiliser traders association.

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