

Contract potato growers protest breach of accord

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Over a hundred 'contract growers' of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts blocked Debiganj-Nilphamari road at Debiganj upazila headquarters for two hours on Thursday as food processing company Bombay Agro Limited has declined to buy potato from them as per previous agreement.

At around 4:00pm, the potato farmers besieged the office of Bombay Agro Limited and scattered over

one hundred maunds of potato on Debiganj-Nilphamari highway, keeping the road blocked for two hours.

Following an agreement signed with Bombay Agro Limited authority, the potato farmers cultivated Carage, Lady Roseta and Estarix varieties of potato, taking the seeds for high prices from the company, the speakers said at a rally in front of the company office.

As per agreement, the company is to buy potato from their 'contract growers' at Tk 13 per kg but now the

former is declining to comply with the agreement upon lame excuses as the present market price of potato in the harvesting period is lower than the contract rate, they said.

If the company does not buy the potato as per agreement, the contract growers of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts will count huge losses.

In that case, they will not be able to repay the loan that they took from Mercantile Bank Ltd to bear the cultivation cost including high prices of the seeds from the

company, the speakers said.

They warned of launching a tougher movement if the company does not take positive decision in this regard within a day or two.

Contact growers Shafiqul Islam, Shamsul Alam and Mosharaf Hossain and Workers Party leader Abdul Haque addressed the rally.

Later the growers placed a memorandum to the managing director of Bombay Agro Limited through its local office.

Admitting deviation from the agreement, Tarazul Islam, manager of Bombay Agro Limited, told this correspondent, "We have received 300 tonnes of potato from the contract growers. Now we want to buy potato from them at Tk 8 per kg. The growers are bringing potatoes with bellow 18 per cent dry content that is not up to the mark for preparing our food items. So our authority has reduced the buying price."

At least 155 growers of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts signed agreement with the company to cultivate their suggested potato varieties on 327 acres of land.

When contacted, upazila Chairman Abdul Malek Chisti said, "I suggested Bombay Agro Limited authority to resolve the matter through discussion with the growers."

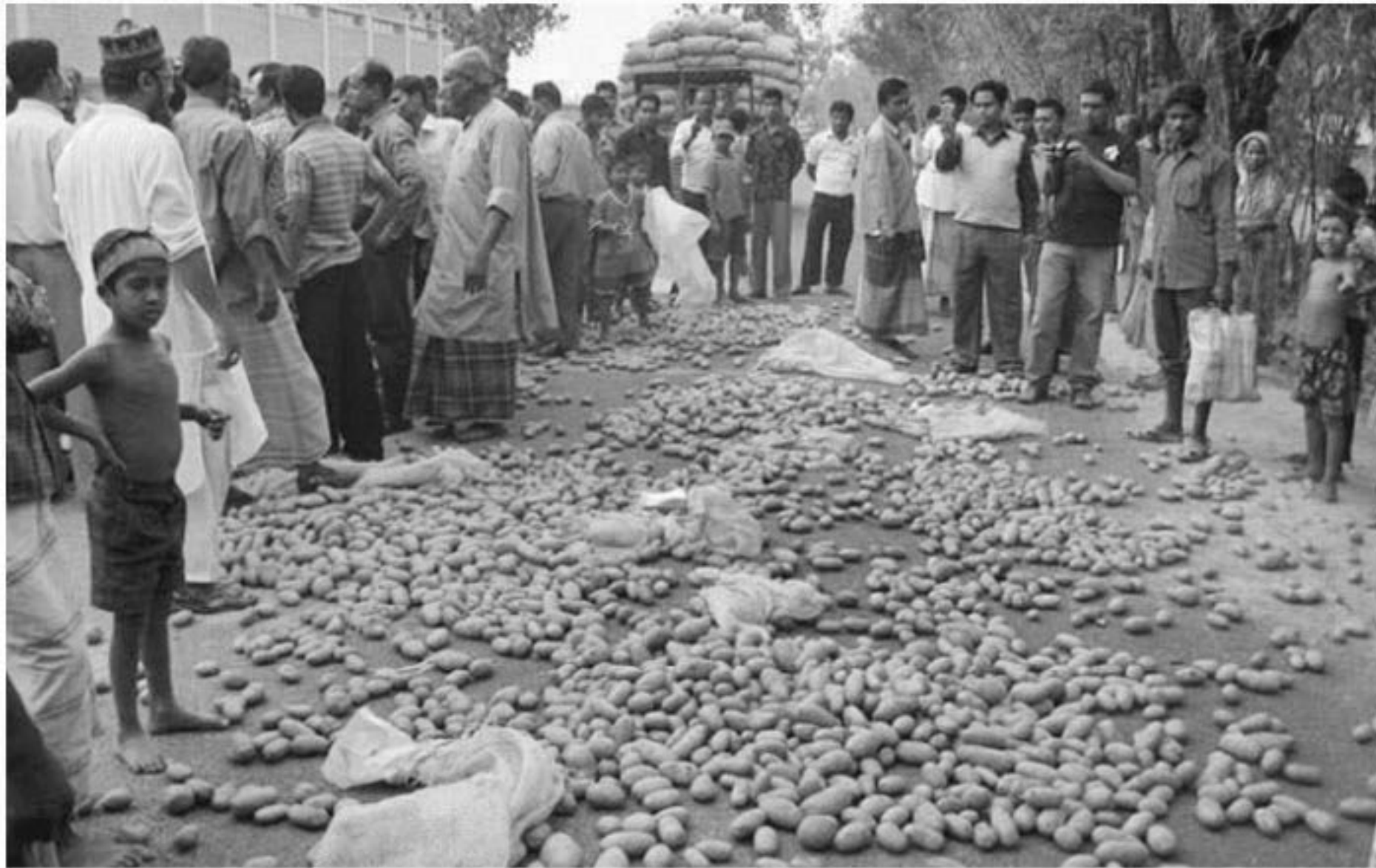


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Contract potato growers block Debiganj-Nilphamari road in Debiganj upazila of Panchagarh district on Thursday protesting 'breach of agreement' by Bombay Agro Ltd that had coaxed them into taking seeds for 'high prices' upon written contract to buy their produce at Tk 13 a kg.

Hired goons of 'land grabbers' vandalise temple

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Hired goons of alleged land grabbers on Wednesday night vandalised a temple at a village in Birganj upazila.

The attackers also damaged the idol inside the temple, triggering protest among the Hindu community in the area.

The 'Kali' temple is situ-

ated on a government khas land at Neejpara village where several hundred fishermen have been living for years.

Sources said, so-called Darbar Green Vision Ltd of Bangladesh organised a 7-day long fair on the cremation ground near the temple marking the independence day.

Protesting the fair, the villagers on Tuesday brought out a procession at Birganj town and submitted a memorandum to UNO Md Hasan Maroof to change the fair venue.

Villagers alleged that the land grabbers were actually trying to capture the khas land in the name of a 'ghost' organisation.

They said that the temple was vandalised just a day after the protest.

Md Mostafiu Rahman, acting SP of Dinajpur and UNO Md Hasan Maroof visited the area Thursday and stepped up security measures to avert any clash.

Sadananda, president of Dakkhin Neejpara Shosan and Mandir Committee filed a case with Birganj police station and alleged that 'Darbar Green Vision Ltd of Bangladesh' is an organisation totally unknown to the people of the area.

This correspondent also could not contact any member of the fair organisers.



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The boundary wall of Lalmonirhat Government Girls' High School gets adorned with an impressive 300-foot-long wall-paper containing themes on the Liberation War marking the Independence and National Day yesterday.

47 hurt as AL factions clash at Cox's Bazar

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

At least 47 people were injured as two faction of Awami League Cox's Bazar municipality unit clashed after laying wreaths at Central Shaheed Minar in the town on the occasion of the Independence Day after midnight on Friday.

The feuding groups opened fire and hurled brickbats at each other during the clash.

Police arrested Chhatra League leader Ishtiaque Ahmed Joy and AL leader Zahirul Islam Kajal on charges of opening fire during the clash. Six rounds of gun shots were fired during the clash, police said.

A case was filed with Cox's Bazar Sadar Model Police Station against 28 AL

and BCL men, including the two arrestees, under Speedy Trial Act yesterday afternoon.

The two groupsone led by AL municipality unit President Mujibur Rahman and the other by Ashok Barua--damaged a restaurant, five microbuses and several auto-rickshaws on the main road of the town during clash.

Police dispersed the clashing groups and brought the situation under control at around 2:00am.

Leaders of the two groups blamed each other for the incident.

Mohammad Shahjahan, officer-in-charge (OC) of Cox's Bazar Sadar Model Police Station, said the clash was a sequel to a conflict that surfaced in the AL unit over Cox's Bazar municipal election in January this year.

Four cyclone shelters open in Bagerhat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SCD) recently handed over four multipurpose community based cyclone shelters to the local communities for use in Morelganj upazila of Bagerhat district.

Ambassador of Switzerland to Bangladesh Dr Urs Herren, officially handed over the cyclone shelters at Morelganj on March 14 and 15.

After the cyclonic storm 'Sidr' hit the coastal areas of Bangladesh in 2007, inflicting severe damages to the lives and livelihood of the people, the SCD launched a community based Disaster Risk Reduction Programme which was further reinforced following the devastation caused by

cyclone 'Aila' in 2009.

As part of the programme, SCD started constructing 12 cyclone shelters on the lands, donated by the people of the upazila, under a budget of \$3.4 million.

Four of them were inaugurated on March 14-15.

Solar panels, rain-water reservation and generator systems have been installed at the shelters to ensure independent functioning during any crisis while the first floor of each shelter is reserved for livestock to protect them in times of disaster.

During the regular period, the cyclone shelters will be used as community assets to hold social events such as weddings and meetings and to generate further income by using the shelters as market place to cover maintenance cost.

Cocktails found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Police recovered 15 cocktails from a garden at Aynabaj village in Baniachang upazila yesterday. Acting on a tip-off, police went to the spot and found the cocktails in two bags. We informed bombs experts of Rab to make those, SIMoloy Saha told.

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Invitation for Re-Tenders

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives.
2.	Agency	Local Government Division.
3.	Procuring entity name	Project Director-UPEHSDP, UPEHU, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka.
4.	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
6.	Invitation for	Procurement of computers and others for UPEHU under packages No. GD-80.
7.	Invitation Ref. No.	
8.	Issued date	
9.	Procurement method	National competitive tender.
10.	Budget and source of funds	Loan (ADB Loan No. 2555 BAN (SF) and GOB in SDR towards the cost of Urban Public and Environmental Health Sector Development Project. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for procurement of computers and others for the project.
11.	Development partners (if applicable)	(if ADB.
12.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	(if ADB Loan No. 2555 BAN (SF).
13.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Urban Public and Environmental Health Sector Development Project.
14.	Package No.	GD-80
15.	Package name	Procurement of computers and others for UPEHU.
16.	Publication date	23 March 2011.
17.	Last selling date	07 April 2011.
18.	Closing date and time	11 April 2011 12.30pm (Local Time).
19.	Opening date and time	11 April 2011 12.30pm (Local Time).
20.	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
	-Selling tender document	Office of the Project Director, Urban Public and Environmental Health Sector Development Project, Room # 1317, 13 th Floor, Nagar Bhaban, 5, Phoenix Road, Dhaka-1000.
	-Receiving tender document	Office of the Project Director, Urban Public and Environmental Health Sector Development Project, Room # 1317, 13 th Floor, Nagar Bhaban, 5, Phoenix Road, Dhaka-1000.
	-Opening tender document	Office of the Project Director, Urban Public and Environmental Health Sector Development Project, Room # 1317, 13 th Floor, Nagar Bhaban, 5, Phoenix Road, Dhaka-1000.
21.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	28 March 2011.
22.	Eligibility of tenderer	Manufacturer/authorized dealer/authorized agent from ADB member countries.
23.	Brief description of goods	As schedule of requirement.
24.	Brief description of related services	As schedule of requirement.
25.	Price of tender document	Tk. 1200/- (one thousand two hundred) can make the payment of non-refundable fee for tender documents to the STD AC # 0001031000687, Janata Bank, Nagar Bhaban Corporate Branch, 5, Phoenix Road, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.

Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time
26	GD-80 Computers and others for UPEHU	Office of the Project Director, UPEHU, UPEHSDP, Nagar Bhaban, under Local Government Division of the Ministry of LGRD & Cooperatives.	2% (two percent) of the quoted price	Six (6) weeks from date of contract signature

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INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

EDCL invites International Tender for Supply of Pharmaceutical Raw and Packing Material on C&F@Dhaka by Air & Chittagong by Sea/ Benapole by Road basis :-

S.L. No.	Tender No. Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening
01.	IMP/R&PM/SEM/40/2010-2011 dated 24/03/2011	Pharmaceutical Raw & Packing Materials : (01) Banana Flavour Ph. Gr. (02) Essence of Orange Sweet Ph. Gr. (03) Orange Flavour Powder ph. Gr. (04) Pepermint Oil Ph. Gr. (05) Colour FDC Yellow # 10 (06) Alu. Alu. Blister Bottom Foil (07) Polythylene Glycol-300 (08) Tetracycline HCL BP'10	Tk. 1800/set Equivalent to US\$ 26.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 10/04/2011 at 11.00 AM Opening : 10/04/2011 at 11.15 AM
02.	IMP/RM/SEM/41/2010-2011 dated 24/03/2011	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials : (01) Avicel PH 102 BP'10 (02) Sodium Starch Glycolate (Primojel) BP' 10 (03) Aspartame Bp' 10 (04) Carboxy Methyl Cellulose Sodium USNF/USP (05) Cetyl Alcohol BP'10 (06) Zinc Sulphate Monohydrate BP'10 (07) Frusemide BP/USP (08) Betacarotin BP'10 (09) Lactic Acid BP'10 (10) Thiamine Hydrochloride BP'10	Tk. 1500/set Equivalent to US\$ 22.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 12/04/2011 at 11.00 AM Opening : 12/04/2011 at 11.15 AM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays) No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

N.B: This Information is also available at our Website : www.edcl.gov.bd

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One killed over land dispute

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A man was stabbed to death over land dispute at Muradpur village in Baniachang upazila of Habiganj district yesterday. The dead is Dewan Khan, 55. Police arrested 13 for their

alleged involvement in the killing.

Contacted, Baniachang police said the deceased had a long standing dispute over a plot of land near Muradpur Bazar with Jhangu Miah and his brothers of the same village.

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