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Mangoes date with chemical

Artificial ripening goes unabated

RAKIB AHAMMED and ANWAR ALI

Nothing, not even the provision for capital punishment, can deter them.

The High Court on May 26 ordered prosecution of persons using harmful chemicals to ripen fruits, under the Special Powers Act, 1974 that provides for death as the maximum punishment.

Also, mobile courts are conducting drives in the capital as well as other cities to check the menace.

But still, a large number of orchard owners and traders across the country continue ripening mangoes with substance dangerous to public health.

During a visit to two big mango wholesale markets and orchards in Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj last week, it was found that many producers and traders use calcium

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A trader in a mango wholesale market at Baneshar in Rajshahi scatter mangoes on the floor of a store to dry them off under a fan. The mangoes have been sprayed with ethephon, a chemical widely used for ripening fruits. Scientists say use of appropriate amount of ethephon in mangoes is permissible.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



30,000 toxic bananas destroyed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A mobile court yesterday destroyed around 30,000 toxic bananas and fined a trader Tk 5,000 for ripening the fruit artificially at a wholesale store in Radhanagar village of Pabna Sadar upazila.

The court led by Pabna Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Salma Khatun raided the wholesale shop of Md Anwar Hossain and seized the fruit worth Tk 50,000. Later the fruit was

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GOVT'S TALKS OFFER BNP announces its stance tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP last night reviewed its stance on the caretaker government system, and the latest political situation against the backdrop of repeated calls from the ruling Awami League

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MPs to decide on polls

Hasina claims of a 'political deal' for 3 polls under caretaker system

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said only the elected representatives of the people will decide under what mechanism and whose authority the next parliamentary election will be held.

"We, the people's representatives, will do what we need to do for continuation of democracy. That's why I request the oppo-

sition party to place its formula in parliament," Hasina said yesterday.

She made the remark at a meeting with the executive committee of Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) led by its president Mostaq Hossain at the Prime Minister's Office.

Drawing the attention of opposition leader Khaleda Zia, the prime minister

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No deal reached then

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina took politicians by surprise yesterday by claiming that political parties had agreed upon holding of three parliamentary elections under the caretaker government system.

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RAB-DRUG PEDDLERS GUNFIGHT Schoolboy killed by stray bullet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A schoolboy was killed when a stray bullet from a gunfight between Rapid Action Battalion and drug peddlers hit him at Boubazar of Fatullah in Narayanganj last night, police said.

His brother Sohag and a friend Badal also suffered bullet injuries.

Deceased Shuvo was a class-X student of Pagla High

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SC for saving Bhola forest

Stays road project in Char Kukrimukri

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday prohibited felling of trees at a mangrove forest in Char Kukrimukri of Bhola for the construction of a road as it stayed the project for four weeks

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