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A blooming mustard field at Dakkhin Bathina village in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila. Framers and agriculture officials in the district are expecting a bumper production of the winter crop this year.

Thakurgaon farmers eye bumper mustard yield

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

Farmers and agricultural officials in the district are expecting a bumper production of mustard in the current season.

Encouraged by good yield of the winter crop and its fair price during the last several years, farmers in five upazilas of the northern district are cultivating the winter crop on larger areas of land.

Easy cultivation process and lower production cost compared to other Rabi crops is also a reason behind popularity of mustard cultivation among the farmers in the area, said officials and farmers.

The farmers in Thakurgaon district have cultivated mustard on 9,180 hectares of land against the DAE's target of 7,760 hectares of land with the production target of 9,312 tonnes, officials said.

Of the mustard fields -- 2,200 hectares are in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila, 1,700 hectares in Pirganj

upazila, 1,350 hectares in Baliadangi upazila, 2,830 hectares in Ranishankoil upazila and 1,100 hectares in Haripur upazila.

Most of the lands are covered with varieties developed by Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute (BARI), including BARI Sharisha-9, Tori-7 and Sampad, said Belayet Hossain, deputy director of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), Thakurgaon office.

A few local varieties have also been cultivated, he said.

Depending on soil condition, the cultivation of mustard requires only one or two times irrigation while about Tk 3000 is needed to cultivate the crop on a bigha (0.3306 acre) of land.

On an average seven maunds (one maund = 37.32 kg) of mustard is produced on a bigha of land, Belayet Hossain said.

Although the recent dense fog and severe cold weather posed threat of

production fall due to 'alternaria spot' disease on leaves and pods of mustard plants, the farmers successfully overcame the situation following directives of DAE officials, he said, adding that mustard crops in the district have mostly passed the pod formation stage and it sees excellent growth everywhere.

Last October to mid-November is better time for mustard cultivation and it needs 65-80 days for harvesting, officials said.

The DAE authorities are trying to persuade the farmers to cultivate high yielding varieties of mustard invented by BARI between the gaps of aman and boro to earn profit.

During this correspondent's recent visit to different areas of Sadar and Baliadangi upazila, farmers said they are hopeful to get bumper production of mustard and harvest will begin in third or fourth week of this month.

"I cultivated mustard

on a bigha of land last year spending Tk 2800 only and got six maunds of mustard. I sold each maund of mustard for Tk 1700 in the local market and made profit Tk 7400. I have cultivated mustard on two bighas of land in the current season," said Amzad Hossain, a farmer of Dakkhin Bathina village under Thakurgaon Sadar upazila.

Hobibor Rahman of Amgaon village under Baliadangi upazila said he has cultivated mustard BARI-11 on three bighas of land and expecting bumper production as the pods of plants are developing well.

"Cultivation of mustard is easier and less costly compared to other crops and we get good profit from it. I cultivated mustard on my three bighas of land this season and am expecting to get 6/7 maunds of produce from each bigha," said Biran Barman of Farabari village under Sadar upazila.

BCL activist hacked to death in Pabna

Party men blame Jubo League, burn five houses

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Criminals hacked to death a student of Pabna Textile Engineering College, also an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) in Ishwardi upazila of Pabna, yesterday allegedly as a sequel to internal conflict in the ruling party.

Criminals beat up and hacked Mostafa Kamal Shanto, 20, son of Abul Kalam Azad of Mushriapara village, at Madrasa More on Ishwardi Hospital Road when he was going to the college at about 10:00am, Ishwardi police station officer in charge Kazi Hanifur Islam quoted the locals and family members as saying.

"Critically injured Shanto was taken to Ishwardi upazila health complex where he died. Police sent the victim's body to Pabna Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy, he said.

It seems Shanto was killed over internal conflict among the ruling party factions, he added.

"My son went out from home at about 9:30am, saying that he will go to Pabna Textile Engineering College for appearing at an examination but later we learnt that criminals killed him on Hospital Road," said Rebeka Sultana Rina, mother of

the victim.

Ishwardi upazila unit BCL President Md Jobayer Bishwas said the criminals who are in the guise of political activists killed Shanto, an activist of Ishwardi upazila unit of BCL.

Agitated BCL activists brought out a procession in the upazila headquarters demanding punish-

ment to the killers.

They set fire to the houses of Ruhul Amin Kuddus, publicity secretary of Ishwardi municipality unit of Jubo League and its activists Sohel, Rubel, Wasin and Al Amin in Ishwardi municipality area.

Fire fighters later controlled the fire after struggling for two hours.

"Some Jubo League men tried to influence the BCL committee. Shanto, a supporter of Jobayer in the BCL committee, protested the interference. Angered by this, the criminals committed the brutal murder," said Ishwardi upazila BCL activist Shaon, also a close friend of the victim.



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Aggrieved activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) in Ishwardi upazila under Pabna district vandalise and set fire to a few houses including this one, blaming local Jubo League men for the brutal murder of BCL activist Mostafa Kamal Shanto, also a student of Pabna Textile Engineering College, yesterday.

NSTU student drowns

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A student of Noakhali Science and Technology University (NSTU) drowned in Turag River in Ashulia on the outskirts of the capital on Friday evening.

Tanvir Md Siddique of Laxmipur, was a sixth batch student at computer science and telecommunications department, said Abhijit Chakraborty, head of the department.

Tanvir went to Ashulia with some of his friends on Friday morning and drowned in a river in the area while he was swimming at around 3:00pm, said Arif, one of his friends.

In the evening, locals found Tanvir's body floating on the river and recovered it. The body was taken to NSTU campus yesterday and then buried at his family graveyard.

300 textbooks seized, 2 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Police yesterday seized 300 textbooks from a waste paper shop at Jaygirhat in Mithapukur upazila and arrested two people.

The arrestees are Mahbubar Rahman, 40, son of late Abdus Saki of Alipur village, and Shahab Uddin, 38, son of late Abdul Jalil of Abdullahpur village in the upazila, police said.

The two brought the textbooks meant for students of classes V-X from Jadabpur Dhakhil Madrasa. On information, police rushed there, seized the books and arrested the two, Mithapukur Police Station officer in-Charge Arman Hossain said.

The arrestees confessed to police that the madrasa superintendent sold the books with the help of a peon, the OC added.

The madrasa superintendent could not be contacted despite several attempts. A case was filed Mithapukur Police Station under Special Powers Act.



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Rume A Hossain, director and chairman of Board Audit Committee of Bank Asia, poses with recipients of Bank Asia Higher Studies Scholarship-2011 at a simple ceremony held at Chatkhil upazila auditorium yesterday. The bank distributed the scholarships to 30 meritorious students of Chatkhil upazila in Noakhali district and Ramganj upazila in Laxmipur district.

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