



Goods-laden trucks are parked on both sides of Mokhlesur Rahman Road in front of the Agrani Bank main branch in Magura town every day, causing serious traffic chaos in the area during office hours. This photo was taken a few days ago.

## Farmers incur loss as Indian bean yields poor output

### Untimely sowing, early sprout, pest attack cause the setback

UNB, Pabna

Cultivation of 'Rupvan', an early variety Indian bean, has appeared as an unprofitable venture for over 10,000 farmers in eight upazilas of the district this year.

Sources at the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) office here said at least 10,000 growers in different unions will have to incur around Tk 60 crore loss because of poor yield caused by pest attack, spread of various diseases and discolouring of the vegetable.

They said the prices of the winter item declined sharply during the onset of the current harvesting season early this month.

Production of the Indian variety bean in the district this season will be 60 per cent less than the target, the district agriculture office sources said.

Farmers are being forced to sell their bean at nearly

half the price that the vegetable fetched last year they said.

According to them, 4,600 hectares of land were brought under the cultivation of different varieties of bean, including locals and HYVs, of which Rupvan seeds, imported from India, was sowed in Atghoria, Ishwardi, Sonthia, Sujanagar, Chatmohar, Faridpur, Bera and Sadar upazilas when the sowing season started nearly two months ago in Bangla month of Bhadra.

Of the land, about 1,250 hectares were brought under Rupvan bean cultivation at Rameshwarpur village in Majhpara union of Atghoria alone, deputy assistant agriculture officer of Atghoria upazila Abdur Rahman said.

He said that several hundred farmers of the village have been counting huge losses since the onset of the

harvesting season because of poor yield.

The district agriculture officials said, farmers are incurring around Tk 1,20,000 loss per hectare and it will not be possible for them to recoup about half the production cost this year.

Local farmers said they bought Rupvan seed from seed dealers in Meherpur, Jessore, Kushtia and Jhenidah districts and sowed the same in their till land in the eight Pabna upazilas much earlier this year with the hope of making good profit from the early variety seed.

They were delighted as flowers grew in the plants earlier. But their delight turned into despair as the vegetable started to get rotten before the harvesting season.

"I cultivated Rupvan on one hectare by investing the money borrowed from a

non-government organization (NGO). All the money went down the drain. Now I may have to repay the loan by selling my cow," farmer Nabi Hossain said.

Local farmers said the beans after some days became red and pale instead of green.

Contacted, deputy director of DAE, Pabna, Mostafizur Rahman admitted that the Rupvan variety bean started decaying since the flowering of the plants. He, however, blamed early cultivation and sowing of the seed by farmers and pest attack for it.

The seed was sowed early in Ashwin (mid-August) when the season was hot and humid which led to early sprout, discolouring of the crop and massive pest attack, he said.

The advised the farmers not to sow the seeds of this variety before the onset of dry season in future.

## ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY

# Probe into alleged corruption of VC, pro-VC starts

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A three-member committee yesterday started investigation into alleged corruption of the vice-chancellor, Pro-vice-chancellor and treasurer of Islamic University.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) formed the body headed by UGC member Professor Mohabbat Khan on October 23. Two other members are UGC member Abul Hasan and deputy secretary Ferdous Zaman.

On the first day, the probe body members talked with Vice-Chancellor Prof Alauddin, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof Kamal Uddin and Treasurer Prof Shahjahan Ali, registrar office sources said.

Committee member Ferdous Zaman said they will stay on the campus until November 29 to investigate the matter.

Teaches and most of the officials and employees have refrained from going to the campus since September 8 due to the deadlock that followed controversy over appointment of 132 teachers and officials in the university on September 7.

No class and examination were held at the institution during the period.

Islamic University Teachers Association (IUTA) in a press conference held at its office on the campus on Sunday urged the government for immediate appointment of honest and competent persons as new vice chancellor, pro-vice chancellor and treasurer, removing the present ones.

In a written statement, the IUTA said the persons presently holding the three key posts are 'unwanted' on the campus and they are trying to motivate the government high-ups to appoint as their successors a few persons who are directly or indirectly involved in 'corrupt practices' as their associates.

"Only appointment of honest and competent persons will bring an end to the prevailing stalemate," Prof Yakub Ali, president of IUTA, said replying to a question at the press briefing.

IU Officers Association

in a general meeting held at the university dormitory on Monday expressed solidarity with IUTA's ongoing agitation and announced three hours' work abstention every day until the vice chancellor, pro-vice chancellor and treasurer are removed.

over by Robiul Islam, president of the association, they supported the IUTA's ongoing agitation and announced three hours' work abstention every day until the vice chancellor, pro-vice chancellor and treasurer are removed.

## ঢাকা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, গাজীপুর

গাজীপুর-১৭০০

তারিখ: ১২/১/২০১২

### নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, গাজীপুর এর গার্জন বাতেরের নিয়োগ হিসেবে দরবার আবাদন করা হচ্ছে।

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## SNIPPETS

### JCD factions clash

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