

Early varieties of potatoes bring them good profit

Bogra farmers hope to recoup last season's losses

A CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Luck has smiled on a section of farmers in the district as they are making good profits by selling early varieties of potatoes.

Growers said they were happy with bumper yield of potato and its encouraging rates. This will help recoup the losses they had incurred in the last season, they said.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found one

kilogram of new potato being sold at Tk 40 to 35 at Mahastangarh, the largest wholesale vegetable market, in Shibganj upazila.

Trader Azizur Rahman, who brought five maunds of potato in the market, said he got Tk 8,000 by selling per maund at Tk 1600.

Farmers are getting around Tk 40,000 by selling 25 maunds of potato cultivated on each bigha of land, he said.

Md Mofazzol Hossain, resident of Shakharia village in Sadar upazila, who cultivated potato on three bighas of land, said he even sold potato at Tk 100 a kg.

Another grower Aminul Islam said he could get more potato from each bigha of land if he had got hybrid seeds, fertiliser and proper counseling from the authorities timely.

Shibganj upazila agriculture officer Shafiqul Islam

said they tried to visit the farmers and advised them on agricultural productions though they had manifold problems, including shortage of manpower.

About 10,958 hectares of land have been brought under potato cultivation with a production target of 2,04,926 metric tonnes this year, said Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) sources.



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Traders unloading newly harvested potatoes at Mahastangarh wholesale market in Bogra. The farmers in the district earned a good profit this year by selling early varieties of potatoes.

Youth beaten to death

UNB, Chandpur

A youth was beaten to death at Rahamatpur residential area in the district town on Friday night.

The deceased was identified as Musa, 24, son of Sirajul Islam.

Witnesses said Musa went to buy a coil from a local tea stall on credit.

An altercation ensued when tea seller Bashir refused to give him coil.

At one stage, Bashir's brother Nasir, Mohsin and Mamun swooped on Musa with sticks and beat him up mercilessly, leaving him seriously injured.

Local people first took him to Sadar Hospital where his condition deteriorated. He succumbed to his injuries on way to Dhaka.

BNP man hurt in attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

A local BNP leader was seriously injured in an attack allegedly by Awami League activists in Duppara Primary School area at Duppara village in Sharsha upazila on Saturday night.

The injured was identified as Jamshed Ali, 40, organising secretary of Duppara village unit BNP and son of Fakir Ahmed of the village.

Jamshed Ali said, a gang led by Saheb Ali, and Kamal uddin swooped on him and beat him up mercilessly when he was returning home from Benapole Bazar.

The AL men attacked me following political enmity, he added.

Month of Victory

'We pass hard days while razakars live well'

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

A number of freedom fighters in the district are today leading a life of the destitute.

Abdul Latif Howlader, 75, of Dewli village in Mirzaganj upazila under the district feels defeated in life as he has to beg for survival, 41 years after the independence.

The condition of Rabeya Begum, 77, wife of a martyred freedom fighter of Dhulia village in Baulal upazila is no better.

Seeing Abdul Latif begging on Dewli Bazar Road a few days ago, this correspondent introduced himself to him.

Visibly embarrassed with the plastic bag containing alms in his hand, a tearful Latif said, "I fought against Pakistan occupation forces with arms in these hands but now I have to beg to live. I worked in the Pakistan army but left the job to join the Liberation War."

"All my dreams have vanished as freedom fighters like me are passing hard days while anti-liberation people are living well," he said.

"I took part in the Liberation War under our local commander Altaf Hyder. We attacked Betagi



Abdul Latif Howlader



Rabeya Begum

police station under Barguna district and freed it after an overnight battle in mid November of 1971. Later we attacked Bamna police station under the same district, forcing the occupation army to flee to the Sundarbans. We chased them there and arrested some Pakistan soldiers.

"On December 7 night,

we attacked Patuakhali town and the Pakistan army left for Dhaka by a steamer. The next day, our commander Altaf Hyder raised the national flag in Shaheed Alauddin Children's Park in the district town," said Latif.

"The Tk 2,000 monthly allowance I am getting as a freedom fighter is too scanty. My mother is very old and sick. She is badly suffering from eye disease but I have no ability to arrange her treatment," said landless Latif who lives in a small hut.

Aggrieved due to his poor condition, his first wife and then the second wife left him. Latif's two sons also struggle to maintain their families.

Rabeya Begum, 77, wife of Amir Ali, a martyred freedom fighter of Dhulia village under Baulal upazila, also lives by begging. During the war her husband supplied food for freedom fighters and collected information for them. At one stage the Pak army killed him.

"My husband sacrificed his life for the country but nobody takes care of me. I am not getting any benefit from the government. All of my four sons left me after their marriage," she said.

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Memo No. PD/CZPDP/BPDB/Pkg-17/Pur-169/2012-13/1616 Dated: 20/12/2012

Invitation for Bids

Loan No: BD-PD59
Bid No: PD/CZPDP/BPDB/Pkg-17

- The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh has received an ODA Loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency, (hereinafter referred to as the JICA), in the amount of 9,715 million Japanese Yen toward the cost of Central Zone Power Distribution Project, Mymensingh, BPDB, Loan Agreement No. BD-P 59 signed on March 01, 2009, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of the loan to payments under the contract for **Procurement of Contractor(ACSR-Dog & Guy wire)** (the "Goods"). Disbursement of an ODA Loan by JICA will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, including the disbursement procedures and the "Guidelines for Procurement under JICA ODA Loans". No party other than Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to loan proceeds. The above Loan Agreement will cover only a part of the project cost. As for the remaining portion, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh will take appropriate measures for finance.
- JICA requires that bidders and contractors, as well as the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, under contracts funded with JICA ODA Loans and other Japanese ODA, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, JICA;
 - will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question;
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- The Bangladesh Power Development Board, hereinafter "the Purchaser", now invites sealed International Competitive Bids (ICB) from eligible bidders from eligible source countries for the supply of the goods for the purpose of the Project.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid form and inspect the bidding documents at the office of Project Director, Central Zone Power Distribution Project, Bangladesh Power Development Board, Biddiyut Bhaban, 12th Floor, 1 No. Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh Fax: +880-2 951 3166, Phone: +8802-955 1433.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder on the submission of a written application to the above address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 10,000.00 (BDT ten thousand) or US\$ 150.00 (US Dollar one hundred fifty) in the form of Pay-Order/Demand Draft in favour of the Project Director, Central Zone Power Distribution Project, Bangladesh Power Development Board from Dec-25, 2012 to Feb-06, 2013 during office hour.
- The estimated date of award is 30-04-2013 subject to the approval of RDPP.
- The signing of the contract will depend on approval of the RDPP.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of Taka 7,800,000.00 (seven million eight hundred thousand) or US\$ 95,000.00 (US Dollar ninety-five thousand), and must be delivered in accordance with the instructions to bidders on or before 11.00 am on 07 Feb, 2013 and will be publicly opened immediately thereafter.
- The Bangladesh Power Development Board will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
- BPDB reserves the right to accept or reject all the bids without assigning any cause.

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SNIPPETS

2 housewives take own lives

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Two housewives allegedly committed suicide over family feud in Domar upazila on Thursday. The deceased were identified as Bulbuli Begum, 24, daughter of Kohinal Rahman of Paschim Boragari village and Bely Begum Renu, 18, of Ketkibari Pramanikpara village, said police. Of the duo, Bulbuli took poison following an altercation with her husband and mother-in-law over a family matter on Thursday night. She was rushed to the upazila health complex in critical condition where she died after sometime. Renu married one Akhtarul Islam, son of Mojibur Rahman of Sonarai Chagdapara village two months ago. After the marriage, Mojibur demanded dowry from her father, a day labourer. Being frustrated, she hanged herself with scarf from the roof of her father's home on Thursday night.



PHOTO: STAR

A physically challenged man receives warm clothes from Maj Gen SM Shafiuddin Ahmed, area commander in Ghatail of Tangail and general officer commandant (GOC) of 19 Infantry Division, as about 2100 distressed people got such help during a programme at Shafipur in Jamalpur Sadar upazila yesterday.

Man arrested with firearm

UNB, Satkhira

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a man along with a firearm from Bankal bridge area in Sadar upazila on Saturday afternoon. The arrestee was identified as Saiful Islam, 20, son of Abdul Jalil of Garerkanda area of the upazila. Rab sources said, on secret information, a team of Rab-6 led by DAD Humayun Khan raided the area in the afternoon and arrested Saiful in possession of a shutter gun and a bullet. The arrestee was handed over to Sadar police at night. A case was filed against him under the Arms Act.

4 held on robbery charge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Four alleged robbers were rounded up by police from different places of the district town yesterday. The arrestees are Arman Khan, 30, son of Nihal Khan of Uttar Chelopara, Abdul Halim Sanyal, 25, son of late Mohammad Ali of Katnarpara, Abdul Latif, 40, son of Loya Mia of Fulbari and Polash Mia, 28, son of Aftab Hossen of Katnarpara in the town. The police drive followed a robbery at a filling station in the town at 2.30am on Saturday. The owner of the filling station filed a robbery case against 10/12 at noon.

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