

# Mixed fruit garden draws huge attraction

KM REZAUL HOQUE, Gaibandha

A mixed fruit garden raised by Wahed Akanda of Uttar Sathalia village in Saghata upazila under the district is now an attraction for people in and around the area.

Set up on one and a half acres of land beside his house in 2009, the garden named 'Tabeya Bahumukhi Krishi Khamar' has around a hundred varieties of fruits bearing trees including mango, jackfruit, banana, coconut, litchi, apple, orange, olive, star fruit, lemon, lotkon, baukul, guava etc.

He also cultivates spices like ginger and turmeric in small spaces.

"Inspired by television

programme 'Hridoye Mati o Manush', I decided to return home and set up a fruit garden in 2009," said Wahed Akanda, who earlier worked in Dubai for long nine years.

"I invested Tk four lakh to raise a mixed fruit garden and took help and suggestion from the local agriculture department. My wife also extended help to make my dream a success.

"I engaged two regular caretakers to look after the garden. The fruit trees started yielding last year and I have already earned over one lakh Tk by selling different fruits.

"Raising a well-planned garden can help one to gain solvency. I think such an initiative is better than

going abroad for job that costs huge money and often involves risk," he added.

Wahed's wife Nazmun Nahar Parveen, also a helpful partner in her husband's initiative, said they have plans to set up a nursery and develop the garden as a model one if they get help from the government and NGOs.

Visitors from different areas now come to see and learn about such mixed fruit gardening.

"We always encourage villagers to raise gardens. Anyone can make a profitable garden, using the open space of homestead," said Soheli Md Shamsuddin Feroj, upazila agriculture officer of Saghata.



Wahed Akanda tends his mixed fruit garden at Uttar Sathalia village in Saghata upazila under Gaibandha district.

# TIDAL SURGE IN BHOLA, JHALAKATHI DISTRICTS Over 60 villages flooded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

Tidal surge under the impact of a full moon inundated over 60 villages in Bhola and Jhalakathi districts on Tuesday.

Our Bhola correspondent reported that tidal surge hit around 40 villages in seven upazilas of the district.

Water entered through the damaged portions of the embankment of the river Meghna in Sadar upazila, flooding Baliakandi, Tulatoli, Sahamadar, Cheuakhali, Dariram Shankar, Kalika Nagar villages.

The affected people have taken shelter on high lands in the area. They blamed the authorities concerned for not repairing the dyke damaged around a year ago.

Bhola-Barisal highway in Parangong area under Kachia union of Sadar upazila has gone under water.

In Borhanuddin upazila, tidal water submerged nine villages in Boro Manika, three villages in Hasan Nagar, two villages in Kutuba, three villages in Tobgi and four villages in Pokkhiya unions.

Water entered the villages as the river embankment at on Tuesday 12 villages of Baro Manika and Hasan Nagar unions. Water entered the villages as the river dyke at Miarhat point under Pokkhiya union collapsed on Tuesday afternoon.

Jahir Uddin Babar, chairman of Boro manika Union Parishad, alleged that cracks developed in the dyke a year ago, but the district officials of the Water Development Board didn't take any effective measures to repair the



PHOTO: STAR

Two women and some children waded through a flooded area at Kachia village in Sadar upazila of Bhola. The district saw inundation of over 40 villages under the impact of tidal surge triggered by a full moon on Tuesday.

dyke.

Humaun Kabir, acting chairman of Pokkhiya union Parishad, said the embankment collapsed due to the negligence of the WDB officials as they didn't take steps to save the dyke.

Borhanuddin Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Jahangir Hossain and Upazila Parishad Chairman Jasim Uddin Haider visited the affected areas on Tuesday. They allocated 450

tonnes of rice for the flood-hit people.

Villages in Cahchra and Chandpur unions of Tazumuddin upazila, Sayedpur and Bhabanipur unions of Daulatkhan upazila, Dholigour Nagar and Lord Hardinge unions of Lalmohan upazila, Madras, Mujib Nagar, Char Kukri Mukri and Dhalchar unions of Charfession upazila and all the five unions of Monpura upazila

have been flooded.

Meanwhile, thousands of flood affected villagers from Kachia and East Elisha union gathered on Bhola-Barisal highways near Poranganj area yesterday morning and blocked the road for five hours, demanding repair of the damaged dyke.

Our Jhalakathi correspondent adds: Tidal water inundated over 20 villages on both sides of Bishkhali

River in four upazilas of the district yesterday.

Aman seedbeds on 1400 hectares of land have gone under water in the affected area, sources in the department of agriculture, Jhalakathi, said.

Road communication with Bamana, Patharghata, Amua remained cut off for three hours from 1:00pm as the gang way of Amua ferry terminal was under water during the period.

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## BNP demands

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secretary general of the BNP, alleged that the NHRC chief Dr Mizanur Rahman had breached the principles of human rights by asking Limon to withdraw the case against Rab.

It has been proved once again that the commission is not free and neutral, the BNP leader said.

By proposing Limon to withdraw the case, Fakhrul said, the NHRC chief had advocated for the alleged Rab personnel.

Rab personnel took away Limon Hossain to a place near his house in Jhalakathi, and shot in his left leg on March 23, 2011.

Doctors had to cut off his left leg from his thigh to stop infection.

Following the incident, law enforcers filed two cases -- one for possessing a fire-arm, and the other for obstructing the law enforcers from conducting their duties -- against him.

On April 10, 2011, Limon's mother Henoara Begum filed a case with Rajapur Police Station, accusing six Rab personnel of maiming her son.

## Freeze 260

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Director Tanvir Mahmud and General Manager Tushar Ahmed.

"Over Tk 2,700 crore was deposited in these accounts on different dates in the past, but only Tk 30 crore remains in them. The accounts should be frozen so that the accused cannot withdraw or transfer further funds to other accounts from them," Public Prosecutor Mir Ahmed Ali Salam told The Daily Star yesterday.

The court also ordered the funds of Hall-Mark owned organisation Investment Leasing and Finance to be confiscated.

Jasmine, Tanvir, Tushar and four former officials of Sonali Bank from the Ruposhi Bangla branch, including its former managing director Humayun Kabir, were arrested earlier and they are now in custody.

# Father, son killed over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

A man and his son were killed by their rivals over a land dispute at Gulkhar village in Akhaura upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased are Golap Khan, 75, and his son Ismail Khan, 25.

There had been a long-standing conflict between Golap and his neighbour

Rusmot Ali over demarcation of their house areas.

Police said a group of people led by Rusmot attacked Golap, Ismail and their supporters while they were returning home from an arbitration, which was held at the village to settle the dispute over demarcation of the house areas on Tuesday night.

Golap, Ismail and eight of their supporters sus-

tained injuries during the attack. The injured were admitted to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital. As the condition of Golap and his Ismail deteriorated, they were referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where they died yesterday morning.

The other injured are undergoing treatment at Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital and Combined

Military Hospital in Comilla. A case was filed with Akhaura Police Station yesterday morning.

Police have so far arrested two people-- Sibhil Bhuiyan, 75, and Sapna Akhter, 30--at the village, Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md Mizanur Rahman said. Additional police have been deployed in the area to avert any further incident.

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### Price Sensitive Disclosure

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of the Company, in its 135<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26 June 2013 has taken the following decisions:

- Subject to compliance with the prescribed procedure under the Articles of Association of the Company and the laws of Bangladesh and also the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions precedent: (i) the transfer of 51% of the shares of its subsidiary, Grameenphone IT Ltd. ("GPIT"), to one or two subsidiaries of Accenture plc – a globally renowned group in the ICT and outsourcing sector, and matters relating thereto has been approved; and (ii) the Company, Accenture Holdings B.V. and an Accenture group nominee of Accenture Holdings B.V. (if applicable) to enter into a shareholders' agreement in respect of GPIT, which inter alia grants GP an option to later sell all of its remaining shares in GPIT to Accenture Holdings B.V. (and/or an Accenture group nominee of Accenture Holdings B.V. (if applicable)) and also grants Accenture Holdings B.V. (and/or an Accenture group nominee of Accenture Holdings B.V. (if applicable)) an option to later buy all of the remaining shares of GP in GPIT, subject to the fulfillment of certain terms and conditions.
- The aforementioned transfer, sale and shareholders' agreement is also subject to shareholders' approval for which the 20<sup>th</sup> Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held on Thursday, 01 August 2013 at 10.30 am at Bashundhara Convention Center-2, Block-C, Bashundhara R/A, Baridhara, Dhaka-1229.
- The Record Date will be on 8 July 2013.

**Notes:**

- Members whose names appear on the Member/Depository Register on the 'Record Date' i.e. 8 July 2013, shall be eligible to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Extra Ordinary General Meeting (EGM).
- Members are requested to update their **Addresses, Contact Numbers** etc. through their respective Depository Participant (DP) before the 'Record Date'.
- Members may also please note that **no Gift/Gift Coupon/Food Box** shall be distributed at the 20<sup>th</sup> EGM.

Sd/-  
**Hossain Sadat**  
Company Secretary

26 June 2013