



People wade through knee-deep water on School-College Road in Chapainawabganj town as the area got flooded due to hours-long downpour yesterday morning.

# Arum farming on rise in greater Barisal

Weather-tolerant vegetable brings high profit

UNB, Jhalakati

Cultivation of Latiraj Kachu (a variety of arum), has increased greatly in greater Barisal region, including Jhalakathi, in the last one year.

Farmers of the region are opting for the production of the variety because of its cost-effectiveness.

The vegetable needs comparatively smaller quantity of land and less expenditure for farming compared to other arum varieties.

Profit from it is also relatively higher, said farmers.

Storm, rain or flood cannot do any harm to the crop.

Expansion of its cultivation started with developing 60 demonstration plots on 30 bighas of land

in four upazilas of the district in 2012 under the Coordinated. Agriculture Productivity Project of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE).

Seeing it profitable, farmers started collecting saplings of the arum variety from the DAE and cultivating it on their own.

They are getting profit by cultivating it also on fallow lands.

This year, the farmers cultivated Latiraj Kachu on about 100 acres of land in the district.

Leaves shooting out of the arum roots sell at T 40 per kg, while on one bigha of land, 2,000 to 2,500 saplings of arum can be planted.

According to DAE, 25 to 30 tonnes of arum leaf can

be produced from one hectare of land.

Besides, eight to ten saplings stem out from one arum plant and farmers can earn extra money by selling the saplings.

It costs Tk 5,000 to Tk 7,000 to produce arum on one bigha while farmers can earn more than Tk one lakh from the area.

This season farmer Nayan Sikdar of Bikna village in Jhalakati Sadar upazila took lease of 1.5 bigha fallow land adjacent to his house and cultivated Latiraj Kachu.

Nayan said, "So far I sold arum worth Tk 40,000 and hope to earn more than Tk one lakh by selling the leaves. So far I spent Tk 7000 for the cultivation."

"Due to cyclone Mahasen and subsequent flood, my crops worth Tk one lakh were damaged in two phases," he added.

# Two burglars killed in mob beating

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Two suspected burglars were killed in mob beating in Joypurhat Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Letha Babu, 26, son of Nurul Haque of Tazurmora village and Milon Mia, 30, son of Aftab Uddin of Arafatnagar village in the upazila.

Police and locals said Babu and Milon entered the house of one Atoya Chandra of Belamla village at 1:00am. Sensing the presence of the thieves, Atoya cried for help.

At this, they stabbed the house owner, leaving him seriously injured, said Md Abdur Rashid, officer-in-charge of Joypurhat Police Station.

Hearing screams, the villagers rushed in and caught the thieves and beat them up.

They were rushed to Joypurhat Modern Hospital where Babu died in the morning. Milon succumbed

to his injuries in the afternoon, said the OC.

A process to file a case was underway till filing of this report at 6:00pm yesterday.

UNB adds: at least eight people were injured in an attack by robbers at Saheber Char village in Naria upazila of Shariatpur district early Wednesday.

Of the injured, five were admitted to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital in critical condition while the rest to the upazila health complex.

Police said a gang entered the house of one Akkachh Ali Khan, a local trader, in the wee hours after breaking the doors open.

When the family members tried to resist, the robbers stabbed and injured Akkach, his wife Ruma Begum, son Rasel Khan and brother Al Amin and four other neighbours.

Later, the robbers took away Tk 10 lakh and ten tolas of gold ornaments and fled the scene.

# Three to die, one gets life for murder in Bagerhat

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A Bagerhat court yesterday sentenced three people to death and another to life imprisonment for killing a man in Chitalmari upazila of the district in 2003.

Those who have been awarded death penalty are Satya Baroi, son of Pulin Baroi and Tapon Majumder, son of Mahadeb Majumder of Kalshira village in Chitalmari upazila, and Mushfiqur Rahman Mukul, son of Hedayet Sheikh of Aparaj village in Sadar upazila.

The lifer is Dilip Bishwas, son of Nogen Bishwas of Kalshira village of Chitalmari upazila. The court also fined Dilip Tk 10 thousand, in default, he is to suffer another year in jail.

Of the four, Dilip is now in jail while the rest three are still at large.

After hearing 32 witnesses and examining records, Judge SM Solaiman of the District and Sessions

Judge's Court pronounced the verdict at noon.

He also acquitted four other accused as murder charges brought against them could not be proved. The y are Baburam, Bithika Baroi, Gourango Bishwas and Sanjoy Sarkar.

According to the case statement, Satya, Tapon, Mukul and Dilip attacked Bhupal Brahmya, 45, son of Jogodish Brahmya of Rubaiarkul village in Chitalmari upazila with sharp weapons as a sequel to previous enmity, leaving him dead on November 9, 2003.

Victim's brother Obhishekh Brahmya filed a case with Chitalmari Police Station the following day, accusing eight people.

Investigation officer Babul Chandra Banik submitted a charge-sheet to the court against eight people on June 30, 2004.

Life in jail for killing mother-in-law UNB adds: A Sunamganj

court on Wednesday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for killing his mother-in-law in 2000.

The convict is M Rustom Ali, 40, son of late Intaj Ali of Badaghat Bazar area of Tahirpur upazila.

Judge Quazi Abdul Mannan of Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court passed the order. The court also fined the convict Tk20,000, in default, he is to suffer one year more in prison.

According to the prosecution, Rustom stabbed his mother-in-law Mirasha Begum at his house on March 14, 2000. She died on the spot.

On the following day, M Hayat Ali, son of the victim, filed a murder case with Tahirpur Police Station against Rustom.

On completion of the investigation, police submitted charge sheet to the court accusing Rustom.

After examining records and evidence, the court punished the accused.

# Alien planet

FROM PAGE 20 atmosphere of super-Earth Gliese 1214 b is likely water-rich.

However, this exoplanet is no Earth twin. The high temperature and density of the planet give it an atmosphere that differs dramatically from Earth.

"As the temperature and pressure are so high, water is not in a usual form (vapour, liquid, or solid), but in an ionic or plasma form at the bottom of the atmosphere -- namely the interior -- of Gliese 1214 b," principle investigator Norio Narita of the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan told SPACE.com by email.

Using two instruments on the Subaru Telescope in Mauna Kea, Hawaii, scientists studied the scattering of light from the planet. Combining their results with previous observations led the astronomers to conclude that the atmosphere contained significant amounts of water.

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## A WELLSPRING OF EXOTIC WATER

Located 40 light-years from the solar system in the constellation Ophiuchus, the planet orbits its cooler, low-mass M-type star once every 38 hours, 70 times closer than Earth is to the sun.

Its close proximity means that its temperatures reach up to 540 degrees Fahrenheit (280 degrees Celsius). Six times as massive as Earth, Gliese 1214 b is less than three times as wide, falling between the Earth and the solar system's ice giants Uranus and Neptune in size.

The high temperatures of the planet may affect the hydrogen and carbon chemistry, which could produce a haze in the atmosphere. But determining if the weather is clear or perpetually overcast on Gliese 1214 b would be difficult, as differences in the two atmospheres are small.

"At high pressure and high temperature, the behaviour of water is quite different from that on the Earth," Narita said. "At the bottom of the water-rich atmosphere of Gliese 1214 b, water should be a super-critical fluid."

Unlike terrestrial planets, the super-Earth doesn't have a solid surface, making the height of the atmosphere difficult to define. Instead, atmospheric scientists introduce a concept called the scale height, a height determined by changes in the increase or decrease of atmospheric pressure by a set amount. On Earth, the scale height is about 6 miles (10 kilometres), while on Gliese 1214 b it is three times deeper, according to Narita.

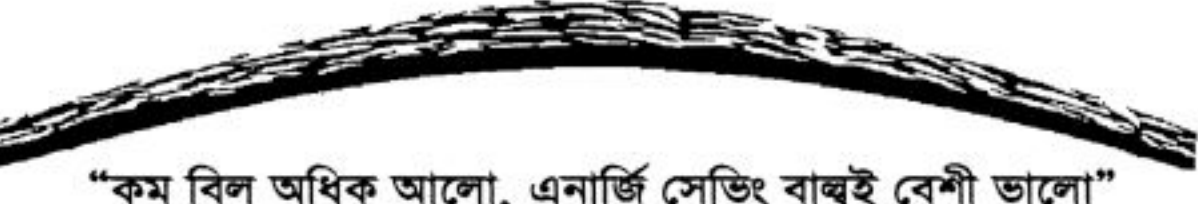
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