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A profusely yielding field of Barshali, an early variety of aman paddy, at Anantapur village in Saghata upazila under Gaibandha district.

Bumper Barshali yield to help fight munga

KM REZAUL HOQUE, Gaibandha

Farmers of Saghata upazila have started harvesting Barshali, a high yielding variety of early aman paddy.

Due to favourable weather this season, growers are expecting bumper yield of the crop that bears bright prospect to help overcome munga, a seasonal food crisis that affects the region before the harvest of usual aman crop.

According to upazila agriculture office, 14,500 hectares of land has been brought under transplanted aman farming in 10 unions of Saghata upazila and of it, 500 hectares has been used for HYV

Barshali cultivation.

The variety is harvested one month before the normal aman crop. The growers then use the land for rabi crop and afterwards prepare for boro cultivation, said SM Shamsuddin Feroj, upazila agriculture officer of Saghata.

"I transplanted Barshali seedlings on two bighas of land. I will harvest the crop this week. I expect 25 maunds of paddy per bigha," said Jahangir Alam, a model farmer of Anantapur village in Saghata upazila.

"Barshali cultivation does not need irrigation for the whole period. I just irrigated land during plantation of seedlings in last

week of July and it took three months for harvest," said Mofazzal Hossain, another farmer.

The farmers are showing more interest in farming Barshali paddy, because it yields better and is harvested earlier than local variety of aman, said Sakwat Hossain, a dealer of seeds and fertiliser in Saghata upazila.

Cultivation of the early variety paddy can help the farmers earn additional money by enabling them to harvest aman, rabi and boro crops from the same land every year, said Mir Abdur Razzque, deputy director of the Department of Agriculture Extension.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Highway robbers held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police arrested two alleged highway robbers on Bogra-Noagaon road in Choumohoni area of Dupchanchia upazila on Wednesday night. The arrestees are Abdus Salam, 33, son of Jashim Uddin of Dharshun village and Atwar Rahman, 30, son of Khalil Hossain of Belail village. Police and locals said, a gang waylaid a few vehicles, including the car of lawmaker Abdul Malek from Noagaon Sadar constituency, on the road at 10:00pm and took away cash, gold ornaments and other valuables. Hearing the hue and cry, police rushed in and arrested the duo. However, the rest managed to flee, sensing the presence of the law enforcers.

Holiday at Banglabandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

The import and export activities between Bangladesh, India and Nepal through Banglabandha port will come to halt from today due to Eid and Puja, religious festivals of Muslims and Hindus. The suspension of operation will be continued till 20 October, said assistant commissioner of customs, excise and VAT of Panchagarh Arefin Zahedi. Trading through the port will resume on October 21, he said.

Election of university teachers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Progotishil Shikhhak Shomaj, a pro-AL panel, has won Pabna University of Science and Technology teachers' association election. The election was held on the campus on Wednesday. AL backed panel defeated 'Muktizudhher Chetony Udbuddha Shikhhak Somaz', a coalition panel. Pro-BNP teachers could not complete the panel but they contested for president and secretary posts PUST sources said. Progotishil Shikhhak Samaj led by Dr Mushfiqur Rahim and Shamim Reza possessed 14 out of 15 posts panel. This is the first election of teachers' association, said university sources.

Easy bike driver killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police recovered the body of a battery-run easy bike driver from a paddy field near a brick kiln in Dalgram village in Kaliganj upazila on Wednesday noon. The deceased is Ibrahim Miah, 35, of Shialkhawa village. Police said Ibrahim went missing with the vehicle on September 30. Criminals might have killed Ibrahim, dumped the body in the field and took away the easy bike, said Amiruzzaman, officer in-charge of Kaliganj police station.

2 youths jailed for stalking

UNB, Chandpur

A mobile court here on Tuesday sentenced two young men to one month's imprisonment each for teasing two schoolgirls in the district town. Executive magistrate Runa Laila handed down the punishment to the youths and also fined them Tk 1,000 each, in default, to suffer seven days more in jail. The convicts were identified as M Monir, 21, son of Jahangir, and Anisur Rahman, 22, son of Amir Hossain of Outer Stadium area in the town. Abu Sayeed, sub-inspector of Chandpur Model Police Station, said the youths, made indecent comments at the two female students of Matiphit Government Girls' High School in Outer Stadium area of the town on their way back home from the institution.



PHOTO: STAR

Assistant teachers of government high schools form a human chain in front of Dinajpur Press Club yesterday to press for the demand to upgrade their status to first class gazetted officers.

Youth killed allegedly by in-laws

UNB, Khulna

Police recovered the body of a young man, believed to be beaten to death by his in-laws four days ago, from Jorsingh village in Koyra upazila yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Hemayet Hossain, 27, of Satholia village in the upazila.

Victim's maternal uncle Shahid Hossain said Hemayet used to live at the house of his in-laws since he had married Nurjahan, daughter of Nawsher Ali of Jorsingh. The couple was blessed with a son and a daughter.

Hemayet was beaten mercilessly after being tied with a pole which resulted in his death, he said.

On information, police recovered the body yesterday morning and sent it to Khulna Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police suspected that the youth was killed on Sunday night.

Nawsher and his son Rashedul went into hiding.

ELASIN BRIDGE OPENS

Re-elect AL for more development: PM

BSS, Delduar, Tangail

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday inaugurated the much-awaited Elasin Bridge (Shamsul Haque Bridge) over the Dhaleswari river on Aricha-Ghior-Doulatpur-Nagarpur-Tangail regional highway.

The 5-15.12 meter-long bridge having 10.25-meter width has connected uninterruptedly Tangail and Manikganj districts.

Besides, the Tk 94.45 crore bridge will make immense contribution to the socio-economic development of the two districts.

With the construction of the bridge, the road communication between north and south of greater Mymensingh district has been made easier, while 35 lakh people of eight upazilas of Tangail will directly be benefited.

The construction of the bridge began in October 2009 and ended in June this year.

Speaking at a meeting arranged on the north side of the bridge, the Prime Minister announced the naming of the bridge after

the first general secretary of Bangladesh Awami League late Shamsul Haque.

Sheikh Hasina said, her government after assuming office has accomplished a massive development in the communication sector. "We have built 21,000-km roads, 7000 bridges and 4000 culverts in the last four years and nine months," she said.

The Prime Minister urged the people to reelect Awami League for continuation of development and building a hunger and poverty-free Bangladesh by 2021.

"We seek your help and vote to build Bangladesh a middle-income country by 2021," she said.

Reiterating her firm determination to complete the trial of war criminals, Sheikh Hasina said: "We have started the trial of the 1971 culprits, verdict in the cases have begun, and Insha Allah we will execute the judgments to free the nation from stigma."

Sheikh Hasina also urged the people to remain alert against violent acts of BNP and Jamaat-Hefajat nexus.



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The World Bank is seeking to recruit an Administration & Finance Officer (Resource Management Officer), who will be based in the Bank's Dhaka Office, for the Bank's South Asia Resources Management Unit to manage the resource management, accounting, general administration, facilities management and security coordination functions to support the Bank's Bangladesh country program. This is a 2-year renewable term appointment.

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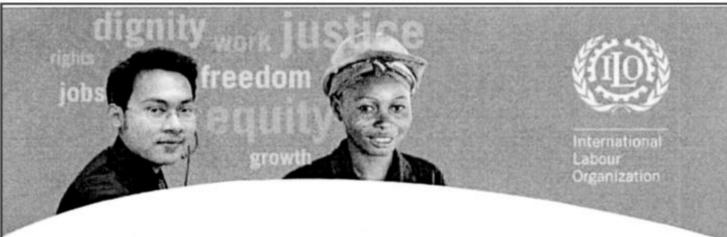
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