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Farmers harvest drought-tolerant aman paddy at Doljor village in Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat district.

Drought-tolerant aman shows bright prospect for fighting monga

Harvest starts in Lalmonirhat

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat
Harvest of drought tolerant variety of aman paddy has started in the district, bringing smile to the growers.

Around 600 farmers of 40 villages in three upazilas under Lalmonirhat district cultivated drought tolerant aman paddy on around 650 bighas of land this year, while it was only 120 bighas last year, said sources at the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Lalmonirhat.

Non-government organisation Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service (RDRS) provided technical support and seeds to the farmers for the purpose.

Harvested in October, the drought tolerant rice variety bears bright prospect for

fighting *monga*, a seasonal famine-like situation that often grips the drought-prone areas in the country's northern region during mid-September to mid-November every year, said agriculture officials and local farmers.

By creating employment for day labourers and bringing solvency to farmers, this crop enables reducing the effect of *monga*, they said.

"I cultivated drought tolerant aman variety on 40 decimals of land this year spending Tk 3,000 and got 18 maunds of yield. I hope to cultivate this variety on more areas next year," said Kamla Kanto Roy, 55, a farmer of Doljor village in Aditmari upazila.

Atiar Rahman, who

cultivated drought tolerant aman paddy on 50 decimals of land in the same village, also got good yield.

Mamunur Rashid, agriculture and environment coordinator of RDRS, said, "Drought tolerant rice varieties BRRI Dhan-56 and BRRI Dhan-57 are harvested early as its life cycle completes by 110-120 days. The rice with medium sized grains is in good demand in the market."

"This variety can be transplanted from early July to early August in Bangladesh and its early harvest makes it especially helpful during *monga* period in the country's northern region," said Abdul Mazid, deputy director of Lalmonirhat DAE.

BNP man killed in Bogra infighting during hartal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A BNP man was killed and five others were injured as two rival groups of the main opposition party clashed in Gabtoli municipality area of the district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Shahjahan Ali Fakir, 43, son of late Sayeed Ali Fakir of Chok Dawor village in the upazila.

Locals said, there had been a longstanding conflict between the two groups-one led by Gabtoli Upazila Parishad Chairman and Joint Secretary of BNP district unit Zaidur Rahman Helal and the other by Gabtoli Municipality Mayor and Upazila BNP General Secretary Morshed Milton--over establishing supremacy

in the upazila.

The trouble began at around 1:15pm when the two groups took position at Tinmatha crossing at the upazila headquarters at around 1:30pm to take out a procession in support of the countrywide 60-hour hartal enforced by BNP-led 18-party alliance at 6:00am yesterday.

At one stage of altercation, Mayor Milton's men hacked Shahjahan of Helal group with sharp weapons, resulting in his death on the spot. The two rival groups then swooped on each other, leaving at least five people from both sides injured.

Police charged batons and dispersed the clashing

groups. The injured--Tajul, Arefin, Zillur, Juwan and Sohan--are undergoing treatment at Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital.

ASP Gaziur Rahman said the body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy. No case was filed with the police station concerned in connection with the incident as of 4:00pm yesterday.

Following the clash, local administration imposed Section 144 in and around the municipality area for an indefinite period. Additional police have been deployed at the upazila headquarters to avert any further clash between the two BNP factions.

Pro-BNP teachers at BAU on strike

BAU CORRESPONDENT

The pro-BNP teachers at Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) yesterday started boycott of classes and examinations for an indefinite period, demanding action against an outsider Chhatra League man for 'attack' on a fellow teacher on Thursday.

On the other hand, general students brought out a procession on the campus protesting the teachers' decision taken at a meeting earlier on the day.

On Thursday, a pro-BNP teacher scuffled with a local BCL leader on the campus over a trivial matter.

The clash took place when a motorbike carrying Aminul Islam Selim, vice president of Mymensingh town unit BCL, hit Prof Abul Hashem, general secretary of BNP backed 'Sonali Dal' of BAU, while he along with some other teachers was standing in front of the university administration building.

At the spot, Dr Abul Kalam Azad, also a pro-BNP teacher, and Selim, engaged in an altercation over the incident.

At one stage of altercation, Azad slapped the BCL leader, said university sources. However, Azad later refuted the allegation.

The decision to boycott classes and examinations for an indefinite period was taken as the authorities failed to take any action against the attacker despite repeated pleas, said Prof Fajlul Awal Mollah, president of 'Sonali Dal'.

BSF picks up cattle trader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Border Security Force (BSF) of India picked up a Bangladeshi national from Bhaigarh border under Birampur upazila yesterday morning.

The man was identified as Md. Sanwar Hossain 45, son of Abdus Samad of Kesabpur village [Katla Bazaar] under the upazila.

BGB sources said, Sanwar was a cattle trader who used to bring cattle from India.

Witnesses said, when Sanwar went to Bhaigarh border area to bring cattle from India, the BSF of 96 Bhimpur in India picked him up and took him into Indian territory at around 9:15am.

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) of Phulbari 40 Battalion yesterday sent a protest note to BSF and urged it to return him as early as possible.

DATLINE KURIGRAM Drug peddlers rule town after dusk

UNB, Kurigram

Kurigram town has virtually become a safe haven for both drug peddlers and addicts, thanks to lax monitoring by the law enforcing agencies.

After dusk, different areas of the town go under the control of drug peddlers.

Youths and adolescents account for a majority of the buyers of the illegal drugs.

Easy availability of drugs at a large number of points in the town has become a cause for concern for the guardians as their school and college-going children may give in to their temptation any time.

Addicts crowd Chamra Gola every evening where drugs are sold and bought almost in a free style.

The drug peddlers continue their business allegedly with the connivance of a section of police officials.

Different types of drugs, smuggled from neighbouring India, enter the town through Tapu Velakopar Gorerpar point.

Sources said, about 10,000 bottles of contraband phensidyl syrup, several kilograms of hemp, heroin and other drugs enter the town every day.

A large quantity of the smuggled drugs is transported to different regions by road and river routes.

Each bottle of phensidyl costs Tk 200 to Tk 250 in

India while it is being sold here at Tk 400 to Tk 450 at retail price.

Kurigram municipality mayor Nur Islam Nuru recently admitted the rapid spread of drugs trading and addiction in the district.

He said the future of the young generation is bleak unless they are protected from the abuse of drugs.

He added, if the administration becomes serious, Kurigram could be free from drugs.

Sadar police are taking all types of measures to root out illegal drugs from the town, he added.

60 shops gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

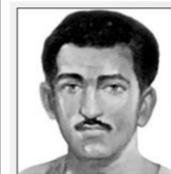
Around 60 shops were gutted in a big fire at Bonpara Bazar on Thursday.

Locals and Fire Service sources said, the fire originated at a grocery shop at around 5:30 pm and soon spread to the adjacent shops.

Three units of fire fighters from nearby Natore, Lalpur and Bagatipara fire stations reached the spot and brought the blaze under control at about 6:30pm.

A number of cloth stores, hardware and grocery shops were gutted causing damage to property worth Tk two crore.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



Hamidur's death anniversary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Today is the 42nd death anniversary of Birshrestha Sepoy Hamidur Rahman. Hamidur Rahman, while serving in the then East Bengal Regiment in 1971, joined the Liberation War. He embraced martyrdom during a gunfight with the Pakistani occupation forces at Dholori frontier in Kamalganj upazila of Moulvibazar district on October 28, 1971. The upazila administration and local Muktiyoddha Sangsad will place wreaths at the memorial for Birshrestha Hamidur Rahman at Kamalganj today. Doa mehfil and Qurankhwani will also be held on the premises of the memorial. Hamidur Rahman was born in 1945 at Khorda Khalishpur village in Moheshpur upazila of Jhenidah district.

BCL leader stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A local leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) who was stabbed by criminals at Behelabari village in Kalihati upazila in Tangail on Saturday afternoon, succumbed to his injuries yesterday. The deceased, Abul Kalam, 28, was former president of ward three unit of Balla union BCL and son of Moked Ali of Behelabari village. Abu Ali, elder brother of the deceased, said criminals stabbed in the neck of Kalam in Ghatpara area when he was returning home from Ratanganj Bazar by a motorbike on Saturday afternoon. Seriously injured, he was admitted to the Tangail General Hospital, he added. Kalam had a dispute with a local UP member over a local issue, sources said. The reason behind the murder could not be known immediately, said Bazlur Roshid, OC of Kalihati PS.

Missing man found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Criminals on Saturday night stabbed an elderly man to death. Police recovered the body of Mafiz Hawlader, 56, father of Maniruzzaman Hawlader, organising secretary of municipal unit Jubo League and a ward councillor. Officer in-charge (OC) Subhash Chandra Paul of Madaripur Sadar police station, said Mafiz went missing from Laxmiganj area on Saturday evening. Later, locals found his body in Arial Khan river near AR Hawlader Jute Mills in the town. On information, police recovered the body, the OC said, adding that it bore several injury marks in the head and other parts.

BNP activist murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Police recovered the body of a local BNP leader near a roadside ditch in Aminpur area of Laksam upazila early yesterday. The deceased is Md Shahidullah, 38, son of Dudu Miah of Aminpur village and an activist of Laksam upazila unit BNP. Officer in-charge Abul Khair of Laksam police station said, locals found his body lying on the ditch and informed police. Criminals might have killed Shahidullah elsewhere and dumped the body in the area, said the OC. A case was filed in this connection.



PHOTO: STAR
Duchess, who mothered 16 blue Great Danes in Lauhajang upazila of Munshiganj district on Friday, takes care of her puppies.

Grand collection of blue Great Danes 'Record' 16 puppies in one litter

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Sixteen puppies of rare blue-coloured Great Dane, a variety of very large dog with long legs, were born at Satghoria village in Louhajang upazila on Friday to the country's only such pair, Hero and Duchess.

The owner of the pair, industrialist Shipon Mridha, breeds dogs as a hobby and currently deploys a number of dogs at his industrial units as 'security guards'.

Shipon imported the pair of Great Danes from the United States a few years ago.

The Great Dane is a dog of German

origin well known for their large bodies and height of up to 86 cm. An adult male like Hero weighs about 75 kg while Duchess, before her pregnancy, tipped the scales at 65 kg. Although the Great Dane is not an uncommon breed in other countries, its blue variation is much rarer.

Mridha claims that the birth of 16 puppies in one litter to be a world record, while the internet documents previous litters of up to 12 puppies.

Unfortunately, of the 16, seven puppies have died.

The surviving nine are now being bottle fed to assist Duchess in caring for her new,



বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

০১.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (বাউবি)।				
০২.	অর্থের উৎস	বাউবির নিজস্ব বাজেট থেকে। বাংলাদেশী টাকায় মূল্য পরিশোধিত হবে।				
০৩.	দরপত্রের নম্বর	টেন্ডার নং: ০৫ (প্রকি:)/২০১৩-২০১৪।				
০৪.	দরপত্র আহ্বানের স্মারক ও তারিখ	স্মারক নং: ৫ বাউবি/প্রশা(ক্রয়)-৩৭(২০২)/২০০৮-২০০৯/৬০১৯; তারিখ: ২৩-১০-২০১৩ইং।				
০৫.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান, শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৯-১১-২০১৩ তারিখ, মঙ্গলবার পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিজস্ব প্যাডে আবেদনের মাধ্যমে এবং সিডিউলের মূল্য অফেরতযোগ্য নগদে প্রদান করে বাউবির অর্থ ও হিসাব বিভাগের ক্যাশ শাখা থেকে দরপত্র কেনা যাবে।				
০৬.	দরদাতা কর্তৃক দরপত্র সিডিউল জমা দেয়ার শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২০-১১-২০১৩ তারিখ, বুধবার বেলা ০২:০০টা পর্যন্ত। ডাক ও কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস মারফত দরপত্র প্রেরণ করলে অবশ্যই দরপত্র গ্রহণের জন্য নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে নির্ধারিত স্থানে পৌঁছাতে হবে। উক্ত তারিখ ও সময়ের পর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। দরপত্রসমূহ গ্রহণের স্থান ১০নং কলামে বর্ণিত ঠিকানা মোতাবেক।				
০৭.	দরপত্র সিডিউল খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	২০-১১-২০১৩ তারিখ, বুধবার বেলা ০২:১৫টা। ট্রেজারার দপ্তর, বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, বোর্ডবাজার গাজীপুর-১৭০৫। দরপত্রসমূহ উন্মুক্ত তারিখ, সময় ও স্থানে দরদাতাগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।				
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