

Eye-soothing greenery on dried up Teesta riverbed

Vast areas are now covered with boro, wheat, maize, mustard and vegetables

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Vast char lands in the Teesta River basin areas in the district is covered with eye-soothing greenery during this Rabi season as the dried up riverbed areas are being used to cultivate boro, wheat, maize, mustard and other crops and vegetables.

Increasing number of people, especially landless farmers, are getting encouraged to cultivate various crops on these chars and along the river basins as the lands, rich in deposits of alluvial soil, brings good yield.

Over 15,000 hectares of land in the dried up riverbed areas is used to cultivate boro paddy, wheat, different vegetables, maize, mustard, and other crops this season, said sources in the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) and different NGOs working in the areas.

"I have no land of my own. But I have cultivated vegetables on one bigha of land in dried-up Teesta riverbed and getting bumper production. Many other landless people in the char areas are also cultivating different crops on dried up riverbed this year," said Maqbul Hossain, 52, of Teesta



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Locals cultivate boro, wheat, maize, mustard and other crops and vegetables on dried up Teesta riverbed areas in Lalmonirhat. Photo shows an onion field at Char Gokunda village in Sadar upazila of the district.

River basin Char Gokunda village.

"Earlier my ten bighas of char lands remained abandoned for years. But now I am cultivating different crops on these lands and getting expected production," said Meher Ali, 60, at Kalmati Char village in Lalmonirhat Sadar.

Several people includ-

ing Mobarok Hossain, 48, and Hossain Miah, 42, of Char Sholmari, Yasin Ali, 55, and Kalu Sheikh, 48, of Char Gokunda in Kaliganj upazila, and Afzal Hossain, 45, and Krishan Kanta Roy, 65, of Char Rajpur in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila said they expect a bumper yield of boro and other crops cultivated on the bed of

Teesta River this season, as in previous years.

Abdul Mazid, deputy director of Lalmonirhat DAE, said, "Now char farmers are getting bumper crops, especially paddy, from once uncultivated lands. Agriculture officials always provide technical support to farmers for cultivating in char lands."

14 held while crossing border

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) on Wednesday detained 14 people from Amrakhali check post area thwarting their attempt to enter Bangladesh from India illegally.

Being tipped off that a group of people were trying to enter the Bangladesh territory through Putkhali border from India, a BGB team conducted a drive in the area and detained them, said Subedar Joyntal Hossain of BGB Battalion-26 of Benapole camp.

But the detainees claimed that they hail from different districts of the country, including Gopalganj, Narail, Chandpur, Jamalpur and Jessore.

They were later handed over to Benapole Port Police Station.

Meanwhile, Indian Border Security Force (BSF) picked up a Bangladeshi national from Daudpur border point in Birampur upazila of Dinajpur yesterday morning reports our Correspondent.

He was identified as Lal Mia alias Sujon, 26, son of Mozammel Haque of Dakkhin Daudpur village.

BGB sources of Phulbari 40 Battalion said, a BSF team from Bhimpur camp caught Sujon while he was working at a field near the border area at 8:40am.

The BGB protested the incident, said Lt Col Lutful Karim, commanding officer of the battalion.



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Freedom fighters, some of them wielding guns, join a procession in Bagerhat town yesterday, demanding quick execution of verdicts against war criminals.

ATTACK ON JUSTICE SINHA'S HOUSE

3 Shibir-JCD men held in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Police yesterday arrested three more people on charge of arson attack on the village home of Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, a senior judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, at Tilokpur village in Kamalganj upazila of the district on December 11.

The arrestees are Shibir activists Masud Miah, 22, and Sohel Ahmed, 23, and JCD activist Salik Miah, 22.

Masud and Sohel were arrested from Chitlia village in the upazila while Salik was arrested from in front of Kamalganj Degree College.

A gang of 10-12 unidentified criminals riding a CNG-run three-wheeler and two motorbikes arrived at Tilokpur

village and set fire to the justice Sinha's house by pouring kerosene at around 5:30am.

As the family members cried for help, the criminals fled the scene, leaving behind a sharp weapon, said Nilmani Sinha, younger brother of the justice. However, none was injured as locals doused the flame immediately, he added.

Immediately after the incident, Sub-inspector Ziaur Rahaman of Kamalganj Police Station filed a case, accusing 10-12 unidentified criminals.

Police arrested Abu Taleb, a leader of pro-Jamaat labour organisation, at Vanuganj of the upazila on the day for his alleged involvement in the attack.



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Protesters form human chains in Mymensingh town, in front of Dinajpur Press Club, and stage a demonstration in Munshiganj town yesterday, condemning Pakistan for passing a resolution in its parliament against the execution of war criminal Abdul Quader Mollah.

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◆ বিবিএ	২,৮৯,৮০০ টাকা	
◆ এলএলবি (সম্মান)	২,০৯,২৫০ টাকা	
◆ বিএ (সম্মান) ইংরেজি	১,৬২,৫৪০ টাকা	
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◆ এলএলএম (১ বছর)	৪৬,৮০০ টাকা	
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Protest against Pak resolution on

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Protest against Pakistan resolution on execution of war criminal Abdul Quader Mollah continued in the districts yesterday.

Several thousand people in Dinajpur formed a human chain protesting the Pakistan resolution, reports our correspondent.

An effigy of former cricketer of Pakistan Imran Khan was also burnt for his remarks against the execution of Jamaat assistant secretary general.

Dinajpur Mukti Juddha Janata, an organisation of freedom fighters, formed the human chain in front of Dinajpur Press Club in the morning.

At the programme, the speakers denounced Pakistan for meddling in Bangladesh's internal matter saying that Pakistan still defends the genocide and crime against humanity committed during the Liberation War in 1971.

The speakers also alleged that Pakistan's resolution proved that Pakistan has been running its political activities and implementing its evil designs in Bangladesh through Jamaat.

In Mymensingh, a human chain was formed yesterday protesting the resolution adopted by the Pakistan National Assembly on Monday.

District units of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) and Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BASAD) organised the programme at Shaheed

Firoz-Jahangir Square yesterday noon, reports our correspondent.

According to Pak resolution said, Mollah was 'hanged for supporting Pakistan in 1971'.

The protesters carried banners reading, "Hate, Hate and Hate", "Imran --You Speak in Favour of a Sinner, Is It Your Insaf?," "Shame Pakistan Shame" "Pakistan's Agents, Go Back to Pakistan", "Ban the Jamaat Politics" and "Pakistan Must Apologise for 71 misdeeds".

The independence-loving people of the country are united and they will resist any ill-motive against the country, they vowed.

They also urged the government to snap diplomatic relations with Pakistan if it did not apologise for their acts immediately.

A procession was brought out in Munshiganj town yesterday protesting the Pakistan resolution, reports our correspondent.

After parading the main streets, the protesters assembled in front of the Liberation War sculpture at Super Market Square.

The speakers stated the Pakistan's views even after 42 years of Bangladesh independence and later burnt the flag of Pakistan.

In Narsingdi, protesters brought out a procession and paraded the district town, reports our correspondent.

Later, they condemned Pakistan for meddling in Bangladesh affairs and burnt the effigy of cricketer

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