



A blooming sunflower field at Koibartokhali village in Kawlakhal union under Pirojpur Sadar upazila offers a captivating sight.

# Sunflower farming on rise in Pirojpur

HABIBUR RAHMAN, Pirojpur

Sunflower cultivation sees a gradual increase in the district as the nutritious oilseed brings good profit to the farmers. According to the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Pirojpur 199 hectares of land have been brought under sunflower cultivation this year while it was 116 hectares last year. Of the lands under sunflower cultivation, 135 hectares is in Nazirpur

upazila of the district. Non-government organisation Brac is providing technical and monetary help to the farmers for sunflower cultivation in several areas. "Brac has inspired the farmers of our area to cultivate sunflower for the first time. The lands that would remain useless after collecting aman paddy are being used for sunflower cultivation," said Nasir Uddin Khan, chairman of Kawlakhal union parishad under Pirojpur Sadar

upazila. "I have cultivated sunflower on one acre of land and Brac gave me Tk 5,500 as cultivation cost," said Md Mohsin, a farmer of Koibartokhali village in Kawlakhal. "With suggestion from Brac, I took to sunflower cultivation and got benefit," said Mostofa, another farmer of the same village. Several farmers said they are becoming interested to sunflower cultivation as oil extracted from it is beneficial to health.

Farmers expect to get Tk 2,000 from selling per maund of sunflower seeds this year. "Under our 'Agriculture and Food Security' program, we help the farmers to cultivate paddy, sunflower, maize, fish and vegetables," said Hafizur Rahman, district representative of Brac. Hasan Warisul Kabir, upazila agriculture officer in Pirojpur Sadar, said they give technical support to the farmers whenever needed.

## Amar Desh Barisal bureau chief commits 'suicide'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

GM Babar Ali, Barisal bureau chief of daily Amar Desh, allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling fan at the rented house of his second wife in Sabujbag area in Patuakhali district town early yesterday. Babar Ali, 57, who hailed from Dumuria upazila in Khulna, was the former secretary of Barisal Press Club and founder president of Barisal Journalists Union. Shamsul Alam, sub-inspector of Patuakhali Sadar Police Station, said Babar came to visit his second wife Jharna Khanam, a staff of Marie Stopes's Clinic in Patuakhali, around 5:30pm on Friday. In the evening, the couple got involved in a heated exchange of words over some family issues and went to sleep in separate rooms, the SI said. Later, around 12:30am, Jharna entered Babar's room and found him hanging from the ceiling fan and informed the police, added the SI. On information, police recovered the body and sent to Patuakhali Sadar Hospital morgue. Police also found a suicide note where Babar mentioned that no one is responsible for his death and requested authorities concerned to hand over his body to his family members without any autopsy. Journalists, socio-cultural and different political organisations have expressed deep shock at the death of Babar Ali, who left behind two wives and three sons.

## CASES FOR VANDALISM, ARSON ATTACKS 36 Jamaat-Shibir men held in Bogra, C'nawabganj

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Law enforcers arrested 36 Jamaat-Shibir men, raiding different upazilas of Bogra and Chapainawabganj districts early yesterday. The arrestees were wanted in a number of cases for vandalism, arson attacks and carrying out subversive activities in the districts during BNP-led alliance's hartals and blockades, police said. Our Bogra correspondent reported that police arrested 14 Jamaat-Shibir men from different upazilas of the district early yesterday in the cases for vandalism and arson attacks during hartals and blockades last year.

During the drive, police also arrested over 100 people from the upazilas on various charges. They (police) also recovered hemp, phensidyl, and Indian spices worth TK. 4.5 lakh from their possession. Police said they will produce the Jamaat-Shibir men along with other arrestees in courts today. They said drives to arrest the other accused in the cases for vandalism, arson attacks and obstructing police from performing their duties will continue. According to our Chapainawabganj correspondent, a Joint team, comprising police Rab, and BGB men arrested 22 Jamaat-

Shibri activists from Sadar and Shibganj upazilas of the district early yesterday. Police said the Jamaat-Shibir men were wanted in the cases for vandalism, arson attacks and attacks on the on-duty law enforcers during the BNP-led alliance's hartals and blockades in the district last year. They conducted raids in different areas of Sadar upazila at around 1:00am and arrested ten Jamaat-Shibir activists. In another drive, the joint force arrested 12 Jamaat-Shibir men, raiding different areas of Shibganj upazila. The arrestees were later handed over to the respective police stations.

## Housewife hacked to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kusthia

A housewife was hacked to death allegedly by her husband at Jhinerpur village in Sadar upazila of Meherpur district yesterday. The deceased is Selina Khatun, 32, wife of Masud Ali alias Inzil. She was

mother of three children. Reazul Islam, officer in-charge of Meherpur Sadar police station, said Masud and his wife often engaged in altercation over family matters. Yesterday morning, Masud attacked Selina with a sharp weapon, leaving her

dead on the spot following an altercation over the issue. On information, police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Meherpur Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. Masud went into hiding after the incident, said the OC.



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TOO DANGEROUS, TOO CROOKED MEANS TO EARN: This elephant, driven by a teenage mahout, stops a car on the road near Kalihati upazila headquarters in Tangail district on Friday, forcing the driver to give some money as a way out. A couple of other elephants are also engaged in similar acts in the area for the last several days, posing risk of serious accidents in case the giant animal gets irritated by the startling noise of vehicles or teasing by curious children.

## Six killed, 15 injured by lightning in 4 dists

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At least six people, including a schoolgirl and two madrasa boys, were killed by lightning in Meherpur, Jhenidah, Panchagarh and Tangail districts yesterday and the day before. In Meherpur, two farmers were killed and five others injured as lightning struck them at Teghoria field in Sadar upazila yesterday, reports our Kusthia correspondent. The deceased were identified as Shafiqul Islam, 23, son of Sobdel of Fatehpur and Shah Alam Montu, 35, son of Kausar Ali of Bamanpur in the upazila. The injured are Ansarul, 30, Banisur, 21, Hedayat, 17, Tazzel, 45 and Rezaul, 39. They were admitted to Meherpur General Hospital. Family sources said the thunderbolt struck the victims while they were

working at the field at 11:30am. Of them, Shafiqul Islam and Alam Montu died on the spot, said the sources. According to our Jhenidah correspondent, a 14-year-old girl was killed by lightning at Bazrapur village in Moheshpur upazila on Friday night. Daughter of Golam Rahman of the village, deceased Rima Khatun was a student of class nine at Khalishpur Secondary School in the upazila. Rima's father said all of a sudden, the thunderbolt struck her daughter while she sat on the veranda of their house and died on the spot around 8:00pm. Away in Panchagarh, a youth was killed by lightning at Sarkarpara village in Debiganj upazila yesterday afternoon. The dead is Provash Chandra Roy, 26, son of Dharendra Nath Roy of the

village, reports our Thakurgaon district. Locals said the thunderbolt struck Provash when he was returning home from the local bazar during the rain around 1:00pm. He died on the spot, said Porimal De Sarkar, vice chairman of Debiganj upazila parishad. In Tangail, two madrasa students were killed and 10 others injured as thunderbolt struck them in Gopalpur upazila of the district yesterday afternoon. Deceased Alam Miah, 14, and Selim Miah, 15, were the students of Mohiuddin Memorial Hafezia Madrasa in the area. The injured were admitted to Bhuapur Upazila Health Complex, reports our correspondent. Locals said the thunderbolt struck the victims while they were playing football on the premises of the madrasa.

## BENAPOLE DOUBLE MURDER CASE Accused arrested after gunfight with cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

An accused in double murder case was arrested after gunfight with police in Shikri area under Benapole Police Station of Jessore district early Friday. The arrestee, Rafiqul Islam, 32, son of Lutfar Rahman of Mahishadanga village under the police station, was wanted in the case for killing Jubo League activists Amin and Lalon at Baroputa village on April 26. Officer-in-Charge (OC) Apurbo Hasan of Benapole Port Police Station said police launched a drive in Shikri area at around 5:00am to arrest Rafiqul. Sensing the presence of police, notorious criminal

Rafiq and his cohorts blasted at least three to four bombs and opened fire, prompting the law enforcers to retaliate by firing eight rounds of bullets, he added. Rafiq sustained bullet injuries and was arrested on the spot while his cohorts managed to flee, the OC further said. Assistant sub-inspectors Ashraful and Tajul Islam of Benapole Police Station also received bomb injuries during the clash. They are undergoing treatment at local hospital. Police recovered a gun and three bombs from there and sent Rafiq to Jessore Medical College Hospital. They later arrested two accomplices of Rafiq--Sattar, 40, and Rahim, 36--from Baroputa village.

## 10 shops torched in Khagrachhari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Criminals set at least ten shops afire at remote Naraichhari Bazaar under Dighinala upazila of the district yesterday. Officer-in-Charge Sahadat Hossain Titu of Dighinala Police Station quoted locals as saying that a gang of criminals arrived at the bazaar at around 12:30pm and fired in the air. All shops at the bazaar remained closed at that time

as the shop owners went to their respective houses to have meal. Witnesses said the armed gang set fire to at least 10 shops and left the scene immediately. Niran Chakma, press and information secretary of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF), blamed the armed cadres of the Santu Larma faction of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) for the arson attack.

## Law enforcers

FROM PAGE 2 have already directed the police not to conduct drives in plainclothes, it is not enough, mentioned Prof Mizan. "Law enforcers must carry their identity cards with them and put on their uniform when they go out to arrest or detain anyone. Even they should make local dignitaries witnesses when picking up anyone.... If it can be ensured, the number of killings, disappearances

and abductions will reduce," he added. The NHRC and Faria Lara Foundation jointly organised the programme at the town's RDF Convention Centre. The first day of the two-day event was held at Kuakata in Patuakhali on Friday. Around 200 people, including civil society members, rights workers, government officials and journalists, participated in the event.



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Journalists under the banner of Barisal Reporters Unity bring out a procession in the city yesterday, marking World Press Freedom Day.

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01.	Ministry/Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources		
02.	Agency	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources		
03.	Procuring Entity Name	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources		
04.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
05.	Invitation for	Procurement for Computer and ICT equipments.		
06.	Invitation Ref No	27.00.0000.041.007.04.14-530		
07.	Date	09/04/2014		
KEY INFORMATION				
08.	Procurement Method	OTM		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
09.	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue/GOB		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
10.	Project/Programme Code	Not Applicable		
11.	Project/Programme Name	Not Applicable		
12.	Tender Package No.	01/2014		
13.	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Computer and ICT equipments.		
14.	Tender Publication Date	03/05/2014		
15.	Tender Last Selling Date	18/05/2014		
16.	Tender Closing Date and Time	19/05/2014		12:00
17.	Tender Opening Date and Time	19/05/2014		13:00
18.	Name and Address of the offices(s)		Address	
	-Selling Tender Document (Principle)		Deputy Secretary (Admin-1), Power Division, Room # 206, Building # 06, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.	
	-Selling Tender Document (Others)		Director General, Power Cell, Bidyut Bhaban, (level-10) 01 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.	
	-Receiving Tender Document		Deputy Secretary (Admin-1), Power Division, Room # 206, Building # 06, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.	
	-Opening Tender Document			
19.	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)			N/A
INFORMATION FOR TENDEER				
20.	Eligibility of Tender	The Tenderer Should be Importer/General Mercant/Traders/Whole/Reatil Seller/Supplier, well-experienced with Valid (01) Trade License (02) Income Tax Certificate (TIN) (03) VAT Registration Certificate (04) Undertaking of not being Black Listed/debarment in any Govt./Autonomous Body (05) Bank Solvency Certificate etc.		
21.	Brief Description of Goods	Computer and ICT equipments.		
22.	Brief Description of Related Services	N/A		
23.	Price of Tender Document (Tk)		LOT-1-500/-	
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	01	Computer and ICT equipments.	Power Division, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.	19,250/-
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25.	Name of Official Inviting Tender		Sheikh Shoebul Alam	
26.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender		Deputy Secretary (Admin-1)	
27.	Address of Official Inviting Tender		Power Division, Room # 206, Building # 06, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.	
28.	Contract details of Official Inviting Tender		Tel: 9513364 Fax- 9514177 dsadmin1@pd.gov.bd	
29.	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the tenders. Quantity of Goods may vary.			
30.	Special Condition: This invitation for Tender notice will be available at the Power Division web site: www.powerdivision.gov.bd			
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