



In the absence of any protection embankment, saline water from the Tentulia River frequently floods the cultivable lands belonging to the country's largest seed firm set up by Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation in Dashmina upazila under Patuakhali district, badly affecting the yield.

## Flooding hampers operation at largest seed firm

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Cultivation in the country's largest seed firm covering 1,044 acres of land in Dashmina upazila under the district is greatly hampered as saline water from nearby Tentulia River regularly floods the area due to lack of flood control embankment.

Around 60 acres of land of the firm set up by Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) has already been washed away due to river erosion.

The farm meant for producing salinity tolerant and hybrid varieties of crop seeds would eventually cover 4,271 areas of land at Char Botham, Char Fatima, Char Hyder, Char Shahjalal, Char Saimon, Char Borhan and Char

Bashbaria in Dashmina upazila, BADC sources said.

The district administration primarily acquired 1,271 acres of land for the purpose and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina formally opened the project on March 19 last year.

The authorities have already brought 1,044 acres of land under cultivation to produce seeds at a cost of Tk 245 crore.

In last year, 852 acres of land was cultivated to produce seeds of paddy on 382 acres, mustard on 80 acres, mug bean on 100 acres, lentil on 240 acres and sesame (locally called til) on 50 acres of land.

Of them, production of paddy seeds amounting to 280 tonnes was satisfactory while the production target of other seeds could not be achieved.

It happened as most of the land was flooded by saline water from nearby Tentulia River during high tides influenced by the new moon and the full moon, said Md Sajedur Rahman, deputy director of the project.

"We have sent a proposal to the ministry concerned for acquisition of more 3,000 acres of land to extend the project area," he added.

"We have already sent seeds of paddy, sunflower, maize, wheat, lentil, and mustard produced at the farm to the processing centre in Dhaka for marketing. Building of flood control embankments is essential for smooth cultivation in the firm areas," said Md Nannu Mia, deputy assistant director of the project.

In Khulna, police arrested Jamaat activists Abu Taher, 35, hailing from Putibila village, Hares Miah, 45, hailing from the same village, Md Lokman, 42, of Pantrisha village and Jan-e-Alam, 40, at West Kolaujan and Shibir activists Mujibur Rahman, 25, of Putibila, Kabir Ahmed, 22, of Saraiya, Khorshed Alam, 25, of Baro Hatiya, Saiful Islam, 20, hailing from East Kolaujan and Nasir Uddin, 25, of Baro Hatiya in the upazila, said assistant sub-inspector Nurul Haque of Lohagara Police Station.

In the early hours of Tuesday on charge of planning subversive activities on the National Mourning Day on August 15, reports our correspondent.

Additional Police Superintendent of Detective Branch Bibhuti Bhushan Banarjee said, on information, Terokhada police, led by officer in-charge Harendranath Sarker, raided his residence at Ananda Nagar village and arrested the Jamaat leader.

Police also recovered one shotgun gun, three bullets and five crude bombs from his madrasa following his confessional statement.

Police arrested nine activists of Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir, the student wing of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, from a student mess at Honumantala in Rangpur city early Sunday morning, reports our correspondent.

Police said, all the arrestees are accused in different cases filed on charge of subversive activities before and after the January 5 parliamentary elections.

The arrestees are Sohel Rana, 22, Mejbah Uddin, 24, Jasim Uddin, 22, Hamidur Rahman, 20, Rakibul Islam, 25, Shamsul Haque, 20, Hasan Al Mahmud, 22, Hafizur Rahman, 24, and Nazmul Islam, 25.

In Moulvibazar, at least 11 Shibir men were sent to jail in Barolekha upazila on Sunday afternoon, reports our correspondent.

They also were held in connection with the cases for vandalism, arson attacks and carrying out subversive activities before and after the January 5 parliamentary elections.

Twenty-three were arrested from the court premises when they came to seek bail at the court of Barolekha judicial magistrate Gazi Delwar Hossain around 4:00pm.

Those sent to jail are Moiun Islam, Faisol Ahmed, Jahid Ahmed Shahed Ahmed, Javed Ahmed, Tajul Islam, Imon Ahmed, Azad Ahmed, Khaled Ahmed, Helal Uddin and Dudu Miah of the upazila.

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# Where has the girl gone?

Abducted 5 months ago, police still 'trying hard' to rescue her

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Rangpur

A 13-year-old schoolgirl, who was allegedly abducted from Goneshpur area of the city, has remained traceless about five months into the incident.

The girl, a Class IX student of Merit Care School and College and daughter of an army corporal, presently

working at United Nations peacekeeping missions in Kuwait, hailed from Janok-Dhaperhat area of the town.

The mother of the victim said, Jahangir Alam, 32, son of Hazrat Ali of Hugra-Madhyapara village in Tangail, also a teacher of the school had long been trying to woo the girl.

As her daughter did not respond to his proposal, at

around 6:00am on February 24, Jahangir and two to three of his accomplices abducted her while she was having morning walk in front of their house, she added.

The following day, the victim's mother lodged an abduction case against Jahangir with Rangpur Sadar Police Station.

Although we lodged an

abduction case against Jahangir with the police station, the law enforcers were yet to arrest anybody or rescue the girl, she told this correspondent.

Md Abdul Qader Jilani, officer-in-charge of Rangpur Sadar Police Station, said they were trying hard to arrest the culprits and rescue the girl.

## Cop's body found in car, 2 arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Mymensingh

Decomposed body of a police constable was recovered from inside a private car in Town Hall area in the district town on Tuesday night.

The deceased was identified as Saiful Islam, 35, a constable of Dhaka Metropolitan Police. He hailed from Sreebordi in Sherpur district.

Being informed by locals, a team of Kotwali Model Police Station recovered the body of Saiful from the car around 10:00pm and arrested two car passengers-- Constable Alauddin, 35, and Saiful's wife Taslima Khatun from the spot.

Police and locals said, Alauddin and Taslima along with a suitcase rented the private car from the Muslim Girls School and College area of the town around 8:00pm to go to Rajendrapur in Gazipur.

Later, the car driver, Arif, felt bad odour from his vehicle while driving it and informed it to local people.

Later at about 9:30pm the locals recovered the decomposed body of the constable from inside a sack in the car after a search and called police.

The arrestees told police during quizzing that Alauddin was the first husband of Taslima and later she was married with constable Saiful. But she still had a relationship with Alauddin too.

Police suspected that Saiful was killed by the duo and it took place due to a family feud.

## 'Substandard' aman seeds put farmers in trouble

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Hundreds of farmers at different villages in Boda upazila of Panchagarh fell in a deep trouble allegedly after sowing substandard aman seeds and are worried that they might incur huge loss in the current season.

They have already submitted written complaints to upazila nirkabi officer (UNO) and upazila agriculture officer to take steps against the trader who sold 'sub-standard' seeds to the local farmers.

According to the complaint, several hundred farmers of Sakoya, Panchpir and Chandanbari unions under the upazila bought aman seeds from 'Ma Biz Bhandar', a seed shop at Sakoya Bazar.

The farmers are now worried about aman production as the plants have started stemming at premature stage.

They said, earlier in aman planting season, they bought seeds from the shop and sown in their seed beds.

Later they planted the aman seedlings in their cropfields.

After 15/20 days of planting, seedlings grew into flowering plants instead of 50/60 days which made farmers doubtful of getting proper crop production.



PHOTO: STAR  
Erosion by the Jamuna River has taken a serious turn, devouring areas in Ziadanga village in Phulchhari upazila under Gaibandha district.

## Request for Proposal

UNDP Country Office ICT Helpdesk Management Support

Reference: RFP-BD-2014-045



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**Submission of Proposal:** The envelope should state the tender subject mentioned above and the Proposals must be submitted as per the instructions specified in the RFP document by the deadline mentioned below to the **Registry, UNDP Bangladesh, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.**

A pre-bid meeting will be conducted at UNDP, IDB Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar on 18th August 2014 at 02:00 PM local time.

The deadline for submission of Proposals is **Wednesday, 27th August 2014, 04:30PM** local time.



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## Corrigendum

Due to printing mistake of the Request for Expression of Interest notice vide EOI Ref. No. DPDC/DGM (ICT)/Dev./2.02/2014/05, Dated: 21/07/2014 is hereby revised as follows:

Original	As amended
SI. No. 13 Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working experience in supply, installation, commissioning, implementation and maintenance of Hardware, Software and Networking.</li> <li>Should have experience in successful implementation of outsourced Contact Center (Inbound and Outbound) Services in Bangladesh and have necessary arrangement for infrastructure needed to ensure the above service at their own cost.</li> </ul>

Other terms and conditions will be remained unchanged.

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