

STOP!
What are you eating?
Do you know what
chemicals are added
to your food?
Do not panic, but work
together to change.

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PESTICIDES 15 times the limit USED

Research finds 1/3 pesticides sub-standard;
low quality leads to excessive use

PORIMOL PALMA with SUHAS SHANKAR CHOWDHURY

Apart from the pervasive adulteration of food, excessive use of pesticides, often of poor quality, in the cultivation phase poses serious threats to human health.

A new study finds that almost one-third of the pesticides used in producing vegetables and fruits in the country are substandard.

This is forcing farmers to apply excessive doses of pesticides that, experts say, not only raises the production cost but also causes grave health hazards to consumers in the long run.

Worse still, the overdosing of these subpar chemicals is strengthening resistance in the insects, which means standard doses cannot kill them in many cases.

The monitoring authorities admit the fact and claim they were doing their part to maintain pesticide standards. Food safety activists, however, say

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WHO GAINS FROM
PESTICIDES?

RESULT

- Farmers' production costs shoot up
- People's health risks multiply
- Pesticide companies' business booms



A farmer spraying pesticide in a paddy field.

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At cost of people

Pesticide sellers cash in on growers' ignorance;
find it easy to mint money

SOHEL PARVEZ with MARTIN SWAPAN PANDEY

Abu Bakar Siddique, a vegetable grower at Shibganj of Bogra, became frustrated after his neighbour bagged higher profit from growing bitter melon on a piece of land smaller than his.

He was certain that his neighbour's success lay in applying pesticides twice a week. But Siddique, 50, who also works as a mason sometimes, had

time constraints and could spray pesticides only once a week.

He also had this faint idea that excessive use of pesticides is harmful for humans. But his neighbours and millions of farmers across the country are least bothered about it. Profit-driven, their goal is to keep pests at bay to ensure fresh and good-looking vegetables and fruits and thus

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Tearful goodbye to Feroza Begum

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

It was a day to mourn and people mourned. But some losses are too great that you cannot mourn enough, and the passing of Feroza Begum is one such loss.

As the pallbearers carried her coffin for burial, one of her most touching Nazrul Sangeet tracks played, rather so

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We Mourn

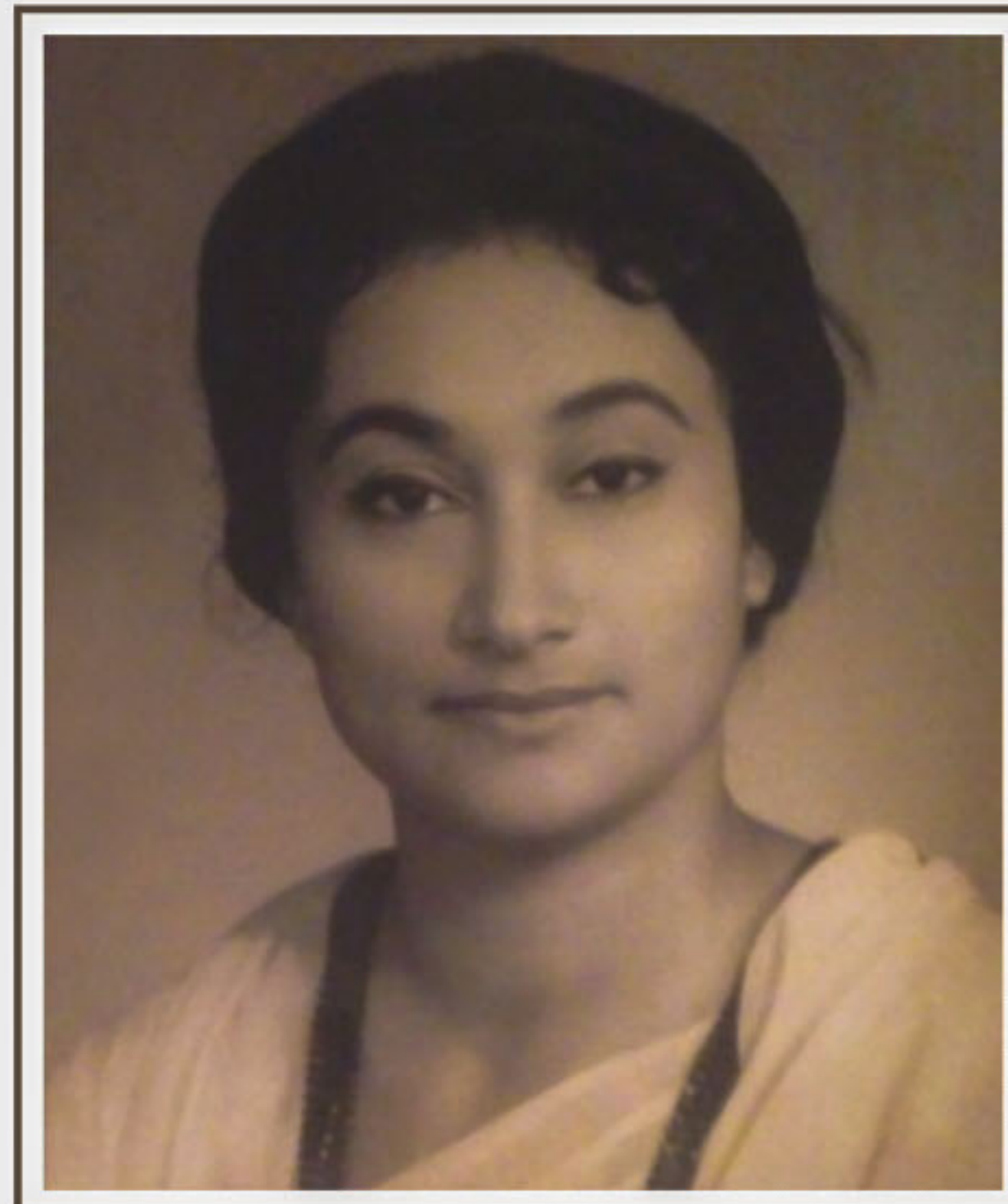


We deeply mourn the death of
the legendary Artiste of the Sub-continent
Feroza Begum
who breathed her last
on Tuesday, 9 September 2014
Inna lillahi... raji'un



Members of ACI Family

Qulkhani of Feroza Begum



We profoundly regret to announce the death of Feroza Begum, the great exponent of Nazrul Sangeet in the sub-continent, pioneering its popularity throughout the world.

She expired on Tuesday, 9th September 2014 at 8:30 pm at the Apollo Hospital, Dhaka. She was 84. She is survived by her three sons.

She was the third daughter of Late Khan Bahadur Mohammad Ismail and Begum Kawkabannesa of Faridpur.

Her Qulkhani will be held on Friday, the 12th of September 2014 at Gulshan Azad Mosque following Magrib prayer.

We request all to pray for the salvation of her departed soul.

Marium Begum • Shamsunnahar Begum • Rizia Begum
Brig. General (Retd.) Mosih Ud Dowla • M. Anis Ud Dowla • M. Asaf Ud Dowlah
Tahsin • Hamin • Shafin