

Women farmers outdo male counterparts

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Increasing number of women are getting engaged in agriculture in different areas of the district, performing even better than their male counterparts.

"At least 7,000 women are independently engaged in agriculture, especially vegetable farming, on their own or leased land. Without hardly any help of male family members, they are even doing better. Agriculture officials provide training and technical support to such women at many villages," said Safayet Hossain, deputy director of

the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Lalmonirhat.

Sabina Begum, 35, wife of Nazer Ali of Fulgachh village in Lalmonirhat Sadar, started vegetable farming on leased land at the village after taking 10 days' training from the DAE three years ago.

"In 2012, I earned Tk 70 thousand by selling vegetables from the land. I earned Tk 1,12,000 last year and Tk 40 thousand in first seven months of this year," said Sabina, who earlier worked as farm labourer for small wages.

Kakoli Begum, 25, wife of

Sahed Miah of the same village, said, "I started producing vegetables on three bighas of land taken from my husband three years ago after he failed to get profit from there. I have been enjoying good profit from the land through producing vegetables."

Sabitry Rani, 38, wife of Nitai Chandra Barmon at Kamlabari village of Aditmari upazila, said she has been maintaining all the expenditure of the five-member family through producing vegetables on their seven bighas of land in the village for the last five years.

"Earlier my husband struggled hard to maintain the family. Then I took seven bighas of land on lease from him and started producing vegetables there. Now I can save Tk 80,000 to 90,000 yearly after maintaining family expenditure including three children's education," she said.

"Women are more sincere in agriculture, especially vegetable farming. They work hard and so, are doing better than male farmers," said Nurul Islam of Baninagar village under Kaliganj upazila, award winner as the district's best farmer.



PHOTO: STAR

A woman transplants winter vegetables at the field beside her homestead at Fulgachh village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila. The area sees increasing number of women engaging in farming, traditionally done by males.

SNIPPETS

Accused snatched from police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

An accused was snatched from police custody allegedly by the ruling party men at Aliganj Bazaar in Mehendiganj upazila of the district yesterday. A sub-inspector (SI) of Mehendiganj police station sustained injury and a camera of a local journalist was snatched during the incident. Acknowledging the fact, injured SI Habibur Rahman said Sabuj alias Pichchi Sabuj of Lakkhipur village was accused in a number of cases with the police station. Police arrested Sabuj from Aliganj Bazaar around 11:30am yesterday. A group of AL men attacked the police vehicle and snatched Sabuj when the latter was being taken to the police station. OC Ujjal Kumar Dey said they are conducting drive to re-arrest the culprit.

Five shops gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Five shops and a godown were gutted in a fire at Toriki Bandar Bazar in Gournadi upazila yesterday. At least three people were injured during the incident. The fire originated from an electric short circuit at a shop and soon engulfed the adjoining shops. On information, firefighters rushed to the spot and doused the blaze after two hours of frantic efforts, said fire service sources. The loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk 20 lakh, said Gournadi Fire Station Officer Inamul Islam.

Fish poisoned to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Fish worth Tk 3 lakh in a pond and an enclosure of a former UP chairman was poisoned to death by criminals at Kathaltoli village in Bahubol upazila early yesterday. The affected fish farmer is freedom fighter Siraj Uddin, former chairman of the upazila parishad. A gang poured poison in the fish enclosure sometimes at midnight, said family sources. A case was filed in this connection, said Abu Yushuf, Borolekha upazila fisheries officer.

13 sued in C&F agent killing case

Sonamasjid land port workers continue agitation, demanding arrest of the killers

Follow-up

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Thirteen people have been sued on charge of killing Clearing and Forwarding (C&F) Agents Association leader Monirul Islam.

Victim's wife Rahima Khatun filed a case with Shiganj Police Station on Saturday night. Akhirul Islam, 48, president of C&F Agents Association of Sonamasjid land port, Sirajul Islam Munshi, 50, senior vice-president and Tohorul Islam, 41, general secretary of the association,

are among the accused.

Monirul Islam, 35, treasurer of the association and also general secretary of ward No1 of Shabbajpur union unit of Jubo League, was shot dead at Chaturpur area in Shibganj municipal area at around 7:00pm on Friday.

Police arrested Akhirul Islam, Sirajul Islam Munshi and Tohorul Islam in connection with the killing the same night.

loading and unloading of goods at Sonamsjid land port remained suspended for the second day yesterday as port workers continued work abstention, demanding arrest of the killers of Monirul.

ALLEGED BID TO RAPE WOMAN

Schoolteacher held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Police arrested a schoolteacher from Satgara village in Pirganj upazila of the district on Saturday night

for his alleged bid to rape a woman.

The arrestee, Golam Mostafa Mukul, 42, son of Abdur Rouf of Tularampur village, is an assistant teacher of Dariakpara Government Primary School in the upazila.

Police and locals said Mukul waylaid the woman, 30, also president of Satgara Nari Unnayan Samity, while she was returning home at the village from Pirganj upazila headquarter at around 8:00pm.

He forcibly took her to a nearby banana orchard and tried to rape her. Hearing scream, locals rushed to the spot and caught the culprit red-handed.

They beat up Mukul and later handed him over to police.

Officer-in-Charge Md Israil Hossin of Pirganj Police Station said the victim filed a case against Mukul under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

Mukul was yesterday produced in a Rangpur court that sent him to Rangpur Central Jail.

PCJSS man shot dead in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A supporter of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) was shot dead allegedly by the members of Manabendra Narayan Larma (MN Larma) faction of PCJSS at Rubberbagan area under Baghaichhari upazila of the district yesterday morning.

The dead was identified as Sushil Bikash Chakma, 32, of Maidehy Baghaichhari village.

Locals said a gang waylaid Sushil at Rubberbagan area at around 9:30am and shot him point blank. He died instantly.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md Azizul Haque of Baghaichhari Police Station quoted locals as saying that some of the gang members left the scene, riding three motorcycles while others took away the body.

"We did not find Sushil's body there," the OC said, adding that they found bloodstains on the spot.

Three women rescued from traffickers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) rescued three Bangladeshi women while they were being trafficked to India through Putkhali border in Sharsha upazila yesterday

The border guards also detained two human traffickers—Tagor, 30, and Babu Sardar, 32—during the drive. Both hail from Baropota village in the upazila.

BGB Putkhali camp in-charge Safi Uddin said they, acting on a tip-off, raided Balurmata area adjacent to the border in the morning and rescued the women. They all are from Dumuria upazila of Khulna district.

Panic spreads as over 100 blank shots fired on Kuakata beach

Licensed shot gun, 2 pistols seized from three shooters

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Three people shot over 100 rounds of bullets in the air from their licensed arms on Kuakata sea beach in the district Saturday night, spreading panic in the area.

Police seized a shot gun and two pistols used in the act.

The three people -- Kamruzzaman Milon, Nur Uddin Emran and Alamgir Hossain, all of activists of Bangladesh Human Rights Commission in

Dhaka, came to Kuakata on Saturday morning to attend a conference held at a motel of Parjatan Corporation the same day.

They stayed in room No 201 of the motel.

"The three men who introduced themselves as human rights activists went to Lembur Char area about two km to the west of Kuakata Zero Point and shot a number of blank fire with their licensed arms from 10:00pm to 11:00pm," said Sanjoy Mondol, in charge officer for Kuakata police camp.

Panicked due to the sound of firing, a good number of people including women and children ran to the nearby forest for safety.

At one stage hundreds of locals tried to catch the shooters who managed to come back to their motel on motorbikes.

Informed, a police team led by Sanjoy Mondol rushed to the spot.

Searching the motel room used by the three shooters, police seized a shot gun and two pistols from there.

Locals found 19 bullet cartridges and two bottles of foreign wine at the firing spot and handed it over to



PHOTO: STAR

Foreign wine bottles and blank cartridges seized from Lembur Char in Kuakata sea beach where three people fired around a hundred rounds of shots in the air from their licensed arms on Saturday night, creating panic in the area.

police yesterday morning.

Hearing the sound of firing, panicked locals came out of their houses and tried to move away for safety as they thought it was a gun-fight among gangs of robbers, said Sultan Bapari, president of Khajura ward unit of Awami League.

Dr Saiful Islam Dilder, secretary general of Human Right Commission, said liability for the act rests with the people involved, nobody else.

Asked about the matter, Nur Uddin Emran, one of the shooters said, "It is legal for licensed arms holders to

practise shooting."

On the other hand, Md Azizur Rahman, OC of Kalapara police station, said, "It is true that the three people have licenses for their arms. But to practise shooting, licensed arms holders should inform the police station concerned and take permission earlier, as per rules."

A GD has been filed with Kuakata police camp, he added.

Syed Mosfiqur Rahman, superintendent of police of Patuakhali, said they are taking lawful step after proper investigation.

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Statement of Financial Position (un-audited)						
As of 30 September 2014						
	CONSOLIDATED		MJJBL			
	30.09.2014	31.12.2013	30.09.2014	31.12.2013		
	Taka	Taka	Taka	Taka		
ASSETS						
Property, Plant and Equipments	5,245,631,919	5,102,601,767	4,706,243,636	4,804,497,129		
Intangible Assets	6,327,016	7,405,409	6,204,745	7,405,409		
Capital Work-in Progress	4,288,076,293	1,412,755,850	130,023,021	100,164,615		
Investment in Subsidiary	-	183,001,000	1,937,179,107	1,897,813,107		
Investment in Bonds and Shares	80,417,961	76,282,069	80,417,961	76,282,069		
Total Non-Current Assets	9,620,453,189	6,782,046,095	6,860,068,470	6,886,162,329		
Inventories	1,270,308,711	1,495,101,363	1,195,567,337	1,495,101,363		
Receivables	557,812,336	410,053,842	447,087,779	324,265,138		
Inter Company Receivables	380,373,060	347,565,896	779,710,807	365,937,134		
Advances, Deposits and Prepayments	423,916,696	1,861,518,151	142,111,481	248,400,109		
Advance Income Tax	1,383,382,392	1,221,915,372	1,383,382,392	1,221,915,372		
Investments in Fixed Deposits	2,255,717,627	1,833,902,362	2,057,818,516	1,408,903,351		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	309,774,287	179,548,607	273,434,752	155,580,288		
Total Current Assets	6,581,287,109	7,349,605,593	6,279,113,064	5,220,102,805		
Total Assets	16,201,740,297	14,131,651,689	13,139,181,534	12,106,265,134		
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES						
Equity						
Share Capital	2,384,732,000	2,384,732,000	2,384,732,000	2,384,732,000		
Share Premium	4,074,000,000	4,074,000,000	4,074,000,000	4,074,000,000		
Share money deposits	757,799,000	498,200,000	-	-		
Retained Earnings	1,157,674,329	840,352,690	1,197,223,210	879,362,856		
Total Shareholders Equity	8,374,205,329	7,747,284,690	7,655,955,210	7,338,094,856		
Non-controlling interest	74,685,879	33,064,726	-	-		
Total Equity	8,448,891,207	7,780,349,416	7,655,955,210	7,338,094,856		
Liabilities						
Deferred Tax Liabilities	435,123,504	327,492,869	435,123,504	327,492,869		
Long Term Loan	1,499,832,897	97,812,499	-	97,812,500		
Total Non-Current Liabilities	1,934,956,401	425,305,368	435,123,504	425,305,369		
Short Term Portion of Long Term Loan	194,375,000	391,250,000	194,375,000	391,250,000		
Short Term Loan	3,806,038,791	4,056,684,687	3,115,014,772	2,532,657,051		
Bank Overdraft	98,884,497	-	97,265,997	-		
Trade Creditors	241,040,064	256,081,235	230,474,868	228,920,597		
Provision for Income Tax	1,265,481,856	981,611,795	1,262,358,198	974,469,132		
Subscription Money Payable	15,214,461	15,764,393	15,214,461	15,764,393		
Dividend Payable	26,286,113	16,905,420	26,286,113	16,905,420		
Other Liabilities	170,571,907	207,699,375	107,113,410	182,896,316		
Total Current Liabilities	5,817,892,688	5,925,996,905	5,048,102,820	4,342,864,909		
Total Liabilities	7,752,849,090	6,351,302,273	5,483,226,324	4,768,170,278		
Total Equity and Liabilities	16,201,740,297	14,131,651,689	13,139,181,534	12,106,265,134		
Net Asset Value (NAV)						
	35.43	32.63	32.10	30.77		
Statement of Changes in Equity (un-audited)						
For the period ended 30 Sep 2014						
Particulars	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Equity (Total)		
Balance at 01 January 2013	2,384,732,000	4,074,000,000	753,660,488	7,212,392,488		
Share Capital Issued-Stock Dividend	-	-	-	-		
Dividend for the year 2012	-	-	(596,183,000)	(596,183,000)		
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	-	-	628,381,588	628,381,588		
Balance at 30 September 2013	2,384,732,000	4,074,000,000	785,859,076	7,244,591,076		
Balance at 01 January 2014	2,384,732,000	4,074,000,000	879,362,857	7,338,094,857		
Dividend for the year 2013	-	-	(596,183,000)	(596,183,000)		
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	-	-	914,043,353	914,043,353		
Balance at 30 September 2014	2,384,732,000	4,074,000,000	1,197,223,210	7,655,955,210		
MJJ Bangladesh Limited						
Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (un-audited)						
For the period ended 30 Sep 2014						
Particulars	Share Capital	Share Premium	Share Money Deposit	Non Controlling Interest	Retained Earnings	Total Share holders Equity
Balance at 01 January 2014	2,384,732,000	4,074,000,000	448,200,000	33,064,726	840,352,690	7,780,349,416
Ordinary Share Capital	-	-	-	37,822,237	-	37,822,237
Share money deposit	-	-	309,599,000	-	-	309,599,000
Dividend for the year 2013	-	-	-	-	(596,183,000)	(596,183,000)
Net profit after tax	-	-	-	3,798,917	913,504,639	917,303,556
Balance at 30 Sep 2014	2,384,732,000	4,074,000,000	757,799,000	74,685,879	1,157,674,329	8,448,891,207