



Farmers take away unyielding aman plants from their field at Pashchim Barua village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila to prepare the land for cultivation of winter vegetables.

# Less rain, late flood affect aman yield

### Lalmonirhat farmers using sterile plants as fodder

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat  
Adverse weather conditions like lack of timely rain, late flood and early winter caused setback of aman paddy yield in the district this year. Due to the situation, many farmers are selling their cultivated aman paddy plants to the local cattle farm owners for low prices to free the land for cultivating winter vegetables. "I cultivated aman plants on three bighas of land this year, but there was hardly any yield due to lack of rain, and late flood and early winter. I have sold all the plants at Tk 1,800 to a local cattle farmer. I am preparing my lands for winter vegetable," said Abdul Jalil Mondol, 72, of Paschim Barua village in Lalmonirhat Sadar. "I am cutting away aman plants of my six bighas of land for using as fodder as the plants got damaged due to unfavourable weather," said Shahjahan Mandol, 55, of the same village. "We didn't get any rain when we prepared our aman fields, and the paddy plants went under water as the flood came late this year, and then these paddy plants were affected again due to early arrival of winter in the last week of October. Aman plants on at least on 200 bighas of land got damaged at Paschim Barua village this year," he said. "I got 58 maunds of paddy from three bighas of land last year, but the paddy plants of these lands got damaged this year," said Mahendra Nath Barmon, 62, at Barua village. There was only 19 millimetre rainfall in October this year but it was 199 millimetres the same time last year, said sources of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE).

# Youth held with firearm

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Law enforcers in a drive arrested a drug addict youth along with a locally made pistol from Moradhar village in Baliadangi upazila of Thakurgaon on Tuesday night.

The arrestee is Abdur Rahim, 23, son of Abdul Mannan of the village.

Police quoting Sheikh Ayub Ali, chairman of local Union Parishad, said Rahim beat his mother and wife when they denied paying him money for buying drugs on Tuesday afternoon.

Later, his family members informed him the matter and asked him to themselves from Rahim's torture, the chairman added.

Being informed by Ayub Ali, a joint-team of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and police raided Rahim's house at night and arrested him along with the pistol.

A case was filed with Baliadangi Police Station in this connection.

# Indian liquor seized from trawler, 2 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Law enforcers in a drive seized 159 bottles of Indian liquor from a trawler anchored at Ujanburail Ghat in Suderganj upazila of the district on Tuesday and arrested its two boatmen.

The arrestees, Amir Hossain, 35, and Abdur Rahim, 32, hail from Feshker Char village in Chilmari upazila of Kurigram.

Being informed, a task-force led by acting Sundarganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Rashedul Haque challenged a Narayanganj-bound jute-laden trawler anchored at the Ghat and found the Indian liquor kept underneath the jute-belts.

They seized the Indian liquor and arrested the two boatmen.

In primary interrogation, the arrestees confessed that a gang of some unknown drug smugglers loaded the bottles at Fesker Char Ghat and told them to unload those at Khatiyamari Char in Phulchhari upazila of Gaibandha.

The arrestees said they were carrying the liquor in exchange for Tk 10,000, the UNO said.

Around 11:00pm, the arrestees were produced before a mobile court. The court sentenced them to one-year's imprisonment each.

# Rakhain weavers busy making warm clothes ahead of winter

### The traditional industry needs modern machines, adequate cotton supply for survival

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Over 400 people belonging to a hundred Rakhain families in coastal districts Patuakhali and Barguna are now passing busy time, weaving warm clothes ahead of winter season.

"We weave different kinds of warm cloths like shawls, sweaters, neckties, and mufflers, in addition to shirt pieces, lungis, and napkins, using traditional handloom," said Manua, 35, a Rakhain at Mistripara in Kuakata area.

Manua's mother Antheang and brother Ubathen are also engaged in the job, weaving various cloths round the year and their products are very popular, especially to tourists coming to Kuakata and adjacent areas.

The Rakhain handloom products are sold at different shops in Kuakata of Patuakhali and Taltali of Barguna district and tourists

who visit there especially in the winter season are the main buyers of these items.

Depending on quality and size, a shirt piece sells for Tk 300 to 500, shawl Tk 400 to 800, muffler Tk 170 to 250, lungi Tk 250 to 400, bag Tk 30 to 400, saree Tk 800 to 1,200, bed sheet Tk 300 to 600.

"Warm cloths produced by the Rakhains have special design and patterns and are comfortable to use. These are cheap too," said Mizanur Rahman, teacher of Bakerganj Government College in Barisal district, who bought some warm clothes during his visit to Kuakata recently.

This correspondent found Rakhain woman Mamache, 25, and her mother Mathuse, 40, weaving a shawl in front of their house at Mistripara.

They run their five-member family with the job.

"We weave cloth with handloom but we have to

compete with machine-run products. We need electricity-run auto weaving machines to survive the challenge. Besides, problems like rise of cotton price need to be addressed," said Mathuse.

"Price of cotton doubled in last five years. The government should give subsidy for the weaving industry as many Rakhain families are dependent on it," said Enayet Hossain of Taltali area, who supplies different types of cotton for the handlooms in Patuakhali and Barguna, after buying the item from Dhaka.

Uchachi Babu, president of Patuakhali district unit of Buddhist Welfare Association, urged the government to provide financial and technical help to ensure survival of the industry run by over 400 people of around 100 Rakhain families in Patuakhali and Barguna districts.



Rakhain women weave artistic shawl with handloom at their Mistripara house in Kuakata of Kalapara upazila under Patuakhali district yesterday. Traditional warm clothes made by the indigenous community are in good demand, especially to the tourists coming to the seas beach area in winter.

# Six arrested in police assault case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Police in a drive on Tuesday night arrested six people in connection with the attack on the law-enforcers at Kakuria village in Sadar upazila on Saturday.

The arrestees are Shahid Beg, Abdul Kuddus, Siraj Mia, Mohammad Alam, Azibor Mia and Liton Mia, said Masudul Alam, officer in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

Gamblers swooped on a police team that went to the village on Saturday, leaving seven cops injured.

Later, police filed a case with the police station accusing over 250 people of the village.

Police said drive is on to arrest the rest of the accused.

# Minar, 55 others indicted in Ekram murder case

### Court issues arrest warrant against 26 fugitive accused

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

A Feni court yesterday framed charges against 56 people, including BNP leader Minar Chowdhury, in Fulgazi upazila chairman Ekramul Haq murder case.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Alamgir Mohammad Faruqi also issued arrest warrant against 26 fugitive accused in the case and fixed November 26 for starting trial of the case.

Twenty-nine out of 56 charge-sheeted accused, who are now in jail, were produced in the court. Police could not produce Minar before the court as he

is undergoing treatment at Birdem Hospital in the capital.

Sub-Inspector Abul Kalam Azad, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge-sheet to the court against 56 people. Of the accused, 55 belong to ruling Awami League or its associated bodies.

Fulgazi upazila chairman Ekramul Haque, 45, also the president of Awami League upazila unit, was shot and burnt to death in his car near Bilashi Cinema Hall in the Academy area of the district town on May 20 this year.

He came under attack

while going to Fulgazi Upazila Parishad office from his Masterpara residence in the Feni town town at around 10:30am.

Rezaul Haque Jasim, brother of the slain upazila chairman, filed a murder case with Feni Model Police Station on the day, accusing 30 to 35 people, including local BNP leader Minar Chowdhury.

A team of the Detective Branch of police arrested Minar from Kachukhet area near Dhaka Cantonment on May 27.

Sixteen out of the arrestees made confessional statements before the court.



A farmer barks his date tree at Kapashatia village in Harinakundo upazila under Jhenidah district to get sweet juice that becomes available during winter. The date juice is used to prepare different homemade delicacies in rural areas.

# 4 women muggers held in Jamalpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Police arrested four women for their alleged involvement in mugging at Jamalpur railway station yesterday.

The arrestees are Ajufa, 25, wife of Salek Miah, Arufa Begum, 22, wife of Loud Ali, Nasima Begum, 25, wife of Abul Khayer and Rakhena Begum, 26, wife of Babul Miah of Dharmondol village in Nasirnagar upazila of Brahmanbaria district.

Police said a gang of women muggers became active at the railway station during the rush hour for the last few days as passengers from Mashakhali in Trishal upazila hurriedly got the Dewanganj-bound train.

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২০১৪-২০১৫ শিক্ষাবর্ষে এমবিবিএস কোর্সে ছাত্র/ছাত্রী ভর্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত এবং ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অধিভুক্ত এবং BM&DC কর্তৃক স্বীকৃত ঢাকার অনতিদূরে মানিকগঞ্জে দেশের বিশিষ্ট শিল্পপতি ও শিক্ষানুরাগী জনাব হারুণার রশিদ খান মুনুর আন্তরিক প্রচেষ্টায় ও অক্লান্ত পরিশ্রমে মনোরম সবুজ ছায়াঢাকা শ্যামল পরিবেশে দেশের অন্যতম দৃষ্টিভঙ্গন ক্যাম্পাসে অপূর্ব সৃষ্টিশৈলী নিয়ে স্থাপিত মুনু মেডিকেল কলেজ। প্রতিষ্ঠানটি সম্পূর্ণ আবাসিক ও রাজনীতি মুক্ত। ছাত্র/ছাত্রীদের শিক্ষা কার্যক্রম পরিচালনার জন্য এখানে রয়েছেন অভিজ্ঞ শিক্ষকমণ্ডলী। এই কলেজে রয়েছে ছাত্র/ছাত্রীদেরকে দক্ষ এবং দেশের সেরা চিকিৎসক ও সুন্দর মনের মানুষ হিসেবে গড়ে তোলার সকল সুযোগ সুবিধা।

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