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The wholesale market at Sujanagar in Pabna district sees huge quantity of rotten onions as farmers are in a hurry to sell off the vegetable preserved from last season's harvest that started rotting earlier than the expected period.

Seed crisis poses threat to onion farming in Pabna

Massive rotting wreaks havoc on the preserved vegetable

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Onion cultivation faces setback due to seed crisis in the country's largest onion producing district that saw early rotting of the preserved onion this year.

"Last year I bought a kg of onion seed for Tk 1200 but the price ranges from Tk 3000 to 3500 this year," said Abul Hossain, an onion farmer of Durgapur village in Sujanagar upazila under the district.

"I have prepared 14 bighas of land for onion cultivation but could not manage seeds for the purpose. I had preserved 400

maunds of onion including seeds to sell in December and January when the prices go up. But over a hundred maunds of the stored onion rotted and I sold the rest last month," he said.

In last year, 5.21 lakh tonnes of onion was produced from 41,714 hectares of land in Pabna district and the yield was 70 thousand tonnes more than that of the previous year, said sources of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE).

"There is a target of onion cultivation on 42 thousand hectares of land in the district this year and we have given the requisition of 67

tonnes of seeds to BADC for the purpose. But the BADC has ensured supply of a meagre 680 kg of seeds," said ABM Mostafizur Rahman, deputy director of DAE in Pabna.

Farmers in the district could not preserve seeds due to the massive rotting of the vegetable and it may cause setback of onion cultivation there, he said.

"Farmers of the district increased onion cultivation in last few years. But incessant rain in the last harvesting period caused massive rotting of onion, and so, the farmers incurred huge losses this year. Twenty-five to 30 percent of the total

yield was destroyed due to the rotting," said Al Shahin, development officer of DAE.

"I have produced 200 maunds of onion this year and preserved the amount for more profit. But more than 50 maunds of the vegetable has already rotten in my house and I am selling it for throwaway prices," said Abdul Khaleque, of Jonaramchandrapur village of Pabna.

"We go bumper production of onion last season but the natural disaster during the harvesting period caused losses," said Arshed Ali of Bishnapur village in Santhia upazila.

SI stabbed by Jamaat man in Meherpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A police sub-inspector (SI) was stabbed by a Jamaat activist at Rajnagar village in sadar upazila of Meherpur district on Saturday night.

Atiar Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Meherpur Sadar Police Station, said Sub-Inspector Ekram along with constable Shahin went to Rajnagar village at around 7:30pm to investigate a case.

Jamaat activist Ashrafur Islam of the village locked in an altercation with SI Ekram over the issue. At one stage, Ashrafur swooped on Ekram and stabbed in his left elbow.

Ashrafur had gone into hiding soon after the incident. SI Ekram was admitted to Meherpur General Hospital.

In a press release yesterday, Jamaat Meherpur district unit General Secretary Siddiqur Rahman said Ashrafur is not their party activist.

OC Atiar said Ashrafur is a Jamaat activist and police have already launched a drive to arrest him.

Accused in dowry case dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

An accused in a case for dowry died in Magura district jail on Saturday night.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Kuddus, 60, son of late Emarat Sheikh of Nikhorhata village in Sadar upazila.

Jail Superintendent Tayef Uddin Mia said Kuddus fell sick at 7:00pm.

He was then rushed to Magura sadar hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

His wife Sheuli Begum filed the case.

EBTedayee Terminal Exams

19 candidates get question paper after 40 minutes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Nineteen of the 69 Ebtedayee examinees at Modhya Dharande Primary School centre in Patuakhali Sadar upazila received the question of English First paper after 40 minutes of the scheduled time on the first day of the examinations yesterday.

But answer scripts of the 19 students were taken back along with the other students at the same time, without giving any 'extra time' as compensation, said teachers, students and guardians.

"There were 69 examinees at the centre but we found only 50 question papers that were given to the same number of examinees at the scheduled time 11:00am. As we informed the assistant upazila education officer (ATEO) of the matter, he brought more 19 question papers from the

nearby examination centre and then those were distributed among the rest examinees," said Abdur Rob, in charge of the examination centre.

Nazrul Islam, ATEO of Sadar upazila, said there were 19 questions found less in the centre and later on we solved the problem.

The authorities assured the guardians waiting outside the centre that the examinees who received the question paper later would get extra time but at the end of the schedule time they took back the answer scripts from all at a time, depriving the 19 examinees of 40 minutes of the stipulated time, alleged guardians.

"My son could not write answers to all the questions as he got much less time due to mistake of the authorities concerned," said Gias Uddin, a guardian.

Terminating the incident unfortunate, Md Ataur

Rahman, district primary education officer of Patuakhali, said, "We will take step against the persons responsible after proper investigation."

Our Bholia Correspondent adds: A total of 3042 Primary School Certificate (PSC) and Ebtedayee examinees, out of 41,831 in 89 centres of the district, remained absent on the first day of the examinations yesterday.

The number of students enrolled for the PSC and Ebtedayee examinations this year were 34,672 and 7,159 respectively but 1995 PSC and 1047 Ebtedayee examinees did not attend, said sources of the District Primary Education Office.

Remote Monpura upazila recorded the highest number of absentees -- 765 PSC and 57 Ebtedayee students, out of 1925 and 230 examinees respectively, they said.



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Teachers and students of AVJM Government Girls' High School in Munshiganj bring out a mourning procession in the town yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the stalkers who instigated suicide of Sharmin Sultana, a Class IX student of the school, on November 16.

Robbers kill one, loot house

One of the gang held with gun

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A man was hacked to death by a gang of robbers at Probakorpara village in Chatmohar upazila of the district early yesterday.

The victim was identified as Md Mojibar Rahman, 40, son of Akher Ali Pramanik.

Officer-in-Charge Subrato Kumar Pal of Chatmohar Police Station quoted family members as saying that a gang of 10 robbers stormed into the house of Mojibar at around 2:00am. They confined the family members in a room and started looting valuables.

As Mojibar tried to resist the gang members, they hit him with sharp weapons, leaving him critically injured.

Hearing screams of Mojibar's family members, locals rushed to the spot, caught one of the gang members named Md Shukur Ali, 42, of Tantiband village in Sujanagar upazila of the district, while the rest managed to flee.

Locals beat up Shukur mercilessly. Being informed, police rushed to the village, arrested the robber and recovered Tk 20 thousand and gold ornaments from his possession.

Law enforcers also seized a shutter gun and two bullets from the spot. Arrested robber is undergoing treatment at Chatmohar Upazila Health Complex under police guard.

Mojibar was admitted to Pabna Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at around 9:00am yesterday.

CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY Investigation against ex-Jamaat MP starts

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A one member team of International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) investigated the crimes against humanity committed by Jamaat-e-Islam leader and former lawmaker of Gaibandha-1 constituency Abdul Aziz.

Assistant Police Superintendent ZM Altafur Rahman started investigation against the former Jamaat lawmaker on November 20 and concluded on November 22.

He along with a cameraman went to different areas in Sundarganj upazila, talked to local people and collected evidence of war crimes committed by Aziz.

Mozammel Huq, officer-in-charge of Sundarganj Police Station, said the ICT investigation team left Gaibandha yesterday.

Azizur Rahman Sarker, son

of late Alamuddin of Santiram village filed a case with Sundarganj Police Station on September 28, 2009 (case No 50/316), accusing former lawmaker Aziz and some others of killing his elder brother on November 10, 1971.

In the case statement, he alleged that the accused picked up his brother Bayes Uddin from their house at Santiram village on the day. They took him to Sundarganj army camp and tortured him to death.

Another murder case was filed against Aziz with the police station on September 28, 2009 (case No 51/317) by Anisur Rahman of Dharmapur village in the upazila.

In the case, the plaintiff stated that Aziz and his men killed his father Akbar Ali in November 1971. Both the cases were later transferred to ICT for trial.

Truckers protest illegal toll collection

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Transport workers formed a human chain at Mission intersection in the district town yesterday, protesting illegal toll collection.

Over 100 truck drivers and helpers joined the programme in the morning and later brought out a procession in the town.

Addressing a rally, the transport leaders and workers alleged a section of transport workers, led by Pulin-Kalam group, has been collecting illegal tolls from the vehicles at different parts of the district in the name of Sramik Kalyan Fund (Workers' Welfare Fund) for long.

Ironically, the families of those workers, who died and sustained injuries in the road accidents, are yet to get any help from the fund, they said.

The group, backed by the men of ruling AL, recently grabbed the district Truck

and Tank Lorry Sramik Union office in the town by arranging false election, alleged Abdur Rahman, a truck driver.

He further said that Pulin-Kalam group filed a false case, accusing the transport workers who staged a movement against the so called union.

Rahman also threatened to go for a tougher agitation if the false case was not withdrawn immediately.

Contacted, president and general secretary of district Truck and Tank Lorry Sramik Union Pulin Chandra Roy and Abul Kalam said their panel has been elected as per rule and regulation of the organisation and they have been working for the welfare of transport workers.

A case was lodged as their office came under attack in the dark of night, they said.

Abducted college girl, SSC examinee rescued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Police in separate drives rescued a college girl and an SSC examinee from Rajbari and Chuadanga districts yesterday, over a week after their abduction.

On November 13, a gang of four, allegedly led by one Julhas Uddin of Harihorpur village in Rajbari Sadar upazila, abducted the first year honours student of Kushtia Islamia College while she was waiting for a Kushtia-bound coach at Alamdanga bus stand in Chuadanga.

The 19-year-old victim hails from Chattarpur in Alamdanga upazila of Ch u a d a n g a, said Moniruzzaman Mollah, officer in-charge of Alamdanga Police Station.

On the same day, the father of the girl filed a case, accusing Almas Uddin, younger brother of Julhas, he said.

On secret information, a police team raided the house of Almas at Harihorpur village in Rajbari Sadar upazila yesterday morning and rescued the victim. However, none was arrested in this connection.

Almas claimed that the girl left her father's house to marry my brother Julhas as both fell in love.

In another drive, police rescued the 19-year-old girl from Ramnagar village in Damurhuda upazila of Chuadanga yesterday.

The victim, a student of Fatehpur High School in Jhenidah district, is going to appear the SSC examina-

tion in February next year, said police and family sources.

One Saju Ahmed Milon, son of Abdus Samad of Ramnagar village in Damurhuda upazila, kidnapped the girl of Rakhulpota in Mohepur upazila of Jhenidah when she was returning home from her school on November 16.

Following a case filed by the victim's father, police raided Saju's house yesterday and rescued the girl.

They later arrested Saju from the spot on charge of abducting the schoolgirl, said Kamruzzaman, officer in-charge of Damurhuda Police Station.

However, Samad, father of Saju, said his son and the girl loved each other.



PHOTO: STAR

Truck and tank lorry drivers form a human chain at Mission Intersection in Lalmonirhat town yesterday demanding action against extortion from vehicles by 'Pulin-Kalam' group in the name of workers' welfare fund.

6 hurt as rival AL men clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

At least six people were injured as two rival groups of Awami League clashed at Bahadurpur village under Benapole Police Station yesterday morning over capture of a fish enclosure in the area.

Officer-in-Charge Apurbo Hasan Benapole Port Police Station said the supporters of local Awami League leaders Mafizur Rahman and Ambia Rahman locked in a clash over capturing Bahadurpur fish enclosure and establishing supremacy in the area at around 9:00am.

Both sides, equipped with lethal weapons swooped on each other and blasted at least 10 bombs during the clash that lasted for half an hour.

The clash left at least six people from both sides injured, the OC said.

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