

Blockade, hartals bring woe to carrot growers

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat
Bumper yield of carrots in the district this season cannot make farmers happy as the prices see drastic fall due to lack of buyers amid the non-stop countryside blockade and frequent hartals enforced by BNP-led 20-party alliance since January 6.
"I had hoped to earn at least Tk 2 lakh from carrot cultivation this season but Tk 60 thousand spent for it has gone in vain as the prices

have fallen below the production cost in absence of buyers amid the non-stop blockade and hartals," said farmer Nazibar Ali at Hajiganj village of Aditmari upazila.
"I earned Tk 1.80 lakh from selling carrots grown on 40 decimals of land last year but this season I have lost capital of Tk 55 thousand in carrot farming on 70 decimals of land. I am now worried about repayment of the loan taken from a local NGO," said

Mazibar Rahman, 60, at Fulgachh village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.
"I am now selling a kg of carrot at Tk 5 while per kg production cost stood at Tk 7," said Nazrul Islam, 48, of the same village.
This year carrot was cultivated on 2,100 hectares of land in the district and the production target was 72,000 tonnes but the yield is much more, said sources of the Department of Agriculture Extension in

Lalmonirhat.
"Vegetable traders from different areas including capital Dhaka come for buying carrots and other vegetables every year but this season the picture is different due to the countryside blockade. Now huge supply of carrots and small number of customers in the market has led to drastic price fall of the item," said Sattar Miah, a wholesaler at Goshabazar vegetable market in the town.



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Carrot farmers with their harvest at a field of Fulgachh village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila give a frustrated look as the prices see drastic fall due to the transport problem amid the countryside non-stop blockade and frequent hartals enforced by BNP-led 20-party alliance since January 6.

Woman held with firearms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar
Police arrested a woman along with a revolver, one pistol, four bullets and two cartridges at her house in Leda Moulvipara area under Teknaf upazila early yesterday.
The arrestee is Saleha Begum, 26, wife of Sheikh Ahmed of the area.
On secret information, a police team raided the house at around 3:00am and arrested Saleha along with the firearms and bullets, said Ataur Rahman Khandaker, officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station.

Touchstone idol seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra
Police seized an idol made of touchstone worth Tk 5 crore from a water body at Amboilgorta village in Sherpur upazila yesterday morning.
Police said some labourers found the idol weighing 12 kilograms while digging the water body and informed the police.
The law enforcers then reached the spot and seized the idol, said Ali Ahmed Hashmi, officer-in-charge of Sherpur Police Station.

One arrested with Yaba

UNB, Sherpur
Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a woman along with 80 pieces of Yaba tablets in Chakpathak area of the district town on Sunday.
The arrestee is Parvin Akhter, wife of Nazir Hossain of the area.
The elite force, acting on a tip-off, raided the house of one Sanwar Hossain and arrested Parvin along with the Yaba.
he was later handed over to Sadar Police Station, said Rab-14 sources.

A case was filed with the PS in this connection, said the sources.

Six fishermen jailed in Bhola for defying ban on fishing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bhola
At least six fishermen were sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment and another one was fined by a mobile court in Charfashion upazila under the district yesterday for violating a ban on catching all types of fish from the Tentulia River.
The jail term awarded are Yusuf, Nur Mohammad, Riaz, Jafar, Shajahan and Gazi while one Abu Majhi

was fined Tk 1,000.
They all hailed from different villages under the upazila.
Asaduzzaman, upazila fisheries officer in Charfashion, said a mobile court led by Mokhlesur Rahman, assistant commissioner (land), conducted the drives in the river from 6:00am.
The law enforcers detained seven fishermen from Bakshi Ghat and

Ghosor Haat areas around 1:00pm, while they were fishing illegally.
The government has imposed a two-month ban from March 1 on catching and selling of all types of fish from the major rivers for safe breeding.
Mobile courts will continue drives in the rivers and it will punish the offenders up to two years imprisonment for violating the ban.



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A mobile court awarded two weeks' imprisonment to six fishermen and fined another one during a raid in the Tentulia River in Charfashion upazila under Bhola district yesterday as they were catching fish in defiance of a government ban meant for helping safe spawning and development of fish resources.

Spurious liquor kills 3 in Gaibandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha
Three people died after having spurious liquor at Bhagobanpur village in Palashbari upazila yesterday and the day before.
The deceased are Moklal Rabi Das, 35, of the village, and his two relatives, Rabi Lal Das, 45, of Sutrapur area in Bogra town, and Bhasani Rabi Das, 40, of Shapla Chatter area in Rangpur town.

Around 10/12 relatives, who came to attend the marriage ceremony of one Nila Rani Das, daughter of Mohanlal Rabi Das, of the village, consumed locally made liquor on Saturday night and fell sick within the next few hours, Officer-in-Charge Mojibar Rahman of Palashbari Police Station said, quoting the victims' family members.
Moklal died on way to Gobindaganj Upazila

Health Complex on Sunday morning, while Rabi died at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital in Bogra the same day.
Bhasani Rabi Das, who was undergoing treatment at Rangpur Medical College Hospital, died yesterday.
Police came to know the matter yesterday as the family members of the victims tried to cover up the incident, the OC added.

Jubo League man beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali
A Jubo League activist was beaten to death by a gang of gamblers at Maijdee in Noakhali on Sunday night.
The deceased was identified as Redwan Hossain Ledu, 22, son of Abdul Motaleb of Pashchim Maijdee.
Officer-in-Charge Anwar Hossain of Sudharam Model Police Station quoted locals as saying that gamblers Rubel and his accomplices swooped on Redwan as he protested gambling in the area at around 11:00pm.
They beat him up mercilessly and thrashed his head with bricks. He died on the spot.
Being informed, police went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Noakhali Abdul Malek Ukil Medical College Hospital for autopsy. Rubel and his accomplices had gone into hiding soon after the incident.

Ahsan Habib Hasan, joint-convenor of the district unit of Jubo League, claimed that Redwan was a local Jubo League activist.

BSF tortures cattle trader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore
A Bangladeshi cattle trader was tortured allegedly by the members of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) near Putkhali frontier under Benapole Port Police Station early yesterday.
The victim, Salim Uddin, 25, son of Moslem Uddin of Konnadaha village in Sharsha upazila of Jessore, is now undergoing treatment at Jessore Medical College Hospital.
Lt Col Abdur Rahim, commanding officer of BGF 23 Battalion, said the BSF men of Jhaudanga camp chased some cattle traders while they were returning home from India around 5:00am.

They caught Salim while others managed to cross the border. The BSF personnel beat up Salim mercilessly and then left him on the border.
Later, cattle traders rescued Salim from the area and took him to the hospital.
Meanwhile, muggers shot a cattle trader and took away Tk 6 lakh from him near Setai border in Sharsha upazila of Jessore on Saturday night.
The trader was identified as Khairul Islam, 32, son of Abu Siddique of Barpota village under Benapole Port Police Station.



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Criminals set fire to this passenger bus on Feni-Noakhali road at Fazilpur in Dagonbhuiyan upazila under Feni district yesterday morning, after forcing the passengers to get down. Some pigeons kept inside the bus were burnt to death at the brutal arson attack allegedly by the supporters of the ongoing countryside blockade and hartal enforced by BNP-led 20-party alliance.

Two youths to die for killing girl after rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra
A Bogra court yesterday sentenced two youths to death for killing a girl after rape in Nishindhara area under Bogra municipality in 2006.
The death penalty awardees are Bidyut Hossain, 25, son of Abdus Sabur, and Rabiul Islam, 24, son of Zillur Hossain of Nishindhara Mondolpara area of the town.
According to the prosecution, Khorshed Ali of Nishindhara area, went to Nishindhara Fakir Uddin School and College to witness annual sports events of

the institution on March 13, 2006.
Bidyut and Rabiul waylaid Khorshed while she was returning home at around 4:00pm. They took the girl to a nearby bush and strangled her after rape.
Being informed by locals at around 6:00pm, police went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Mohammad Ali Hospital morgue for autopsy.
Victim's father Khorshed filed a murder case with Sadar Police Station the same day.
Police arrested Bidyut and Rabiul from

Nishindhara Mondolpara area the following day, suspecting their involvement in the incident. They were later produced in the court where they confessed to raping and killing the girl.
Sub-inspector (SI) Khandokar Fuad Ruhani, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, pressed charges against Bidyut and Rabiul on May 30, 2006.
After examining the case record and evidence, Judge SM Saiful Islam of Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-1 pronounced the verdict.

Jhalakathi mayor sent to jail on extortion charge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi
A court here yesterday sent Jhalakathi municipality Mayor Afzal Hossain Rana and two others to jail after rejecting their bail prayers in an extortion case.
Meanwhile, three other accused in the case got bail, said court sources.
Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Shahidul Islam passed the order when the six appeared before his court and sought bail in the case filed by a local businessman, Md Kabir Ahmed, on November 29 last year, said Anwarul Islam Khokon,



Afzal Hossain Rana lawyer for the plaintiff.
According to the case statement, the mayor demanded Tk 5 lakh from Kabir when he started constructing a building at Pashchim Chandkathi in the municipality area last

year. Kabir later gave him Tk 75,000.
As the businessman took time to pay the rest of the amount, the mayor's men allegedly tortured him, said the statement.
Kabir then filed the case with Jhalakathi Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court, accusing seven people, including the mayor.
The man backed by a group of local influential people filed the false case to harass me, said the mayor.
We would go for the higher court against the order issued by the court, said Akkas Shikder, lawyer for the mayor.

901 Central Workshop EME
Dhaka Cantonment
Invitation of Tender

1. Financial year 2014-2015 sealed tenders are hereby invited from all enlisted firms of 901 Central Workshop EME, Dhaka Cantt. who all are Renewed (2014-2015) by HQ Logistic Area for conversion of following 20' container/same type of container to container based magazine & repair of marine vessels:

S/No.	Tender No. & date	Description of work	Last date of selling tender schedule	Opening date of tender
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
a.	Tender No.-13 Dt: 19 February 2015	Package wise conversion of 20' ISO container/same type of container to a container based magazine (as per schedule) a. Package No.-01 Conversion of 28 container as per sample. b. Package No.-02 Conversion of 25 container as per sample. c. Package No.-03 Conversion of 25 container as per sample. d. Package No.-04 Conversion of 25 container as per sample.	08 March 2015 to 23 March 2015	24 March 2015
b.	Tender No.-14 Dt: 19 February 2015	Various type of marine Vessel a) BA No. 803501 LCT Amir Hamza & b) BA No. 803502 LCT Arafat necessary local repair (as per schedule)	08 March 2015 to 23 March 2015	24 March 2015

2. The terms & conditions with detail technical specifications and schedule are available in local purchase office of 901 Central Workshop EME, Dhaka Cantonment. Separate quotation must be dropped for each package for conversion container/same type of container to container based magazine & repair of each marine vessel. Two percent (2%) earnest money of the total quoted amount have to be deposited as security in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order along with the tender in favour of Commandant 901 Central Workshop EME, Dhaka Cantonment. Interested firm has to purchase tender schedule for abovementioned conversion/repair work from local purchase office, 901 Central Workshop EME on every working day up to 1400 hours till last date of selling tender schedule as mentioned in column 4. At 1000 hours of the opening date (as per column 5) tender box will be opened in presence of intending bidders or their representatives (if any).
3. Participating firms must have past experience in doing the similar nature of work and experience certificate to be attached in tender schedule.
4. Conversion of container based magazine for each package must be done by 01 (one) month. Package wise detail inspection will be done by 901 Central Workshop before forwarding final bill.
5. Authority reserves all the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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