



Farmers harvest peanuts from a char land at Joypur under Gabsara union in Bhuapur upazila of Tangail.

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Bumper yield brings smile to Tangail peanut growers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Bumper yield of peanut on the char areas of Bhuapur, Kalihati, Sadar and Nagarpur upazilas of the district has brought smiles to the growers.

According to a source in the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), DG-2 variety of peanut was cultivated on 2,240 hectares (5600 acres) of land under the four upazilas this year. Peanut is the most profit-

able among all crops cultivated on the sandy lands in the char areas of the Jamuna and Dhaleswari rivers, the source added.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw the char land in Bhuapur full of brown coloured peanuts.

"The land here is very suitable for peanut farming and its production this year is more than last year's," said farmer Abdul Latif of Chandipur village under Gabsara union in the upazila.

"This year, we got 10 to 12 maunds of peanut from each bigha of land. As each maund of raw peanut is selling in the market at Tk 2,200 to 2,400 currently, we can earn Tk 15,000 to 20,000 after excluding production costs," he added.

Farmer Anwar Hossain of Razapur village in the same union said he spent Tk 4,000 for cultivating peanuts on two bighas of land. He sold his produce for Tk 28,000.

Upazila Agriculture

Officer Boni Amin said peanut cultivation could become more profitable if it is cultivated in a planned way.

The increasing peanut cultivation in the char areas has added a new dimension to local agriculture, said Abul Hasem, deputy director of DAE in Tangail.

The local sub-assistant agriculture officers have been directed to provide necessary assistance for the farmers to cultivate peanuts, he added.

Schoolboy rescued from traffickers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

A schoolboy was rescued while being trafficked to India from Benapole Bazar yesterday.

The victim was identified as Maminul Islam, 7, a Class III student of Nabinagar Government Primary School and son of Shah Alam, a resident of Nabinagar of Savar in Dhaka.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Apurba Hasan of Benapole Police Station said a police team, acting on a tip-off, conducted a drive in the bazaar area at around 10:00am and rescued the boy.

Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the traffickers managed to flee the scene, the OC added.

Man killed by cousin over family feud

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A man was allegedly killed by his cousin over family feud at Tarati Purbopara village in Muktagachha upazila of the district Saturday afternoon.

The victim was identified as Rafiz Uddin, 45, son of Mohir Uddin of Tarati Purbopara.

Police quoted locals as saying that Rafiz Uddin and Shamsuddin locked in an altercation over family matters at Rafiz's house around 2:00pm. At one stage, Shamsuddin hit Rafiz on his head with an iron rod, injuring him critically.

Rafiz was rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where he died.

Jamuna devours homesteads, farmland in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Erosion by the river Jamuna devoured over 150 homesteads and 100 acres of crop land in Shimla, Bahuka, Italy and Balighugri villages of Sirajganj Sadar upazila over the last couple of weeks.

"The onslaught of the river started in the middle of April. We who live beside the river have become vulnerable as houses and crop land are being devoured by the river every day," said Md Habibur Rahman, a resi-

dent of Shimla village.

"Erosion has taken a serious turn in the areas due to lack of a permanent protection wall," Habib said, demanding construction of a permanent wall to save the four villages.

"We have already informed the Water Development Board (WDB) of the matter. The Board will start erecting a protection wall soon," said Md Shamim Khan, vice-chairman of Sirajganj Sadar upazila.

Contacted, Sayed Hassan Imam, executive engineer of

Sirajganj WDB, said they have taken steps to build an embankment immediately to protect the areas from river erosion.

"We are seeking land from the villagers to build it. After acquiring the land, we will construct the dyke," the WDB engineers said.

Earlier, WDB had given work orders to nine contractors to build a dyke in Shimla village in fiscal year 2010-11. As eight of them could not start work in time, the WDB cancelled the work orders.



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Erosion by Jamuna River has taken a serious turn in Sirajganj Sadar upazila. The river devoured at least 150 homesteads and 100 acres of farmland in the last 15 days.

94,000 Yaba tablets seized in Cox's Bazar, 35 held

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in separate drives seized 94,000 Yaba tablets in Cox's Bazar early yesterday and on Saturday night.

Our Cox's Bazar correspondent reported that BGB members stopped a Dhaka-bound night coach from Teknaf when it was crossing Marichcha joint check post on Cox's Bazar-Teknaf highway on Saturday night. They quizzed the 32 passengers, driver, supervisor and helper of the coach.

As the behaviour of the passengers aroused suspicion of the BGB members, they searched the coach and found 44,000 Yaba tablets tied to the rear axle of the coach. They also arrested the 32 passengers, who were in the guise of tourists, and the driver, supervisor and helper of the coach.

On interrogation, the Yaba smugglers

told BGB men that a Dhaka-based organised gang of smugglers had hired a coach of Dhaka-Bagerhat route for using it to commit the crime.

On May 7, the 32 members of the Yaba smuggling gang had been sent to Teknaf in the guise of tourists.

Lt Col Khandker Saiful Alam, commander of BGB 17 Battalion at Cox's Bazar, said they arrested all the 35 people for possessing the drugs. He said the value of the seized Yaba tablets is around Tk 3 crore.

A case has been filed with Ramu police station against the arrested smugglers under Anti-Narcotics Act, said Saiful Ahmed Bhuiyan, officer-in-charge of Ramu police station.

In another raid, BGB members recovered 50,000 Yaba tablets from Jalia Para Jhau Bagan area under Sabrang union of Teknaf upazila yesterday. The value of the tablets is about Tk 1.5 crore.

BGB, smugglers clash on Hili border, two injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Two smugglers were injured in a clash between their cohorts and members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) on Hili border in Hakimpur upazila yesterday.

To avoid arrests, injured Sayan Islam, 19, and Monir Hossain, 22, of Fakirpara

village in the upazila, are allegedly receiving treatments at a private clinic in Rangpur district town secretly.

On secret information, a team of the border guards challenged a group of smugglers while they were entering the country through the border along with smuggled goods around 5:00am.

Failing to flee the scene,

the gang attacked the BGB troops with sharp weapons. At one stage, Monir was injured mistakenly by one of his fellows during the attack.

The BGB men later charged batons to bring the situation under control, leaving Sayan injured, said Major Nasir Imam Rumi of BGB 3 Battalion in Joypurhat.

Lightning kills 5 in three districts

STAR COUNTRY DESK

At least five people were killed by lightning in Moulvibazar, Sylhet and Meherpur districts yesterday.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent reported that three people, including two minor boys, were killed by lightning in Srimangal upazila of Moulvibazar and Dakhin Surma upazila of Sylhet districts yesterday.

The deceased are Abdul Ali, 48, son of Jobbar Ali of Rajapur village in Srimangal upazila, and Abul Hosain, 13, son of Ali Hosain of Manikpur village in Dakhin Surma upazila, and another unidentified boy, aged

about 10 years.

A thunderbolt hit the two kids when they went to bring cattle from near a water body at the village. Both died on the spot, said Ataur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Dakhin Surma Police Station.

In Meherpur, Atiar Rahman, 60, of Chargoal village, and Bilkis Ara, 25, of Kazipur village in Gangni upazila, were struck by lightning while working in the yard during heavy rain around 5:00am and died on the spot, reports our Kushtia correspondent.

5 outlaws arrested with arms, ammo

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested four cadres of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (ML-Red Flag) in Jamuna char area of Tangail Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The arrestees are Mohammad Afzal Hossain, 32, a regional leader of the outfit, its members Mohammad Abul Hossain, 45, Mohammad Abdur Rahman, 32, and Abdur Rahim, 26. They all hail from Beguntal village in the upazila.

A team of Rab-12, acting on a tip-off, raided the house of Afzal Hossain in the area at around 3:00am.

Sensing the presence of the elite force, Afzal opened fire to make his escape but he was arrested along with two pistols, five bullets and two magazines.

None was injured in the firing, said Additional Superintendent of Police Mohiuddin Faruq, camp commander of Rab-12.

According to Afzal's confessional statement, the elite force in another drive arrested Abul Hossain, Abdur Rahman and Rahim in the same area.

They also seized several lethal weapons, one kg of marijuana and Tk 7,900 from their possession.

The four are accused in two cases, including one for murder, said the ASP.

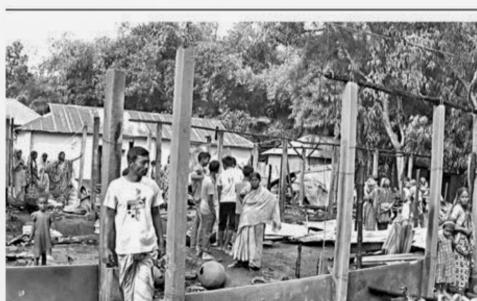


PHOTO: STAR

Six houses were gutted in a fire at Pathanpara village in Saghata upazila of Gaibandha on Saturday night.

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Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Ph.D/M.Sc Engg/M.Engg.
Mechanical Engineering	Ph.D/M.Sc Engg/M.Engg.
Institute of Energy Technology	M.Phil/M.Sc Engg/M.Engg.
Institute of Earthquake Engineering Research	M.Sc. Engg/M.Engg.
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Application form, qualification and condition for admission (as full time/part time) can be collected from the office of the Registrar, CUET during office hour or can be downloaded from the website: www.cuet.ac.bd, and the form is to be submitted in the same office directly/by postal mail along with a Bank Draft/Pay Order of BD Tk 500.00 (five hundred) in favor of Registrar, Chittagong University of Engineering & Technology (Sonali Bank Ltd, CUET Branch, Chittagong). Attested copies of certificates, transcripts, character certificate from the head of educational institution last attended, 2 copies of attested photos are also to be submitted along with application form.

Important Deadlines:

Descriptions	Time & date
i) Last date of application	02/06/2015
ii) Publication of the list of eligible candidates	08/06/2015
iii) Interview to be held in office of the concerned head of the department/institute	10/06/2015
iv) Publication of the list of selected candidates	17/06/2015
v) Registration	21/06/2015 & 22/06/2015
vi) Class starts	24/06/2015

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Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance.
2	Agency	Post, Telecommunication, Science & Technology Audit Directorate.
3	Procuring entity name	Post, Telecommunication, Science & Technology Audit Directorate.
4	Procuring entity code	N/A.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	One Car (1400-1500cc).
7	Procurement method	Open tendering method.

FUNDING INFORMATION

8	Budget & source of fund	Revenue Budget of FY 2014-2015.
9	Selling tender document will commence on	14-05-2015.
10	Selling tender document will close on	31-05-2015.
11	Tender closing date & time	01-06-2015 at 12.00 noon.
12	Tender opening date & time	01-06-2015 at 2.00pm.
13	Name & address of office selling tender document	Office of the Director General, Post, Telecommunication, Science & Technology Audit Directorate, 2 nd Floor, Secretariat Building (3 rd Phase), Segunbaghicha, Dhaka-1000.
14	Place, date/time of pre-tender meeting	No pre-tender meeting will be held.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

15	Eligibility of tenderer	As per Public Procurement Act-2006 & Public Procurement Rules-2008.			
16	Brief description of goods	One Car (1400-1500cc).			
17	Brief description of related services	The supplier shall deliver the vehicle at Office of the Director General, Post, Telecommunication, Science & Technology Audit Directorate, 2 nd Floor, Secretariat Building (3 rd Phase), Segunbaghicha, Dhaka-1000 and provide after sales service and spare parts for at least one year.			
18	Price of tender document (Tk.)	1000/-			
19	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time in weeks/months
	1	Procurement of one Car (1400-1500cc)	Dhaka	50,000/-	Within the two weeks after contract signing

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

20	Name of official inviting tender	Kalyani Talukder.
21	Designation of official inviting tender	Director General.
22	Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Director General, Post, Telecommunication, Science & Technology Audit Directorate, 2 nd Floor, Secretariat Building (3 rd Phase), Segunbaghicha, Dhaka-1000.
23	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone: 8316099.
24	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all or any tender.	

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