



PHOTO: STAR

Huge quantity of newly harvested maize is kept beside a field at Islampur in Patgram upazila under Lalmonirhat district that saw a bumper yield of the crop this season.

MAIZE CULTIVATION IN LALMONIRHAT

High yield, fair price make growers happy

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Lalmonirhat farmers are happy as they are getting ample production of maize and its fair prices in the local market this year.

Farmers said they are taking up maize farming due to less expenditure and high profit.

Jalil Miah, a farmer at Islampur village of Patgram upazila, said he cultivated maize on 15 bighas of land this year, and got 260 maunds from 10 bighas. "I have sold 100 maunds at Tk 420 per maund in the field, and I am expecting to get 130 to 140 maunds

more from the rest five bighas," he said.

Seher Ali, another farmer of the same village, said they spend Tk 3,000 to Tk 4,000 for growing maize on one bigha of land, and can earn Tk 10,000 to Tk 12,000. Labour cost is low and not much care is needed for farming maize, he added.

Farmer Noor Hossain of Fakirpara village at Hatibandha upazila said maize is really a profitable crop for them as they are not earning expected profit from paddy farming. A farmer can produce 24 to 32 maunds of maize on one bigha of land, and also enjoy

market facility, he added.

Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) sources said about 25,000 hectares of lands were used for cultivation of maize at five upazilas in the district this year, but target was only 15,000 hectares.

Safayet Hossain, deputy director of DAE, said farmers are happy getting bumper production of maize due to favourable weather, good seeds and timely supply of fertiliser, diesel fuel and other agriculture inputs. Farmers are also earning expected profit in the local markets, he added.

Land dispute leaves 2 dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A man and his son were killed in an attack allegedly by their rivals over a land dispute in Sadar upazila of Sirajganj on Friday.

At least 10 other family members sustained injuries during the attack.

The deceased Ejbahar Ali Sheikh, 60, and his son Rashedul Islam Ashik, 27, were residents of Bahuka village in the upazila.

Quoting locals and victims' family members, police said there had been a longstanding rivalry between Ejbahar and one Sattar member of the village over the ownership of a piece of land.

When Ejbahar and other family members, including his three sons, were working in the disputed land around 2:00pm, Sattar and his men, equipped with sharp weapons, swooped on them, leaving Ejbahar dead on the spot and 11 others injured.

The injured, including three siblings, Ashik, Momin, 23, and Rezaul, 32, were admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital.

Ashik was later referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and died on way to the hospital in the evening.

Victim's elder son Rezaul filed a murder case with Sirajganj Police Station, accusing 20 people, said Habibur Islam, officer-in-charge of the police station.

The accused went into hiding soon after the incident, the OC said, adding that law enforcers have launched a drive to arrest the accused.

PROTESTING ATTACK ON FELLOW IN TUNGIPARA

Doctors in Gopalganj start indefinite strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Doctors of both public and private hospitals in Gopalganj district went on an indefinite strike yesterday, causing untold sufferings to the patients.

They called the strike protesting attack on Dr Pobitra Kundu, a medical officer of Tungipara Upazila Health Complex in the district by a section of unruly locals on Friday, said Dr Abid Hasan, president of Gopalganj unit of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA).

Mona Bharoti, 22, who was admitted to the health complex around 11:00am on Friday, died at noon due to negligence of on-duty doctor Kundu, alleged her attendants.

As the death news spread, a number of local people, including students of

Guhardanga Madrasa, assaulted Kundu.

The attackers also damaged window-panes, doors and valuable medical equipment of the hospital.

Refuting the allegation of wrong treatment, Dr Abid said they carried out the attack to just create anarchy.

Seriously injured Dr Kundu was admitted to National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (NITOR) in the capital, said Civil Surgeon Dr Sirajul Islam.

Although the doctors enforced the strike all emergency services have been kept open to give treatment for critical patients, he said.

Superintendent of Police Mizanur Rahman said they arrested 12 people in a case for attacking the doctor.



PHOTO: STAR

Paddy processing on roads causes disturbance to vehicular movement in different areas of Lalmonirhat district. The photo was taken from Hatibandha-Doikhowa road at Borderer Haat in Hatibandha upazila under Lalmonirhat district.

DOUBLE MURDER AT HSTU

Attack on human chain of victims' families

AL leader, newsman hospitalised

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A local Awami League (AL) leader and a journalist were injured as criminals yesterday attacked a human chain programme that was organised demanding arrest and punishment of the perpetrators of April 16 murder of two students of Hajeer Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU).

The injured, Mirza Ashfaq, joint secretary of Dinajpur district unit of AL, and Faruk Hossain, district correspondent of private television channel Ntv, were admitted to Dinajpur General Hospital.

The attackers also assaulted Bipul Sarker Sunny, Dinajpur correspondent of daily Samokal, and snatched away cameras from a few TV photographers there.

HSTU students Md Zakaria and Mahmudul

Hasan Milton were stabbed to death during a factional clash of HSTU unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League on the campus on April 16 night.

Demanding arrest of the killers, the family members of Zakaria and Milton organised a programme including human chain at Nimtola in Dinajpur town yesterday.

Dinajpur AL leader Mirza Ashfaq was present there to take part in the human chain programme.

Journalists of different print and electronic media went there to cover the event.

As people were preparing to form the human chain, a group equipped with iron rods and wooden sticks attacked them, foiling the programme.

Injured by the attackers, Mirza Ashfaq and Faruk Hossain were taken to Dinajpur General Hospital.

Ashfaq received head injuries while Faruk was hit

by an iron rod on the back, doctors said.

During the chaos, the criminals intruded into a club of Dinajpur journalists, said Wahedul Alam Artist, president of Dunajpur Journalists Union.

Mirza Ashfaq claimed that Abu Ibne Razzab, president of district unit Swechchhasebak League, led the attack as he was made top accused in two cases filed with a Dinajpur court.

Razzab, however, dismissed the allegation. Ntv Correspondent Faruk Hossain said a police team present near the spot did nothing to prevent the attackers.

ATM Khalequzzaman, OC of Dinajpur Sadar Police Station, said he heard that a human chain programme was foiled yesterday.

Asked about the role of the police team present there, the OC said he is looking into the allegation.

Jubo League man hacked to death

Another held with revolver, bullets

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Masked criminals hacked a Jubo League activist to death in Kabirhat area in Begumganj upazila of the district on Friday.

The dead, Jahir Uddin, 30, son of Nurul Amin of Tita Hajra village, was an activist of local Jubo League unit, the youth wing of the ruling Awami League.

Quoting locals, police said four to five criminals, wearing masks, swooped on Jahir while he was sitting with his friends at a tea stall in Kabirhat area around 9:00pm.

Sensing danger, Jahir started running but the criminals caught him. They hacked him indiscriminately and left the scene. Villagers rushed Jahir to the local health complex where on-duty doctors declared him dead.

Being informed, police

went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy, said Golam Faruk, officer-in-charge of Begumganj Model Police Station.

In another incident, members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested a Jubo League activist from Basanterbagh village in the upazila and recovered a firearm and five bullets from his possession.

The arrestee is Alamgir Hossain, 28, son of Habib Ullah of the village.

Acting on tip-off, a team of Rab-11 raided Alamgir's house early yesterday and arrested him along with a revolver and five bullets, said Mohammad Shahid, sub-inspector of Rab-11.

The arrestee was later handed over to Begumganj Model Police Station, the SI added.



PHOTO: STAR

A devastating fire gutted 10 shops at Silverpatti in Barguna town yesterday.

Two rice traders stabbed, robbed of Tk 33.2 lakh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Criminals looted Tk 33.2 lakh from two rice traders after stabbing them in broad daylight in Parbatipur upazila of the district yesterday.

The injured are Hazrat Ali Sardar, 39, of Hakimpur upazila, and Sanjoy Kumar Roy, 35, of Parbatipur upazila town.

The incidents took place at Haldibari rail gate and Puratanbazar in the town within a span of 15 minutes.

Witnesses said a gang of three criminals reached Haldibari rail gate area at around 9:00am, riding a motorbike. They inter-

cepted Hazrat Ali, stabbed him and took away Tk 31 lakh. Ali was going to Saidpur to purchase paddy.

He was rushed to Parbatipur Upazila Health Complex and then referred to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital for better treatment.

In another incident, criminals stabbed Sanjoy Kumar at Puratanbazar at around 9:15am and looted Tk 2.2 lakh from him. Sanjoy was going to Dhanhati, a paddy market, in the upazila. Locals took him to the health heath complex.

Student stabbed to death over cricket match

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A college boy was killed following a feud over cricket match at Syedpara village in Muktagachha upazila on Friday night.

The deceased is Mazharul Islam, 25, an honours final year student of Government Ananda Mohan College, and son of Azob Ali Morol of the village.

Locals and family sources said a group of youths arranged a friendly cricket match at the village in the afternoon.

Following an altercation over the match, Sumon Miah, an SSC student, and son of Saiful Islam of the area, beat up his neighbour Asiquel Islam, the younger brother of Mazharul Islam.

After returning home, Asiquel, an eighth grader, informed Mazharul about the matter.

When Mazharul asked Sumon why he had assaulted, the two locked in an altercation at around 7:30pm.

At one stage, Sumon stabbed Mazharul indiscriminately, leaving him seriously injured, said Sub-Inspector Awlad Hossain, duty-officer of Muktagachha Police Station.

Hearing screams, Mazharul's cousin Jakarul Islam, 26, rushed to the spot to resist Sumon but he also came under attack.

They were rushed to the upazila health complex where the on-duty doctors declared Mazharul dead.

Jakarul was later referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital as his condition deteriorated, said the SI.

A case was filed with the police station, accusing Sumon and his parents.

None of the accused was arrested as of 5:00pm yesterday as they went into hiding.

Invitation for Re-Tenders

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh					
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance.			
2	Agency	Finance Division.			
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Support to Skills Development Coordination and Monitoring Unit (SDCMU), Skills for Employment Investment Program.			
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.			
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.			
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Equipment.			
7	Invitation Ref No.	SEIP/NPD/Equipment-03/19/2014-15/210			
8	Date	20-05-2015.			
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement method	National Competitive Bidding.			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh.			
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Asian Development Bank.			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project/program code (if applicable)				
13	Project/program name (if applicable)	Support to Skills Development Coordination and Monitoring Unit (SDCMU), Skills for Employment Investment Program.			
14	Tender package No.	GD-14			
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Equipment for Bangladesh Engineering Industries Owner's Association (BEIOA). Date			
16	Tender publication date	20-05-2015.			
17	Tender last selling date	16-06-2015.			
18	Tender closing date and time	17-06-2015 2.30pm.			
19	Tender opening date and time	17-06-2015 2.45pm.			
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address			
	- Selling tender document (principal)	Executive Project Director, Support to Skills Development Coordination and Monitoring Unit (SDCMU), Skills for Employment Investment Program; UCEP Cheney Tower (2 nd Floor), 25, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.			
	- Selling tender document (others)	Project Officer; Support to Skills Development Coordination and Monitoring Unit (SDCMU), Skills for Employment Investment Program; UCEP Cheney Tower (2 nd Floor), 25, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.			
No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents					
	- Receiving tender document	Address: Room # 127, Building # 7, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000.			
	- Opening tender document	Tender Opening Committee.			
21	Place/date/time of				
	Pre-tender meeting (optional)	Date Time			
		31-05-2015 11.30am.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
22	Eligibility of tenderer	* The tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. * The tenderer shall have minimum of 3 No. of successful completion of supply within last 03 years. * The minimum production capacity or availability of equipment is/are: None. * The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is for GD-14 Tk. 233.00 lakh. * The minimum supply value of equipment is Tk. 233.00 lakh in maximum three contracts in last five years.			
23	Brief description of goods or works	Training Equipment.			
24	Brief description of related services	None.			
25	Price of tender document (Tk.)	1000.00.			
26	No. of packages	Identification of package	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time in weeks/months
	1	GD-14	Project Office	Tk. 6.50 lakh	60 days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
27	Name of official inviting tender	Mr Jalal Ahmed.			
28	Designation of official inviting tender	National Project Director.			
29	Address of official inviting tender	SEIP Project; Finance Division; Ministry of Finance.			
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone No.:	+88-02-8391131-35	Fax No.:	+88-02-8391136
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.				
National Project Director Support to Skills Development Coordination and Monitoring Unit (SDCMU) Skills for Employment Investment Program UCEP Cheney Tower (2 nd Floor) 25, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000					

GD-1879