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An employee of Nurjahan Garden at Shola village in Baufal upazila under Patuakhali district shows mangoes grown in a tree that produces the summer fruit in other times of the year too.

An innovative mango cultivation

A garden in Patuakhali's Baufal now produces 50 varieties, including 35 foreign ones

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Nurjahan Garden, a 26-acre orchard with a variety of local and foreign mangoes, now familiarises remote Shola village in Baufal upazila under the district, thanks to the initiative of two brothers Shahadat Hossain Nuton and Shahhaj Hossain Milton.

The garden, also adorned with a number of flower trees, is now producing at least 50 varieties of mangoes, including 35 foreign ones.

During a visit to the farm

on Tuesday, this correspondent saw varieties of mangoes including haribhanga, caint, honeydew, mohachanak, gopalbhog, rani akond, hybrid-10, latabombai, kachamisty, kalemer, lengra and fazlee.

'King of Chakapat', a rare variety costly mango, also saw fruition there, for the first time this year.

It was planted three years ago, after collecting the sapling from Thailand through the Directorate of Agriculture Extension in Dhaka at a cost of Tk 10,000.

Several other foreign

varieties of mangoes, including those locally called 'banana mango', 'Totapuri', 'apple mango' and 'surjodim' are also growing in the orchard.

"We set the farm 10 years ago and named it Nurjahan Garden after our mother's name. Many people from home and abroad visit the garden every year," said Shahhaj Hossain Milton.

"In the winter, students from nearby educational institutions come here for picnic and on study tour. It is very interesting to see mango trees with fruition all

the year round. "We have proved that all kinds of mangoes can be grown in the coastal area," he said.

"The produces bring us good profit," he added.

Dr Mahbub Rabbani, teacher of agriculture department of Patuakhali Science and Technology University, said now many local people are opting for fruit cultivation as it brings better profit than traditional farming.

Soil, water and weather in the region are very suitable for fruit cultivation, he added.

126 gold bars seized in Jessore town, four arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Armed Police Battalion (APBn) arrested four people with 126 gold bars weighing 18.3 kilograms at Chanchra in Jessore town yesterday.

The arrestees are Shahinur Rahman, Md Abdullah, Habibur Rahman and Anwarul

Islam.

Harunur Rashid, commander of APBn, said acting on a tip-off, they raided a Satkhira-bound passenger bus at around 8:30am and arrested the four with the gold bars.

The gold bars were being taken to Satkhira from Shyamoli in the capital for smuggling to India, he said.

3 drown, 10 missing as boat capsizes in Meghna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

Three kids drowned and at least 10 people went missing as a boat capsized in the Meghna River during a storm in Sadar upazila of the district yesterday.

The identity of the deceased could not be known as of filing of this report at 9:30pm yesterday.

An engine-driven boat with 60/70 passengers

aboard was going to Bogargoth in the upazila from Narsingdi's Puranchar Bazar.

The boat was caught in the storm at around 1:30pm and capsized in the mid river. Most of the passengers managed to swim ashore while 13 others went missing.

Locals later recovered the bodies of three minor children from the river.



PHOTO: STAR
Oblivious of the risk of accident any time, a section of farmers dry newly harvested boro paddy at a portion of Dhaka-Tangail highway at Ashekpur bypass near Tangail town.

Certificate forgery, 7 pry teachers sued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday filed separate cases accusing seven teachers of different primary schools in Banshkali upazila on charge of producing fake certificates to get their job.

The accused are Jahirul Haque, Abdul Hakim Chowdhury, Moktar Ahmed, Shahidullah Chowdhury, Abu Sama Md Yusuf, Farid Ahmed and Safiullah Azmi.

Deputy Assistant Director of the ACC in Chittagong Mohammad Wahiduzzaman filed the forgery cases against the accused with Banshkali Police Station around 12:30pm.

The accused joined their respective schools as assistant teacher by submitting fake academic certificates, said Wahiduzzaman, adding that they misappropriated government allocation by continuing their jobs.

Shopkeeper found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Police recovered the body of a shopkeeper from a paddy field at Abur Khil village in Raozan upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Md Ilias, 50, son of late Md Ismail of Golaper Dokan area under Chandgaon Police Station in the city.

Locals found the body at the filed around 9:00am and informed the police.

The law enforcers recovered the body and sent it to Chittagong Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Criminals might have killed Ilias and dumped the body in the area, said police.

Villagers suffer as bamboo bridge collapses

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

People of Tarapur union in Sundarganj upazila of the district are suffering as a bamboo bridge on a tributary of the Teesta River at Tambulpur collapsed during Saturday's storm.

Several thousand people of the union are now crossing the tributary by swimming or on rafts made of banana trees. This makes it very difficult for many people, especially children and women, to cross.

The residents of Khorda, Latshala and Ulipur char areas along Teesta River

basin used to go to Sundarganj upazila headquarters using boats.

To make communication easier, people of the villages had come forward spontaneously and extended all possible help for erecting a bamboo bridge on the tributary to connect the char lands with Sundarganj upazila, said Palash Mia, a trader of the village.

It took nearly two months to construct the 190 feet long bridge across the tributary, he added.

"We contributed bamboos, nails and other equipment, including labour, for construction of the bridge

over the tributary," said Nuruzzaman, an old farmer of Khorda village in Sundarganj upazila.

"It used to be troublesome to cross the river before we built the bridge, and now we have to face same trouble again because it is destroyed," said Nazru Islam, a farmer.

Despite repeated appeals to the authorities concerned, a concrete bridge on the tributary has not been built as yet.

Contacted, Abdus Samad Khoka, chairman of Tarapur Union Parishad, said the damaged bridge will be rebuilt soon.



PHOTO: STAR
This bamboo bridge over a tributary of the Teesta River at Tambulpur in Tarapur union of Sundarganj upazila under Gaibandha district collapsed during Saturday's storm, much to the sufferings of thousands of people in the area.



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Request for Expressions of Interest

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education	
2	Agency	Bangladesh Technical Education Board	
3	Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Technical Education Board	
4	Client Code	Not used	
5	Client District	Dhaka	
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Individual Local Person Consultant for top supervision and providing technical solution if any construction problem arises for finishing the incomplete work of BTEB Bhaban-2.	
7	EOI Ref No	বাকশি/বো/ভবন ২ প্রকল্প/২০১৪/০২১	
8	Date	26.05.15	
KEY INFORMATION			
9	Procurement Method	Quality and cost based selection (QCBS)	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10	Source of Funds	Own source of BTEB	
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	Not applicable	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12	Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	Not applicable	
13	Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	Not applicable	
14	EOI Closing Date and Time	Date	Time
15	EOI opening Date and Time	17.06.2015	5.00 pm
Immediately after closing of EOI submission			
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT			
16	Brief Description of Assignment	Consulting service for Finishing The Incomplete Work of BTEB Bhaban-2 including: i. Supervise and monitor the construction works; ii. Carry out materials and construction quality control activities; iii. Identify / understand technical insufficiency and provide comments/suggestions/feedbacks on technical problems; iv. Knowledge/training/method transfer; v. Prepare a monthly report of performance and submit it to the PD; and to issue of Final Acceptance Certificate (FAC) for the project.	
17	Qualification and Experience	BSc in Civil Engineering experience with 10 years. At least 5 years working experience in project related works.	
18	Other Details	Evaluation of EOI (Short listing of Consultants) will be done on the basis of: i. CV submitted by the Applicants summarizing their facilities and areas of experience; ii. Description of similar Assignments; iii. Experience in similar operating environments and conditions; iv. Managerial strength and financial capacity. Interested consultants will obtain the Terms of Reference (TOR) to have detail information on the scope of service, personal requirements, deliverable and other from the address below from 9:00am to 5:00 pm local time and also available in BTEB website (http://www.bteb.gov.bd). Candidates are requested to quote their expected remuneration.	
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