

Pesticide use up six times in six decades

Press conference told
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Use of pesticides in agriculture has increased six times in six decades (from 1954 to 2010) compared to the previous six decades, said speakers at a press conference yesterday.

A vegetable farmer in Bangladesh uses pesticides about 150 times in a single session, said Ferdous Ara Rume, policy research and campaign coordinator of EquityBD.

The National Observation Committee on International Rural Women Day, a countrywide network of rights groups, organised the event in the capital's Jatiya Press Club on "Pesticides and Health Risk: Find Alternatives and Save the Lives of Rural Women".

Ferdous Ara mentioned that only four percent of the farmers are aware of how to use pesticides while 87 percent farmers hardly take any steps to keep away the hazardous impacts of pesticides.

As many as 377 types of pesticides of 97 groups are being used in Bangladesh, she said, adding that most of them have already been banned in the developed countries.

Romena Akter Mahin, a member of the committee, said rural women are directly involved in pesticide handling whereas various researches suggest that exposure to excessive pesticides can cause miscarriages.

Tasmin Chowdhury, another member, said according to a US-based research, women with regular exposure to pesticides give birth to children with birth defects like low intelligence and physical disabilities.

Badrul Alam, president of Bangladesh Krishok Federation, said different studies show 30 percent of the farmers suffer from irritation, 28 percent from respiratory diseases and 13 percent from eye diseases due to exposure to pesticides.

There are several indigenous methods and local alternatives to pesticides but those need to be promoted, he said.

2 killed in Ctg road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two people were killed when a truck turned turtle as one of its wheels punctured in Sujanager village of Hathazari upazila in Chittagong early yesterday.

The deceased were Millat, 30, of Laxmipur and Ruman, 24, of Chandpur, said police.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Latifa Banu, mother of General Manager of Advertisement department of Prothom Alo Roshidur Rahman Sabur, died yesterday due to old-age complications. She was 84.

She was buried in her family graveyard in Kosba Mazail village of Rajbari, said a press release.

A doa mahfil will be held at her village home after Juma prayers on Friday.

Women must be assertive to end repression: Seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women have to be assertive to come out of conflicts and situations that repress them, said participants at a seminar yesterday.

One Anwara Begum from Nilphamari spoke about a women's group in her village, Paschimdilpukur, that stopped gambling by males in the village, which often caused domestic violence.

Another participant, Shelly from Tangail, shared how she and her sister filed a case against their father for depriving them of property and won.

Anwara and Shelly were among 100 participants, from different universities, NGOs, government bodies, farming and indigenous communities, who attended the daylong seminar on "Peace Talks" held at Bishwo Shahitto Kendro.

The event was organised by international organisations -- PeaceWomen Across the Globe and Sangat -- and two local NGOs -- Nijera Kori and Praggyashor.

"Women have to realise how they are affected by the discriminatory system of a patriarchal society and raise their voice to change the situation," said Meghna Guhathakurta, executive director of Research Initiatives in Bangladesh.

She read the concept paper which highlighted United Nations Security Council resolution 1325, adopted in October, 2000.

Gabriele Grossenbacher, a volunteer of Peace Women across the Globe, said they undertook a project "WikiPeaceWomen" to collect one million stories of women across the world who contributed to establishing peace at grassroots to national level.

Khushi Kabir, coordinator of Nijera Kori, and gender specialist Fouzia Khandakar Eva also spoke.

5 NOAKHALI 'WAR CRIMINALS' 3 charges accepted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Crimes Tribunal-1 fixed November 24 to pass the next order after accepting three charges yesterday against five persons from Noakhali's Sudharam upazila who were allegedly involved in crimes committed there during the 1971 Liberation War.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque also directed Sudharam Police Station's officer-in-charge to provide within three weeks a report on one of the accused, Abul Kalam alias AKM Mansur, 67, who is yet to be arrested.

It also fixed October 18 to pass order on a petition another accused, Md Abdul Kuddus, 84, filed yesterday seeking bail citing old age and poor health condition.

The remaining three are Amir Ahmed alias Amir Ali, 70, Md Joyal Abedin, 73, and Mohammad Yusuf, 60. The prosecution on October 5 pressed the charges over the killing of at least 111 people in three incidents.

INTERROGATION FOR JP MP, 3 OTHERS

Meanwhile, the tribunal granted a prosecution's petition allowing investigators to interrogate four war crimes accused, including Jatiya Party lawmaker MA Hannan at a "safe home", each for a day between October 20 and 23.

Prosecutor Sultan Mahmud Simon told The Daily Star that another arrestee, Hormuj Ali, 73, was sick and they would seek to interrogate him after he recovers.

Eight persons are accused in the case filed for their alleged involvement in crimes committed in Mymensingh during the Liberation War.

Hannan, 80, is a lawmaker from Trishal (Mymensingh-7 constituency) and presidium member of Jatiya Party. The remaining three arrestees are Hannan's son Rafique Sajjad, 62, Khandakar Golam Sabbir Ahmed, 69, and

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Dev makes Bangladesh attractive target

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important program."

She mentioned that Bangladesh was not alone in facing the challenges of transnational crime and had acted with urgency to adopt new policies to prevent violent extremism and counter-terrorism.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina joined President Barack Obama and other global leaders to address the common threats of violent extremism and terrorism at this year's United Nations General Assembly, Bernicat said.

"We must act together because we are a globalized world. For better and for worse, what happens in one country affects the citizens of another," she said.

Bernicat said South Asia was large, populous, and rapidly developing and the region's evolution and well-being mattered to countries far away, including her own. "Peace and stability in South Asia makes for a more peaceful and stable world."

Offices of the US Embassy to Bangladesh, the British High Commission, and the government of Bangladesh sponsored the conference.

Victim described how he was

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was placed before Judge Nurul Islam of Chittagong Metropolitan Sessions Judge Court-4.

The court fixed October 19 for next argument, said the APP. Himu, an A-level student of Summerfield School and College died at a Dhaka hospital on May 23, 2012 after he had been tortured on April 27, 2012 in Chittagong city's Panchlaish Residential Area centering his anti-drug campaign.

40pc buses charging extra

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BRTC buses are also charging extra fares...this has surprised me. Mobile courts have taken legal actions against them," said Obaidul.

He urged public transport owners to follow the revised fare chart and not to charge additional fare.

Obaidul said no transport vehicle, without having digital number plate (retro-reflective number plate) and radio-frequency identification (RFID) tag, can ply anywhere in the country after January 1.

He asked owners of all vehicles registered with the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) to collect digital number plates and RFID tags by December 31.

The Road Transport and Highways Division signed the agreements with its affiliated four agencies to improve their performance in the current fiscal year.

Secretary to the Road Transport and Highways Division and the chiefs of its four bodies-- Roads and Highways Department, BRTC, BRTA and DTCA--signed the agreements.

As per the agreements, a set of targets has been fixed for the agencies to achieve in the current fiscal year.

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Corrigendum to e-Tender Notice-01/2015-2016 (Open Tendering Method, NCT)

The following e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by the Executive Engineer, RHD, Patuakhali Road Division, Patuakhali for procurement of works as stated below:

Tender ID	Name of work	Date & time of publication	Date & time of document last selling	Date & time of tender closing
31415	Extension of Boga Ferryghat (toward river) at 14th km of Lebukhali-Bauphal-Golachipa-Amragachia Road under Patuakhali Road Division during the FY 2015-2016	07.10.2015 3:40pm	25.10.2015 10:40am	26.10.2015 11:40am

The above tender is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation
Expression of Interest (EOI) Notice

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) from professional Audit Firms for appointment as External Auditor.

1	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Textile & Jute/Jute Division
2	Agency	: Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation
3	Procuring Entity	: Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation
4	Expression of Interest for Selection of	: Selection of Professional Firms for appointment as External Auditor (Chartered Accountants Firms)
5	REOI Ref. No.	: 24.04.0000.103.64.001.15
6	Date(dd/mm/yy)	: 07/10/2015

KEY INFORMATION

7	Procurement method	: Open Tender Method
8	Budget & Source of Funds	: BJMC's Annual Budget

PARTICULARS/ INFORMATION

9	EOI Closing Date & Time	: 08/11/2015 up to 12.00 noon(BST)
10	EOI Opening Date & Time	: 09/11/2015 up to 12.30 noon(BST)
11	Brief Description of the Assignments	: Auditing of BJMC's Head Office Accounts for the year 2014-15

Qualification, Experience etc.

12	a) Qualification	: Must be registered with the ICAB
	b) Experiences	: At least 5(Five) years experience of auditing of Annual Accounts of Mills under BJMC and other Sector Corporation.
	c) Audit Resources	: An established office in Dhaka/ Chittagong/Khulna having adequate manpower and logistics support.
	d) Completion Audit Work	: As per Work Order and Agreement

13	EOI Document Availability	: Accounts and Finance Division, Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation(BJMC) Adamjee Court, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 during office hours of working days from 14/10/2015 to 04/11/2015 on payment of no refundable amount of Tk 500.00 (Taka Five hundred) only in the shape of Pay Order/Demand Draft in favor of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation . Dhaka.
14	a)! Indicative Starting Date of Audit work	: December' 2015
	b)! Contract Period	: 2(Two) Months
	c)! Location of Audit	: BJMC Head Office, Dhaka.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

15	Name of Official Inviting EOI	: Md. Abdul Houque Patwary
16	Designation of Official Inviting EOI	: Deputy General Manager(Audit) & Head of Audit Division.
17	Address of Official Inviting EOI	: Audit Division, Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation 99, Karim Chamber, Motijheel, Dhaka.
18	Contact details of Official inviting EOI:	: (i)Deputy General Manager (Audit)
19	Terms & Conditions.	
20	Contract Agreement	: Work Order containing TOR and necessary documents will be issued along with Deed of Agreements on Non judicial Stamp of TK.300/- (Three hundred) between selected Firm and BJMC
21	EOI Validity Period	: 120(One hundred twenty) days
22	Penalty for Delay Completion of Work	: Applicable as per terms and conditions of Public Procurement Act'2006 and Public Procurement Rules'2008.
23	The procuring entity reserves all the Right to accept or reject the EOI received Partly or fully without assigning any reasons/causes	

The Advertisement will also be published in the BJMC website (www.bjmc.gov.bd).

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Mrs. Nessima Hakim, widow of late Justice Maksum ul Hakim passed away on 30-08-2015 (Inna lillahi wa inna illaihe rajeun). A Doa Mahfil will be held at the deceased's residence (House-15/A, Road-6, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka) on 16-10-2015 after Asr Prayers to pray for the salvation of the departed soul. All friends and relatives of late Nessima Hakim are requested to attend and participate in the prayers.

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CORRIGENDUM

This is for information to all concerned that an advertisement "Invitation for Tender," was published in the daily Ittefaq and The Daily Star on September 23, 2015 and the tender receiving & opening date was scheduled on October 22, 2015 for 10 Nos. CAPEX item. This date is now coinciding with the recent Government declaration of Public holiday on that day on account of Durga Puja. As such the above date is now changed and tender will be received up to 2.30 p.m. on October 26, 2015 and will be opened on the same day at 3.00 p.m. in presence of bidders, (if any) Any inconvenience caused is regretted.

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