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A flower seller at Baliadanga market in Kaliganj upazila under Jhenidah district gives a gloomy look as prices have drastically fallen amid lack of buyers.

Growers worried as flower prices see drastic fall

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

The growers in the famous flower producing district are worried due to drastic price fall of the item. Around 15,000 farmers of 70 villages in Jhenidah Sadar, Kaliganj, Moheshpur and Kotchandpur upazilas under the district are cultivating flowers in 350 hectares of land, said sources of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE). A month ago, a jhopa (comprising 800 flowers)

stood at Tk 165/180 but the price has fallen to Tk 20/30 that does not cover even the harvesting cost, farmers said. "I have cultivated flowers on 50 decimals of land at a cost of Tk 30 thousand but I had to sell the produce at only Tk 15,000," said Rezaul Karim of Kadirkol village under Kaliganj upazila. Another grower Ansar Ali of Shishirkundo village under Kotchandpur upazila said his flower cultivation cost for two bighas this year

stood at Tk 30,000 but he got only Tk 10,000 by selling the item. He is now worried about repaying the loan taken for the cultivation, let alone profit. Flower growers Samir Hossain, Kutub Ali, and Abul Kashem of Trilochonpur union under Kaliganj upazila have similar tales to tell. The flower growers said they need a large shed for the sellers and buyers as flowers rot quickly in case of sudden rain.

Flower trader Motiar Rahman of Baliadanga village under Kaliganj upazila said the demand of flower has decreased in different cities including Dhaka and Chittagong as there is no fair or large occasion now. The price of flower is likely to increase after two months, he said. Shah Md Akramul Haque, deputy director of DAE in Jhenidah, said bumper production of flowers has led to its temporary price fall.

12 fishermen arrested for illegal fishing in Sundarbans

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Forest officials arrested 12 fishermen for fishing in the sanctuary in West Sundarbans under Satkhira range on Tuesday night. Members of Sundarbans Smart Patrol team and Pushpakathi Forest Patrol team, in a drive at Mandarbaria sanctuary in the Malancha River under Compartment No-54, also seized two mechanised trawlers, two boats, fishing hooks and nets. The detainees are Md Hafizur Rahman, Babu Sheikh, Minto Sheikh, Md Sohel Rana, Kabir Sheikh, and Rabiul Islam Sheikh of Bagerhat district; Md Khalil, Monirul Islam and Shamim Khalifa of Pirojpur, and Md Riasat Ali Jawaddar, Ameer Ali and Ayub Ali of Satkhira district.

Shahjahan Ali, officer-in-charge (OC) of Pushpakathi Forest Patrol Outpost under Satkhira Range, said they raided the area and made the arrest at around 9:00pm on Tuesday.

The detainees were yesterday produced before the court that sent them to prison.

The OC also filed a case against them under the Forest Act.

Man to die for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A court here yesterday sentenced a man to death for killing a housewife allegedly over a land dispute in Sharankhola upazila of the district in 2012. The death penalty awardee is Ruhul Hawladar, 41, son of Ismail Hawladar of Uttar Tafalbari village in the upazila. According to the prosecution, there was a dispute between Ruhul and his neighbour Rustom Ali Hawladar over the ownership of a piece of land. On May 28 in 2012, Ruhul entered Rustom's house and hacked his wife Farida Begum with a cleaver, leaving her dead on the spot. While fleeing the spot, villagers caught Ruhul and handed him over to the police. Deceased's sister Aleya Begum filed a murder case with Sharankhola Police Station the same night. Sub-Inspector Refatul Islam, also investigation officer of the case, submitted charge sheet against Ruhul on August 8 the same year. Jakir Hossain of Additional District and Sessions Judge delivered the verdict in presence of the convict.

Four abducted fishermen buy freedom

Several others still captive, 37 missing for month

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Four of the 50 fishermen who were abducted by robbers in the Bay about a month ago have bought freedom by paying good amounts as ransom. Several others are still in captivity for failing to meet the criminals' demand while 37 of the abductees have remained missing as no gang claimed responsibility for their abduction or demanded anything for their release, said fish traders and trawler owners. The four freed fishermen are Sona Mia, 45, of Gangamati village, Nurul Haque, 42, of Khajura village, Shukkur Ali, 40, of Fashipara village, and Nizam Majhee, 42, of Mohipur village under Kalapara upazila. "After getting ransom, robbers brought the four fishermen to a canal side under Pathorghata Police Station on Tuesday. In the evening, they reached Mohipur Bazar, a fish landing station in Kalapara upazila under Patuakhali district, by FB Sagor that had been hijacked and later returned by the robbers," said Ansar Uddin Mollah, general secretary of Alipur-Mohipur fish trading association. They went home after taking primary

treatment at 20-bed Kuakata hospital. "I heard that Shukkur Ali (with trawler), Sona Mia, Nurul Haque, and Nizam Majhee had to pay Tk 4 lakh, 3 lakh, one lakh and 80 thousand respectively as ransom," Molla said. "A few other fishermen who were also abducted from different trawlers on the same day, including Amir Hossain, 35, Ruhul Amin, 40, Bazlur Rahman, 36, Nayeem, 30, and Kamal Majhee, 40, are still confined by the gang as they failed to pay ransom. "Most of 37 missing fishermen are from Cox's Bazar area and their trawler owners are now staying in Kuakata area to search for them," he said. Md Moniruzzaman, OC (Inquiry) of Kalapara Police Station, said a case was filed accusing unnamed people in this regard and investigation is on. Contacted, coastguard official Md Anisur Rahman of Nizampur camp in Kalapara said, "I heard that four fishermen came back after paying ransom to the robbers. Usually we patrol around 20 to 30 km from the coast in the Bay. The area where from fishermen were abducted is outside our coverage."



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Devotees lit candles at Maha Shashan Kalimata Mandir in Thakurgaon town, seeking divine blessing for departed souls, during the Dipabali festival on Tuesday night.

Trees dying as fish farm set up in occupied forestland

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

A good numbers of trees in Modhukhali reserve forest area under Kalapara upazila of the district are dying due to waterlogging as a local influential man set up a fish farm occupying a portion of the forest. Mahtab Howladar of Purbo Modhukhali village set up a fish farm in the reserve forest area last year and built a dam to store water for the purpose. Consequent waterlogging is causing death to trees, especially kewra and choila species. Visiting the area a couple of days ago, this correspondent found most of the trees in the fish farm area dying. Locals alleged that Mahtab set up the farm occupying reserve forest land. Mahtab, on the other hand, said he set up the farm on a land that he took on



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Trees at Modhukhali reserve forest in Kalapara upazila under Patuakhali district dying as a local influential person has made a large reservoir for fish cultivation, occupying land in the forest.

lease from the land office. But he failed to show any relevant documents and no record was found in Kalapara upazila land office regarding the matter. When contacted, Md Aman, beat officer of forest department, said, "Mahtab Howladar set up a fish farm illegally occupying forestland. We will take step to save the forestland and trees there very soon."

149 BNP-Jamaat men among 224 arrested in 5 districts

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At least 224 people, including 149 BNP and Jamaat-Shibir men, were held in Gaibandha, Chapainawabganj, Satkhira, Jhenidah and Jessore districts yesterday and the day before. The law enforcers in separate drives arrested 63 people, including 15 leaders and activists of BNP and 28 of Jamaat-Shibir in different upazilas of Gaibandha on Tuesday night, reports UNB. The BNP and Jamaat-Shibir men were arrested in several cases, including those for subversive activities, vandalism and attacking policemen. Of the arrestees, 16 are from Sadar, 12 from Sundarganj, 15 from Palashbari, six from Gobindaganj and 30 from

Sadullahpur upazilas, said police. In Satkhira, several law enforcing agencies arrested 65 people, including 39 leaders and activists of BNP-Jamaat, in the district in the last two days. Meanwhile, police arrested 30 people, including two activists of BNP-Jamaat in different areas of Chapainawabganj on Tuesday night. They were arrested in several cases, said Officer-in-Charge of Special Branch of the district Akmal Hossain. Away in Jhenidah, police in separate drives arrested six BNP and Jamaat-Shibir men in three upazilas of the district on Tuesday night, reports our correspondent. Of them, three were held from Harinakundo upazila, two from Shailakupa upazila and one from Sadar

upazila. Assistant Superintendent of Police Ajbahar Ali Sheikh confirmed the matter. In Jessore, joint forces in separate drives arrested at least 59 leaders and activists of BNP and Jamaat-Shibir in the district on Tuesday, reports our Benapole correspondent. A team of the 'joint force', comprising members of police, Rapid Action Battalion and Border Guard Bangladesh, conducted separate drives in four upazilas of the district and arrested them on various charges, police control room sources said. Akkas Ali, officer-in-charge of Jessore Police Station, said the BNP and Jamaat-Shibir men were arrested in cases filed for subversive activities, vandalism and attacking policemen.

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