

Farmers all smiles as yield high, prices good

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Bumper yield and good prices of early winter vegetables has brought smiles to the farmers in the district.

With abundant supply of a variety of winter vegetables in the local markets, traders from different districts including Dhaka and Narayanganj are collecting the items from the farmers and small traders in the district.

Farmers have cultivated different vegetables on 4,254 hectares of land in the district in Kharip-2 season that starts immediately after the receding of water at the end of the rainy season, said

sources in the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE).

During a recent visit to different villages, this correspondent saw that farmers piled up newly harvested vegetables including bitter gourd, bottle gourd, brinjal, cauliflower and cabbage alongside roads wherefrom traders are buying those to send to different places of the country.

"I cultivated early variety of bitter gourd on one acre of land spending Tk 1.3 lakh and already sold the crop worth Tk 90,000. I hope to sell the crop worth Tk 1 lakh more as reaping will continue for the next one and a

half months," said Ananta Roy, 27, of Yakubpur village in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila.

Md Yunus Ali, 48, a vegetable trader from Bhadrugani Pukurpur village in Munshiganj district, said he started buying bitter gourd from Thakurgaon in the second week of October and supplying it to different places including Karwan Bazar in Dhaka.

"In the beginning I had to pay Tk 2,300 for a maund of bitter gourd but now I am buying it for Tk 700. By selling 100 maunds of bitter gourd in Dhaka I make a profit of Tk 10,000-20,000," he said.

Moksed Ali of Bottoli village in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila said he has cultivated bottle gourd on 12 decimals of land spending Tk 5,000 and already sold about 400 pieces for Tk 8,000.

"I hope to sell more 400 pieces of the vegetable," he said.

Cultivation of early winter vegetables sees gradual increase in the district as the farmers get good return, said Arshed Ali, deputy director of the DAE in Thakurgaon.

The yield is good this season due to favourable weather and smooth supply of seeds and fertilisers, he said.



PHOTO: STAR

Farmers carry newly harvested bitter gourd from a field at Badeshwari village in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila for sale in the local market. The area sees good yield of a variety of early winter vegetables this season.

Couple's bodies found hanging from ceiling

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Moulvibazar

Police recovered the bodies of a married couple from Borotol village under Nabiganj upazila of Habiganj district early yesterday.

The deceased are Jubair Rahman, 25, and his wife Lima Akhter, 20, of the village. Dulu Miah, father of Jubair, said he did not get any response when he knocked on the door of his son's room.

Later, family members and neighbours broke open the door and found the bodies of Jubair and Lima hanging from the ceiling.

On information, police went to the spot and recovered the bodies.

Abdur Rahman, sub-inspector of Nabiganj Police Station, said "We found them hanging from the ceiling of their bedroom around 10:00am."

TV reporter

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by four to five miscreants near Gahira Bazar while the vehicle was heading to Chittagong from Raozan, said Ayan Sharma, bureau chief of Mohona TV.

He added that he had come to learn about local Chhatra League's involvement in the attack but could not say what could have prompted them to make the attack.

"They [attackers] first tried to stop the microbus. Failing to do so, one of attackers broke the front glass of the microbus with a stick," said Nayan Barua, a witness to the incident.

The miscreants then fired two shots targeting the micro, he added.

Ayan said he had informed the police of the matter.

Pradip Kumar Das, officer-in-charge of Raozan Police Station, however, claimed he was not aware of any such attack in the upazila.

"The law and order situation is normal in the upazila" the OC said.

Meanwhile, Superintendent of Police Hafiz Akhter visited Prince at CMCH in the afternoon.

"We are trying to find out who were behind the attack," he said.

BCL Raozan unit president Jamir Uddin Parvez over the phone said he had not heard about any such attack.

Roman treasure

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"This is an exceptional discovery," said Dr George Matter, an archaeologist who worked on the excavation.

"In archeology, rarely more than 2,500 coins are found. This is a whole new category which is almost unique," he added.

Some coins in the stash date back as far as Emperor Aurelian's reign in the year 274. Others come from the time of Emperor Maximian in the year 294.

"We think that the treasure might have belonged to a tradesman or a landowner who lived in the area and put his savings aside for years. And for whatever reason he hid them in this hideout," said Matter.

But why did the owner never retrieve the bronze and silver fortune?

"One theory is that he didn't have a chance to return to the place to dig his savings out," Explained Matter.

JESSORE, SYLHET

38 injured as rival AL, BCL groups clash

STAR COUNTRY DESK

At least 38 people were injured in separate clashes between rival factions of the ruling Awami League in Jessore and Sylhet districts on Saturday, reports our correspondents.

In Jessore, at least 28 people sustained injuries when a clash erupted between two rival groups of AL at Bherchhi Bazar in Keshabpur upazila of the district on Saturday night.

Several of them were admitted to Kashabpur Upazila Health Complex and Khulna Medical College Hospital, while the rest took primary treatment at local hospital and clinics.

Quoting locals, Officer-in-Charge Mahtab Uddin of

Keshabpur Police Station said there had been a long-standing rivalry between two local AL leaders—SM Habib and Jakir Hossain—over establishing supremacy in the area.

Mahbub, a supporter of Habib, locked in an altercation with a supporter of Jakir over a trifling matter around 7:00pm.

At one stage, both the groups equipped with sharp weapons attacked each other that left at least 28 people injured, the OC added.

On information, police went to the spot and fired several blank shots to disperse the clashing groups and brought the situation under control.

Away in Sylhet, at least 10 leaders and activists of

Hundi trader held with Tk 7 lakh

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Benapole, Jessore

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested a hundi trader from Bottala area under Benapole Port Police Station yesterday and seized Tk 7 lakh from his possession, said Lt Col Jahangir Hossain, commanding officer of Rab 26-Battalion. The arrestee was identified as Abdus Salam, 35, son of Abdul Khalek of Khalsi village in Putkhali upazila.

The BGB official said, tipped off, a team of border guards raided the area and arrested Salam, who was coming from India on a motorbike.

PSC examinee commits suicide

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Gaibandha

An examinee of Primary School Certificate (PSC) examinations committed suicide at Santola village in Sadullapur upazila early yesterday.

The deceased was Ismat Ara Eshi, daughter of Islam Mia of the village and a Class V student of Sadullapur Girls Dakhil Madrasa.

Her body was found hanging from the ceiling of her house. Police recovered the body and sent it to Gaibandha Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Ex-BCL leader shot in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Benapole

A former joint convener of Jessore district unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was shot by unidentified criminals at Goherpur village under Jessore Sadar upazila on Saturday night.

The victim is Tariqul Islam, 40, son of Moslemuddin of the village.

Police said Tariqul came under attack while he was taking tea at a tea stall in the area at around 11:30pm.

Bangladesh Chhatra League were injured in a clash between rival groups of the party in Bishwanath upazila on Saturday afternoon.

Of the injured, Mujib Mia, Khaled Ahmed and Shamim Mia received treatment at Bishwanath Upazila Health Complex.

Officer-in-Charge Rafiqul Hossain of Bishwanath Police Station said a group led by Rajon and another by Abdur Rouf locked in a clash over establishing supremacy in Bishwanath Degree College compound around 4:00pm that left 10 BCL men injured.

On information, police went to the spot, dispersed the clashing groups and brought the situation under control, the OC added.



PHOTO: STAR

Remains of trunks on the bank of Atar Pukur, a government owned tank at Singjani village in Buruil union of Nandigram upazila under Bogra district after a local felled and took away 38 eucalyptus trees from there on Friday night.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Border Guard Bangladesh seizes 184 kg of Indian sandalwood worth Tk 82.80 lakh from a bus at Bhimpur near Hili border area under Dinajpur district yesterday.

Trader hacked to death in Gazipur, two arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Gazipur

A trader, hacked by an unidentified gang at Deupara under Kaliganj upazila of the district on Saturday night, died at a hospital in Uttara, Dhaka, early yesterday.

The victim, Kamal Hossain, 37, son of Shahidur Rahman alias Lal Mia, was owner of a construction materials shop at Deupara Bazar in the upazila.

Deceased's cousin Shamsul Haque Bhuiyan said Kamal came under

attack while he was returning home at Deupara village from his shop around 10:00pm.

Shamsul quoted some witnesses as saying that an unknown gang waylaid Kamal at Deupara level crossing, hacked him with sharp weapons and left the scene.

Critically injured Kamal was taken to Kaliganj Upazila Health Complex and later shifted to Uttara Crescent Hospital in Dhaka. He died at the hospital around 12:30am.

Police yesterday

arrested two people from Deupara area, suspecting their involvement in the killing, said Sub-Inspector (SI) Azizur Rahman of Kaliganj Police Station.

Away in Chuadanga, police recovered the body of a minor boy from Panchlia village in Alamdanga upazila of the district on Saturday.

The deceased was identified as Enamul Haq, 3, son of Nur Islam, a union parishad member and resident of the village.

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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Request for Expression of Interest

1	Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2	Agency	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
3	Procuring entity name	Additional Secretary (FMA) & LD (IFM).
4	Procuring entity code	5520 IFM
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Expression of interest	Audit Firm for Internal Audit Services for the Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Development Program for the financial year 2013-2014.
7	Date of issue of request for expression of interest	19/11/2015.
8	Procurement method	Fixed Budget Based Selection Method.
9	Budget and source of fund	IDA Credit 4954-BD & Trust Fund No. TF011556-TF12281 (HPNSDP).
10	Development partners	IDA Pool Partner.
11	Project/program code	5-2701-5520 (MoHFW)
12	Project/program name	Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Development Program (HPNSDP).
13	Contract package number	SP-04 (MoHFW)
14	EOI closing date, time and place of submission	07/12/2015 at 2.00pm Expression of Interest must be deliver to the address and stipulated time. Room No. 324, Building No. 03, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
15	Brief description of the assignment	The services include of Internal Audit function of HPNSDP for the financial year 2013-2014. 1. Review of adequacy of internal control system and tools, their compliance and effectiveness. This includes identification of specific weaknesses in the system. 2. Provide assurance that all funds allocated for and provide value for money. 3. Provide assurance that the organization's risks are being adequately managed and that controls are operated as intended. 4. Provide concrete recommendations on the ways to improve internal controls and revisit the management response and actions for the past year(s) audit recommendations and assess implementation progress of the proposed action. 5. Assist in capacity development of MoHFW's internal audit team & FMAU. 6. Provide specific evidence on level of compliance based on established policies, plan, procedure and rules & regulations with financial involvement.
16	Required experience, resources and delivery capacity	1. Interested consultants must provide information indication that they are qualified to perform the services and the firm/agency should have minimum 10 years of business experience in public accounting/financial management and will need to provide documentary evidence in this regard and a profile including a list of all clients for the past 5 years. 2. The audit firm/consultants should have experience on public financial management and audit following General Financial Rules (GFR), Treasury Rules (TR) PPA-2006 PPR-2008 and applicable various GoB circulars regarding budget, accounting and audit.
17	Other requirements	Interested audit firms are requested to submit the following information/documents: (1) Background with brochure and area of expertise. (2) Description of similar assignments with documents. (3) Spell out professional capacity of the proposed key staff. (4) Technical and managerial organization (staff) of the interested audit firm. (5) Valid Membership certificate of the audit firm issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh. (6) Valid copy of Trade License, copy of TIN certificate and copy of VAT registration certificate.
18	Association with foreign firm	Allowed.
19	Other details	(1) The Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultant by World Bank Borrowers "January 2011, revised July 2014" will be followed during short-listing evaluation and selection process. (2) A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedure set out in World Bank guidelines. (3) Interested consultant may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (10:00-16:30 hours). (4) Request for Expression of Interest for the top of the abovementioned assignment shall be clearly marked on the top of the envelope. (5) If the performance of the selected audit firm is satisfactory then the contract may be extended for Internal Audit of further financial year/years.
20	Name and designation of official inviting expression of interest	Md. Nazrul Islam, Line Director (IFM), HPNSDP, Ministry of Health and family Welfare.
21	Address of official inviting expression of interest	Room No. 324, Building No. 03, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka -1000, Bangladesh.
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