

Pest damages sugarcane on 100 bighas in Gaibandha

Rangpur Sugar Mills likely to face supply shortfall

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Sugarcane on about 100 bighas of land under the mill zone areas of Rangpur Sugar Mills in Gaibandha district have dried due to severe attack of stem borer, locally called majra poka, much to the worry of growers and mill authorities.

Pesticides, even those supplied by the mill authorities, failed to control wide-spread insect attack on sugarcane in Satitola and Poontair blocks in Gobindaganj upazila under Gaibandha district, farmers said.

Pest attack on sugarcane fields has continued spreading and plants are drying up

at different places, said local growers.

"We have sprayed pesticide in the sugarcane field to control majra poka, but that did not work much," said Saiful Islam, a farmer of Satitola village.

"I have cultivated sugarcane on one and a half bighas of land, but pest attack damaged the whole field," said Haider Ali, another sugarcane grower.

The farmers demanded immediate running of mill, so that they can supply sugarcane before further spread of insects.

As per usual practice, the mill is supposed to start sugarcane crushing in late December or early January.

Admitting massive pest attack on sugarcane fields, Abdul Khaleque, managing director of Rangpur Sugar Mills, said, "Adequate measures were taken to control pest attack on sugarcane fields, but to no affect. The last flood also badly affected many of the sugarcane fields in the area."

A team from Dhaka recently visited the affected fields and took samples of affected plants for further test, he said.



PHOTO: STAR

A stem borer infested sugarcane field under Satitola block in Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha district.

SPECIAL DRIVES

53 Jamaat-Shibir men among 69 held in four districts

STAR COUNTRY DESK

At least 69 people including 53 Jamaat-Shibir men were held in Jhenidah, Chandpur, Satkhira and Mymensingh districts yesterday and the day before.

A team of joint force in separate drives arrested 37 activists of Jamaat-e-Islami in six upazilas of Jhenidah in the last two days, reports our correspondent.

Of them, 11 are from Sadar, six from Shailakupa, 12 from Moheshpur, one from Harinakundo, four from Kaliganj and three from Kotchandpur upazilas.

They were arrested on charge of planning subversive activities in the areas said Assistant Superintendent of Police Ajibahar Ali Sheikh.

In Chandpur, seven activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir were held during a special drive by the law enforcers at a mess in Mominpara area of the district town on Saturday.

evening, reports UNB.

The arrestees are Sabbir Hossain, Mohammad Farhaduzzaman, Mohammad Yunus, Mohammad Uzzal, Abdus Salam, Mohammad Bahar Elahi and Rubel.

On secret information, a police team led by Masud Shamim, sub-inspector of Chandpur Model Police Station, raided the mess in the area around 7:00pm and arrested the Shibir men.

They were arrested in several cases, said police.

Away in Satkhira, a joint force arrested 21 people, including five activists of Jamaat-Shibir, from different places of the district yesterday and the day before, reports UNB.

They are Akhtar Hossain, 48, Haluaghata upazila Jamaat nayeb-e-ameer, his son Abu khaayer Mohammad Abdullah alias Khayer Munshi, Oliullah Mujahid, 24, Shibir activist, and Ataullah Galib, 18, secretary of Dapunia union unit of Shibir.

UZ CHAIRMAN EKRAM MURDER CASE

Another charge-sheeted accused arrested in Feni

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested another charge sheeted accused in Phulgazi upazila chairman Ekramul Haq murder case.

The accused is Md Omar Faruk, 22, of Mollikbari at Kadalgazi road in the town.

Subhash Chandra Saha, deputy commander of Rab-7, said the elite force, acting on a tip-off, raided the area in the afternoon and arrested Faruk, also a Juba League activist. He was later handed over to Feni Sadar Model Police Station.

Investigation Officer (IO) Abul Kalam Azad, also acting officer-in-charge of

BNP leader held with pistol, bullets

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
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Police arrested a local BNP leader and seized a pistol and bullets from his possession in Shibganj upazila of the district on Saturday night.

The arrestee is Ansarul Islam, 45, assistant general secretary of Mobarakpur unit of BNP.

Officer-in-Charge Moinul Islam of Shibganj Police Station, said law enforcers raided Ansarul's house at Mobarakpur village around 10:30pm and arrested him with a pistol, two magazines and six bullets.

Ansarul was wanted in at least 10 criminal cases filed with the police station, the OC added.

Madrasa boy drowns in pond

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A 10-year-old madrasa student drowned in a pond at Jhunjhumpur village under Jessore Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Sony Rahman, son of Mosharraf Hossain, was a Class V student at a local madrasa.

Quoting witnesses, police said Sony went to take a bath in a pond adjacent to their house. He suddenly slipped into the pond and drowned.

Three stalker arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
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Police yesterday arrested three youths on charge of stalking college girls in Mulla Para area under Tahirpur upazila of Sunamganj district.

The arrestees are Rony Miah, 18, son of late Shafiq Miah of Mulla Para village, Talha Miah, 19, son of Abul Kalam Miah of Ghagaria village and Sujon Miah, 30, son of Shahid Miah of Suhala village in the upazila.

Those people, forming the last batch under the relocation process, will enter the neighbouring country through Chilahati-Haldibari border check post in Nilphamari district the same day.

The people were supposed to go to India with early batches which left for the country on November 22, 23, 24 and 26.

After getting travel passes, they delayed going to India as they fell in trouble to sell their lands for fair prices to the locals.

Sensing it, the district administration took initiative to buy their lands with actual market prices on behalf of the government.



PHOTO: STAR

Panchagarh Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Salauddin hands over the price of the land purchased from a resident of a former Indian enclave at the DC office yesterday. Several others also received the prices of their lands as the last batch comprising 34 people living in the former enclaves will cross the Chilahati-Haldibari border in Nilphamari district today, as per their option for new home in India.

FORMER ENCLAVES

Last batch from Panchagarh leaves for India today

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
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As part of the process to relocate former enclave dwellers, 34 people of 12 families from three enclaves -- Dohola Khaugabari and Coatbhajini in Debiganj upazila and Behuladanga in Boda upazila of Panchagarh district -- will go to India today.

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During a joint survey conducted by the India-Bangladesh survey team in July, as many as 487 former enclave dwellers of 98 families opted to relocate to India.

Of them, five people changed their decision to go to India at the eleventh hour.

The district administration has already arranged

vehicles for transporting their goods to the check post.

In Kurigram, 16 people of five families from now defunct Dashiarchhara enclave in Phulbari upazila of the district left for India yesterday, reports our correspondent.

In the third and last batch, they got together at the ground of Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Dakhil Madrasa at Dashiarchhara in the morning and started their journey with goods by two microbuses and four pick-up vans to Baghbandar-Shahibganj border check post in Bhurungamari upazila around 10:00am.

A touching scene appeared at the madrasa ground when the vehicles carrying the people started for India.

After completing all process of immigration, they entered India around 4:00pm where Indian High Commissioner Shailendra Kishore and Phulbari UNO Nasiruddin Mahmud were present.

Six hurt in clash over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
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Six people were injured as two groups of villagers clashed over the ownership of a disputed land at Barogharia village in Sadar upazila of the district yesterday.

Locals said the two groups--one led by Saiful Islam and the other by Abu Bakkar Siddique--had been

claiming the ownership of 40 decimals of land at the village for long.

Villagers had earlier held several meetings to settle the matter, but they failed.

When Abu Bakkar and his men went to the land to harvest aroni paddy at noon, Saiful and his supporters attacked them with lethal weapon, prompting their rivals to retaliate.



PHOTO: STAR

Ignoring the risk of fatal accident anytime, vendors set makeshift warm cloth shops just beside the railway at Saidpur station in Nilphamari district while the authorities concerned are turning a blind eye.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়

পুরাতন সংসদ ভবন, ঢাকা

প্রধানমন্ত্রীর পরিবহন পুলের বিভিন্ন যানবাহনে ব্যবহৃত পুরাতন টায়ার, ব্যাটারী ও খুচরো-য়ার্যাঞ্চ নিলামে বিক্রয়ের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

০১	মুক্তিলয়/বিভাগ	প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়।
০২	দরপত্র আহবানকারী সভা	পরিচালক (পরিবহন), প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়, ঢাকা।
০৩	সঞ্চারকারীর সভার জেলা	ঢাকা।
০৪	কি জন্য আহবান	প্রধানমন্ত্রীর পরিবহন পুলের বিভিন্ন যানবাহনে ব্যবহৃত পুরাতন টায়ার, ব্যাটারী ও খুচরো-য়ার্যাঞ্চ "ব্যানে যে অবস্থায় আছে" ভিত্তিতে নিলামে বিক্রয়।
০৫	আহবানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	০৩.০৮.০৫.০০.০০.১৫.২০১৫-১৬৯০ তারিখঃ ২৬.১১.২০১৫।
০৬	বিক্রয় পদ্ধতি	উন্নত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (সিল্ক কভারযুক্ত খামে)।
০৭	দরপত্র প্যাকেজের নাম	প্রধানমন্ত্রীর পরিবহন পুলের বিভিন্ন যানবাহনে ব্যবহৃত পুরাতন টায়ার, ব্যাটারী ও খুচরো-য়ার্যাঞ্চ "ব্যানে যে অবস্থায় আছে" ভিত্তিতে নিলামে বিক্রয়।
০৮	দরপত্রের সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের	২১ ডিসেম্বর, ২০১৫ তারিখ বিকেল ৫.০০ ঘটকার মধ্যে দরপত্র সিডিউল ১.০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য) প্রধানমন্ত্রীর পরিবহন পুল, গেট নং-২, বঙ্গবন্ধন, মতিবিল, ঢাকা এর অফিস হতে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।
০৯	দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	২২ ডিসেম্বর, ২০১৫ তারিখ সকাল ৯.০০ ঘটকা হতে দুপুর ০২.০০ ঘটকার মধ্যে তেজগাঁও প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়ের ৮নং ফটকে রাখিত টেক্কার বাবে।
১০	দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণ ও মূল্যায়নের তারিখ ও সময়	২১ ডিসেম্বর, ২০১৫ তারিখ বেলা ২.৩০ ঘটকা।
১১	দরপত্র খোলার অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা।
১২	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী ও দরপত্র খোলার দণ্ড	পরিচালক (প্রশাসন), প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা।
১৩	দরদাতদের যোগ্যতা	যে কোন বাস্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠান।
১৪	মালামালের বিবরণ, পরিমাণ ও শর্তাবলী	দরপত্র সিডিউলে বিবৃত।
১৫	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম ও পদবী	মেজর হাফিজুর রায়হান করিয়ার, পরিচালক (পরিবহন)
১৬	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	প