

Crisis of quality seeds worries boro farmers in 5 N dists

BADC supplied only 27% of the demand

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Farmers of five northern districts including Nilphamari are facing crisis of quality boro seeds at the onset of the cultivation season as supply from government owned Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) is too meagre to meet the demand. Seeds available in the open markets are often of low quality, said farmers. The regional office of the Department of Agriculture Extension in Rangpur set a target to bring under boro cultivation 5.02 lakh and 529 hectares of land in Rangpur, Nilphamari, Kurigram, Gaibandha, and Lalmonirhat. As per the target, which is 10,542 hectares higher than last year's, high yielding variety (HYV) of paddy will be grown on 3.49 lakh and 351 hectares, hi-breed on 1.51 lakh and 51 hectares and local variety on 2,127 hectares. Accordingly, this season's demand of boro seeds in the region is about 14,000 tonnes. Boro cultivation season

in the region continues from early January to mid February.

Farmers said they prefer BADC boro seeds as those are grown and preserved in scientific ways, making them virus and fungus free and high yielding.

The regional office of BADC supplied only about 3,732 tonnes of boro seeds in the region, which comprises only 27% of the total demand, said official sources.

Official price of a 10 kg bag of boro seeds of BRRI dhan-28 variety supplied by BADC is Tk 360 and that of BRRI dhan-29 is Tk 350.

But many farmers alleged that they had to buy a 10-kg bag of boro seeds of the two varieties from seed dealers for Tk 450 to 500.

Asked about the matter, Faruk Zahedul Huq, deputy director of BADC seed marketing department in Rangpur region, said it is responsibility of the seed monitoring committee of the district concerned to keep the price of BADC seeds stable by launching regular drives in seed markets.

Visiting different seed

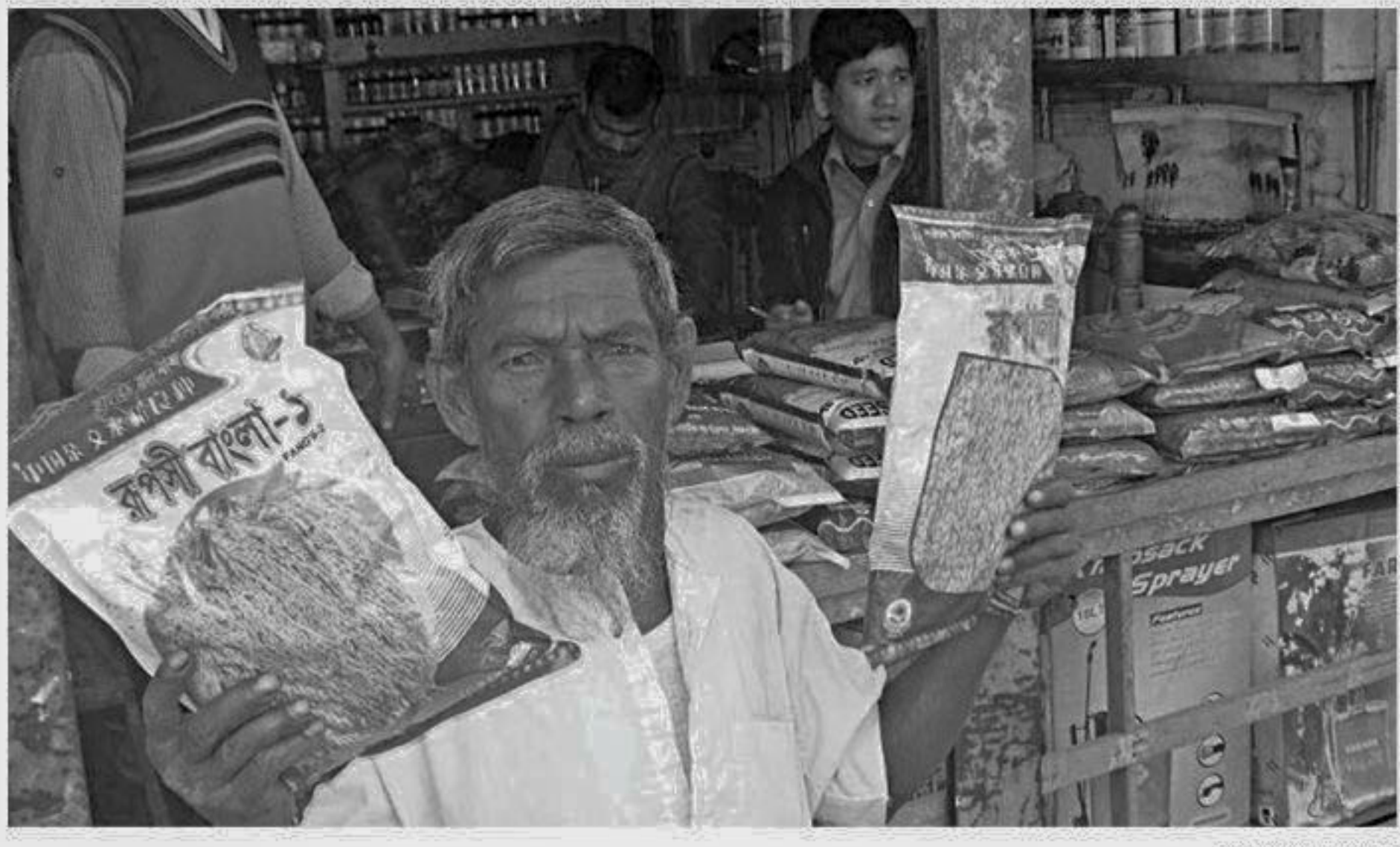


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Most of the paddy seeds in Nilphamari district are marketed without any test by the government's seed certification department, making the farmers vulnerable to cheating during the ongoing peak boro cultivation season. The photo was taken from Nilphamari municipality.

markets like Tengenmari Haat and Sutibari Haat of Nilphamari, and Sakoa Haat of Panchagarh, this correspondent found that boro seeds are selling in attractive bags but most of them are not tested by the government's seed certification department. A 10-kg bag of ordinary

seeds of different companies is selling for Tk 600-Tk 650 and a one-kg bag of hi-breed variety paddy for Tk 250-Tk 260.

"Finding no way we are buying low quality boro seeds from markets," said Zakir Hossen Shah, a farmer of Sarpar village of Nilphamari district.

Abul Ala Moududi, Nilphamari district seed certification officer, said, "My office certified only 232 tonnes of boro seeds in the district. Seeds from other districts are coming here for sale but the quality is questionable. And so, we will start drive with help of law enforcers soon."

Schoolteacher tortured by husband, hospitalised

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

A school teacher was hospitalised yesterday in Haimchar upazila in the district after being tortured by her husband, triggering a protest among the teachers of the school.

Hasina Momtaz, 35, assistant teacher of Char Bhairab Primary School, was assaulted by her husband Masud Karim while going to her school around 10:00am.

School teachers of the upazila submitted a memorandum to the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) demanding arrest of the culprit within 24 hours.

"Masud obstructed me on my way to school at North Bagula area and started beating me indiscriminately. Later, locals sent me to hospital," said, Hasina, who was undergoing treatment at Haimchar Health Complex.

"We have been living separately for seven months as Masud used to torture me

for money," said the teacher, mother of two children.

She had filed a complaint with the police on November 2, 2015, against her husband for torturing her, which was later arbitrated in presence of police and locals, she added.

Dr Dev Jyoti Dhar, medical officer of the health complex, said Hasina sustained injuries on her face

caused by indiscriminate beating.

Masud, a grocer of Garam Bazar in Char Bhairab, denied the allegation, saying his wife was injured during a scuffle between them.

Waliullah, officer-in-charge of Haimchar Police Station, said action will be taken if a case is filed over the matter.



PHOTO: STAR

Schoolteacher Hasina Momtaz at Haimchar Upazila Health Complex in Chandpur district yesterday.

ARSON CASES

34 BNP-Jamaat men sent to jail in Bagerhat

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A court here on Wednesday sentenced 34 leaders and activists of BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami to three years rigorous imprisonment in the cases for arson attack on Awami League (AL) office, assaulting AL activists and setting their house afire in Sadar upazila in 2013.

Judge Jahidul Azad of Bagerhat Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court also fined the convicts Tk 5,000 each. In default, they are to suffer three

months more in jail.

Prof Ali Reza Babu, general secretary of BNP Bagerhat district unit, and Mobarak Molla, Jamaat Bishnupur union unit general secretary, are among the convicts.

According to the prosecution, BNP and Jamaat men of Kukoramara village attacked the houses of some local AL men, set fire to their houses and two motorcycles on August 10, 2013.

After investigation, police pressed charges

against 95 people. The court sent 23 of them to jail and acquitted the rest 72 as charges brought against them could not be proved.

In another case, police submitted a charge sheet against 112 people for attacking the ruling party men, damaging prime minister's portrait and torching Gotapara union AL office on October 20 the same year.

After examining the case records, the court sentenced 11 people to jail, acquitting the rest 101 accused.

পুনঃ নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মোকাম : অতিঃ জেলা জজ এম আদালত, ঢাকা।

মিস্ কেস নং-৭/২০০৯

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.....Creditor-Petitioner

Versus

1. Md. Delwar Hossain Khan, Son of Haji Momtaz Uddin Khan.
2. Mrs. Monwara Begum, Wife of Delwar Hossain Khan.
3. Md. Dilshad Hossain Khan, Son of Delwar Hossain Khan.
4. Md. Siddiqur Rahman, Son of late Eshaque Patwary.
5. Md. Vilayet Hossain Khan, Son of Alhaj Momtaz Uddin Khan.

All are residing at 40/A, Zikatala, Dhaka.

.....Borrowers-Opposite Parties

ডিক্রীকৃত টাকার পরিমাণ : ১১,৪৪,৮৮,০১৩/৬০ টাকা
 নিলামের স্থান : ঢাকা জেলা জজ আদালতের নেজারত প্রাঙ্গণ।
 নিলামের সময় : বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকা।
 নিলামের তারিখ : ৩১-১-১৬।

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের জ্ঞাতার্থে জানান যাইতেছে যে, নিম্নতফসিল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি উপরে উল্লিখিত স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়ে প্রকাশ্যে নিলামে বিক্রয় করা হইবে। দরখাস্তকারী/ডিক্রীদারের পাওনা ০১-০৭-৯৬ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত ১১,৪৪,৮৮,০১৩/৬০ (এগারো কোটি চুয়াল্লিশ লক্ষ আটশি হাজার তের টাকা ষাট পয়সা) টাকা মাত্র এবং তৎসহ টাকা আদায় না হওয়া পর্যন্ত উক্ত টাকার উপর সুদ ও মামলার খরচ। ইচ্ছুক ক্রেতা সাধারণকে উক্ত তারিখ বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকায় ঢাকা জেলা জজ আদালতের নাজির অফিসে উপস্থিত থাকিয়া নিলামে অংশগ্রহণ করিতে অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

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Bid to abduct girl foiled, 6 arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Villagers of Nawabganj upazila of the district foiled an abduction bid yesterday afternoon and caught six people of a gang while they were fleeing with a madrasa girl they had kidnapped from Birampur upazila, police said.

The arrestees are Liton, 21, a microbus driver, Omar Faruk, 27, Md Nurunnabi, 27, Md Rayhan Kabir, 29, Kowshik Alam, 28, and Russel Mia, 30.

Witnesses said the gang was waiting in a microbus near Bijul Madrasa in the upazila from the morning. As the 16-year-old girl was

returning home from the madrasa at around 2:30pm, the gang tried to abduct her, but the girl started screaming for help.

Hearing her screams, locals chased the microbus and intercepted it at Bajitpur village in the upazila. They rescued the girl and beat up the abductors mercilessly. The villagers handed over the members of the gang to Nawabganj police, who later sent them to Birampur police.

The girl alleged that the abductors tried to give her an injection to make her unconscious.

Her father filed an abduction case with Birampur Police Station yesterday.

Mayor-elect lands in jail in C'nawabganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Tarique Ahmed, the newly elected mayor of Rohanpur Municipality in Gomostapur upazila of the district, was sent to jail yesterday.

He is general secretary of Rohanpur municipality unit of BNP, and accused in the case for hurling petrol bomb at a truck.

Tarique surrendered to the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday, seeking bail. Judicial Magistrate Shahidul Islam rejected his bail prayer and sent him to jail, said Mahbubul Islam, court inspector of Chapainawabganj.

Police said a gang of 10 to 12 criminals intercepted a Shibganj bound potato-laden truck near Nimtala-

Kanthal area of Gomostapur upazila at around 11:10 pm on March 4, 2015, and hurling a petrol bomb at it, leaving its driver Firoj Hossain, 35, helper Mohammad Selim Ali, 27, and potato trader Saheb Ali, 36, injured. The truck was coming from Dhamurhat upazila in Naogaon.

Police with the help of locals rushed the injured people to Gomostapur Upazila Health Complex. They were referred to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital the same night as their condition deteriorated.

Truck helper Selim died at RMCH on March 5 at around 6:00pm.

Police filed a case against Tarique Ahmed and others with Gomostapur Police Station the same day.

Youth found murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

An unidentified youth was found murdered at Chawgupinathpur village in sadar upazila of the district yesterday morning.

The victim, aged about 22, was wearing lungi and

black shirt.

Locals found the body on a cropland with throat slit and injury marks on the head and right hand at around 8.00am.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Jamalpur General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Daffodil University

CORRIGENDUM

It's a matter of great regret that in the Supplement published on the Daily Star on January 13, 2016 on the occasion of the "5th Convocation" of Daffodil International University, the signature of Professor Abdul Mannan, Honorable Chairman of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh was replaced wrongly by another signature. The Management of Daffodil International University expresses deep regret and sincerely apologizes for this unintentional mistake.

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Tender Notice

Ref No: DACMP/EASA-145/2016/2115A Date: 10 January 2016

01.	Tender invitation for	Selection of agency for consultancy services for achieving EASA-145 line maintenance approval in favour of Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd.
02.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.
03.	Budget and source of fund	Biman own fund.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
04.	Tender publication date	18 January 2016.
	Date	Time
05.	Tender closing date and time	15 February 2016 1430 LT
06.	Tender opening date and time	15 February 2016 1500 LT
Note: In case of opening date is declared as public holiday, tender opening will take place on the next working day.		
07.	Availability of tender document	Download from Biman website: www.biman-airlines.com
08.	Submission of tender offer at	a. Office of the Director Engineering and Material Management, Biman Engineering Hangar Complex, HSA, Dhaka-1229 or b) Tender box to be kept at Airport Gate # 8 (Hangar Gate), Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka. c) Offer/proposal may be sent by registered mail or courier services or through email to the address easa145@bimban.com.
09.	Opening tender document at	Engineering Conference Room, Biman Hangar Complex, HSA, Dhaka-1229.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
10.	Requirement/eligibility of tenderer	i) The consultant/consultant firm have required qualification, sufficient knowledge and experience to provide consultancy services to Biman Bangladesh Airlines for achieving EASA Part 145 Line Maintenance approval. ii) Consultant/consultant firm must provide relevant document in support of qualification, experience and expertise in handling similar consultancy projects with evidence.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
11.	Name of official inviting tender	Wg. Cdr. M M Asaduzzaman (Retd).
12.	Designation of official inviting tender	Director Engineering and Material Management.
13.	Address of official inviting tender	Biman Engineering Hangar Complex, HSA, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh.
14.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: +880-2-8901313, Fax: +880-2-8901639 e-mail: debiman@bimban.com
15.	Biman reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.	

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Tender Notice (e-GP)

This is to notify for all concerned that tender is invited and published in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of works for the following tender. Interested persons/firms can see details by visiting the website www.eprocure.gov.bd.

Sl	Tender ID	Name of work	Tender reference No.	Last date & time of submission
1	44242	Reconstruction of 19.640m (1x18.30m) long RCC Girder Bridge (Majerpara Bridge) at 14th KM (Ch. 13+130.85m) of Keranihat-Bandarban Road (N-108) under Bandarban Road Division during the year 2015-2016 (Ch. head-PMP (Bridge/Culvert).	e-gp/PMP(B&C)/CZ-07/BBan/Ctg zone/2015-2016	03-Feb-2016 12:00:00
2	44265	Reconstruction of 19.64m (1x18.30m) long RCC Girder Bridge (Aliaung Chara Bridge) at 13th KM (Ch. 12km+461.50m) of Keranihat-Bandarban Road (N-108) Road under Bandarban Road Division during the year 2015-2016 (Ch. Head PMP Bridge & Culvert)	e-gp/PMP(B&C)/CZ-08/BBan/Ctg zone/2015-2016	08-Feb-2016 12:00:00

Bidhan Chandra Dhar
 Addl. Chief Engineer (CC), RHD
 Chittagong Zone, Chittagong