

## Son kills elderly man

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A man was killed allegedly by his son at Charbiswas village in Galachipa upazila on Sunday over a family feud.

The deceased, Shahed Ali Kabiraj, 65, was a resident of the village.

Quoting villagers, police said an altercation occurred between Shahed and his elder son Monir Kabiraj, 35, over a family feud.

At one stage, Monir stabbed his father with a kitchen knife, leaving him critically injured.

Family members took Shahed to Galachipa Upazila Health Complex but he died on way to the hospital around 7:00pm.

Protesting the killing, Shahed's younger son Almas Kabiraj, 25, attacked Monir with a machete and hacked him mercilessly. Villagers rescued injured Monir and admitted him to Galachipa Health Complex.



The dilapidated temple on the ancestral homestead of great litterateur Pramatha Chowdhury and makeshift rooms built by illegal occupiers on the same premises in Pabna's Chatmohar upazila.

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## 'Save waterlogged Bhabadah people'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

People, living in the waterlogged Bhabadah area under Abhaynagar, Monirampur and Keshabpur upazilas in Jessore yesterday demanded immediate solution to the water-logging problem before the upcoming Durga Puja.

Villagers under the banner of "Bhabadah Water Mitigation Movement Committee" also submitted a memorandum (MoU) to the deputy commissioner (DC) in Jessore to press home their five-point demand.

They also staged a sit-in at the DC office premises and demanded that the government declare Bhabadah as an "affected area".

Speakers also urged the authorities concerned to mitigate the crisis before the Durga Puja, the biggest festival of the Hindu community.

Their demands include—dredging at Bhabadah point, re-excitation of Amdanga canal, opening Bhabadah sluice gate and making it fully functional, implementation of Tidal River Management (TRM) Project in Beel Kapalia area and renovation of damaged roads, educational institutions and different religious establishments.

Among others, Abdul Malek, Enamul Haque Babul, Abdur Rouf and Abdul Mannan Sana, spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, activists of "Bhabadah Movement Committee" backed by Workers Party of Bangladesh placed a memorandum to the deputy commissioner's office to press home their six-point demand.

Locals said about 10 lakh people in Bhabadah area are suffering due to water-logging.

## Call to protect sugar mill's land

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Protesters at a meeting yesterday called upon all to observe a half-day hartal in Mohimaganj union today, demanding recovery of Rangpur Sugar Mill's land at Shahebganj cane farm.

Organised jointly by Sugar Mill's Sramik-Karmochari Union, Akh Chashi Samity and Mohimaganj Union Awami League, they brought out a procession that paraded the streets of Mohimaganj bazar.

The demonstrators later held a meeting at the mill gate and threatened a tougher movement if their demand was not met soon.

The agitators blocked the Rangpur-Bogra highway for two hours at Gobindaganj on Saturday.

## Move to recover Pramatha Chy's ancestral home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The local administration has at last taken initiative to recover the ancestral homestead of Pramatha Chowdhury in Chatmohar upazila under the district, following the locals and conscious people's demand for keeping alive the memory of the great literary figure.

Born on August 7 in 1868 at Haripur village in Chatmohar upazila, Pramatha Chowdhury along with his family members migrated to India before the India-Pakistan partition in 1947, leaving their 'Chowdhury estate' including a palatial house and a temple at the village.

The abandoned palace on seven-bigha land gradually ruined while a dilapidated temple on the land still carries the memory of the great Bangla prose writer.

"Backed by influential people, illegal occupiers have built dozens of rooms on the premises of the ancestral home of Pramatha Chowdhury during the last couple of years," said Professor Iqbal Kabir Ronju, convener of Pramatha Chowdhury Smriti Sangrakkhan Parishad.

"Most of the property of the Chowdhury estate was occupied earlier. Lately the land grabbers started occupying the land around the abandoned house, much to the grievance of local conscious people. On several occasions, we held demonstrations demanding government steps to keep the memory of the leading writer at his ancestral house," he added.

"The local administration in a recent survey has identified 16 illegal occupiers on the ancestral house of Pramatha Chowdhury. We have

issued notices to all the occupiers, ordering them to remove their structures within seven days," Md Mizanur Rahman, assistant commissioner (Land) of Chatmohar upazila.

"The illegal occupiers will be evicted through mobile court if they do not remove their structures. Pabna Deputy Commissioner Rekha Rani Balo during her visit to the ancestral house of Pramatha Chowdhury last week assured locals of setting up a library there in memory of the great writer," he said.

"We want to see the full implementation of the administrative initiative. Pramatha Chowdhury is a glorious son of the soil. We are so unfortunate that no step was taken in last 70 years to preserve his ancestral house," said Rakibur Rahman Tukun, president of Chatmohar Press Club.

## Ice crisis hits Pirojpur fish trading

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Fish traders as well as fishermen in Pirojpur Sadar upazila are facing trouble due to shortage of ice at Badura Fish Landing Centre, the only wholesale sea fish market in the district.

Fish traders said they used to buy one piece of ice for Tk 120, but the price has increased up to Tk 250 within the last fifteen days.

"As we have to spend twice as much to buy ice than before, we have to raise the price of fish," said Monir Sheikh, a wholesale buyer at Badura market.

Even though the price of ice has increased, the size of the ice blocks has become smaller, fish traders alleged.

"Due to the ice crisis, we have to wait for two days for ice for loading our fishing trawler," said fisherman Firoj Howlader. As a result, there is a delay in catching fish, he

said, adding that they sometimes get the ice from Khulna, thereby increasing the cost.

"Sometimes we have to pay Tk 300 for buying one piece of ice," said Amir Sikder, another fisherman, adding that they have no other alternative.

Fish traders of the wholesale market said that in the peak season of hilsa, around 5,000 pieces of ice are needed to meet the demand of the fishermen and fish traders, but the four ice mills there cannot produce more than 2,000 pieces.

Ice producers said production cost has increased due to interruption in power supply.

"Frequent load-shedding increases production cost," said Bipul Roy, manager of Diptee and Choity Ice Mill, adding that ice buyers have to pay more due to that.

"We do not get electricity for more than 14 hours every day, so we cannot produce enough ice," said Abdul Halim Khan, technician of an ice mill.



A woman works on her vegetable plot beside the house at Gobordhan village in Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat. The photo was taken recently.

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## VEGETABLE CULTIVATION IN LALMONIRHAT

### Women farmers do better

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An increasing number of Lalmonirhat's women are taking to the farm fields of their own accord, in order to cultivate vegetables.

With promising results already achieved, the district's women are gaining quite a reputation as proficient farmers.

"Women have been outperforming the men," says Lalmonirhat's deputy director of the agriculture extension department, Bidu Bhusan Roy. "At least ten thousand women are directly engaged in crop farming, especially in vegetable production. They use their own land or lease land, without any man's assistance. It's a very positive development for the future of agriculture."

"I've been growing vegetables on our two bighas of land for the last five years," says Neharun Begum, 45, from Aditmari upazila's Gobordhan village. "I used to work as a day labourer on a local farm and I earned no more than Tk 125 per day, while our family's land went uncultivated. Things are better now."

"When I first grew vegetables on our four bighas in 2010," says Zerine Begum, 42, of Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila's Fulgachh village, who took a one-month training course before she embarked on her cultivation endeavours, "I earned Tk 72,000. Last year my earnings were more than Tk 1.4 lakhs."

Neighbour Delowara Begum, 25, mean-

while, has been growing vegetables on three bighas leased by her husband, for the last three years. "My husband couldn't make good profit from the land," she says, "I changed that. My vegetables make a tidy profit for us." She does all the work on her own, without her husband's help, she adds.

Similarly, in Aditmari's Kamlabari village, Sandhya Rani, 40, through vegetable farming on their six bighas, has been maintaining the daily expenses of her five-member family for the past six years, including covering the education costs of their three children.

"Some years ago my husband was confused how to earn a decent income," she says. "I solved his dilemma by leasing land and growing vegetables on it. Since then, in addition to covering our living costs I've been able to deposit around Tk 90,000 per annum as savings as well."

According to Bidu Bhusan Roy, women are often better at caring for vegetable crops than male farmers; and as such they more often achieve high yields. "Nor do the women need to go to the market to sell the produce," he says, "since vegetable traders will purchase their crops directly from the field." Women in agriculture have brought about significant change for the better across the district, he says, since they first took charge of vegetable cultivation.

## POLICE RECRUITMENT

### Nine jailed for unfair means in test

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Nine people were jailed for adopting illegal means at a recruitment test of police in the district on Sunday.

The convicts are Sheikh Bappa Raj, 27 and Md Palash 22, of Satkhira, Mehedi Hasan, 25, of Comilla, Istiaque Bulbul, 23, of Cox's Bazar, Abdul Alim, 25, of Magura, Shahjalal Sumon, 22, of Munshiganj, Matir Rahman, 22, of Jossore, Shafiqul Islam, 22, of Pabna and Moslem Uddin, 22, of Dinajpur.

Redwanur Rahim, officer-in-charge of Dinajpur Kotwali Police Station, said they caught the examinees red handed for adopting unfair means during the written recruitment test at Dinajpur Police Lines in the afternoon.

They were produced before a mobile court, led by Executive Magistrate Golam Robbani, which sentenced them to one month's imprisonment each, said the OC.

## Rain damages vegetable seedbeds

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Seedbeds of different vegetable in many villages in the district have been damaged due to heavy rain for the last few days.

Some vegetable growers saved their seedbeds by covering them with plastic sheets, but most of them could not do it due to shortage of sheets.

Ashraf Ali, 56, a vegetable grower of Karnapur village in Lalmonirhat Sadar, said he prepared seedbeds of cauliflower on 25 decimals of land for growing the vegetable on 12-bighas, but 50 percent of the beds have been damaged due to incessant rain for the last few days. He said he has suffered a loss

of about Tk 20,000.

Ahmed Ali, 50, another grower of the village, said he prepared seedbeds on eight decimals for farming cucumber on three bighas, but they were damaged due to heavy rain. "I saved cauliflower seeds on 20 decimals by covering the beds with plastic sheets," he said, adding that he will try to prepare the seedbeds again.

Atul Chandra Roy, 42, a vegetable grower at Durakuti village in Lalmonirhat Sadar, said farmers will face trouble in re-planting the seedbeds, but they will have to do it to recoup their losses.

Deputy Director of the Department

of Agriculture Extension (DAE) Bidubhusan Roy said the target for vegetable farming in the district has not been set as they are yet to get any letter from the head office in this regard. Many farmers prepared their vegetable seedbeds early to earn wind-fall profit, he added.

Lalmonirhat Sadar Upazila Agriculture Officer Enamul Haque said farmers who prepared their vegetable seedbeds for farming vegetables have been affected due to heavy rain. Many of them will not be able to do business this year as their seedbeds have been damaged, but they will have a lot of time to prepare new beds, he added.



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01	Civil/egp/004	Construction of diesel storage tank of 2500 BBLs capacity at Bakhrabad Gas Field, Muradnagar, Comilla (Re-Tender)	65971	16-10-2016 up to 17:00 hrs	17-10-2016 up to 14.00 hrs	17-10-2016 up to 14.30 hrs
02	Civil/egp/003	Construction of security post with toilet at the area of Officer's Quarter at Bakhrabad Gas Field, Muradnagar, Comilla (Re-Tender)	66099	16-10-2016 up to 16:00 hrs	17-10-2016 up to 14.00 hrs	17-10-2016 up to 14.30 hrs
03	Civil/egp/006	Renovation of generator house at Head Office Complex, Birashar, Brahmanbaria	66152	16-10-2016 up to 16:00 hrs	17-10-2016 up to 14.00 hrs	17-10-2016 up to 14.45 hrs

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