

EARLY AMAN REAPING BEGINS

Farmers all smiles over fair prices

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Farmers of Dinajpur and Joypurhat are getting better price selling early varieties of aman paddy.

Harvesting of the early aman paddy started in these two districts a week ago.

According to the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) officials in the districts, around 2,56,750 and 72,310 acres were brought under aman cultivation in Dinajpur and Joypurhat to produce 6,85,647 and 1,93,102 tonnes of rice respectively.

Farmers cultivated early varieties of aman on 70,000 acres this year with the hope of good profit as the last paddy season was not good for them due to the low price.

Mozahar Ali of Joyanti village under Joypurhat Sadar upazila said he cultivated Bina-7 on his four acres of land. He started harvesting the paddy on October 11, and is expecting better price for his produce, he added.

Paddy price was low when boro harvest-

ing began across this region, but now the price is stable, said Belal Hossain of Dadra village, who sold 10 maunds of paddy for Tk 6,500. The price of paddy is around Tk 600 to Tk 650 per maund, he added.

Shahidul Islam of Puranpoil area said he got 50 maunds of paddy from an acre. Farmers will start planting winter crops like potatoes and tomatoes after harvesting paddy, said Julfikar Ali of the village.

In Dinajpur, the farmers who cultivated the early varieties of paddy have been passing busy days in harvesting and threshing their paddy.

Farmers of Chirirbandar upazila said the weather was not favourable when they started cultivating the paddy. The weather was adverse at the onset of the season, there was no rain, and irrigation was greatly disrupted due to load-shedding, but finally they got healthy yield, said Shahinur Rahman of Satnala village.

Additional Deputy Director of Joypurhat DAE Abu Hossain said his office is expecting



Farmers harvest an early variety of aman paddy at a field of Charimanpara in Phulbari upazila of Dinajpur.

PHOTO: STAR

Ramshackle BADC building makes staffs' life risky

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

The BADC officers and employees in the district have been working in a very old and dilapidated office building risking their lives as it can collapse any time.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) has been functioning in the two-stored building since 1971 that has not undergone any major repair or renovation since then.

The building is damp as water trickles down the roof during rain and cracks develop on the walls, roof and pillars while weeds grow in many places. There are signs of fallen chunks of concrete and plaster.

Sub-Assistant Engineer (SAO) Md Rabiul Islam on Wednesday said big chunks of concrete and plaster fell from the roof just beside his chair two days ago while he was working in his office on the first floor. He said he would have died if they had fallen on him.

Rabiul said they have abandoned their office on the first floor and are working on the ground floor though it is also risky as there is no other alternative.

Head Mechanic Azad Ali Shah said a large number of farmers come to the office for getting their pumps serviced and for other official work.

Farmer Khairat Hossain of Shimultoli

village in Sadar upazila said they felt scared when entered the office as concrete chunks and lumps of plaster often fall from the ceiling.

Monjurul Master of Khoksabari village said he sustained injuries a week ago when a concrete chunk fell on him and he had to go to hospital for treatment.

Office Assistant Abdul Hannan said he can't concentrate on his work for fear of accident.

Assistant Engineer Hussain Md Khaleduzzaman said he asked the higher authorities in a letter to arrange a new office. He said the authorities assured him of taking a new project in this regard.

Some AL men giving it a bad name

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Dealer Rashedul Islam. Biplob of Bhelaguri union in Hatibandha upazila said he was dedicated to AL politics in this union and that was why he got the dealership. "I have no previous knowledge of the business, but I know how to manage a dealership," he claimed.

Abu Bakkar Siddique, another dealer and the joint secretary of the AL Kamlabari union unit of Aditmari upazila, said some well-off people were on the list for getting the low-priced rice. He claimed he had been facing difficulties due to this.

"I didn't put any beneficiaries' name on the list but other AL men in the village did," he said, adding that food department officials were removing the names of well-off people from the list.

District Food Controller Golam Mawla claimed that lawmakers recommended the names of the dealers. Food officials could not check the dealers' profiles as they were from the MPs, he said.

Nuruzzaman Ahmed, state minister for social welfare and the AL MP of Lalmonirhat-2 (Aditmari-Kaligoni) constituency, said the administration has been ordered to take stern action against those involved in irregularities.

In Gaibandha, the food controller filed a case with Gaibandha Judicial Magistrate's court against six people, including secretary Azhar Ali of AL Fazlurpur union unit.

According to the case statement, Azhar took 183 bags of rice from the district warehouse. The rice was meant for sale to the ultra poor. The case said Azhar moved the sacks of rice to the homes of one Mokarram Mirza and Alam Mia to misappropriate them.

Police could not arrest any one yet.

In Thakurgaon, AL president of Mohammapur union unit Mostafizur Rahman took cards for his son, two brothers, two cousins, and a nephew allegedly with the help of local ruling party chairman Md Sohag.

General Secretary of the AL unit Abdul Quader also got cards for his wife and three brothers.

The Thakurgaon Sadar upazila administration has asked solvent and well-off people via megaphones to submit their cards to local union parishad chairmen by Tuesday, otherwise stern actions would be taken.

SCRAPPED DEALERSHIPS

A total of 44 dealerships were cancelled and the dealers were punished for anomalies.

The Daily Star checked the dealers'

political background and found many of them were ruling party activists.

Of them, Abul Bashar, 46, is the joint secretary of Khottapara union unit AL in Bogra's Shahjahanpur upazila. He was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment for selling rice in the black market.

Hafizar Rahman, 48, is the president of AL Amrul union ward-6 unit in Shahjahanpur of the district. He was jailed for three days.

Rubel Sardar, 34, is a member of Shahjahanpur upazila unit of Swechhasebak League, the AL's volunteers' body. He was fined Tk 10,000.

The dealership of Al Helal, a member of AL Bijora union unit in Birol of Dinajpur, was scrapped.

Dealership of Abdus Salam, joint secretary of AL Faizana union unit, was also scrapped for allegedly selling rice in the black market.

The government's rice procurement price is now Tk 32 per kg and it is selling for Tk 10 a kg to the poor. For every kg sold under the scheme, the government gets Tk 8.50 and the dealers get Tk 1.50 profit.

The government is thus giving Tk 23.50 subsidy for each kg of rice.

Girl hacked

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The gruesome attack was carried out on the campus of Murari Chand College, popularly known as MC College, where she went to take part in an exam.

Tahmina's father Tofizuddin Hawlader quoting a neighbour said two to three attackers wearing masks swooped on his daughter. Family members rushed her to a local hospital, from where she was shifted to Dhaka, he added.

Yardas Hasan, officer-in-charge of Sirajdikhan police, said an unknown youth hacked her in the back of her head. Police are trying to identify the youth, he added.

The OC said Tahmina's schoolmates told them that a few months ago she slapped Selim, 18, of adjacent Doniapara village after he had proposed her.

Her schoolmates suspect Selim might have committed the attack.

The police raided Selim's house but did not find him there. Assistant Superintendent of Police Md Shamsuzzaman Babu said they are investigating the incident and would get vital information once they talked with Tahmina.

He further said Tahmina's condition was improving.



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Invitation for Tender (IFT)
(for Scientific Instruments & Equipments supply)

Memo No. 39.00.0000.NORIP (Prch).109(1).2016.448

Date: 16/10/2016

1.	Ministry/ Division	Ministry of Science & Technology
2.	Agency	National Oceanographic Research Institute (1 st Phase) Project
3.	Procuring entity name	Project Director, National Oceanographic Research Institute Establishment (1 st Phase) Project, Engineering Building (2 nd floor at the top of Pubali Bank), BCSIR, Dhaka-1205.
4.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
5.	Invitation for	National Tender
6.	Invitation ref. no.	39.00.0000.NORIP (Prch).109(1).2016.448
7.	Date	16th October, 2016
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9.	Budget and source if fund	GoB
10.	Project Code	5-2601-5190
11.	Project Name	National Oceanographic Research Institute (1 st Phase)(2 nd Revised) Project
12.	Tender package name	Scientific Instruments & Equipments and Camera
13.	Tender last selling date	15th November, 2016 at 12:00 P.M.
14.	Tender closing date and time	16th November, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.
15.	Tender opening date and time	16th November, 2016 at 3:00 P.M.
16.	Name and address of the office(s)	
	-Selling tender document	Office of the Project Director, National Oceanographic Research Institute Establishment (1 st Phase) Project, Room No.: 310-312, Engineering Building (2 nd floor at the top of Pubali Bank), BCSIR, Dhaka-1205.
	-Receiving tender document	1) Office of the Project Director, National Oceanographic Research Institute Establishment (1 st Phase) Project, Room No.: 310-312, Engineering Building (2 nd floor at the top of Pubali Bank), BCSIR, Dhaka-1205. 2) Room No.901/1, Section 16, Ministry of Science & Technology, Building No-06, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
17.	-Opening tender document	Office of the Project Director, National Oceanographic Research Institute Establishment (1 st Phase) Project, Room No.: 310-312, Engineering Building (2 nd floor at the top of Pubali Bank), BCSIR, Dhaka-1205.
18.	Eligibility of tender	Must have Minimum 5 years experience as a supplier of equivalent Laboratory & Scientific equipments along with valid trade license, TIN and enlistment in any govt., semi govt., autonomous body, corporate private body. Other Terms & conditions should be followed according to the Tender Documents.
19.	Brief description of goods	As per Specification of the tender schedule
20.	Brief description of related services	As per Specification of the tender schedule
25.	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	Tk.1000 (One Thousand Taka) per lot only in the shape of pay order from any schedule Bank/cash in favor of Project Director, National Oceanographic Research Institute (1 st Phase) Project (Non refundable).

Lot No.	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)	Completion Time in Months (from the date of LOA issue)	
26.	Lot 1	Stereoscopic, Inverted & Petrographic Microscope with accessories	BORI, Ramu, Cox's Bazar	1,00,000/-	03 Months
27.	Lot 2	Marine Physical & Biological Sampler	BORI, Ramu, Cox's Bazar	5,30,000/-	03 Months
28.	Lot 3	GPS, Map drawing & Geological Field and Laboratory Equipments, grinder & compasses	BORI, Ramu, Cox's Bazar	1,00,000/-	03 Months
29.	Lot 4	Marine Measuring Meters & Sensor Equipments	BORI, Ramu, Cox's Bazar	1,10,000/-	03 Months
30.	Lot 5	Marine Measuring Equipments and Corer	BORI, Ramu, Cox's Bazar	2,00,000/-	03 Months

31.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	A. T. M Mostafizur Rahman	
32.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director (Addl. Secretary)	
33.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Room No.: 310-312, Engineering Building (2 nd floor at the top of Pubali Bank), BCSIR, Dhaka-1205.	
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35.	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings		

Note: BORI: Bangladesh Oceanographic Research Institute
LOA: Letter of Agreement
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