

Five to die for killing farmer

27 others jailed in Habiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A Habiganj court yesterday sentenced five people to death and 27 others to different jail terms for killing a farmer in Habiganj upazila of the district in 2000.

Habiganj Additional District and Sessions Judge Mafruz Parvin pronounced the verdict yesterday.

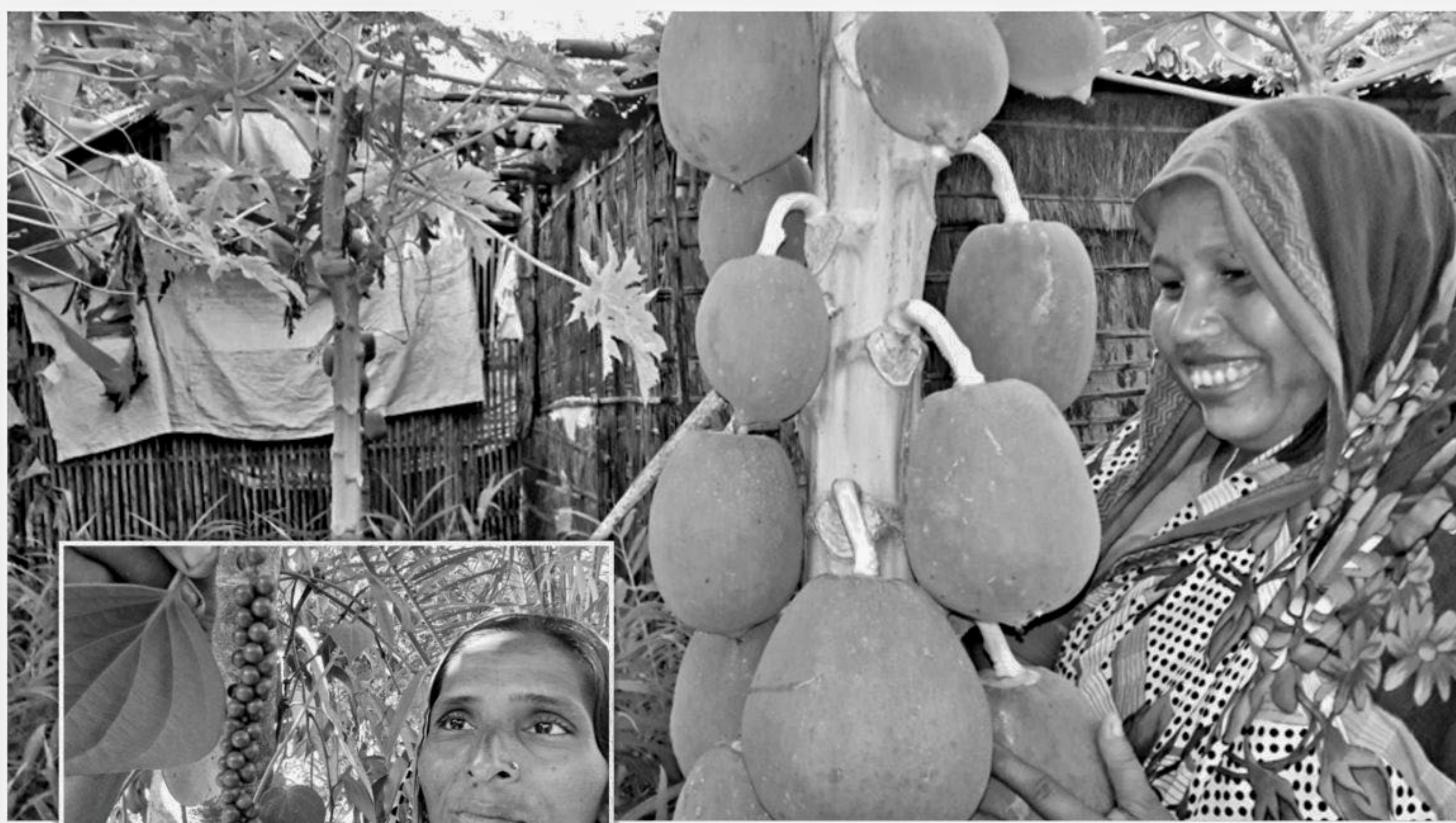
Three of the accused died during the trial of the case. Those who have been awarded death penalty are Anis Mia, Farash Mia, Jamshed Mia, Bazlu Mia and Nur Islam. They all hail from Bualjur village in the upazila.

According to the prosecution, an altercation took place when a cow owned by Anis damaged a paddy field of his neighbour Muktadir, a farmer of the village, on February 20, 2000.

At one stage, Anis and his close aides swooped on Muktadir with sharp weapons and stabbed him indiscriminately, leaving him dead on the spot around 1:00pm.

The following day, deceased's elder brother Mushaid Mia filed a case with Nabiganj Police Station accusing 40 people of the village, said advocate Trilok Kanti Chowdhury.

After investigation, police pressed charges against 35, including the convicts, on July 11, 2002.



A beaming Shahiron Begum sees mature papaya at her home yard garden at Durakuti village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila. Inset, Asma Begum looks at black pepper at her nursery at Fulgachh village in the same upazila.

Yet another girl stabbed for refusing proposal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A youth stabbed a schoolgirl at Jhenidah Upashaharpara of the town on Monday as she rejected his proposal to have an affair.

Victim's mother said the youth had been stalking her daughter for long.

As the girl rejected his proposal, he stabbed her on the face and right hand indiscriminately, the mother added.

Hearing her screams family members rushed to the spot and took her to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital.

Victim's father filed a case, accusing five people.

Officer-in-Charge Harendranath Sarkar of Sadar Police Station said a case has been filed and they have arrested three of the accused, adding that the rest will be arrested soon.

Diagnostic centre, 3 clinics sealed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A diagnostic centre was sealed off for operating illegally in Dinajpur while three private clinics were shut down for violating code of conduct, mismanagement and unhygienic environment in Naogaon.

Acting on a tip-off, a mobile court, led by Executive Magistrate Md Shajebur Rahman, raided Prime Diagnostic Centre in Pakershat area under Khansama upazila around 12:30pm yesterday and asked the authorities to show their papers.

As the manager failed to show any valid papers, the court sealed off the centre.

Meanwhile, Naogaon district Civil Surgeon Dr AKM Mozahar Hossain on Monday shut down three private clinics in Patnitola and Mohadevpur upazilas for various irregularities, mismanagement and unhygienic environment.

The clinics are Islamia Clinic and Diagnostic Centre, Meser Ali Homeopathy Hall in Patnitola upazila and an orthopaedic treatment centre in Mohavepur, said the civil surgeon.

During a drive, Islamia Clinic and Diagnostic Centre and Meser Ali Homeopathy Hall were found in unhygienic condition.

In another drive, the civil surgeon closed the orthopaedic treatment centre as the lone doctor has no academic knowledge to treat patients.

Homestead vegetable farming changes char women's lives

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Growing vegetables in their homesteads has brought good fortune to the distressed and landless women living in remote char areas in five upazilas of the district, while a woman has been profitably farming spices for the last one year in Sadar upazila.

The women of over one lakh extremely poor families in Lalmonirhat Sadar, Aditmari, Kaliganj, Hatibandha and Patgram upazilas have achieved success in overcoming poverty by farming many types of vegetables.

Shahiron Begum, 42, wife of Abdul Khaleque and mother of three children, lives on a four-decimal plot of khas land in Durakuti village under Sadar upazila. Their house is on two decimals, and she uses the rest two decimals for farming various vegetables round the year.

Khalque said he earns Tk 200 to Tk 250 daily as a farm labourer, but it is not a regular income. "If my wife had not started homestead farming, it would not have been possible to fight against poverty," he said, adding that his wife's income gives hope of saving for the future.

Rasheda Begum, 45, wife of Sirajul Islam of Char Narsingh village under Aditmari upazila, said, "Be-

fore taking up vegetable farming, most of the women lived in abject poverty. Now they are leading a changed life and our children are going to school and dreaming of a better Bangladesh," she said.

Rehana Begum, 32, wife of Halim Miah of Boalmari village under Sadar upazila, said she earned around Tk 20 thousand a year by selling the vegetables she grew on her three-decimal homestead garden. "I spend the money for our children's education," she added.

Mosaddeque Hossain, chairman of Mohishkhocha Union Parishad under Aditmari upazila, said huge quantities of vegetables are being produced by the poor women through their homestead gardening in his union, creating a big opportunity for the poor to alleviate their poverty.

Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Lalmonirhat Bidubhuson Roy said the poor women in remote villages and char areas have been improving their livelihoods through homestead vegetable cultivation, animal husbandry and other income generating activities.

Meanwhile, Asma Begum of Fulgachh village in Sadar upazila has been farming black-pepper and cardamom for the last one year, and is now

thinking of farming spices on a commercial basis.

"I am growing citron, mint, bell-pepper, red-chili, coriander, fresh coriander, turmeric, garlic, onion and bay leaf in my nursery. I have been earning a good profit from selling my produce," Asma said, adding that she hoped to extend her nursery.

She started farming spices after taking a loan of Tk 60 thousand from an NGO four years ago. She gets help and support from her husband Fakar Islam and four children.

Asma said she was encouraged by her husband to grow spices, and it has turned into a hobby for her. "Many people come to my nursery for buying spices every day," she added.

Fakar Islam said, "I and our children help my wife to expand the nursery, which is difficult as it takes a large amount of money," he said.

Kutub Miah of the village said locals have got interested in spice farming after observing the success of Asma.

The district Scientific Officer of Spices Research Sub-Centre Ifat Kibria Al-Naim said Lalmonirhat area has sand mixed with loam, which is perfect for spice farming. "We are experimenting on how our farmers can get good output from spice farming," he said.

BGB-BSF band display launched

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and Border Security force (BSF) of India launched a joint band display at noman's land area in Benapole-Petrapole border yesterday.

High officials of BGB and BSF witnessed a cultural function performed by Indian and Bangladeshi artistes.

BGB and BSF will hold parades and hoist and lower national flags simultaneously every day at the border.

Commander of South-West BGB region Brigadier General Khalilur Rahman and Inspector General of BSF Anjan Saha were chief guests. Col Iqbal Hossain, Col Mahub, Lt Col Jahangir Hossain, Lt Col Arifur Rahman and Lt Col Khabir Uddin of BGB, and Deputy Inspector General of BSF Sree Jeswal and Col Monoranjan were also present.



Kulaura railway dispensary in Moulvibazar. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

One doctor for 10 railway dispensaries!

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Only one doctor is attending to patients in ten dispensaries of the Bangladesh Railways East Zone, visiting each dispensary every 15 to 20 days.

The dispensaries are in Kulaura, Sylhet, Akhaura, Bhairab Bazar, Mymensingh, Sayestaganj, Dewanganj, Jamalpur, Keotkhal and Chhatakbar.

A senior BR official, seeking anonymity, said the staff of 18 to 20 railway stations take treatment from each dispensary.

The Kulaura dispensary is running with seven posts vacant against 19 posts, including those of assistant surgeon, wound dresser, ward attendant, patients' maid and sweeper.

Kulaura railway dispensary was inaugurated in 1948. The staff of 18 railway stations -- Chakapan, Baramchal, Vatera, Longla, Tilagaon, Monu, Shahbajpur, Muraul, Barlekha, Kathaltoli, Dakhinvar, Juri, Shamsernagor, Vanugach, Sreemangal, Sathgaon and Rashidpur -- get treatment from the Kulaura dispensary.

"Patients do not get proper treatment there, and sometimes they are asked to wait for many days. As a result, patients with serious illnesses go to other hospitals," said Jasim Uddin, a relative of a patient.

Sujon Mia, a patient, said, "Where should I go now for my operation? The nurse said they are helpless as they do not have logistic sup-

port to conduct an operation." Muhaimin Milton, elderly man from Rashidpur area in Habiganj, was taken back home from the hospital yesterday as he could not get treatment due to the lack of doctors.

"I admitted my father to the railway dispensary in the hope of getting proper treatment, but it was a wrong decision," said the patient's son Munir.

Joyal Mia, 56, a patient from Baramchal rail station area said, "Only one nurse provides treatment and support, and no doctor came to see me. I don't know how I can get treatment here."

Mousumi Begum, 50, a patient, said patients are crying out to get proper treatment from the government dispensary as they are poor and get treatment free of cost there.

Assistant Surgeon Dr Ayubur Rahman Khan said he is the lone doctor for ten railway dispensaries. He added, "I'm alone, and also have to run the offices. Is it possible for me to do everything?"

"I conduct treatment of outpatients with the help of a pharmacist," Ayubur said.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of BR East Zone Dr Md Shahjahan knows about this matter, he added.

Doctors do not like to work in this department because of lack of career development opportunities, Ayubur said.

Dr Shahjahan said the process is going on to appoint 12 more doctors in December.

RICE FOR POOR Vow for fair distribution

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Speakers at a view exchange meeting in the district yesterday vowed to keep the distribution of rice meant for poor free from irregularities.

They also promised to keep the programme beyond all controversy and make it a success.

The district administration organised the programme.

On September 7, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated nationwide "Food-Friendly Programme for the Ultra Poor", first of its kind, under which 50 lakh families are to receive rice at Tk 10 per kg during the lean periods.

Following inauguration of the scheme, allegations were raised at different upazilas in the district on making of fake lists of recipients, nepotism in issuing cards and distribution of less than 30kg to families.

In this situation, the rice distribution was kept suspended for the last one week in Tangail.

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Memo no. LGED/AO/Bakkhali Bridge/T-01/2016/ 38 Date: 23/10/16

3rd Corrigendum Notice

Subject : Construction of 595m Long Pre-stressed Box Girder Bridge Over Bakkhali River at Kusturi Ghat under Sadar Upazila of Cox'sbazar District.

Ref: Tender Notice No: IFT-01/2016-2017 date: 30/08/2016.

The following amendment is hereby made to the tender notice for the above mentioned work. The Participants are advised to submit their Tender with due consideration to these amendments. This corrigendum is a part and parcel of the tender notice. All other terms and conditions of tender notice will remain unchanged. The tenderer must submit this corrigendum along with their tender document duly sealed and signed.

Sl. no. (Reference)	Original (To be replaced)	Replaced with
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Section-2 Tender data sheet c. Qualification Criteria ITT Clause no. 14.1(b)	(i) The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor in construction works shall be 1(One) similar contract of minimum 400m long Bridge having at least three span each with minimum 40 m span of Pre-stressed Concrete Girder bridge over a river with deep bored Pile foundation successfully completed within the last 10 (Ten) years (. In case of joint venture other partner shall be 1 (One) contract of minimum 120 m long pre-stressed concrete girder bridge over a river with a deep bored pile foundation successfully completed within the last 10 years.)	(i) The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor in construction works shall be 1(One) similar contract of minimum 400m long Bridge having at least three span each with minimum 35 m span of Pre-stressed Concrete Girder bridge over a river with deep bored Pile foundation successfully completed within the last 10 (Ten) years (. In case of joint venture other partner shall be 1 (One) contract of minimum 120 m long pre-stressed concrete girder bridge over a river with a deep bored pile foundation successfully completed within the last 10 years.)
ITT Clause no. 15.1(a)	The required average annual construction turnover shall be more than Tk. 125.00 Crore (One hundred Twenty Five Crore Only) over the best 5 (Five) years in the last 10 (Ten) years. (Only Payment Certificate issued by PE.)	"Completion Certificate" shall be furnished in accordance with the attached format PW3-15.
Tender Last Selling date & time	30 October, 2016 upto 5.00pm (As per 2nd Corrigendum Notice)	The required average annual construction turnover shall be more than Tk. 120.00 Crore (One hundred Twenty Crore Only) over the best 5 (Five) years in the last 10 (Ten) years. (Only Payment Certificate issued by PE.)
Last date of receiving tender and technical tender opening time	31 October, 2016 upto 2.30pm and opening time 3.00pm (As per 2nd Corrigendum Notice)	6 November, 2016 upto 5.00 pm.
		7 November, 2016 upto 2.30 pm. and opening time 3.00pm.

(Tofazzal Ahmed)
Authorised Officer