

IRANIAN CUMIN FARMING Suman the pioneer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Iranian cumin cultivation by a farmer in Sherpur upazila of the district has encouraged others to start cultivating the spice in their lands instead of paddy or vegetables.

SM Abid Hasan Sumon, 43, son of late Hafizur Rahman of Sharif Shughat village, started cultivating cumin with seeds brought from Iran.

Sumon said a relative brought the cumin seeds from Iran at Tk 12,000 per kilogram in November last year.

He said he sowed 700 gm of the seeds three months ago at the advice of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) officials. The flowers are in full bloom and the cumin will be ready for harvest in another month, he added.

He said he spent around Tk 45,000, hoping to make good profit due to less production cost and high price of cumin.

Sumon said traditional paddy production is not profitable nowadays, which is why farmers here are interested in cultivating cumin from the next season.

Echoing the same view, farmers Ajit Kumar, Badsha Pramanik and Abdul Jobbar said cumin farming could be profitable and asked pioneer Sumon to supply them with seeds to cultivate the spice.

Sherpur Upazila Agriculture Officer Khajanur Rahman said this kind of cumin grows within 120 days and is different from the cumin being researched in Bogra Spices Research Centre.

Sumon will be a role-model in farming cumin from Iran and other farmers are happy that they will be able to cultivate the valuable crop, added the officer.

Bogra DAE Deputy Director Md Abdur Rahim said the height, size and flowers of the cumin plants have impressed them, but the final judgement about the crop could be made only after harvesting.



The Iranian cumin farm at Sharif Shughat village in Sherpur upazila of Bogra.

PHOTO: MAMUN UR RASHID

Next hearing Mar 15 as MP Rana falls sick

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A Tangail court yesterday set March 15 as the date for hearing on charge framing against Awami League lawmaker Amanur Rahman Khan Rana and the other accused in freedom fighter Faruk Ahmed murder case.

First Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court set the date, Additional Public Prosecutor in Tangail Monirul Islam Khan said.

The hearing yesterday was deferred as Amanur is undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, he added.

Faruk Ahmed, former publicity secretary of Tangail AL, was shot dead near his College Para residence in Tangail town on January 18 in 2013.

Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court in Tangail accepted the charge sheet against 14 accused on April 6 last year and issued arrest warrants for the 10 fugitives, including MP Rana and his brothers.



People cross the Chitra river in Shaikhupura on a bamboo bridge made through voluntary initiative of BCL men. PHOTO: STAR

A noble initiative BCL makes bamboo bridge on Chitra river after collapse of Bailey bridge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, thenidah

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists in Shalikhapura upazila of Magura on Tuesday made a bamboo bridge over the Chitra river to ease sufferings of the commuters of the area.

Locals have been suffering since an old damaged bridge collapsed in the river Chitra at Simakhali on Dhaka-Khulna highway on Monday. Chitra flows through Shimakhali bazar under Shalikhapura upazila.

Collecting bamboos from locals, the BCL leaders and activists voluntarily started making the bridge from Tuesday morning and it continued till evening.

Upazila BCL president Kutub Uddin Ahmed said they collected 75 bamboos from local people free of cost.

"Local people willingly provided us bamboos and we have made this bridge to ease their sufferings," he said.

Magura Awami League General Secretary Pankaj Kundo and Joint Secretary Kamal Hossain Munshi thanked all the BCL activists for doing such noble deed in the area.

Pedestrian Aslam Hossain of Shimakhali village, said, "We were facing problems due to the bridge collapse over the river. This bamboo bridge will help restore communication."

The old bridge which was built in 1981 collapsed when three trucks, including two stone-laden ones, were crossing it on Monday.

Farmers worried as pump house locked

UP chairman might have instigated BCL men to do it, claims former pro-BNP chairman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Hundreds of boro farmers have fallen into serious trouble for irrigation during the peak transplantation period as men allegedly belonging to Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) locked a power pump house at a village in Gouripur upazila under the district on Tuesday.

"Around 4:30pm on Tuesday, some 40 people led by BCL men Anwar Hosain Titu and Sajeeb broke the lock of deep tube-well's house at Boroikanda village in Mauha union of Gouripur and put another lock there," said Abdul Mannan Fakir, manager of Mauha-Boroikanda Krishak Samobay Samity that runs the deep tube-well.

"Boro farmers under its jurisdiction are worried as we got electricity connection only three days ago, after waiting for a month."

"Some 391 farmers of Boroikanda, Laxminagar and Ramkrishnapur villages depend on the deep tube-well for cultivation on their 200 acres of land since 2006," he said.

Demanding restoration of power supply to the deep tube-well, farmers from the three villages formed a human chain around their dry fields and observed a token strike lying down there on Saturday.

They got electricity connection the following day as the officials of Mymensingh Palli Bidyut

Samity-3 at Shambhuganj Bazar in Mymensingh Sadar upazila took immediate step.

"Romiz Uddin Swapon, pro-Awami League chairman of Mauha union parishad [UP] might be behind the incident due to a previous rivalry with me over the UP election," alleged pro-BNP Mannan, also former chairman of Mauha UP.

Boro farmers, who felt relief after a month-long wait for restoration of electricity, are now greatly worried due to the fresh problem.

Contacted, Mizanur Rahman, president of BCL's Gouripur upazila unit, said, "We are investigating the incident and primarily found that BCL men are not involved with it. If any BCL men are found guilty, they will be punished."

Abdul Helim and Abdul Hannan Renu, acting president and secretary of BCL's Mauha union unit, also denied BCL's involvement in the incident.

Romiz Uddin Swapon said he knew nothing about Tuesday's incident.

Marjina Akhter, Gouripur upazila nirbahi officer, said she heard about the incident and immediate steps will be taken to solve the problem.

The deep tube-well was not running as of filing this report around 3:00pm yesterday, said Al Faruq, a farmer of Boroikanda village.

2 trafficked boys reunited with families

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Two boys, who were trafficked to India, were reunited with their families through Hili immigration post in Hakimpur upazila of the district yesterday.

They are Al Amin, 13, son of Babul Mia of Haripur village under Burichong under Comilla, and Piarul Islam, 15, son of Monirul Islam of Charkana village under Godagari upazila of Rajshahi.

The boys came to Bangladesh territory from India crossing the border around 12:00 noon in presence of the officials of immigrations and border guards of both countries.

Aftab Uddin, officer-in-charge of Hili Immigration, said the two boys were trafficked to India through different borders 18 months ago.

Later, Border Security Force (BSF) rescued the boys and put them in a shelter home in Balurghat, a sub district of Dakshin Dinajpur in India.

Later both governments took initiative to help them return home, he said.

AL LEADER MURDER Another accused found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Another accused in ruling Awami League activist Lutfar Rahman Sabu murder case was found dead by the side of a rail line yesterday.

The deceased was Fazlur Rahman of Ambaria village in Mirpur upazila. He was number three accused in the list of the accused in the case.

Earlier, another accused in the case Amirul Islam was killed in a gunfight with police at Alampur on Kushtia-Jhenidah highway in Sadar upazila on January 19.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Kumarkhali Police Station Ziaur Rahman said locals found Fazlur's body by the side of the rail line at Choraikol and informed them, adding that Fazlur was strangled.

OC of Mirpur Police Station Rafiqul Islam said Fazlur was a listed cadre of outlawed JSD Gono Bahini. He was also wanted in seven cases, including two for murder and extortion, the OC added.

Awami League (AL) activist and village doctor Lutfar Rahman Sabu, 45, of Ambaria village was shot dead allegedly by Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) activists in Mirpur upazila on January 18.

The day after the killing, angry AL men attacked and vandalised the JSD Mirpur upazila office and the house of upazila unit vice-president Mashur Rahman Milon, as they believed he masterminded the killing.

The Mirpur Police Station OC was withdrawn on January 24.

AL and JSD had rivalry over establishing supremacy in Mirpur and Bheramara upazilas for long.

At least 20 clashes took place between the activists of the two parties, leaving two people from both sides dead since 2012.



Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal brings out a road march from Shatmatha in Bogra town yesterday, heading towards Teesta Barrage in Lalmonirhat, as part of their two-day programme to press for right sharing of the water of the Teesta and other rivers flowing to Bangladesh from neighbouring India. PHOTO: STAR

BSF tortures elderly man, picks up another

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A Bangladeshi national was picked up by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) from Burimari border in Patgram upazila of the district yesterday.

A patrol team of BSF from Changrabandha camp picked up Mokhlesur Rahman, 38, son of Afzal Hossain of Burimari village, while he was moving in the border area in the morning, said sources of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).

In another incident, BSF men tortured and seriously injured a Bangladeshi man while he was returning to Bangladesh from India at Dahagram border in Patgram on Tuesday.

The victim is Murali Mohan Gupta, 60, son of late Debendra Nath Gupta of Savar village under

Nandaail upazila in Mymensingh.

BGB official sources said critically injured Murali was rescued at night.

Quoting family members, a BGB official said Murali went to his relative's house in Cooch Behar of West Bengal six months ago.

He was detained by BSF when he was returning home through Dahagram border on Tuesday night.

"Murali went to India legally but he was trying to return home illegally as his visa's validity expired a month ago," said his wife Sabitri Rani Gupta.

Confirming the two incidents, Commanding Officer of BGB-15 Battalion Lt Col Ahmed Bajlur Rahman Hayati said two separate protest letters were sent to BSF, seeking flag meeting.

'Supply books in mother tongue'

A CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Indigenous people staged a demonstration in the district yesterday, demanding textbooks in mother language in primary schools.

Speakers at the rally demanded immediate introduction of mother tongue as medium of education for the indigenous children as it would encourage them to attend school.

They said most of the pre-primary indigenous students in the three hill districts are yet to get the books in their mother language though the National Curriculum Textbook Board assured them of supplying books timely. They demanded immediate distribution of the books.

Parbattya Chattagram Pahari Chhatra Parishad organised the rally in Kuduk Chari Bazar under Naniarchar upazila. Pahari Chhatra Parishad Rangamati unit President Kunentu Chakma presided over the rally.

Central committee Organising Secretary of Democratic Youth Forum Tukkyachang Marma and Hill Women's Federation Rangamati unit President Monti Chakmaspoke at the meeting.

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Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Finance/Internal Resources Division	V
2	Agency	National Board of Revenue (NBR)	V
3	Procuring entity name	National Board of Revenue	
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka	V
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Non-Consultant Service	V
7	Invitation Ref No.	08.01.0000.068.11.005.12.(100)/2016-57	<select>
8	Date	12 February, 2017	V

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	OTM	V	NCT	V
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	GOB	V
11	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A	

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/program code (if applicable)	None		
13	Project name (if applicable)	VAT and SD Act, 2012 Implementation (VAT Online) Project.		
14	Tender package No.	SD-1: Electronic Fiscal Device Management System (Server and related accessories)		
15	Tender package name	SD-1		
	Date			
16	Tender publication date	Within 15 February, 2017	V	
17	Tender last selling date	18 March, 2017	V	
			Time	
18	Tender closing date and time	19 March, 2017	V	2:00pm
19	Tender opening date and time	19 March, 2017		2:30pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address		
	-Selling tender document (principal)	Office of the VAT and SD Act, 2012 (Online) Implementation Project, NBR, Dhaka.		
	-Selling tender document (others)	None		

No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents

	-Receiving tender document	Office of the VAT and SD Act, 2012 Implementation (VAT Online) Project, NBR, Dhaka.
	-Opening tender document	Office of the VAT and SD Act, 2012 Implementation (VAT Online) Project, NBR, Dhaka.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organisations registered in Bangladesh. Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh. Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract under the Applicable Law. Others as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Experience: Minimum five (5) years as Prime Contractor/Sub Contractor/Management Contractor. Specific Experience: The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor in supply and installation of Data Centre Goods of at least two (2) contracts of similar nature, complexity and methods/technology completed over a period of three (3) years each with a value of at least fourteen (14) crore. Liquid Asset: The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be eleven (11) crore. The proposed system and device must be operational in at least two countries.
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23	Brief description of services	SD-1: Electronic Fiscal Device Management System (Server and related accessories).			
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk. 5000/00			
26	Package No.	Identification of Package	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in months
	SD-1	08.01.0000.068.11.005.12(61) 2016-57	Dhaka	Tk. 32,00,000.00	4 (four) months

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

30	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Rezaul Hasan.
31	Designation of official inviting tender	Project VAT and SD Act, 2012 Implementation (VAT Online) Project, NBR.
32	Address of official inviting tender	IDEB Bhaban, 160/A, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000.
33	Contact details of official inviting tender	8321308 029348514 pdvatonline@gmail.com
34	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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