

Bumper potato yield

Farmers in Thakurgaon, Panchagarh prevent late blight through experience

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Despite adverse weather, potato growers of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh successfully resisted late blight disease this season using their experience and knowledge, resulting in bumper production of the crop.

Late blight disease, locally known as 'patamora rog,' causes the plants to crumble, turn blackish and die, farmers said.

Habib Md Ahsanur Rahman Pappu, a large-scale potato grower of Thakurgaon, told this correspondent that farmers used their experience in potato cultivation to prevent late blight from attacking their crop.

Fanindranath Sen, 60, of Salondar Senpara village in Sadar upazila, said, "I have been cultivating potato for about ten years. Late blight attacked the potato fields during the last several years, but this time the disease did not appear as we took effective measures on time."

I reaped potato from three bighas of land, out of 10 bighas, and got 138 sacks, containing 85kg each, of potato. I earned Tk 1.17 lakh by spending Tk 21,000 per bigha and profited Tk 54,300 from three bighas. I hope I will make a good profit from rest seven bighas as the price of potato is increasing," he added.

Suresh Chandra Barman, 35, of Barunagaon village said, "I cultivated

potato on 10 acres of land. No disease affected my field as we have enough experience on how to deal with the fungal or pest attack since we have been cultivating potato for over a decade. Our labourers have also experience in potato farming."

Ramzan Ali, 55, of Sahapara village in Boda upazila of Panchagarh said, "I cultivated potato on two bighas of land. Late blight disease used to attack my potato fields every year, but I could prevent it this year and got a good return."

Maududul Islam, deputy director Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), said farmers have cultivated potato on 23,415 hectares of land against the target of 21,800 hectares, with the production target of 4.36 lakh tonnes in Thakurgaon. The farmers have already produced 3.81 lakh tonnes of potato from 20,710 hectares of land.

In Panchagarh, farmers have cultivated the crop on 10,335 hectares of land against the target of 9,505 hectares, with the production target of 1.9 lakh tonnes. They have already produced 1.82 lakh tonnes from 9,170 hectares of land.

Maududul said the farmers successfully overcame the threat of late blight using their long experience in potato cultivation. Besides, climatic condition was also good after January.



Farmers reap potato at Yakubpur village in Sadar upazila of Thakurgaon. Growers of the winter crop in the northern district have got good yield this season, thanks to their precaution against late blight disease.

PHOTO: STAR

'Freedom fighter' thru' bribe!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

"I got my name listed as a freedom fighter in the government's gazette by spending Tk one lakh and 30 thousand, and started enjoying allowance in July 2013," Syed Ali, an alleged fake freedom fighter (FF) told the FFs' verification committee in Lalmonirhat Sadar Upazila Parishad Auditorium.

"During our Liberation War, I didn't cross the border to India for training, and I didn't fight against the Pakistan occupation forces," said Syed Ali, 70, son of late Bachchu Mamud at Talukharati village of Harati union in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Called by FFs' verification committee on February 16, Syed Ali in presence of around 200 FFs in the upazila auditorium said he 'managed to be a freedom fighter' with the help of five FFs including Sadar upazila unit

Muktijoddha Sangsad commander Abu Bakkar and former member secretary Nuruzzaman Ahmed.

"I got only 40 percent share of my allowance, while the rest went to the pockets of Abdu Bakkar and others. They took my signature in bank's cheque but they never allowed me to go to the bank," Syed Ali said, begging pardon to the government and FFs.

Syed Ali's name was included in the government's list of freedom fighters on May 30 in 2005 and he started enjoying FF allowance in July, 2013, through account No 34186925 of Sonali Bank's Lalmonirhat branch.

Syed Ali's wife Momena Begum said, "To get freedom fighter's allowance, my husband gave the bribe to some freedom fighters by selling 25 decimals of arable land, although I forbade him to do so."

Lalmonirhat Sadar Upazila

Muktijoddha Sangsad Commander Abu Bakkar said, "I don't know Syed Ali and so, there is no question for taking bribe from him. He got his name included in the freedom fighters' list during the last BNP government's period when Nuruzzaman Ahmed was member secretary of Sadar upazila convening committee of Muktijoddha Sangsad."

Nuruzzaman Ahmed, on the other hand, said, "I am not involved in the matter. Sadar upazila unit commander Abu Bakkar helped Syed Ali to be included in the freedom fighters' list."

Lalmonirhat Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Shafiqul Islam, also convenor of the FFs' verification committee in the upazila, confirmed Syed Ali's confession before the committee, and said, "We will forward the matter to the ministry concerned for necessary steps in this regard."

MP LITON MURDER Kader's PS held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Police yesterday arrested another person for his suspected involvement in the killing of Gaibandha Awami League MP Manzurul Islam Liton.

Shamsuzzoha Sarkar, personal secretary (PS) of former Jatiya Party (JP) lawmaker Col (ret'd) Abdul Kader Khan, mastermind of the murder, was arrested from Naldanga area in Sadullapur upazila for interrogation, said Gaibandha Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Faruk Ahmed.

Police made the arrest based on information from Kader Khan and four other suspected killers, adding that Shamsuzzoha was kept under close vigilance for the last one week, the ASP said.

Liton was shot dead by unknown assailants inside his home in Gaibandha's Sundarganj upazila on December 31 last year.

The law enforcers have so far arrested six people in connection with the murder after Liton's sister Tahmida Akhter Kakoli filed a case with Sundarganj Police Station against four to five unknown people.

On February 21, Kader Khan was arrested from Bogra.

Noakhali AL man shot dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Unidentified miscreants shot dead a ward unit president of ruling Awami League in Noakhali Sadar upazila yesterday, allegedly over internal feud of the party and land dispute.

Abul Hashem, president of AL Ward No 4 unit under Andarchar union, was shot around midnight on Saturday. Seriously injured Hashem was taken to Noakhali General Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Abul Hashem was son of Abu Taher of Purbo Majjchara Bangla Bazar village in the union.

The victim's younger brother Md Zahir said his elder brother was returning home on foot from Bangla Bazar. The criminals, who were lying in ambush, fired several shots at Hashem when he reached Tin Rastar Mor, he added.

Zahir said they had a feud over land and political supremacy with local Awami League activist Md Hanif of Purbo Majjchara village. He alleged that some supporters of Hanif may be involved in the incident.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Sudharam Model Police Station Anwar Hossain said it is assumed that the incident was a sequel to internal feud in the party, establishing political supremacy in the area and a dispute over land.

He said no case was lodged with the police station as of filing of this report at 6:30pm, adding that police will investigate the incident and find out the criminals who were involved in the crime.

General Secretary of Sadar upazila AL advocate Ataur Rahman Nasir said relatives of the deceased are accusing a party man for the killing.

Huji organiser surrenders

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

An organiser of banned Islamist militant group Harkatul Jihad (Huji) surrendered to Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in Kushtia yesterday.

He is Morshed Sharif Hasan, 46, son of Shafi Uddin of Damdam village in Kumarkhali upazila.

Morshed was an organiser of the group. Commanding Officer (CO) of Rab-12 Additional DIG Shahabuddin Khan said at a

press conference Morshed had been working with Huji since 2015. He was trying to reorganise the militants under the Huji banner in different areas of Kushtia.

"He was a listed member of Huji," the Rab CO added.

He said Morshed contacted Kushtia Rab saying that he intended to surrender and return to normal life.

The Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in Kushtia sent Morshed to jail.

Torture by Executive Engineer DPHE staff testify before probe team

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Twenty staffs of the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) in the district town placed their written statements to the probe team at the office from 2:00pm to 8:00pm on Saturday as a two-member probe team investigated the torture on an office peon allegedly by Badsha Miah, executive engineer of Lalmonirhat DPHE.

"We took the written statements from the staffs and the probe report will be submitted to the DPHE chief engineer by March 16," said Saifur Rahman, head of the two-member probe team.

On 17 February night, office peon Anil Chandra Sarker, 35, was mercilessly tortured allegedly by Badsha Miah in front of the office and Anil had to take treatment at Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital for six days.

Anil and Abdus Salam, president of CBA of Lalmonirhat DPHE, also made a written complaint to the probe team that the executive engineer hired a few outsiders for picking them up on Saturday noon to prevent them from attending before the probe team but the attempt failed.

DPHE Executive Engineer Badsha Miah refuted the allegation of hiring anybody in this connection.

Boro farming under threat in N-districts

Poor navigability in Jamuna hampers fuel supply to Baghabari port depot

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

There is a threat of a fuel crisis in the northern districts as fuel supply to Baghabari port has been hampered for the last few weeks due to poor navigability in the Jamuna river.

"There are three reserve tanks in Baghabari oil depot containing six crore liters of fuel for the northern districts, but the reserve has gone down to four crore liters in the last few weeks," said an official of BPC in Baghabari.

Manager of Padma Oil in Baghabari Md Anwar Hossain said, "Irrigation pumps are being operated as boro cultivation has started, so the demand for diesel has soared up from the middle of February. At least 10 to 12 lakh liters of fuel are being supplied from my depot to the northern districts every day, but only seven to eight lakh liters come to this depot every day. We are keep-

ing the supply normal from the reserve tanks, so the reserve is also going down," Anwar said.

Padma Oil has a reserve of one and a half crore liters now instead of two crores, he said, adding that if the situation does not improve the crisis will deepen from the middle of March as that is the peak time for irrigation.

According to the BPC official, about 90 percent of the fuel for irrigation in 16 northern districts is supplied from Baghabari oil depot, while Parbatipur rail depot supplies 10 percent.

Oil tankers are carrying minimum load for the last few weeks due to poor navigability in Mohonganj, Panchakola and Nakalia points, said Md Jalal Uddin, manager of Meghna Oil in Baghabari port.

"Immediate dredging is needed in the affected areas for smooth fuel supply to the northern districts in the boro season," Jalal said, adding that there is no problem at present, but supply will be hampered if the situation does not improve soon.

Visually impaired Paresh gets help after Star report

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The dream of visually impaired Paresh Chandra Bamron to run a grocery shop full of necessary commodities finally came true, thanks to a barrister from Indira Road in the capital who preferred not to be named.

Paresh, 46, runs a humble grocery store at Kacharipara village in Lalmonirhat's Aditman upazila as he considers begging is not a profession.

After getting Tk 10,000 from the barrister, following a report published in The Daily Star on March 1, Paresh purchased several items of different commodities from the wholesale market on Saturday.

"I am so happy getting the money to run my small business properly," Paresh said, adding that he expects to earn Tk 200 to Tk 250 from his shop from now on.



Fulgazi Upazila Chairman Abdul Alim Majumder inaugurates Ferdous Akhter Government Primary School at Devipur of Feni on Saturday.

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KHULNA SHIPYARD LIMITED
BANGLADESH NAVY, KHULNA

BABE (F) - 302/2016-2017 Dated: 27 February 2017

INTERNATIONAL TENDER

1. Procuring Entity Name	Khulna Shipyards Limited
2. Invitation For	a) 01 No. Mobile Hydraulic All Terrain Crane (Capacity minimum 100 tonnes @ 3.5m) b) 4V Die and Punch for Hydraulic Press Bending Machine.
3. Invitation Reference No.	a) BABE (F)-302/2016-2017 Dated 27 February 2017. b) BABE (F)-299/2016-2017 Dated 27 February 2017.
4. Procuring Method	Open Tender
5. Budget & Source of Funds	Own Finance
6. Tender Last Selling Date	a) 26 April 2017 b) 22 March 2017
7. Tender Closing Date and Time	a) 27 April 2017 Time: 11:15 A.M. b) 23 March 2017 Time: 11:15 A.M.
8. Tender Opening Date & Time	a) 27 April 2017 Time: 11:30 A.M. b) 23 March 2017 Time: 11:15 A.M.
9. Name & Address of the Office(s): (a) Sending Tender Document (b) Receiving and Opening Tender Document	a) Naval Stores Sub Depot, Khilkhet Namapara, Khilkhet, Dhaka. b) Cash Section, Accounts Department Khulna Shipyards Ltd., Bangladesh Navy, Khulna* Khulna Shipyards Ltd., Bangladesh Navy, Khulna.
10. Price of Tender Document	a) Tk. 5,000.00 (non-refundable) b) Tk. 500.00 (non-refundable)
11. Contact Details of Official	Tel : 041-813975/720003 Fax : 880-41-720404, E-mail: contact@khulnashipyards.com
12. Special Instructions	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all or any Tender prior to acceptance without showing any reason what so ever.

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Teacher, 4 staff involved in question leak

Says IU probe committee

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A three-member probe committee of Islamic University (IU) found that a teacher and some staff are involved in first year admission test question paper leak.

A teacher, an administrative officer and three employees were involved in the question paper leak for the first year admission test of F unit of the 2016-2017 session at the university, said Proctor Mahbubur Rahman, one of the members of the committee.

The probe committee submitted the report on Saturday. Acting Registrar of the university SM Abdul Latif said President and Secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League of IU unit Saiful Islam and Amit Kumar alleged in writing to the university authority about the leaking of question papers for the first year admission test of F unit held in December last year.

The university authorities formed a three-member probe body headed, by Prof Mustafa Kamal of Mathematics Department, to look into the allegation.

'Arrest killers of Iti Chakma'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Students of Khagrachhari Government College staged a demonstration in the district town yesterday demanding immediate arrest of the killers of their fellow student Iti Chakma.

Police intercepted them in front of Mohajonpara Government Primary School when they in a procession from the college campus tried to go to Shapla Chattar, the centre point of the town.

Then the students staged a sit-in blocking the road for 30 minutes. They returned to the campus after holding a protest meeting there.

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