

Comrade Jasim fighting for life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Critically ill anti-British movement leader Comrade Jasim Uddin Mondol was admitted to a hospital in the capital yesterday, due to old age complications.

The veteran revolutionist, 97, who has been suffering from serious breathing problem for the last couple of weeks, was taken to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Hospital in the morning, family sources said.

"We took him to the hospital as he has been suffering from breathing problem, cannot speak properly and even could not take food normally," said Fazlur Rahman Fantu, son-in-law of the living legend.

He is now undergoing treatment at the medicine ward of the hospital, Fantu added.

"He underwent a series of diagnostic tests today (Tuesday) and after getting the report doctors will brief us about his current physical condition," Fantu said, quoting the doctors.

Born in Pabna's Ishwardi upazila, Comrade Jasim, a politbureau (central unit) member of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), played a vital role in the anti-British movement in the '40s.

Renowned as an icon of revolutionary movements in Bangladesh, Jasim joined the country's Liberation War in 1971.

Defying the threat of losing his job as a British railway employee, Jasim organised the revolutionists to revolt against the government atrocities in '40s.

Leading left-leaning activist Ranesh Maitra said the party took the responsibility of his treatment for many years, now the government should ensure his better treatment.

Taro farming gets popular

Two farmers in Dinajpur the pioneers

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

Two farmers of Chirirbandar upazila of the district became solvent by farming taro plants (Colocasia Esculenta), locally known as lotiraaj kachu, of Araceae family.

They are Monzer Ali of Satnala village and Mohammad Ali of Rasulpur village. "I have been involved with agriculture for the last 10 years," Monzer told this correspondent while narrating how he brought his family out of poverty by cultivating taro.

Many villagers are now growing taro after consulting with him, Monzer said. Monzer, a father of two, said he borrowed Tk10,000 from a local non-governmental organisation and planted taro on 10 kathas of land four years ago, adding that he repaid the loan after getting a good profit, and extended his farming area to 20 kathas next year. After that, he never looked back, Monzer said.

This year, he cultivated taro plants on two acres, Monzer said, adding that he earned Tk 2.5 lakh from taro farming last year.

Taro farming is easier than farming other crops, and requires less nursing and pesticide, he said, adding that taro plants start producing loti (stem) within three months of planting and growers can collect the loti for up to six months. The taro plant's stem, petioles and corms can be eaten as vegetables, he added.

He sold the stem for Tk 30 per kg, while each taro plant can be sold for Tk 20, Monzer said.

He planted 24,000 taro plants on two acres of land this year and his expense was Tk 60,000, adding that he was expecting Tk 4.5 lakh profit.

Last year, he bought 20 kathas of land and built a tin-roofed semi-concrete building, Monzer said.

Wholesale buyers of the district and surrounding districts purchase his produce directly from his crop field, he said.

Mohammad Ali said he cultivated taro on 30 kathas of land this year, while it was four or five kathas five years ago. A farmer can earn Tk 1.5 lakh by growing taro on one acre as its corms, petioles and stems have high demand in the market.

"Nothing of a taro plant is wasted," he said with a smiling face.

Agriculture Officer in Chirirbandar Upazila Mahmudul Hasan said the land of the upazila is suitable for taro farming and Monzer and Mohammad Ali are taking getting advantage of the soil and the demand for taro.



Mazer Ali of Satnala village in Chirirbandar upazila of Dinajpur poses with taro at his field recently.

PHOTO: STAR

Son kills elderly mother Man jailed for murdering wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

An elderly woman was killed allegedly by her son at Dakkhin Awara in Kathalia upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased was Rashida Begum, 65, wife of late Shajahan Mallik of Dakkhin Awara and mother of four sons and two daughters.

"Badsha Mallik, 35, the youngest son of the woman, hit her on the head with a stick and she died on the spot," said Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Kathalia Police Station Sheikh Shawkat Anwar.

"Badsha and his mother were in their house in the afternoon when I heard her screaming. I rushed into the house and found her lying on the floor," said Laboni Aktar, wife of Rashida's eldest son Ripon, who lives in an adjacent house. Badshah fled from the spot as soon as she entered the house, she added.

The body was sent to Jhalakathi Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy, the OC said. Badshah was mentally ill and had undergone treatment in different hospitals, Ripon said.

"The reason for the killing is not clear to us and we are investigating it," he added.

Badshah was arrested later in the afternoon.

A court here on Monday sentenced a man to life imprisonment in connection with a case for killing his wife in Bhaluka upazila in 2013.

The convict, Khorshed Alam, 40, son of Abdul Quddus, is a resident of Soaile village in the upazila.

Judge Shahrier Kabir of Mymensingh Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court also fined him Tk 10,000. In default, he is to suffer two months more in jail.

According to the case statement, Khorshed locked in an altercation with his wife Amena Khatun over different conjugal issues on September 9 in 2013.

At one stage, Khorshed stabbed Amena with sharp weapon and strangled.

One stabbed dead in Pabna

Condition of another critical in hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A youth was killed and another injured as criminals stabbed them in Beltola road area of the town on Monday night.

The deceased SA Raihan Tonmoy, 25, son of Md Ziaul Kabir Rintu of the area, was walking with his friend Rana Ahmed, 26, son of Abdul Mazid of Radhanagar village on the Beltola road at around 11:00pm when criminals stabbed them and fled away, said Officer-in-Charge of Pabna Sadar Police Station Md Abdur Razzak.

They were admitted to Pabna General Hospital where Tonmoy succumbed to his injuries at about 11:30pm, while Rana is in critical condition.

The reason behind the killing is not clear, the OC said, adding that it could be previous enmity. Police are investigating the incident, the OC said, adding that they are preparing to file a case.

WATERLOGGED GROUND Students protest by releasing fish fry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Students of Gaibandha Government Boys College yesterday launched a protest programme by releasing fish fries in the waterlogged ground on the college premises.

Organised by Jatiyo Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) college unit, the students demanded immediate renovation of the college ground by filling earth.

During the release of fish fries, the speakers said this is a token protest.

Despite repeated pleas, the authorities are yet to take any initiative to renovate the low lying college ground.

They said after a heavy shower, the college ground goes under knee deep water that hampers movement of students.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Directorate General of Food
Ministry of Food
16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka
Website: www.dgfood.gov.bd

No. 13.01.0000.093.46.23.17-1860 Date: 31/07/2017

International Quotation Notice for Import of Milling Wheat (Package-03)

International quotation in sealed cover are invited from bonafide traders for supply of 50,000 (fifty thousand) Metric Tons of Milling Wheat. The particulars of quotation are furnished below:

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	
1	Ministry/division : Ministry of Food.
2	Agency : Not applicable.
3	Procuring entity name : Director General of Food.
4	Procuring entity code : Not applicable.
5	Procuring entity district : Dhaka.
6	Invitation for : Procurement of 50,000 MT (±5%) Milling Wheat.
7	Invitation Ref. No. : 13.01.0000.093.46.23.17-1860
8	Date : 31/07/2017.

KEY INFORMATION
9 Procuring method : International Request for Quotation.

FUNDING INFORMATION
10 Budget and source of fund : GoB Fund.
11 Development partners (if applicable) : Not applicable.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
12	Project/programme code (if applicable) : Not applicable.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable) : Not applicable.
14	Package No. : Package-03.
15	Package name : Procurement of 50,000 MT (±5%) Milling Wheat.
16	Notice publication date : 31/07/2017.
17	Document last selling date : 16/08/2017.
18	Closing date and time of submission of quotation : 17/08/2017 up to Time: 1:00pm (BST).
19	Quotation opening date and time : 17/08/2017, Time: 2:30pm (BST).
20	Name and address of the office(s): Selling quotation documents : Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. Receiving place of quotation : 1) Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. 2) Office Chamber of Joint Secretary, Room No. 114 (1st Floor), Building No. 04, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. Opening place of quotation : Office Chamber of Additional Director (Procurement), Room No. 517 (5th Floor), Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional) : Not applicable.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER/QUOTATIONER

22	Eligibility of quotation	Necessary papers to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the quotation documents.
23	Brief description of goods or works	50,000 (±5%) (fifty thousand) MT of Milling Wheat at Chittagong and Mongla port on CIF Liner Out term at both ends (Cost of the Cargo, Insurance and Freight including Stevedoring are on seller's account. Lighterage, if any, is also on seller's account). Single price per MT is to be quoted in US\$ for both Chittagong Port and Mongla Port. Quantity must be supplied 60% for Chittagong Port & 40% for Mongla Port.
24	Brief description of related services	Not applicable.
25	(i) Price of Quotation document (Tk.)	Tk 5,000 (five thousand) or USD 100 (one hundred) non-refundable by Pay-Order/Bank Draft drawn in favour of Director General, Directorate General of Food.
	(ii) Mode of payment	Through Letter of Credit (LC).
	(iii) Crop Year	2016 or latest.
	(iv) Validity of the offer	Up to 17.00 hrs on 30/08/2017.

A) Quality & Specification:		
Quality Parameters	Specification	Rejection
i) Test weight (minimum)	76 Kg/hl	below 76Kg/hl
ii) Damaged kernels (maximum)	3%	above 3%
iii) Foreign material (maximum)	0.7%	above 0.7%
iv) Shrunken & broken kernels (maximum)	4%	above 4%
v) Wheat of other classes	4% (including maximum 2% contrasting classes)	above 4% (including maximum 2% contrasting classes)
vi) Protein content (minimum)	12.5% (at Dry Matter Basis)	below 12.5% (at Dry Matter Basis)
vii) Moisture content (maximum)	13.5%	above 13.5%
viii) Dockage (maximum)	1% (all dockage shall be deductible from the value)	above 1%
ix) Radioactivity (maximum)	50 Bq/Kg of ¹³⁷ Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC & South-East Asian Countries)	above 50 Bq/Kg of ¹³⁷ Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC & South-East Asian Countries)

B) Organoleptic properties: Bright, clear appearance, natural smell and color.

Pack No.	Identification of shipment	Country of origin	Location	Tender security amount (US\$)	Completion time in weeks/months
Pack-03	50,000 MT (±5%) Milling Wheat on CIF Liner out term	Any country of the world except Israel	Chittagong-60% and Mongla port-40%	US\$ 3,00,000 in favour of Director General of Food for 50,000 MT Milling Wheat (±5%) in the form of a Bank Draft/Pay-Order (No Bank Guarantee is allowed)	40 (forty) days from the date of signing of the contract

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS
27 Name of official inviting quotation : Md. Abdul Aziz Mollah.
28 Designation of official inviting quotation : Director (Procurement).
29 Address of official inviting quotation : Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No 501, Directorate of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
30 Contact details of official inviting quotation : Phone: +88-02-9550261, 9556197 Fax: +88-02-9556302.
31 (i) Incomplete, conditional quotation and alternate offer shall not be considered. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all quotations partly or wholly without assigning any reason.
(ii) Quotationer who has been awarded two LOIs (Letter of Intent) awaiting signing the contract or he has signed two contracts but shipment under any of the contracts has not yet set sail for destination, will not be eligible to participate in the quotation;
(iii) Quotationer who had been awarded LOIs (Letter of Intent) earlier but could not execute contract by submitting PG (Performance Guarantee) on time, will not be eligible to participate in the next two quotations;
(iv) Quotationer whose bid-bonds had been forfeited twice for not submitting PG or signing contract on time, will not be eligible to participate in the quotation for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from the bid-bonds so forfeited is deposited to the Government Treasury or not;
(v) Quotationer whose whole PG (Performance Guarantee) had been forfeited for non-supply of the contracted quantity, will not be eligible to participate in the quotation for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from PG so forfeited is deposited to the Government Treasury or not.

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Memo No: 25.39.0000.154.14.037.16/ 190 August 01, 2017

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE-3: REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
"Assessing the Current State and Deploying a Web-based Integrated Information Management System for the Construction Permit System of RAJUK"
Subcomponents C2- (Package No: URP/RAJUK/S-7)

Points of Discussion	Original Notice	Corrigendum Notice-3
Deadline of Submission of EOI	Reference: Clause 09 of primary EOI Notice June 04, 2017	August 07, 2017

This is to mention that all other information and terms given in the primary EOI notice will remain unchanged.

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CORRIGENDUM NOTICE-3: REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
"Consultancy Services for Professional Accreditation Program in RAJUK",
Urban Resilience Unit (URU)
Subcomponent C3(Package No: URP/RAJUK/S-8)

Points of Discussion	Original Notice	Corrigendum Notice-3
Deadline of Submission of EOI	Reference: Clause 11 of primary EOI Notice June 04, 2017	August 07, 2017

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Sylhet Gas Fields Limited
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e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of the following work described below:

SI No.	Name of Work	Tender ID	Tender/Proposal Document last selling / downloading Date and Time	Tender/Proposal closing/opening Date & Time
01.	Construction of Security Post with Waiting Room at Main Gate of Kailashilla Field, Golapgonj, Sylhet.	Tender ID: 112802	27-Aug-2017 at 17:00 Hours	28-Aug-2017 at 14:30 Hours

1) This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
2) To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.
3) The fees for downloading the e-Tender Document from the National e-GP System Portal to be deposited through any registered bank's branch.
4) Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd

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