

Woman, son arrested with Yaba

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a woman and his son with 40,500 Yaba tablets at Morichakandi village in Bancharampur upazila of the district early yesterday.

The arrestees are Jhama Begum, 50, of the village, and his son Sumon Mia, 24. Major Nazmul Arefin Parag, captain of Rab-14, said on information, the elite force seized the Yaba from two speedboats.

The arrestees will be handed over to Bancharampur Police Station, he said.

Jessore tech univ admission test begins today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

The admission test for first year honours courses under the 2017-18 academic session at Jessore Science and Technology University (JSTU) will begin today.

A total of 38,239 candidates will vie for only 795 seats under six units of the university.

Public Relation Officer of the university Abdur Rashid said the test for A,B and C units will be held today from 9:30am to 11:00am, 12:30pm to 2:00pm, and 3:30pm to 5:00pm respectively.

The admission test for 'E' unit will be held from 9:00am to 10:30am while 'D' unit from 11:00am to 12:30pm and 'F' unit 3:30pm to 5:00pm tomorrow, he said.

Use and transportation of all kinds of electronic devices like mobile phones and digital clocks are completely prohibited in the examination centre.

Besides, three mobile courts will be patrolling in the area to avert any untoward situation.

Cassia-leaf farming gets popular in Lalmonirhat

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Farming of cassia-leaf locally called tejmeta is bringing additional income to farmers in the district as there is high demand for it.

Begum Meherunnesa, 69, wife of retired schoolteacher Ramzan Ali of Shiberkuti village in Sadar upazila, said she planted four cassia trees five years ago that produce the crop round the year. "After meeting my family's demand, I get Tk 600 to Tk 700 from selling cassia every year," she said.

"There are cassia trees in most of the homesteads in our village," said Ramzan.

Afzal Hossain, 55, of Mahendranagar village said there are three cassia trees in their courtyard which meet his family's need and earn extra money from selling cassia of one tree.

Forkan Ali, 48, of Fulgachh village said his wife planted two cassia trees in their courtyard eight years ago and those are still bearing

the spice. He said he prepared an orchard of 40 trees on 15 decimals of land two years ago. He hopes to get profit from next year.

Farmer Sheher Ali, 55, of Bhadaai village in Aditmari upazila, said cassia tree is common in every homestead at his village as the spice item is widely used. "We never use chemical fertiliser or pesticide for cassia farming in the homestead," he said.

Vegetable trader Abdul Jabbar at BDR Hat in the town said they buy cassia-leaf from farmers and sell it to town dwellers. "We sell one bundle of cassia-leaf for Tk 15 to Tk 20," he said, adding that they also send the spice to Dhaka and other cities.

Sadar Upazila Agriculture Officer Enamul Haque said agriculture officials provide technical support to farmers who cultivate cassia-leaf commercially.



Begum Meherunnesa takes care of her cassia trees in her courtyard at Shiberkuti village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

PHOTO: S DILIP ROY

Machines to run future farming

SHYKH SERAJ

The urge for farm mechanisation is nothing new. A hundred years ago, the developed world thought about mechanised agriculture. Even in Bangladesh, talks about farm mechanisation started long back. In 1913, Rabindranath Tagore first introduced plowing machine to this country, the ruins of which still remain at Kacharibari of Naogaon's Patisar. Over the years, the world has advanced a lot in agricultural mechanisation. We have advanced a little. A statistics shows 80 percent of farmers use tractors, however, lower than one percent farmers use sowing-machines and harvesters.

It's true that we've become self-sufficient in producing food because of the mechanisation and technology. Our farmers are getting the most out of small lands. The



Shykh Seraj in front of small copters used for pollination at CIAME 2017.

PHOTO: HRIDOYE MATI O MANUSH

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pollination on the paddy fields with their bamboos. They bash on the paddy divided by the ridge and it makes pollination easier. It's an old tradition in our country and of course indigenous. However, the chopper for pollination was amazing at the CIAME 2017.

The organisers were China's agromachinery maker and four distributing organisations -- CAMDA, CAMA, CAAMM -- and the exhibition committee CIAME. The exhibition was spread over an area of 220 thousand square metres. It was like the runway of large airports. The exhibition was full of surprises, like small helicopters for pollination and live demonstration of agrotechnologies. It was truly remarkable. Deputy Secretary General Ru Yi said, every year this exhibition is becoming popular. They believe this will lead to the future of farming across the world. Remote drones and air-sprayer copters (small choppers) were the most amazing things to see in the fair. Ru believes, along with the traders, farmers, engineers, that media has a big role to play in spreading the message of future farming.

In that regard, to ensure modernisation in farming and communications related to this, a journalist forum has been formed, called APAMA (Asia Pacific Agri Media Association) where, along with other founders from seven countries, I also have been included on behalf of Bangladesh media. Its first meeting was held at CIAME

2017 and organised by CAMDA. I talked about the necessity, adaptability, availability and cost-effective technologies keeping the stake of my country. Every year, this association will monitor the advancement of farming sector, technology and other key aspects of farming.

Dr Chen Jhi, president of CAAMM, says most indigenous farmers live in Bangladesh and they need to be put on the right highway of farming so that the country gets benefited with their efforts. Easy technologies like sowing-machine, seedling maker, fertilizer broadcaster, dryer, transportation seemed very workable.

The idea of agricultural mechanisation came from the idea of reducing human labour. Every day, the way technology is evolving, Bangladesh needs to think ahead of time so that the country can set the example in advanced farming. Researchers, engineers, government officers and machinery importer organisations attended the exhibition.

I talked with Alimus Sadat Chowdhury, chairman of Bangladesh Agricultural Machinery Importers Association. They are more interested in importing machinery which is more adaptive for the country. They are more focused on how to make farmers get used to the most advanced farming technologies. And, they feel that this is the biggest challenge.

Dear readers, what I feel as a journalist, and from what I have

seen thus far in these four decades of the farming evolution in Bangladesh, is that farmers need to be trained on using the most advanced technologies in the sector. The question is still there that what would be the technologies we need to import. And, for the future, what technologies we need to go along with the world of advanced farming. I feel farmers should get more subsidies on agro-machineries. I have been stressing on the issue in the pre-budget open field dialogue session, 'Farm budget,' almost every year. We have to remember that today's farming scenario will be lost in time in near future because we've got to cope with the future; everything that it offers for the good. If we can't take advantage of the technology, we cannot expect the optimum success in the farming sector as the population and climate are our biggest challenges.

It's true that the invention of science and technology amazes me. It amazes me more when I see those very technologies are being used on farmlands. I firmly believe private agro-machinery production organisations and agri-machinery section of BARI will work jointly to bring in the most effective and cost-effective agri-machinery to farmlands, which will definitely enhance the quality of farming. I also believe global media associations like APAMA can also play a pivotal role in giving the world the right information on how the farming sector is evolving through technologies.

Jute mill gutted in Bogra

A CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Fire gutted huge quantity of raw jute and several machineries at the warehouse of Khandaker Jute Mills in Manikchawk area in Sadar upazila yesterday.

Bazlur Rahman, senior station officer at Bogra Fire Station, said four fire fighting units from Sadar and Gabtoli Fire Station rushed to the spot and doused the blaze after a hectic effort of nearly one and a half hours.

Fire service officials primarily assumed that the fire might have originated from an electric short circuit.

Bazlur said the extent of loss caused by the fire was Tk 20 lakh, while the mill authorities claimed that the fire gutted raw jute and machineries worth around Tk 1 crore.

Four held for killing farmer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police on Tuesday night arrested four people in connection with a case for killing a farmer in Kalihati upazila allegedly over a land dispute.

The arrestees are Ruhul Amin, 35, Mehedi Hasan, 22, Sorbesh Ali, 50, and Khokon Miah, 26, of Borotibari village in the upazila.

According to the case statement, the arrestees along with others attacked one Musa Miah of the village on October 27 and beat him, his father Fazal Karim and uncle Solaiman Miah.

Later, Solaiman succumbed to his injuries while undergoing treatment at Tangail General Hospital on November 2.

Musa filed a case with Kalihati Police Station the same day accusing 13 people.

BIRDEM GENERAL HOSPITAL

(An Enterprise of the Diabetic Association of Bangladesh), Ibrahim Memorial Diabetes Centre
122, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1000.

Employment Notice

Applications are invited from the citizen of Bangladesh for the following posts.

Sl#	Name of the Post	Qualifications
01	Senior Consultant (Surgery) Pay Scale : Tk. 56500-74400/- & all other admissible allowances	1 MBBS or Equivalent and Registration with BMDC. 2 Five years experience in the relevant field as Consultant/Associate Professor with any of the following Post-graduate degrees recognized by BMDC : FCPS/MS/FRCS or equivalent in relevant subject. 3 Five Scientific Publications in journals recognized by BMDC.
02	Senior Consultant (Internal Medicine) Pay Scale : Tk. 56500-74400/- & all other admissible allowances.	1 MBBS or Equivalent and Registration with BMDC. 2 Five years experience in the relevant field as Consultant/Associate Professor with any of the following Post-graduate degrees recognized by BMDC : FCPS/MS/FRCS/PhD/MS or equivalent in relevant subject 3 Five Scientific Publications in journals recognized by BMDC
03	Senior Consultant (Neurology) Pay Scale : Tk. 56500-74400/- & all other admissible allowances.	1 MBBS or Equivalent and Registration with BMDC. 2 Five years experience in the relevant field as Consultant/Associate Professor with any of the following Post-graduate degrees recognised by BMDC : PhD/DSc/DPhil/FCPS/MD/MRCP/M.Phil/MSc or equivalent in relevant subject. 3 Five Scientific Publication in Medical Journals recognized by the BMDC.
04	Asstt. Professor (Blood Transfusion Medicine) Pay Scale : Tk 35500-67010/- & all other admissible allowances.	1 MBBS or Equivalent and Registration with BMDC. 2 Any of the following Post graduate degree recognized by BMDC : PhD/FCPS/MD/MTM or equivalent in relevant subject. 3 Candidates having teaching experience and publications in relevant subjects will get preference.
05	Junior Consultant (Orthopaedics) Pay Scale : Tk 35500-67010/- & all other admissible allowances.	1 MBBS or Equivalent and Registration with BMDC. 2 Any of the following Post-graduate degrees or Diploma recognised by BMDC : PhD/DSc/D.Phil/FCPS/MS/FRCS/MSc(D/Ortho) in Orthopaedics or equivalent in relevant subject. 3 Candidates having teaching experience and Publication in relevant subject will get preference.
06	Jr. Consultant (Critical Care Medicine) Pay Scale : Tk 35500-67010/- & all other admissible allowances.	1 MBBS or Equivalent and Registration with BMDC. 2 Any of the following Post-graduate degrees recognised by BMDC : PhD/DSc/D.Phil/FCPS/MD/MRCP in Critical Care Medicine or equivalent in Critical Care Medicine or any relevant subject like Medicine, chest, Cardiology with strong background/experiences in Critical Care Medicine. 3 Candidates having teaching experience and publication in relevant subject will get preference.
07	Jr. Consultant (Anaesthesiology) Pay Scale : Tk 35500-67010/- & all other admissible allowances.	1 MBBS or Equivalent and Registration with BMDC. 2 Any of the following Post-graduate degrees or diploma recognised by BMDC : PhD/DSc/D.Phil/FCPS/MD/FFA/DA in Anaesthesiology or equivalent in relevant subject. 3 Candidates having teaching experience and publication in relevant subject will get preference.
08	Registrar (Anaesthesiology) Pay Scale : Tk. 29000-63410/- & all other admissible allowances.	1 MBBS or Equivalent and Registration with BMDC. 2 Any of the following Post-graduate degree or Diploma recognised by BMDC : PhD/DSc/D.Phil/FCPS/MD/FFA/DA in Anaesthesiology or equivalent in the relevant subject.
09	Registrar (Surgery) Pay Scale : Tk. 29000-63410/- & all other admissible allowances.	1 MBBS or Equivalent and Registration with BMDC. 2 Any of the following Post-graduate degrees recognised by BMDC : PhD/DSc/D.Phil/FCPS/MS/FRCS or equivalent in relevant subject.
10	Registrar (Urology) Pay Scale : Tk. 29000-63410/- & all other admissible allowances.	1 MBBS or Equivalent and Registration with BMDC. 2 Any of the following Post-graduate degrees recognised by BMDC : PhD/DSc/D.Phil/FCPS/MS/FRCS or equivalent in relevant subject.
11	Asstt. Registrar (i) Cardiology (ii) Gynaec & Obs. (iii) GHPD (iii) Endocrinology (iv) Internal Medicine (v) Paediatric Pay Scale : Tk. 23000-55470/- & all other admissible allowances. Non-Practicing.	MBBS or equivalent degree from any Medical College or Institute recognized by BMDC with One year of Internship training and registration from BMDC.
12	Medical Officer (Paediatric Surgery) Pay Scale : Tk. 23000-55470/- & all other admissible allowances.	MBBS or equivalent degree from any Medical College or Institute recognized by BMDC with one year of Internship training and registration from BMDC.
13	Resident Medical Officer (i) Radiology (ii) Paediatric Posts are non-practicing and whole time. Honorarium will be paid according to existing rules.	MBBS or equivalent degree from any Medical College or Institute recognized by BMDC with One year of Internship training and registration from BMDC. Preference will be given to the candidates having FCPS Part-I/MD Part-I/MS Part-I or equivalent.
14	Scientific Officer (Laboratory) Pay Scale : Tk. 22000-53060/- & all other admissible allowances.	MBBS or 1st Class MSc or 2nd Class MSc with 2nd Class Hons in the relevant subject/equivalent.
15	Medical Technologist (Radiology) Pay Scale : Tk. 12500-30230/- & all other admissible allowances.	Diploma in Medical Technology recognised by the State Medical Faculty or Technical Education Board.
16	Medical Technologist (Microbiology) Pay Scale : Tk. 12500-30230/- & all other admissible allowances.	Diploma in Medical Technology recognized by the State Medical Faculty or Technical Education Board.
17	Dark Room Asstt. (Radiology) Pay Scale : Tk. 9700-23490/- & all other admissible allowances.	SSC with 3 years experience in relevant field.

Applications to be submitted in prescribed form, obtainable from Cash Counter # 15 & 22, BIRDEM, 122 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1000, on all working days (from 9-00 A.M. to 12-30 P.M.). The price of each application form for Sl. # 1-14 is Tk. 400/- & Sl. # 15-17 is Tk. 200/-. Age limit for Sl. # 14-17 is 30 years as on 30.06.2017. Applicants who are in service should apply through proper channel. Name of the applied post to be clearly written on the envelope. One copy of money receipt must be attached with the application form. For the post of Sl. # 11 & 13 applicants should mention clearly the Speciality. Management reserves the right to cancel any or all application without assigning any reason whatsoever. Those who applied earlier for the post of Sl. # 16 need not apply again.

The application along with required papers (as per instruction on the application form) should reach on or before **23.11.2017** either dropped in the box placed in front of room # 230 or sent by post. Only short listed candidates will be called for interview. Incomplete applications may be rejected.

Director General

Jamuna Oil Company Limited

Invitation for Tender-30/2017-18

Date: 07-11-2017

Sl. No. Jamuna Oil Company Ltd. a subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation is hereby invites sealed tender from the Bonafide Covered Van/Truck owners or Transport firm for carrying of filled Lubricants Drums/Cans/Pails from our Main Installation, Guptakhal, Chittagong to our depots at Fatullah, Baghabari, Daulatpur, Chandpur, Jalakathi, Natore, Parbatipur, Rangpur, Barisal, Sylhet, Bhairab Bazar, Shreemongal, Rajshahi and different Fertilizer Factories/Power station under the following terms and conditions:-

1	Ministry/Division	M/o Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.
3	Procuring entity name	Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong-4100.
4	Procuring entity code	Not applicable.
5	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.
6	Invitation for	Carrying of filled Lubricants Drums/Cans/Pails from our Main Installation, Guptakhal, Chittagong to our depots at Fatullah, Baghabari, Daulatpur, Chandpur, Jalakathi, Natore, Parbatipur, Rangpur, Barisal, Sylhet, Bhairab Bazar, Shreemongal, Rajshahi, and different Fertilizer Factories/Power station.
7	Invitation Ref. No. & date	Ref. No: 28.24.0000.652.61.006.17
8	Contract Period	2 years.

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (Two envelope system i.e. technical offer & financial offer).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	Company's own fund.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Tender package No.	28.24.0000.652.61.006.17
13	Tender package name	Not applicable.
14	Tender last selling date	Date 26-11-2017
15	Tender closing date & time	Date 27-11-2017 Time 03:00pm
16	Tender opening date & time	27-11-2017 03:30pm
17	Name & address of the office(s)	Address (i) Chief Cashier, Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & (ii) DGM (Dhaka Liaison Office), Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Bhaban, 2, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka. (i) Operations Department, Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & (ii) DGM (Dhaka Liaison Office), Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Bhaban, 2, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

18	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderers are required to submit the following documents (photocopies) along with the tenders: (a) Trade license up-to-date 2017-2018. (b) Bank solvency certificate issued on 31-10-2017 or later. (c) TIN (Tax Identification Number) certificate or a certificate stating assessment for the assessment year 2017-2018 under process from income tax authority. (d) VAT registration certificate. (e) Certificate of experience in carrying job by road from Govt., Semi-Govt or other reputed firms. (f) Tenderer must have at least 2 (two) Covered van/trucks of their own positively in support of which they will have to submit photocopies of Blue Book, Route permit and Tax token of current year showing clearly the ownership of the vehicle being in the name of the bidder. The bidder will maintain validity of ownership during the carrying of contract period for at least 2 (two) Covered van/trucks at all times. (g) Original money receipt for purchasing of tender schedule. (h) Power of attorney will not be acceptable in respect to establishing proprietorship. (i) Address mentioned in the trade licence and Business address must be same.
19	Brief description of works	As mentioned in Serial No. 6.
20	Brief description of physical services	Not applicable.
21	Price of tender documents	Tk. 1,000.00 (one thousand only) per set.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

22	Name of official inviting tender	Quazi Md. Monzur Rahman GM (Operations), Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. Phone No: 031-715280, Fax: 031-713289, E-mail: Joclbd@yahoo.com
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23. In case of any unavoidable circumstances the tender will be received and opened on the following working day at same time and same place.

24. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings. The tender security shall be forfeited and tender shall be declared non-responsive if any false incorrect or forged declaration/certificates are found.

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