



Labourers load catkins onto trucks at Kashiar Bazar in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila. The photo was taken recently.

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Catkin farmers all smiles

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Catkin, locally called kashia, brings smile to the face of char people in Sadar upazila as they are getting good prices by selling the item at Kashiar Bazar to buyers from different districts.

For the last three years, the market in Dharla river basin area has been crowded with catkin buyers from morning to afternoon everyday, said char farmers.

Betel leaf growers of Rajshahi are the main customers of catkin as it is used as supportive structure at their betel leaf gardens, they said.

Betel leaf grower Sekander Ali from Kushtia said earlier they raised platform made of straw in their garden, but now they use catkin as the price of straw increased in the last three years.

Farmer Zahur Ali of Char Sonaigazi said they are getting Tk 5 to Tk 6 from selling each bundle of catkin.

"We get 400 to 500 bundles of catkin from each bigha of land," he said, adding that he got 1850 bundles of catkin from his four bighas of land this season.

"We do not invest single money for producing catkin as it is grown on char lands naturally," said another grower Nazir Hossain.

Farmer Abed Ali of Char Kharuya said 15 to 16 years ago, there was a high demand for catkin as most houses were made with it, but its demand has fallen as they are now built with corrugated CI sheets.

Jonab Ali of the same char said catkin is grown on their sandy char lands in between June to October and harvested from the middle of October to first week of November.

Catkin buyer from Rajshahi Amzad Hossain said they buy catkin from char farmers and sell it to betel leaf growers in different areas of Rajshahi and the adjoining districts.

Cop's bravery

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Risking his life, a police constable in Dinajpur managed to catch a fish-laden pick-up van and seized 585 bottles of banned Phensidyl from the vehicle early yesterday.

Fearless Mohammad Firoz Alam is serving at Birampur Police Station.

Bering tipped-off that a yellow coloured pick-up van from Dangapara in Hakimpur upazila is loaded with Phensidyl, a team of patrol police set up a barricade near Birampur Intersection around 5:00am.

Police said, sensing the presence of the police team, the driver of the vehicle tried to go over the barricade.

Sensing danger, constable Firoz jumped in front of the vehicle and somehow managed to hang from the front portion of the vehicle.

Later, as soon Firoz saw a police jeep carrying Birampur Additional Superintendent of Police ASM Hafizur Rahman coming from the opposite direction, he started shouting for help.

Seeing Feroz hanging from the vehicle and shouting for help the police vehicle changed its direction and chased the speedy van.

Police later caught the pick-up van when its driver and helper fled the scene, leaving the vehicle abandoned in Mirzapur area on Dinajpur-Bogra highway.

Police also seized 585 bottles of Phensidyl after searching the pick-up van.

For his bravery, police department instantly awarded constable Feroz with Tk 2,000.

COMILLA CHEST CLINIC

Patients denied test facilities inside

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

The lone X-ray machine in the only chest disease clinic in the district has not been used for more than a year, while all tests are done from private clinics.

Comilla Chest Clinic is the only government chest disease clinic in the district, and hundreds of patients go there for treatment.

Patient Khorshed Alam, 55, of Durgapur in Sadar upazila, said he had to get blood test and X-ray done from an outside private diagnostic centre suggested by the clinic. He added that if he had got the tests done from the clinic, the cost would be bearable for him.

This correspondent visited the clinic on Thursday and found patients getting X-ray and other tests done from private diagnostic centres.

Medical Officer of Comilla Chest Clinic Dr Azimur Rahman said there are two medical officers, but consultant post is vacant, adding that an X-ray technician joined last month. No blood test is done at the centre, he said.

X-ray technician Mushley Uddin said he joined in October, 2017. The X-ray machine is okay but there is no radiation preventive wall so they cannot operate it. They have applied to the civil surgeon to solve the problem.

Civil Surgeon Dr Md Mozibur Rahman said if the X-ray machine of Comilla Chest Clinic is not in operation for any technical fault they may send patients to Sadar Hospital for X-ray and blood tests.

He is trying to appoint a junior consultant within a month, he added.

The civil surgeon told this correspondent on Thursday that patients can get X-ray done from Comilla Chest Clinic from now as he had arranged a radiation preventive screen for them.

About 1087 patients visited the centre in October. Except sputum test all blood tests and X-ray are done at private diagnostic centres.

Two missing boys found dead in B'baria canal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Two children were found dead in a canal at Pashchim Medda area of the town yesterday, a day after they went missing.

The deceased were Shuvoraj, 4, son of Mahabubur Rahman of the area and Nayan Adhikary, 5, son of Chandan Adhikary of the same area. They were friends.

It is not clear whether they drowned in the canal or were killed.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Sadar Model Police Station Md Nabir Hossain said the boys did not return home on Sunday after playing outside. Their family members filed a general diary in this regard.

The bodies were not sent to the morgue for autopsy because there were no complaints from the families of the victims, the OC added.

Strong-willed kids

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Two visually challenged students of Joypurhat sat for Primary Terminal Examinations that began on Sunday across the country.

The indomitable kids were born blind, said their parents.

They are Priti Kispatra, daughter of Biman Kispatra of Khiraphathar village, and Md Mehedi Hasan, son of Md Moazzel Hossain of Majhina village in Panchbibi upazila. The two are students of a local Brac school.

Both are writing answer scripts with the help of two assistants, said teachers.

Farm labourer Biman Kispatra said his

daughter is quite keen to be an educated person in future despite her disability. She does all household chores on her own.

Mehedi's father, a rickshaw puller, said his son was born blind, but he is capable of doing anything like other children.

Both Priti and Mehedi want to be teachers for physically challenged schoolchildren, said their parents.

Their schoolteacher Abdur Razzak said the duo can do everything except inserting thread in a needle. They are talented like other children. They are learning through Braille method, he said.

He urged the government to come forward for their educational expenses.



Visually impaired Priti and Mehedi at an exam centre in Joypurhat on Sunday.



The only X-ray machine in Faridpur's Char Bhadrasan Upazila Health Complex lies inoperative for 14 years, hampering treatment of patients in the rural area.

PHOTO: STAR

CHAR BHADRASAN HEALTH COMPLEX

Lone X-ray machine inoperative for 14 yrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

The lone X-ray machine at Char Bhadrasan Upazila Health Complex under the district has remained inoperative for nearly 14 years due to negligence of authorities concerned, which is causing suffering to patients.

The only X-ray machine was installed in 2001 and was operational till 2003. Since then it remained inoperative due to technical glitch, Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer Mohammad Abul Kalam Azad said.

He said the X-ray machine was set up for medical care of 70 thousand people living in the upazila.

It is very sad that despite presence of the machine local people are being deprived of X-ray service, added the doctor.

Sources at the government-run hospital said although there was an operator of the X-ray machine, he was transferred to

Gazipur.

On an average, about 70 patients take out door treatment daily, of them, 20 to 25 patients need to conduct X-ray.

As the machine is out of order for long, patients at the hospital have to go to private clinics and spend an extra amount of money.

"As we are poor, we could not go to private clinics," Shefali Begum of Jakirsura village in the upazila said, adding that if the machine was operative, they could have X-ray facilities at low cost.

As the X-ray machine has been inoperative for the last couple of years it is not possible to run it again, Dr Azad said, adding, they have informed their higher authority about the matter but yet to get any reply.

Faridpur Civil Surgeon Arun Kanti Biswas said they will install a new X-ray machine within six months.

Would-be bride victim of dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A would-be bride took her own life in Premnagar village under Rajnagar upazila as her father could not give the amount that the bridegroom demanded as dowry.

Cherag Bakht, father of the groom, was arrested yesterday from Boliarbagh village in Sadar upazila for inducing the girl's suicide.

Locals said marriage between Ripon Bakht, 25, son of Cherag Bakht of Boliarbagh village, and Rehana Begum, 19, daughter of Gaffar Mia, was fixed for November 27. The den-mohar was fixed at Tk 1.20 lakh.

The bride's family was shocked when Ripon demand Tk 2 lakh as dowry. Hearing this, the girl committed suicide on November 16.

Gaffar filed a case with Rajnagar Police Station in this connection on November 19, accusing Ripon and Cherag.

Sub-Inspector of the police station, also Investigation Officer of the case, Ziaul Islam said Gaffar alleged that Ripon had demanded Tk 2 lakh as dowry.

Police have arrested Cherag, he added.

Youth found murdered in Comilla city

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

A youth was found murdered in a three-storey building in the city's Bagichagaon area on Sunday.

The dead is Masudur Rahman Mazumder, 30, son of Shamsul Haque Mazumder of Subornopur village in Hajiganj upazila of Chandpur and an employee of Abul Khayer Group in Comilla.

The incident occurred at Sumon Villa of Natun Chowdhurypara of Bagichagaon.

Police picked up caretaker Jummon of the house for interrogation.



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