

A trailblazer in duck farming

Dhamrai villager shows the way to a successful venture

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Savar's retired worker Sherajul Islam has never had it so good. In his late fifties, he took a brave initiative to start something new and chose duck farming which later became a real boon to many families in the area.

Sherajul, 56, of Borochoindail village in Dhamrai upazila, outside the capital, retired from the job of caretaker at a refuelling station in 2014. Soon, anxiety engulfed him as he was the only bread-winner of his family which include his wife and a 16-year-old college going son, Habibullah.

One morning, Sherajul went to a local market to buy some eggs and noticed that the price of duck eggs was almost two times higher than that of chicken eggs.

"Nowadays, ducks and its eggs are gaining popularity among people for its nutrition value and taste. This could be a great start-up business for me, I thought to myself," Sherajul told this correspondent.

"I did not have any professional training in raising ducks. But, I started studying the farming process. I also visited some commercial duck farms in Netrakona, a large duck raising area in the country," he added.

It took Sherajul almost three months and some Tk 2.5 lakh to set up the farm. He also had to borrow some money to arrange for the start-up investment.

He first took lease on 75 decimals of land near his house from a neighbour. And on January 1, 2015, he bought 1,000 ducklings at a cheaper price (Tk 40,000) from Naogaon Livestock Office.

Initially, Sherajul faced several problems due to a lack of proper knowledge. Half of the ducklings that he bought were male and some of the ducklings even died of different diseases.

The retired person also had to spend more in the beginning as he was buying readymade duck food from local market. But, his son Habibullah searched on YouTube and found the process of

preparing duck food at home. This is how, Sherajul started saving Tk 10,000 per month on the cost of duck food.

Seven months later, in August, 2015, Sherajul made the first profit, which was Tk 35,000, by selling duck eggs to the wholesalers in local market.

"At present, I have over 1,000 ducks in my farm and I get some 7,000 eggs every day. I sell eggs for Tk 44 per hali (four pieces) to wholesalers," said Sherajul.

In June 2017, Sherajul rented a shop beside Dhaka-Aricha highway in Dhamrai Thana Stand area where Habibullah sell eggs now, said the proud entrepreneur, adding, "On an average, I make a profit of Tk 90,000 every month from egg sales."

Sherajul soon became an inspiration for other inhabitants. Many unemployed youths started duck farming following in his footsteps.

Shabed Ali is such a young entrepreneur. He returned from Saudi Arabia in 2015 and started driving covered van but it did not suit him.

"Meanwhile, I heard of Sherajul Vai's (brother) farm. I visited that and decided to set up my own farm," said Shabed, adding, "In my journey, Sherajul Vai (brother) helped me a lot with his suggestions. I also contacted the upazila livestock office to know about the vaccination system."

Shabed now has over 500 ducks and get 300 eggs per day but the number of eggs will stand at 400 in future, he hoped.

Some seven months after starting the farm in March 2015, Shabed saw the first profit of Tk 38,000.

At present, some 15 families are raising ducks and earning money by selling their eggs and meat in Dhamrai.

Dr Saïdur Rahman, upazila livestock officer of Dhamrai, said, "Sherajul has practical knowledge and we consider his establishment as a model duck farm. Whenever a new entrepreneur comes to us, we advise them to first visit Sherajul's farm and discuss with him before starting own business."



Duck farmer Sherajul Islam.



BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir along with senior leaders speaks to journalists after visiting party chief Khaleda Zia at Old Central Jail on Nazimuddin Road in the capital yesterday afternoon. Story on page 16.

PHOTO: BNP

6 killed

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doctors declared her dead. In Natore, motorcyclist Rabiul Islam, 44, was killed when a truck hit his bike, police said.

Meanwhile in Chittagong, a biker Abu Musa (42), died after being hit by a truck in Rubi Gate area of the port city on Tuesday, reports our correspondent.

Witnesses said a truck hit the bike leaving the rider dead on spot.

HC scraps govt

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The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case with Tejgaon Police Station against Falu and few others on charge of misappropriating government's relief materials in 2007.

Later, a Dhaka court framed charges against Falu and others in the case. Falu has been on bail in the case for a long time, he added.

The ACC is yet to decide whether it will move any appeal before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court against the HC verdict, said its lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan.

United they travel

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"It is nice to see women arranging everything on their own. I feel comfortable back at home when my daughter travel with them. Sometimes, I travel with them as well."

"TOB is helping women cross boundaries," she said. Her daughter Tamanna Ferdous said, "This group instills confidence into women about taking care of themselves like men. Travelling with TOB is like travelling with my own family."

AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

Aside from travelling, the platform has a project called "Narir Chokhe Bangladesh" (Bangladesh through the eyes of women). Under this project, a group of members visit educational institutions across the country with an aim to make school children, particularly female students, aware of the Liberation War history and their health during puberty.

A total of four members visit the institutions travelling on scooters. President Sakia

gives lecture on female health while GS Manoshi on Liberation War. "We are not a travel agency. We believe in change. So, we not only travel, but also help create awareness among school girls with the help of other women volunteers," said Sakia. While talking about the challenges during travelling, they said they used to face criticism. Though the challenges still remain, they feel proud of their initiative as the positive outcome eclipses the negative side, said Manoshi.

Both the founding members would not like to be content with what they have achieved in this short span of time. They want to do more for the women in the days to come to ensure more freedom for their fellows.

Besides TOB, there are also a few other groups, which help women travel. Such groups include Lady Travellers Bangladesh, (Chittagong) Lady Travellers Bangladesh, and Solo Women Travellers of Bangladesh.

UN envoy on genocide prevention in town

To visit Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide Adama Dieng arrived in the capital yesterday for a weeklong visit.

He is scheduled to hold meetings with Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali, Law Minister Anisul Huq, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque.

Adama Dieng will also visit the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.

Dhaka airport official gets death threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Security Officer of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport Rashida Sultana yesterday filed a general diary with the Airport Police Station.

In the general diary (GD), Rashida mentioned that she was given a death threat over the phone several times in the last couple of days, Noor-A-Azam, officer-in-charge of Airport Police Station, told The Daily Star.

Police are looking into the matter, said the officer-in-charge.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT PRESS TEJGAON, DHAKA-1208. INTERNATIONAL RE-TENDER NOTICE

Sl. No.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Public Administration.
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Public Administration.
2	Agency/Department	Department of Printing & Publication, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208,
3	Office of Procuring entity	Bangladesh Government Press, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.
4	Procuring entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh
5	Invitation for Re-Tenders Ref. No. & Date	05.82.0000.018.07.025(1).17-18/ ৬০৭ Date: ৭/৭/২০১৮
6	Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 01(One) No. Four Color Offset Printing Machine with Fully Automatic Perfecting System and Related Services.
7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM), International
8	Source of Fund	Revenue (Government of Bangladesh)
9	Tender Package Name	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 01(One) No. Four Color Offset Printing Machine with Fully Automatic Perfecting System and Related Services.
10	Last date and time for selling tender schedule.	09-04 -2018 (office working time).
11	Date & Time for Submission of Tender Documents.	10-04-2018 At 1.00 P.M
12	Date, Time and Places for Opening of tenders	10-04 -2018 Time 3.00 Office Room Of the Deputy Director of Bangladesh Government Press, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.
13	Name and Address of the offices for selling and submission of offer [Serial No. 2-4 Offices is only for dropping tender, not for selling].	1) Director General, Department of Printing And Publication, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208. 2) Divisional Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000. 3) Office of the Director, Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD), Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208. 4) Deputy Secretary, Printing branch, Ministry of Public Administration, Bangladesh Secretariat, Bhaban No-2, Room No-103 (1 st floor), Dhaka-1000. 5) Deputy Director, Bangladesh Government Press, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208 6) Deputy Director, Government Printing Press, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208 7) Deputy Director, Bangladesh Stationery Office, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208 8) Deputy Director, Bangladesh Forms And Publication Office, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208 9) Deputy Director, Bangladesh Security Printing Press, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.
14	Eligibility of Tenderer's	Tenderers must have 10 (ten) years specific experience in successful supply, installation and after sales services for providing Offset Printing Machine in Govt./Semi-Govt./Autonomous Organizations in Bangladesh. They will have to submit 'Certificate of Satisfaction' from at least 5(five) Govt./Semi-Govt. Organizations to whom they have supplied Offset Printing Machines and provided related goods and after sale services. Tenderers will have to submit documents showing their technical and manpower strength (at least 8 to 10 Engineers employed in their organization. At least two of the engineers should have graduation degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering and two of them should have graduation degree in Mechanical Engineering. At least four of the engineers should have efficiency/ training certificates from the manufacturer) for providing after sale services.
15	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 01(One) No. Four Color Sheet Fed Offset Printing Machine with Fully Automatic Perfecting System and Related Services for Bangladesh Government Press, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.
16	Brief Description of Related Services	(1) Installation of Machine & equipments.(2) Factory & skill development training at purchasing office and manufacturer premises (3) Maintenance of the Machine.(4) Carriage in out/transportation cost (charges & other) will be borne by the supplier.
17	Identification of Goods	Tender Document Price Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 01(One) No. Four Color Sheet Fed Offset Printing Machine with Fully Automatic Perfecting System and Related Services BDT. 34,000.00 or Equivalent USD/EURO (Non-Refundable) Tender Security Amount BDT 21,90,000.00 or Equivalent USD/EURO (Refundable) Completion Time & date 30-06-2018
18	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Saroar Hossain
19	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy Director, Bangladesh Government Press, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.
20	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Government Press, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.
21	Contact Details of the Official	Phone : 02-9117415 Fax :02- 9112422 e-mail : dd.bgpres@dpp.gov.bd
22	Special Instructions :	(a) No tender will be received after the deadline of submission. (b) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time and venue. (c) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to omit, increase or decrease the quantity of tender items. (d) Tender Document Price has to be paid in Pay Order and Tender Security Amount has to be paid in Pay Order/Bank Guarantee. Pay-Order/Bank Guarantee will be in favor of Bangladesh Government Press, Dhaka (e) VAT and Taxes have to be paid as per Rules of the Government of Bangladesh.(f) The bidders must abide by the decision of the HOPE. (g) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

N.B. Full specification and other terms and conditions are available as per Schedule at Website: www.bgpres.gov.bd

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Deputy Director
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President starts India tour tomorrow

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at Balat where the chopper of the president and his team will land tomorrow [Friday]...." Kazi Muntashir Murshed, assistant high commissioner of Bangladesh told The Telegraph.

Around 1:00pm today, President Hamid, his wife and a 70-member delegation will land at Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport in Assam of India.

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Governor Jagdish Mukhi will meet the Bangladesh president. Later on, the Assam government will host a dinner in honour of the Bangladesh president.

On Friday, two helicopters of Indian Air Force will take President Hamid and his entourage to Balat and then to Shillong, where the president is scheduled to visit the bungalow of Bidhan Chandra Roy (former Bengal chief minister between 1948 and 1962) and Sidi House, where Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore had stayed during his third visit in 1927.

After spending the night at the Raj Bhavan, the president will return to Guwahati and leave for New Delhi to

take part in the founding ceremony of ISA Summit, scheduled to be held on March 11.

The event, participated by heads of states and governments of 23 countries along with ministerial level delegations from nine other countries, is being hosted jointly by India and France. A joint statement of participating countries will be issued after the conclusion of the summit, said the Bangladesh foreign minister.

The president is also likely to pay courtesy calls on the presidents of India, Sri Lanka and France. President Hamid will return home on March 12.

PM'S VISIT TO SINGAPORE
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during her visit to Singapore will hold a bilateral meeting with Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

Hasina will also pay a courtesy call on Singapore's first female president, Halimah Yacob.

On March 12, she will attend a lunch hosted by the Singapore premier. Foreign Minister Ali during the briefing said Singapore, to honour Prime Minister Hasina, would name an orchid in its famous botanical

garden after her name.

According to Singapore's decades-long tradition, all heads of states and governments paying state or official visits to the country are given the opportunity to have a unique orchid named after them.

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali, State Minister for Power and Energy Nasrul Hamid, senior government officials and a high-level business delegation will accompany her. The PM will attend two meetings of "Bangladesh-Singapore Business Forum 2018" and "Bangladesh-Singapore Business Roundtable" as the chief guest.

Six agreements and memorandum of understandings are expected to be signed during the visit. Foreign Minister Ali said the visit is also "politically important" for Bangladesh as Singapore is the chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Bangladesh will seek Singapore's support on the issue of Rohingya refugees and mobilising support for becoming the "Sectoral Dialogue Partner", he added. The PM will return to Dhaka on March 14.

Look after

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Asadul Haque Sufyani, chief marketing officer of Seven Rings Cement, said construction workers should be provided with personal safety gears such as helmets, boots and vests. Shamsul Alam, president of Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB), also stressed the need for a proper guideline for ensuring workers' rights such as compensations and benefits.

Abdul Quayum, associate editor of Prothom Alo, mod-

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Union, said extremists should not be allowed to win. He said they arranged such an event since "reading quality books can refrain new generation from such activities".

Prof Zafar Iqbal came under a knife attack during a programme on Shahjalal University of Science and Technology campus in Sylhet on Saturday.

Office of the Superintendent Engineer
Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University, Dinajpur

Memo No: HSTU/Engr-21/2017-2018/283 Date: 06/03/2018

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Tender ID No.	Invitation reference No. & date	Name of works	Tender publication date & time	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
172435	HSTU/Engr-156/274 04-Mar-2018	Supplying & Installation of Air Cooler for Reading Room 1st. Floor & Teachers Room 1st Floor of Library Building at HSTU Dinajpur	04-Mar-2018 10:15am	25-Mar-2018 11:30am	25-Mar-2018 11:30am
172427	HSTU/Engr-451/273 04-Mar-2018	Supplying of Double Cabin AC Pickup at HSTU Dinajpur	04-Mar-2018 10:00am	25-Mar-2018 12:00 noon	25-Mar-2018 12:00 noon
173247	HSTU/Engr-176/278 06-Mar-2018	Construction of Vertical Extension Semi Pucca Store Room for Engineering Section at HSTU Dinajpur.	06-Mar-2018 10:00am	27-Mar-2018 11:30am	27-Mar-2018 11:30am
173244	HSTU/Engr-222/277 06-Mar-2018	Supplying, Fitting and Fixing of VIP Conference Room Furniture, Sound Systems & Projector work for New Constructed Administrative Building at HSTU, Dinajpur	06-Mar-2018 09:00am	27-Mar-2018 12:00 noon	27-Mar-2018 12:00 noon

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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