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WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh visits Jamtali Rohingya camp in Ukhiya of Cox's Bazar on Tuesday.

# Cropland declines in Natore

Farmers shift to fish, fruit farming for more profit

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Cropland is decreasing at an alarming rate in the district as farmers have shifted to fish and fruit farming for getting more profit. Agricultural land in the district has reduced by about 6500 hectares in the last four years, said Md Rafiqul Islam, deputy director of Natore Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE). There was 1,53,674 hectares of cultivatable cropland in 2013-14 but it decreased to 1,50,838 hectares in 2014-2015, 1,48,743 hectares in 2015-2016 and 1,47,181 hectares in 2016-2017, he said. Imran Ali Khaja of Sadar upazila said he is digging a pond on his five bighas of agricultural land for more profitable fish farm.

He can get Tk 30,000 to Tk 35,000 from one bigha of pond while he can hardly get Tk 10,000 to Tk 15,000 by cultivating crops on the same area of land per year, said Imran. "I used to grow different crops on eleven acres of land six to seven years ago, but now it is only two acres because the rest has turned into mango orchards," said Azadul Islam of Bangabaria village. He could hardly recover his capital when he cultivated different crops on his land, but now he is getting minimum Tk 30,000 by leasing each bigha of mango orchard, said Azadul. "We have very limited land, so we should give most priority on saving the cultivatable land from any conversion to save our agricul-

ture," said Mehedul Islam, agriculture officer of Sadar upazila. If the land changing continues, agricultural production will face a great crisis, he added. If anyone wants to change the class of his land from agriculture to orchard or pond, he must take permission from the land office. But none is following the rule, said Shamim Bhuiyan, assistant commissioner (Land) of the upazila. Sometimes the people are digging pond on their croplands after taking permission from the High Court, he added. Alok Kumar Saha, district fisheries officer, said fish production has increased to 8500 tonnes in the last five years.

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01	Golap/poura/E-tender/2018-03	Rehabilitation of BC Road at Ronkhali Digirpar Link Road to in front of Mollik Mia house Ch. 00-400m, Golap/Poura/2017-18/E-GP/1693 date 24-03-2018. Last selling date 11-04-2018 5.00pm. Opening date: 12-04-2018 1.00pm.	180072

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## Rescue two abducted

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 general secretary of HWE, and Doya Sona Chakma, general secretary of Rangamati unit HWE, an associate organisation of United Peoples Democratic Front (UPDF), were abducted on March 18 and have been missing since. Armed criminals, wearing masks, launched an attack in a residential area of Kudukchari area of Rangamati around 9:30am on March 18, when pro-UPDF leaders and activists had gathered there. The assailants indiscriminately opened fire, reads the statement. Manti and Doya Sona took shelter in a nearby house and, as per media reports, the criminals beat them up after entering the house and subsequently abducted them. Dharmasingh Chakma, central finance secretary of Gonotantik Jubo Forum, sustained bullet injuries in the incident. The miscreants torched a mess, which was meant for students of remote areas, while leaving the area, it added. "So many days have passed, but no effective rescue measures from the administration have come to our attention. The government, surprisingly, remains very nonchalant," reads the statement. "We are very much concerned over the abduction of political activists by criminals in broad daylight and we condemn it," it said. Manti was an important witness to the murder of Romel Chakma, a leader of PCP (Pahari Chhatra Parishad), it said. Doya Sona visited Rangamati Hospital on several occasions to express solidarity with two Marma girls, who were allegedly raped and harassed sexually in January and were kept confined to the hospital, it said. In the last few months, masked criminals have been unleashing terror in the hill tracts in broad daylight, reads the statement. They killed UPDF leader Mithun Chakma in January after taking him from his home but the administration could not arrest anyone in this regard, it said. These criminals have been violating people's rights and destabilising Chittagong Hill Tracts, it said. HWE leader Kalpana Chakma was abducted 21 years ago and no one has been brought to book in this connection, it said. "Besides, we are aggrieved over the nonchalant attitude of the government towards the random incidents of forced disappearance, killing, rape and abduction..." they said. The signatories include-- Dhaka University Emeritus Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury, rights activist Hameeda Hossain, Co-chair of CHT Commission Sultana Kamal, writer Syed Abul Maksud, Gonoshasthaya Kendra Trustee Zafullah Chowdhury, Jahangirnagar University Prof Anu Muhammer and Prof Maleka Begum.

**E-Tender Notice**

E-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of "Supply & Installation of Online UPS, Generator and Related Accessories".

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description	Online tender notice publication date	Online tender closing date
179738	UGC/HEQEP/CU/BMB/CP-4023/PROCUREMENT/G9/2018	Supply & Installation of Online UPS/Automatic Generator and Related Accessories	29-March-2018 12:00	19-April-2018 12:00

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## Two children hurt

FROM PAGE 2  
 Hossen Hiron and local Chhatra League men, supporters of Chittagong City Corporation Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin, over taking control of railway land in the area. On Tuesday night, Hiron's supporters brought out a procession in New Jhantala area. But the BCL men chased them away. Hiron supporters later allegedly hurled some crude bombs at the BCL men where the explosion happened yesterday, said the locals. Asked, OC Naser said there was no incident of hurling crude bombs that night. The OC said the two children might have been injured by a cracker. The cracker was abandoned near the playground and it went off when the two were playing with that, the police official said. Police are investigating the incident, the OC added. Touthid, medical officer of CMCH's orthopaedic surgery ward, said a finger of Sohan's right hand was dislocated and surgery would be needed.

## Death to Sathi's attacker demanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj  
 Speakers at a rally in the town yesterday demanded speedy trial and capital punishment of the attacker of a schoolgirl. Students and teachers of different educational institutions joined the programme in front of deputy commissioner's office. On March 14, Monirul Islam, 25, stabbed sixth grader Sathi Khatun of Kamaluddin Girls' High School in Hujrapur area of the town. She is now undergoing treatment at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, said the speakers. They also demanded exemplary punishment to Monirul so that nobody dares to commit such crime again. The speakers said many students feel insecure after the incident, so local administration should ensure security of all students. Police arrested Monirul soon after the incident.

## Community radio out of order

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali  
 Transmissions of Amtali Krishi Radio FM 98.8, a community radio under Amtali upazila in Barguna, have been stopped for over a month as its transmitter went out of order. As a result, coastal people, especially farmers, cannot listen to agriculture related information and recreation. Amtali Krishi Radio started transmission on January 1 in 2012 to spread agriculture related information to achieve good yield. In the short time, the radio got popularity due to its relevant contents. The radio was started with two transmitters and one went out of order in 2016 and since then it was operated with one transmitter. Recently, the authority repaired the transmitter but on February 9 this year, both transmitters suddenly went out of order, said Md Arifur Rahman, station manager of the radio. Since then local farmers cannot listen to agricultural related information and recreational programmes, he said. Md Harun-Or-Rashid, deputy director of mass communication and coordinator of Krishi Information Service, said transmitting activities of Amtali Krishi radio have been stopped due to technical glitch. Dr. Nurul Islam, director for Krishi Information Service under the agriculture ministry, said they sent a proposal to the agriculture ministry to buy a new transmitter while they are trying to repair another one.

**Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka**  
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**Admission into Postgraduate Programs Semester: April 2018**

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**B) Master Degree Program:**  
 M. Arch. in Architecture

**Important Information**

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  - Receipt of Application Form and Cash Payment of Tk 500/- (five hundred) as application fee (non-refundable).
  - Two attested copies of recent passport-size color photographs (applicant's name must be written on the reverse side of each photograph).
  - Attested copies of certificates of all public examinations.
  - Attested copies of transcripts/grade-sheets/mark-sheets of degrees obtained.
  - Attested copies of testimonial/character certificate from the institution last attended.
  - Letter of consent, in prescribed form, from the employer for applicants in employment.
- Prospectus containing detailed qualification requirements for admission into different programs and information regarding the submission of application is available at <http://www.buet.ac.bd/home/admission>
- Applicants in employment whether part-time or full-time must apply through their employers for both part-time and full-time enrollments.
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- Selection of candidates for admission into a postgraduate program is performed by respective department/institute. The selection procedure may vary from one department to another. Candidates are advised to contact the respective department/institute for information regarding the selection procedure.
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০১)	সরবরাহ/বিভাগ	বিদ্যুৎ, খাদ্যাদি ও খনিজ সম্পদ সরবরাহ/বিদ্যুৎ বিভাগ		
০২)	অফিস/প্রকল্পের নাম	আশুগঞ্জ পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড (এপিএসসিএল)		
০৩)	প্রকিউরমেন্ট মেসড	উদ্ভুক্ত দরপত্র		
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০৭)	দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৭/০৩/২০১৮ খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত		
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