

# Trade in honey from litchi

700 tonnes of honey worth Tk 13cr collected this year

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

Beekeepers collected around 700 tonnes of honey worth around Tk 13 crore from the litchi orchards in the district this year.

Uttarbanga Moushishi Samity President Md Jahangir Alam said around 500 honey collectors from different northern districts came to Dinajpur as soon as the litchi trees started flowering. They collected about 700 tonnes of honey from around 40,000 beehives.

The market value of the honey is around Tk 13 crore, said Jahangir.

Horticulturist of Department of Horticulture Imrul Ahsan said there are 3,500 commercial litchi orchards in different upazilas, adding that there are many homesteads that have litchi trees.

Imrul said pollination is needed

for plants to reproduce and many plants depend on bees or other insects as pollinators. Pollination takes place when a bee collects nectar and pollen from the flower of a plant, he said, adding that honey bees are the best pollinators for litchi.

Flowering of litchi plants began at the end of February this year, said Imrul. The honey cultivators and litchi orchardists have been benefited, he added.

During a visit to different orchards in Sadar upazila, Biral, Chirirbandar and Ghoraghat areas in the district, this correspondent found that the honey collectors had set up many beehives (boxes) in litchi orchards for collecting honey.

Rafiqul Islam, a honey collector from Joypurhat, set up around 80 beehives at a litchi orchard at Kawgaon

village in Sadar upazila on March 15. He collected around 1.7 tonnes of honey till April 5, he added.

"I sold the honey at Tk 175 per kg," said Rafiqul, adding that he received training on beekeeping from Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC).

Dulal Talukdar, a honey collector from Tangail, set up around 75 boxes at litchi orchards at Amarpur village in Chirirbandar upazila. He said farmers collect honey produced from different crops like litchi trees and mustard plants from end of November to end of March.

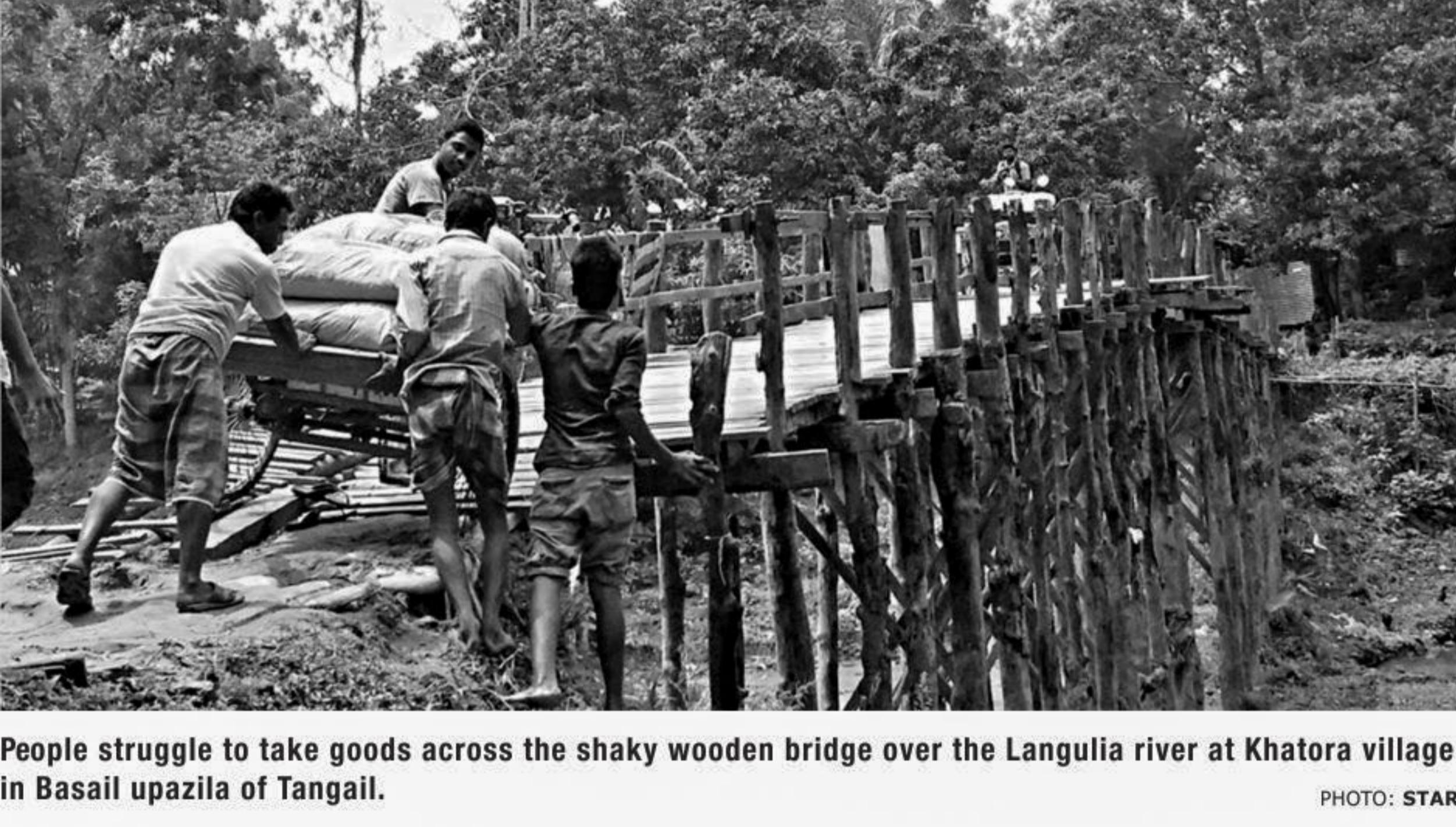
He along with four other beekeepers collected around four tonnes of honey from there and sold it for Tk 1.70 lakh, Dulal said.

Different companies in the country buy the honey, he added.



This pangolin, injured after getting trapped in a net at a garden of Ichobpur in Moulvibazar's Sreemangal on April 26, faces paralysis as Bangladesh Wildlife Service Foundation failed to cure it. The forest department has not taken initiative for its better treatment while the only wildlife treatment centre in Sylhet region, Lawacherra Wildlife Rescue Centre, is running without any surgeon and adequate equipment.

PHOTO: STAR



People struggle to take goods across the shaky wooden bridge over the Langulia river at Khatora village in Basail upazila of Tangail.

PHOTO: STAR

## SUICIDE OF SCHOOLGIRL 'Punish madrasa teacher'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Mymensingh*

Local people staged a demonstration at Hapania Goysapara village in Trishal upazila yesterday, demanding exemplary punishment of a madrasa teacher for harassing a 13-year-old schoolgirl.

Sohagi Begum, daughter of day labourer Nazrul Islam, committed suicide after being harassed by her teacher Mobarak Hossain, 26, of local Kawranbhai Furkania Madrasa on Saturday.

Sohagi, a fourth grader at local Goysapara Government Primary School, used to go to the adjacent madrasa to learn Arabic. She went there on Saturday morning when the teacher harassed her after the class was over.

On learning about the matter, local people rushed to the spot but the perpetrator ran away. The girl was taken to her house.

Being upset, Sohagi shut herself up in a room of her house and committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling, around two hours after the incident, said Trishal Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md Jakir Rahman.

Locals caught Mobarak from his in-laws' house in the village on Saturday and handed him over to police.

Mobarak was produced yesterday before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court that sent him to jail, the OC said, adding that he confessed during interrogation that he used to harass the girl on various occasions.

The girl was buried at her family graveyard early yesterday after autopsy at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, he added.

## Abducted girl child rescued at Benapole

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Benapole*

Police rescued a three-year-old girl from Benapole yesterday four days after her abduction from Pirojpur.

The victim is Hridoy, daughter of Shahid Bari of Jhatkati village in Pirojpur Sadar upazila.

Monir Hossain, sub-inspector of Benapole Police Station, said Taslima Khatun of Rajar Khola village in Pirojpur Sadar adopted the girl from her father after her mother was sent to jail in a case a few months ago.

A gang led by Mahabul, Shahabul, Bakul and Hafizur of Benapole abducted the baby from Pirojpur on Wednesday for ransom.

Taslima gave Tk 5000 to the kidnappers but they did not return Hridoy.

Benapole and Pirojpur police jointly rescued the girl from the area yesterday.

## Daughter's stalker kills father Main accused Rony arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Bogra*

A man was stabbed to death by a gang led by his daughter's stalker in Gabtoli upazila on Saturday.

The deceased was Md Sayed Ali, 38, of Perirhat Purbopara village in the upazila.

Police arrested prime accused Rony Ahmed, 20, son of Saiful Islam of Shahjahanpur upazila and his accomplice Siam, 23, of Gabtoli upazila. Rony is a first year student of Kahaloo Degree College.

Police said Rony often stalked the victim's tenth grader daughter. Recently, he gave a marriage proposal to the girl's family.

As Ali refused the proposal, Rony became very angry.

When he along with four accomplices went to the victim's house on Saturday night to kidnap his daughter, Ali resisted them.

At this, Rony and his accomplices stabbed the victim, leaving him critically injured.

Hearing screams, locals rushed to the spot and caught Rony and one of his accomplices red-handed and informed police. However, the rest managed to flee the scene.

Critically injured Ali later died at a hospital, said Gabtoli police.

## Risky wooden bridge

The bridge built a decade ago has broken down at several points

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Tangail*

A wooden bridge built by villagers around a decade ago at Khatora village in Basail upazila has broken down at several points due to rotting of the structure, hampering communication and causing suffering to the people.

Locals built the bridge over the Langulia river with the help of the then lawmaker and the upazila chairman.

The bridge is the only means to go to the upazila headquarters for several thousand people in Kawaljani and Fulki unions, locals said, adding that several thousand people of the adjacent Kalihati upazila also use it.

Besides, students of Kawaljani Board Bazar Government Primary School, Lutfu Shanta Girls' High School and Kawaljani Nawshera High

School use the bridge to go to their educational institutions, said Habibur Rahman of Kawaljani.

The Board Bazar area is very important for local people as several banks and many educational institutions are situated there, he said.

Local people have been facing problems in transporting their goods and products, including crops and raw materials, to the markets as vehicles cannot move on the broken and shaky bridge. Only pedestrians can cross the bridge, but at great risk, he added.

People have to go an extra five kilometres on an alternative route to take their goods to the upazila headquarters on vehicles, he added.

Although the people's representatives had made promises to construct a

concrete bridge, they have not been fulfilled so far, said shopkeeper Saiful Islam in Board Bazar area.

The then lawmaker Shawkat Momen Shahjahan had helped local people to erect the wooden bridge, said Kawaljani Union Parishad Chairman Habibur Rahman Chowdhury.

"Construction of a concrete bridge is a longstanding demand of the local people. We have submitted a memorandum in this regard to the authorities concerned," he added.

Basail Upazila Chairman Kazi Shahidul Islam said necessary survey and measurements have already been done.

A proposal to construct a concrete bridge has been sent to the ministry concerned, said Upazila Engineer Amzad Hossain.

## Elderly father assaulted by sons takes own life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Mymensingh*

An elderly man committed suicide after being assaulted allegedly by his two sons over family affairs in Muktagachha upazila of the district yesterday.

The victim was Abdul Baten, 65, a farmer of Kashimpur village.

Quoting locals, Muktagachha Police Station Officer-in-Charge Ali Ahmed Molla said Baten recently divorced his wife, which made his two sons -- Md Sarwar and Md Anwar -- angry.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police are investigating the incident, the OC said. An unnatural death case was lodged with the police station.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

'Ecosystem based development, management and conservation of the Saint Martin's Island' Project

Department of Environment (DoE)

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Date: 03/05/2018

### Request for Expressions of Interest (EoI)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF).
2	Agency	Department of Environment (DoE).
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director of 'Ecosystem based development, management and conservation of the Saint Martin's Island' Project.
4	Procuring entity code	N/A
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting firm for Establishment of Turtle Hatchery, Protection of hatching ground & Release of Hatchling to the Sea.
7	Title of service	Expressions of Interest (REoI) for Consulting firm for Establishment of Turtle Hatchery, Protection of hatching ground & Release of Hatchling to the Sea.

### KEY INFORMATION

8	Procurement method/sub-method	Fixed Budget Selection (FBS).
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### FUNDING INFORMATION

9	Budget and source of funds	GoB
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10	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A
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### PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Project/programme code (if applicable)	5004
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12	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Ecosystem based development, management & conservation of the Saint Martin's Island.
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13	EoI closing date and time	Date: 22/05/2018
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14	Information for Applicant	Date: 22/05/2018 Time: 12:00 noon.
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### INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

14	Brief description of assignment	Selected firm will be responsible for the following activities:
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- Conduct detailed surveys in the beach of St. Martin Island (SMI) for identifying/locating nesting beach/grounds of sea turtles.
- Monitor sea turtle nesting round the year and document all scientific information.
- Manage nests for in-situ hatching and if needed relocate (ex-situ) the clutches for safe hatching.
- Manage all nests laid on the beaches of SMI for safe hatching.
- Investigate threats level including sources of threats, and recommend the measures to DoE for actions.
- Conduct Sea turtle migration and population study, nesting success inventory, mortality and nesting frequency, seasonality in details.
- Identify and recognize critical nesting beaches and undertake actions for safe nesting.
- Control all predators (dogs, crow, other predatory animals) and stop egg poaching.
- Establish sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation center.
- Conduct by-catch awareness program among community & offshore fishermen to reduce by-catch.
- Investigate by-catch intensity and identify ways of by-catch reduction.
- Designate all nesting beach areas, locations and draft conservation zoning for sea turtle and incorporate with SMI ecological zoning.
- Suggest seasonal conservation actions, measures, and practice during the course of project.
- Provide DoE a detailed CMP & action plans for long term conservation program of marine turtle.

15	Qualification & experience required	NGOs/Consulting firms having at least ten years consecutive experiences of working in relevant/similar work/activity
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