



Park Market, the main kitchen market in Tangail town, remains in an awful condition for long, thanks to the negligence of the authorities concerned.

Clinics, food supplier fined, brokers jailed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A mobile court yesterday fined private clinics, diagnostic centres, wholesale rice shops, medical representatives and a food supplier, and awarded seven days' jail to brokers of private clinic and diagnostic laboratory in Nesarabad upazila.

Nesarabad Assistant Commissioner (AC-land) Md Kawsar Hossain conducted the mobile court with the help of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-8) from Barisal.

The mobile court fined Apex Health Clinic, Mediprime Clinic and Diagnostic Centre, Swarup Diagnostic Centre, Nova Digital Diagnostic Centre and Nesarabad Digital Laboratory a total of Tk 2,45,000.

"The private clinics do not have any doctor and there are more beds than they have permission for, and the diagnostic centres do not have certified technicians," the AC-land said.

Rice traders Mithun Saha, Gopal Saha, Jaharlal Saha and Rafiq Hossain were fined a total of Tk 1,32,000 for using plastic sacks instead of jute sacks, he said.

Medical representatives Md Fayed of Square Pharmaceuticals and Md Alamgir Hossain of Popular Pharmaceuticals were fined Tk 30,000 for harassing patients and taking snaps of their prescriptions.

The mobile court also fined Md Sohag, food supplier to Nesarabad Upazila Health Complex, Tk 20,000 for supplying low quality food to the patients.

Merry Begum and Aslam Hossain were sentenced to imprisonment for seven days each for trying to lure patients to different diagnostic centres and clinics.

16 BNP activists held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police arrested 16 leaders and activists of BNP on Tuesday.

"Informed that leaders and activists of BNP were holding a meeting in Kochi's house, police raided the place and arrested them," said Sadar Police Station OC Redwanur Rahim.

The arrestees are Bokhtiar Rahman Kochi, joint convener of the unit, Shakhawat Hossain, a leader of Nawabganj upazila BNP, Wakil Uddin, Abdul Nur Akteruzzaman, Md Zakaria Md Abdullah, Siddique Rahman, Md Faruk, Manikul Islam, Abdul Ali Bokul Mahfuzar Rahman, Mamunur Rashid, Md Nuruzzaman, Farshidul Islam and Khairul Islam.

Police sent them to jail through a court.

Police filed a case under Special Powers Act against 70 people, naming 38 leaders and activists of BNP. The 16 were shown arrested in the case.

Sorry state of Park Market in Tangail town

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Park Bazar, the main kitchen market in the town, is in a terrible state as it has not been renovated for the last several years.

The kitchen market was set up on the only children's park in the town in July of 1977 for six months. It was supposed to be removed after completion of the development works of Chhoi Ani Bazar, another old kitchen market in the town, traders said.

However, Park Bazar was set up permanently in the children's park in 1989.

The kitchen market, established on three acres of lands, is known as the biggest wholesale vegetable market in the district, they added.

As there is no drainage system in the market, people cannot move easily after slight rain due to stagnant water and thick mud, he said, adding that there is no place for people to take shelter during rain or storm.

Vegetable sellers sit on the streets near the

market, disrupting movement of people and vehicles, said Hossain Ali, a vegetable wholesaler. Loading and unloading of goods from trucks are done on the roads, creating sufferings for people, he added.

Beef and mutton shops are situated side by side so Hindu buyers feel uneasy when they come to buy meat, said Shyamol Saha, a resident of the town.

The only mosque in the market is situated just beside the fish market, and the bad smell from the market makes it unpleasant for people saying their prayers, said Insan Ali, who says his prayers at the mosque.

The restaurants are situated just beside the chicken shops, and it is hard for people to take meals there due to the dirty environment and bad smell, said Azmat Ali, a vegetable wholesaler from Madhupur.

Residents of Khalpar Road area and students of Government Model Primary School are suffering as vendors and trucks occupy the road in

front of the school, said Biplob Saha, a resident of the area.

Shops were constructed at the Eidgah side of the market a few years ago and allocated to people loyal to the then ruling party leaders. Moreover, plans were made to construct more shops in the open spaces at the market, locals said.

Although taxes are collected from vendors and from vehicles for loading and unloading goods, nothing has been done for developing the infrastructure and increasing facilities for the sellers and buyers, said Joher Ali, general secretary of the Park Market Traders' Association.

"Development of the market is the responsibility of the municipal authorities, but nothing has been done despite verbal and written requests to them for renovating the market," he added.

Saifuzzaman Sohail, panel mayor of Tangail municipality, said they will start renovation of the market as soon as possible.



A man (not in the picture) collects hog plum at an orchard at Kalakhali village in Pirojpur Sadar upazila.

Growers happy with good price of amra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Hog plum growers in different upazilas of the district are happy with good market price of the popular fruit, locally known as amra, this season.

Growers start collecting the delicious fruit from the middle of June every year and continue till the next three months.

Every season, the hog plum trees start flowering between middle of January to mid February and the fruits became matured in four months.

Each maund of hog plum is selling for Tk 700 to Tk 850 at different local markets, growers and people involved with the trade said.

"We started collecting hog plum from the growers around three weeks back," fruit trader Aminul of Nazirpur upazila said, adding that they carry the fruits to Dhaka and other places of the country by trucks or launches.

Though the production of the fruit is a bit little lower compared to last year, its price is good at the local markets, he said.

Hog plum of Barisal region, especially from Pirojpur and nearby Jhalakathi, has a great demand across the country.

Although hog plum is grown in almost all the seven upazilas of Pirojpur, it grows

well in Sadar, Nazirpur, Nesarabad and Kawkhali upazilas.

Due to its increasing demand and good profit, hog plum cultivation in those upazilas is increasing every year.

"Being inspired by other growers, I planted 50 hog plum plants last year and hope to get yield from next season," Motiur Rahman of Kalakhali village in Sadar upazila said.

"Usually the trees start to bear fruits within three years of plantation but those start yielding in abundance in five years," he said.

The fruit contains different types of nutrients like vitamin C, calcium, carotene, sugar and iron.

Besides, hog plum trees did not require any extra care like other fruit trees and no chemical is needed for its preservation.

Pirojpur Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) Deputy Director (DD) Abu Hena Mohammad Jafar said growers can collect up to five maunds of hog plum from each mature tree every year and can continue the process for 10 years.

Around 500 hectares of land have been brought under hog plum cultivation in the district this year, which was 493 hectares last year, the DD said.



Chilahati rail station in Domar upazila of Nilphamari serves as a good infrastructure for Chilahati land port but the latter is yet to see operation, seven years after its inauguration.

CHILAHATI LAND PORT Operation yet to start 7 yrs after opening

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Agitation is mounting among Nilphamari people as Chilahati Land Port, having both rail and road communication facility, in Domar upazila is yet to start operation seven years after its inauguration in June 2011.

Following a public meeting, Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan inaugurated the port on June 13, 2011.

During the inauguration ceremony, the minister said, "The government will implement a Tk 203 crore project to renovate the existing rail communication system and modernise the Chilahati Station to make the port fully operative."

Although the giant railway project was completed about two and a half years ago and five intercity and mail trains make up and down journeys to the capital and other big cities daily, the land port is yet to start functioning, locals alleged.

Farhanul Huq, vice-president of Nilphamari Chamber of Commerce and Industries, said, "We urge the government to open the land port activities immediately to boost up development in this backward region of the country."

"Chilahati port is completely different from the other ports of the country as it has both broad gauge rail communication facility as well as road communication for transportation of goods at a cheaper cost and shortest possible time," he added.

Former President of the platform Abdul Wahed Sarker said due to its convenient geographical location trade can be facilitated with seven sister states of India and Nepal and Bhutan from Chilahati port.

"Many exporters and importers from Nilphamari have to use Burimari and Banglabandha Land Port now, which is not only waste of time but money as well," President of Saidpur Merchants Association Idris Ali said.

"I have already raised the issue in the parliament and the minister concerned has expressed optimism in this regard," lawmaker from Domar-Dimla constituency Aftabuddin Sarker said.

Nilphamari Deputy Commissioner Khaled Rahim said setting up of Chilahati Land Port has already been published in the gazette and our officials are communicating with their Indian counterparts to start its operation very soon.

Man kills baby, woman killed by daughter-in-law

STAR COUNTRY DESK

An infant was killed allegedly by her drunken father in Moulvibazar while a woman was beaten to death by her daughter-in-law in Gaibandha on Tuesday.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent reported that an alcoholic killed his two-month-old daughter and injured his wife and another daughter in Habiganj's Lakhai upazila.

The deceased, Ikra Moni, was daughter of Faizur Mia of Manpur village.

Locals said drunken Faizur beat up his wife Fuljan and nine-year-old daughter over a family feud on Tuesday evening. At one stage, Faizur threw Ikra to the ground.

Villagers took Ikra to Habiganj Sadar Hospital where the doctors declared her dead.

Police arrested Faizur the same night.

Away in Gaibandha, a woman allegedly killed her mother-in-law in Sundarganj upazila.

The deceased, Maksuda Begum, 40, was wife of Abdul Hamid of Dakuatari village.

Quoting family members, police said Sharifa Begum locked in an altercation with her mother-in-law Maksuda over a family feud on Tuesday night and at one stage, she hit Maksuda on the head with a stick.

Injured Maksuda died on her way to Rangpur Medical College Hospital the same night.

Police arrested Sharifa from her house yesterday.

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01	Invitation for	Construction of Boundary Wall with RCC Pillar on Demarking Boundary Line at Taraboo Mouza Land of Latif Bawany Jute Mills Ltd. Demra, Dhaka-1360.
02	Selling Tender Document	From 18/07/2018.
03	Last Selling Date	24/07/2018.
04	Receiving of Tender	Upto : 25/07/2018 Time : 12.00 Noon.
05	Opening Date	25/07/2018 Time : 01.00 PM
06	Place of Selling Tender Document	i) From Accounts Department, Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) Adamjee Court Building (Annex-1), 2nd Floor ii) From Accounts Department (Cash Section) Latif Bawany Jute Mills Ltd. Demra, Dhaka
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