



Cracks develop in a transplanted Aman paddy field in Nilphamari Sadar upazila as the ongoing monsoon sees much less than expected rain in the area. Inset, a power pump is used to irrigate a field to prepare it for Aman cultivation.

PHOTO: EAM ASADUZZAMAN

Scanty rain hampers Aman farming

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

Vast areas of croplands in the district are still empty in the ongoing peak Aman cultivation season as farmers are facing difficulties to prepare the land due to insufficient rain in the monsoon.

"The rainy season comprising Bangla months of Ashar and Sraban (mid June-mid August) is the peak time for Aman transplantation to get maximum yield. If it is delayed, production will decrease," said Sirajul Islam, additional deputy director of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Nilphamari.

Farmers prefer to cultivate Aman with rainwater as it saves irrigation cost, he added.

"There was only 225 mm rainfall in this month till July 23, which is much lower than average 350mm-400 mm rainfall in this period. Surprisingly, there was no rainfall in nine days from July 1- July 23," said Sanarul Islam, sub assistant agriculture officer of DAE in Nilphamari.

Due to inadequate rain, farmers could complete Aman cultivation on only 38.2 thousand hectares of land consisting only 34% of the DAE's target of 1.13 lakh hectares, he said.

Visiting different villages in the district, it was found that seedlings in many seedbeds have become too old as they attained 45 to 50 days.

The situation has arisen as farmers could not transplant them in due time for want of water although they must be transplanted within 18-28 days.

Many big and solvent farmers are preparing their land with underground water extracted by power-run shallow or deep pumps to transplant the paddy but marginal farmers and sharecroppers cannot afford it.

"I cultivated my five-bigha land in the second week of this month with underground water drawn by my shallow pump as rain is uncertain," said Abed Ali, a farmer of Dharmapal village in Jaldhaka upazila.

Marginal farmers Ratan Pasha of Chawra Borogosa village in Sadar upazila and Ramjan Ali of Gayabari village in Dimla said they could not afford arrange irrigation with power pump as it needs additional Tk 1,000-Tk 1,500 per bigha.

Fazal Kadir, a farmer of Pushna village in Kishoreganj upazila, said, "My fields that I tilled for cultivation of Aman two weeks ago are now covered with new grass as I had to leave it unused for want of rainwater. Cattle are now grazing there."

Contacted, Deputy Director of district DAE Abul Kashem Azad said, "We advise farmers to arrange irrigation using power run pumps. If they do so, there is no question of production fall even if the rain is less or delayed."

Missing tourist found dead in Kuakata shore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The body of a tourist, who went missing while swimming in the sea on Wednesday, was recovered yesterday in Majhibari area, about four kilometres west of Kuakata Zero Point.

The deceased, Shohag Rahman, 30, hailing from Ashulia in Savar, was a civil engineer working in a firm named Green House Construction and Consultation.

Shohag Rahman and his two friends Shohag, 20, and Mohsin, 20, also from Ashulia in Savar, were hit by a big wave while swimming in the sea.

Locals rescued the two friends but

could not find Shohag Rahman, said Kuakata Tourist Police Officer-in-Charge Md Moniruzzaman.

Divers from Patuakhali Fire Service, tourist police, fishing trawlers, coast guard and locals searched for the victim on Wednesday evening but in vain.

Police informed Shohag Rahman's family about the incident on Wednesday.

Locals found the body on the shore of the sea early yesterday morning and informed Mohipur Police Station.

Police handed over the body to Md Shamim, elder brother of the deceased, as per instruction from the higher authorities, said Md Hafizur Rahman, sub-inspector of the police station.

UNICEF Vacancy Announcement

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<https://uni.cf/2uSSMUI>
Consultant (Photographer); Dhaka
<https://uni.cf/2JUJrxU>
UEPE Consultant, Education; Dhaka
<https://uni.cf/2LD3SXK>

Application Closing Date: 10 August 2018

Please note that no applications by email or post will be accepted. You must log on and create your profile with UNICEF global website and register for application. Attractive remuneration including social security and family medical benefits will be available to the selected candidate as per UN policy. Only short listed candidates will be contacted. Any attempt to unduly influence UNICEF's selection process will lead to automatic disqualification of the applicant.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Chief Engineer (East)
 Bangladesh Railway, CRB
 Chattogram

No. 310-W/19/Bay-Terminal/D-3/W-1

Date: 23-07-2018

Corrigendum No. 01

Due to unavoidable circumstances, following corrigendum has been made to the Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) No. CE/E/Bay-Terminal/2017-18/SD-1; dated: 10-06-2018 for Consultancy Services for "Feasibility Study and Detail Design for Construction of a Railway Link to proposed Bay Terminal at Potenga, Chattogram".

SI No.	Item No. of invitation for EOI	Existing provision	Revised provision
1	9 Procurement sub-method	QCBS (Quality and Cost Based Selection)	QCBS (Quality and Cost Based Selection) (NCB)
2	14 EOI closing date and time	30-07-2018 at 12:30 hrs	09-08-2018 at 12:30 hrs

All other terms and conditions of the above EOI will remain unchanged.

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VACANCY NOTICE

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces vacancies for the following positions under Service Contract modality with Social Protection Policy Support (SPPS) Programme.

1. Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, SB - 3 Level (1 Position)

2. Project Assistant (Research), SB - 2 Level (2 Positions)

The duration of the contract is one year initially, subject to renewal upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

For details of the Job Description and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/jobs.html>. Applications should be received no later than 8 August 2018.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.



Lightning kills farmer in JESSORE

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A farmer was killed yesterday after lightning struck him in Dihi village under Sharsha upazila of JESSORE.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Alim, son of Lutfar Rahman of Belta village.

Witnesses said lightning hit Alim while he was going to bring his cow, leaving him dead on the spot.

A part of the Kumi-Fotepur road in Mirzapur upazila of Tangail has been devoured by the Jhainai river, which is threatening more areas in the upazila.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Schoolgirl's body found in pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

The body of a schoolgirl was recovered from a pond at Shantirhat Dangapara village in Debiganj upazila of Panchagarh yesterday.

The deceased was Kabita Rani, 16, daughter of Rajendranath Roy and a student of Class-X at Pamuli High School in the upazila.

Family members said Kabita was absent from her room from midnight. Family members found her body floating in a pond near her house around 8:00am yesterday.

Victim's elder sister Sagarika told reporters that Anisur Rahman, alias Anis, 25, son of Suruj Ali of the village, used to stalk Kabita frequently. Anis also threatened Kabita of dire consequences if she did not agree with his proposal to have an affair, she added.

Anis fled the village after the body was found, Sagarika added.

JAMALPUR FARMER MURDER Wife held, her lover sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Police yesterday arrested a woman on charge of involvement in killing her husband at Sardarpura village in Dewanganj upazila of the district.

The arrestee, Rasheda Begum, 30, wife of slain Shahir Ali, 35, a farmer of the village, is mother of three children.

Shahir's elder brother Saleman, 48, filed a murder case accusing six named people including Rasheda and their neighbour Raja Miah, 30, and four to five unnamed people with Dewanganj Police Station on Wednesday night, said SI Rajib Chandra Sarkar, investigation officer (IO) of the case.

Raja Miah, engaged in extra-marital affair with Rasheda, called out her husband Shahir from his house around 10:00pm Saturday and since then he did not return, the IO said, quoting the case statement.

Police on Wednesday afternoon recovered the body with injury marks on the throat from a sugarcane field, some 250 metres from his house, he said.

Bangladesh Tourism Board

(National Tourism Organization)
 Level-3, Building-2, Hotel InterContinental, 1, Mintu Road, Shahbagh, Dhaka



Open Tender Notice (OTM)

1. Ministry/division	Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism.		
2. Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Tourism Board (BTB).		
3. Invitation for	Non-Consulting Services for organizing 3rd Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Tourism Ministers' Meeting and 2nd International Conference on Sustainable Tourism and Heritage Cities		
4. Invitation Ref No.	BTB/Plan-Research/ACD/Tender/2018/648		
KEY INFORMATION			
5. Procurement method	Open Tender Method (OTM).		
FUNDING INFORMATION			
6. Budget & source of funds	GOB		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
7. Tender publication date	July 27, 2018		
8. Last selling date & time of tender documents	August 12, 2018, 5.00pm.		
9. Last date and time of submission of tender documents	August 13, 2018, 2.30pm.		
10. Tender opening date and time	August 13, 2018, 3.30pm.		
11. Place of submission	Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Tourism Board, Level-3, Building 2, BSL Office Complex (Hotel Inter Continental), 1, Mintu Road, Dhaka-1000.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
12. Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 years experience of organizing International Multi-Country Conference in Bangladesh. Experience of organizing at least 01 (one) International Event at the national level in the last 2 years. 		
13. Brief description of services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event Management Services for organizing 3rd Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Tourism Ministers' Meeting and 2nd International Conference on Sustainable Tourism and Heritage Cities. Venue Decoration, Outdoor Branding, Design & Supply Conference Materials and Transport & Logistics. 		
14. Price of tender document for Package-A	Tk. 3000/- non-refundable.		
15. Price of tender document for Package-B	Tk. 2000/- non-refundable.		
16. Package No.	Package name	Tender security	Mode of submission
(A)	Venue Decoration, Outdoor Branding & Conference Management	Tk. 2,00,000.00 (two lac)	In the form of Pay Order
(B)	Transport & Logistics	Tk. 70,000.00 (seventy thousand)	
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
17. Name & designation of official inviting tender	Nikhil Ranjan Roy, Chief Executive Officer (Additional Secretary).		
The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or annul the tender proceedings without assigning any reason.			

Nikhil Ranjan Roy
 Chief Executive Officer (Additional Secretary)
 Bangladesh Tourism Board

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