



Ambi Begum, wife of farmer Afzal Hossain, joins her husband to tend their tobacco seedbed at Jamirtari village in Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat as they have decided to cultivate the profitable but harmful crop on more areas of land than last year's.

PHOTO: STAR

Latif Siddiqui

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He is staging the protest because he felt insulted after criminals attacked his motorcade, she added.

"The demands for withdrawing the officer-in-charge of Kalihati Police Station and arresting the attackers are not the demands of Latif only, these are the demands of Kalihati's mass people," she added.

Meanwhile, Officer-in-Charge of Kalihati Police Station Mosharrif Hossain said three alleged attackers, including Salauddin Talukdar, son of incumbent upazila parishad chairman, were arrested in the evening.

Later in the day, a three-member medical team -- led by Dr Mofazzal Hossain, senior consultant (cardiology) of Tangail General Hospital -- was formed to monitor Latif's health condition following the RO's directive.

Contacted, RO Md Shahidul Islam said he had informed the Election Commission about the latest situation.

"The Electoral Inquiry Committee, comprising judicial magistrates, has also submitted its probe report to the Election Commission over the incident," he added.

Trump agrees

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political interests," she said in a statement.

"This is an important victory for the rule of law, making clear that there is one set of rules for everyone," Underwood added.

The New York attorney general filed a lawsuit against the Trump Foundation in June, accusing it of "persistently illegal conduct."

The suit named the president, sons Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump, and daughter Ivanka Trump, who were on the board of the foundation.

"We'll continue to move our suit forward to ensure that the Trump Foundation and its directors are held to account for their clear and repeated violations of state and federal law," Underwood said.

The suit seeks \$2.8 million in restitution and to bar Trump, Don Jr, Eric and Ivanka from serving on the boards of

other New York non-profits.

PORTRAIT IN GOLF CLUB

According to the suit, Trump used foundation funds to settle lawsuits, promote his Trump-branded hotels, and for personal spending -- including the purchase of a portrait that was displayed at one of his golf clubs.

The civil lawsuit is one of many legal woes facing Trump, whose election

campaign is being investigated by Special Counsel Robert Mueller for possible collusion with Russia.

Last week, Trump's former personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, was sentenced to three years in prison for paying hush money to two women who claimed to have had affairs with Trump and other crimes.

Bomb blast

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alliance for contesting the December 30 national election.

In Rajshahi, BNP candidates in all six constituencies yesterday demanded resignation of Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda for "failure" of the Election Commission to take effective steps against the AL men and law enforcers over obstructing opposition men from conducting campaigns.

In the capital, BNP candidate for Dhaka-9 Afroza Abbas and her supporters came under attack allegedly by ruling AL men while campaigning in Dakshin Goran area around 11:15am.

Around 15-20 men from both the parties were wounded in the clash, BNP sources said, adding that Afroza was unhurt.

Contacted, Khilgaon OC Moshiur Rahman said two processions of supporters of both the parties came close to one another. At one stage, some of them scuffled with each other. Police dispersed them and brought the situation under control.

In Chandpur, at least 15 BNP men were hurt in an attack, allegedly by AL men, while campaigning for party candidate (Chandpur-3) Sheikh Farid Ahmed Manik on Boro Station Madrasa Road in the morning.

In Satkhira, police last night arrested 45 BNP men from a polls camp of party candidate Shahidul Alam in Kaliganj upazila.

The arrestees include Debbata upazila BNP President Sirajul Islam, Ashashuni upazila unit President Rafiqul Islam Rafiq, Joint Secretary Julfiker Ali Julu and Organising Secretary Khairul Ahsan.

Shahidul claimed that law enforcers arrested 50 BNP men when they were holding a meeting at the electoral camp in Nalha Choumohoni area around 8:30pm.

However, Kaliganj OC Hasan Hafizur Rahman said police arrested 45 BNP men as they were accused in different cases.

Shahidul is contesting against AL candidate AFM Ruhal Haque in Satkhira-3.

In Kushtia, a lawyer filed a case against BNP candidate for Kushtia-4 Syed Mehedi Ahmed Roomy under the Digital Security Act.

According to the case statement, Roomy on December 16 phoned one of his party men and instructed him to attack law enforcers.

Contacted, Roomy denied the allegation and claimed that it was a conspiracy against him.

In Sherpur, BNP candidate for Sherpur-1 Sansila Jebrin at a press conference alleged that AL men were obstructing her supporters from conducting campaigns and police were harassing her party men.

In Faridpur, a court yesterday sent three BNP men to jail. The three were arrested in the last two days on charges of sabotage.

In Mymensingh, police arrested five BNP men from different areas on charges of sabotage.

In Barishal, police picked up eight Jamaat-e-Islami men in C&B Road area early yesterday on charges of planning subversive activities.

In Munshiganj, a campaign camp of AL candidate for Munshiganj-2 Shagufta Yesmin Emily was vandalised early yesterday.

According to media reports, at least 13 BNP candidates and 900 supporters of the party were wounded as ruling party men allegedly attacked the opposition men. The AL men also allegedly attacked campaigns and motorcades of at least 28 BNP and Jatiya Oikyafront candidates.

Police have detained around 255 BNP men since December 10.

Our district correspondents contributed to this report.

Onslaught

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Baroipara, Moricha, Sapiarchala, Bagerbari, Indarjani, Boheratoil, Arangchala, Amtoil, Amgachala and Gilachala.

People were cutting small and medium-sized hillocks and using the soil to fill up low-lying or wet land, sources said.

They transport the soil on heavy trucks during the night, also damaging the roads in remote areas in the process, locals said.

The people involved claimed that they cut hillocks on private land.

Citing the Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act, Mujahidul Islam, deputy director at the Directorate of Environment in Tangail,

Tobacco farms on rise

20,000 acres of land in Lalmonirhat brought under tobacco cultivation this year

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Fresh areas in the district have been targeted for tobacco farming during this current season as different tobacco companies allure the growers with payment of fair price of their produce.

To encourage the farmers to cultivate tobacco on fresh lands in five upazilas, especially Aditmari upazila, they have been given seeds free of cost and assured of purchase of their produce from their doors at fair prices by the tobacco companies, said the growers.

Farmer Afzal Hossain of Jamirtari village in Aditmari upazila said he has prepared tobacco seedbeds on 20

decimals of land to cultivate on two acres of land this year.

"I have been given seed free of cost for farming tobacco and the tobacco company also assured me of giving fertiliser free of cost," he said.

Another farmer Rashedul Alam of Kakin village in Kaliganj upazila said "Tobacco company's representatives assured us that we will get fair price by selling the cultivated tobacco."

Azgar Ali of Baninagar village in Kaliganj said he has prepared five seedbeds on 12 decimals of land to cultivate tobacco on eight bighas of land this year, while it was five bighas last year.

Sources of different tobacco companies in Lalmonirhat said 20,000 acres

of land have been brought under tobacco cultivation this year which was 10,000 acres last year.

Tobacco farming is increasing in the areas as the farmers are getting different facilities from the companies, said the sources.

Aditmari Upazila Agriculture Officer Ali Noor said they never encourage farmers to grow tobacco as it is harmful for soil, environment and human health.

As the soil in the district is suitable for tobacco farming, tobacco companies always provide support to farmers for encouraging them to cultivate the item. Due to this, a good number of farmers are engaged in the cultivation.

Mobile clinic

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Mili, a resident of Rajshahi's Bashmari village, has recently got tested by the MCV. She was happy that nothing was detected and she got free vaccines.

Mita, Khadija and Nargis of Gownpura village had similar experience.

The Community Oncology Foundation had been trying to raise awareness for one year but had not been able to reach remote areas, said president of the foundation Prof Sabera Khatun.

"Such a well-equipped mobile clinic can be handy to run such programmes," said Sabera, also the chairman of Gynecological Oncology at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.

"A cancer patient can be cured if the disease is detected at an early stage. A mobile screening unit can very well serve the purpose," said Habibullah Talukder, head of Cancer Epidemiology Department at the National Institute of Cancer Research & Hospital (NICRH).

Moarrif Hossen, director at NICRH, however, said he was not aware of the mobile clinic. He noted that such clinics may operate in line with the guidelines of the Directorate General of Health Services.

According to World Health Organisation, breast and cervical cancer are common among women in Bangladesh. Every year, 14,836 cases of breast cancers and 11,956 cases of cervical cancers are detected in Bangladesh.

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