

Growing vegetables without ploughing

Pirojpur farmers reap the benefit of the additional cultivation after Aman harvest

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Farmers of Pirojpur Sadar upazila are growing seasonal vegetables without ploughing the land that would lie unused after harvesting Aman paddy, and are making good profit.

For the last four years, farmers of Jujkhola village under Sikder Mollic union in the upazila have been doing it after Kalipado Sikder of the village started it. They grow different types of vegetables, including potato, cabbage and different varieties of spinach.

To grow vegetables farmers do not have to pay much for labour. After collecting Aman paddy, the lands remain soft. They sow the seeds and plant tender vegetable plants of different varieties there and keep them covered with straw. Within a few days, the plants come out from the straw.

"After harvesting Aman paddy, our lands would remain barren for the rest of the year," said Joydeb Majumder, a farmer of the village, adding that they can now grow seasonal vegetables there without ploughing the land. It needs around Tk 3,000 to plough a bigha of land, but the innovative

system saves ploughing cost and also irrigation cost, he added.

"As the land remains wet and soft after collecting Aman paddy, it needs little irrigation for growing vegetables," said Sanjoy Majumder, adding that they need to buy seeds and plants, fertilizer and pesticides.

"Following the cultivation system, we are earning extra money," said farmer Susen Sikder, adding that they are sending the vegetables to nearby areas after meeting local demand. After meeting all the expenses, farmers can make profit of around Tk 20,000 from one bigha of land.

Although only a few farmers practiced this cultivation system in the beginning, their number is increasing every year, said local farmers.

This year, vegetables have been cultivated under this system on around 10 hectares of land at Jujkhola village, which was five hectares last year, said Sadar Upazilla Sub-Assistant Agriculture Officer Abdullah Al Mehedi.

"We give technical support to the farmers for growing quality vegetables through this cultivation system," he said.



Farmers of Jujkhola village under Sikder Mollic union in Sadar upazila of Pirojpur are using their lands, which would otherwise remain fallow after harvesting Aman paddy, to grow vegetables without ploughing the land. PHOTO: STAR

People take risky ride as bridge incomplete in Khagrachhari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Three PC girder bridges are being constructed at Thakurchara, Joysen Para and Changrachari areas on Khagrachhari-Mahalchhari road, but although the work of Joysen Para and Changrachari bridges is progressing, work of Thakurchara Bridge was at the initial stage.

The people of Khagrachhari are suffering a great deal as the bridges have not been built in time. The diversion roads built beside the bridges are in very bad shape and many accidents

take place. A jeep overturned while crossing the diversion road beside Thakurchara Bridge on Tuesday, but there was no loss of life.

Joy Tripura, 45, a resident of Thakurchara area, said there have been many accidents on the diversion road.

According to Khagrachhari Road Division sources, construction firm Rana Builders is building the three PC girder bridges on Khagrachhari-Mahalchhari road. Construction of the bridges started in August 2017 and was scheduled to end in

December 2018. The Road Division has extended the completion time by six months.

Sabuj Chakma, deputy divisional engineer of Khagrachhari Road Division, said the progress of the work of Thakurchara Bridge is very slow. They have sent letters to Rana Builders to complete the work soon, he added.

Owner of Rana Builders Md Zakir said construction of Thakurchara Bridge was delayed due to shortage of construction materials. The work will start very soon, he said.



The diversion road beside Thakurchara Bridge on Khagrachhari-Mahalchhari road in Khagrachhari is lying in an awful condition, posing risk for vehicles and commuters. The spot saw several accidents including the one on Tuesday when a jeep overturned there. PHOTO: STAR

Robber killed in 'gunfight'

2 others including one bullet-hit detained

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

An alleged robber was killed and another sustained bullet wounds when two rival groups locked in a 'gunfight' in Chhagalnaiya upazila of the district early yesterday.

The deceased, Mohiuddin alias Dakat Sabuj, 30, was a resident of Banspara area under Chhagalnaiya municipality.

Police detained bullet-injured Mohammad Palash, 32, of Noakhali's Kabirhat upazila, and Faruque, 27, of Dagonbhuiyan upazila in Feni.

After being informed that two rival groups of robbers were exchanging gunshots at Dakkhin Adharmanik village in the upazila on Wednesday midnight, a police team went to the spot, police said, adding that, sensing the presence of the law enforcers the gang members fled the scene.

Police chased the robbers and managed to catch Faruq. They also rescued bullet-injured Sabuj and Palash from the spot and took them to Feni Sadar Hospital, where the doctors declared Sabuj dead and admitted Palash for treatment.

Officer in Charge (OC) of Chhagalnaiya Police Station MM Morshed said police recovered a gun, five bullets, one machete and three knives from the spot.

Deceased Sabuj was accused in at least eight cases filed with different police stations, including for robbery, mugging and conducting criminal activities, OC Morshed said.

FARUK MURDER CASE Next hearing of witnesses February 28

The freedom fighter was killed six years ago

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A court here yesterday set February 28 for the next hearing of the witnesses in freedom fighter Faruk Ahmed murder case.

Maksuda Khanom, judge of First Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court, passed the order.

Seven out of 14 accused in the case, including main accused Amanur Rahman Khan Rana, former Awami League (AL) lawmaker from Tangail-3 (Ghatail) constituency, were in the dock at the time, said Monirul Islam, additional public prosecutor of the court.

Earlier, two more prosecution witnesses of the case--Faruk Hossain Manik, former general secretary of district unit of Jubo League, and Abdul Barek, night guard of Coronation Drama Club in the town-- gave their statements to the court.

Rana's lawyers conducted their cross

examination, said Monirul.

With them, thirteen witnesses out of total 23 prosecution witnesses of the case gave their statements to the court so far, he added.

The bullet-hit body of Faruk, also a district AL leader, was found near his College Para house in the town on January 18, 2013.

After three days, Faruk's wife Nahar Ahmed filed a case with Sadar Police Station accusing unidentified criminals.

Police initially investigated the case, which was later shifted to Tangail DB police.

A charge sheet in the case was submitted on February 3 in 2017. Charges were framed against the accused in September the same year.

Four of the 14 accused, including Rana, are in jail while three are on bail. Seven others, including three younger brothers of Rana, are still on the run.

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Four jailed for illegal stone lifting

Mobile court finds them doing the callous act in Teesta

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A mobile court sentenced four people to 20 days' imprisonment each for lifting stones from the Teesta river illegally at Dowani village in Hatibandha upazila of the district on Wednesday night.

The convicts are Hanif Islam, son of Abdul Haque, Golam Robbani, son of Abul Hossain, Mojibur Rahman, son of Zahir Uddin and Mahatab Uddin, son of Abdul Jabbar of Chhotokhata village in Nilphamari's Dimla upazila.

Hatibandha Upazilla Nirbahi Officer Samiul Amin, also the executive magistrate, led the court, said Omar Farooque, officer-in-charge of Hatibandha Police Station.

On information, a police team raided the area and arrested the four while they were lifting stones from the river using dredging machine, said the OC.

The arrestees were later produced before the court that found them guilty and pronounced the verdict, said the police official, adding that they were sent to jail yesterday morning.

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