



Shibu Pada Roy's combined agricultural farm including vegetable gardens and fish enclosures in Kalia upazila of Narail. PHOTO: AZIBOR RAHMAN

Shibu Pada, a successful agro entrepreneur

Starting as a banana vendor, Shibu Pada of Narail's Kalia UZ now runs highly profitable combined farm on 267 acres

AZIBOR RAHMAN, back from Narail

His father was killed by Pakistani occupation army during the 1971 Liberation War and he started selling banana at the age of 11 to support the hard-pressed family.

That was the beginning of struggle for Shibu Pada Roy of Narail's Kalia upazila.

As days passed, he continued climbing the ladders of success through hard work and dedication.

Shibu, now 58, has a combined agricultural farm for fish and vegetable cultivation on a total of 267 acres of land in the upazila.

The farm is one of the largest of its kind in the country's southern region.

There are three large fish enclosures where Shibu cultivates different fish including lobster, ruhi, grass carp and tilapia.

He gets one tonne of fish daily during the dry season from December to March.

Besides, he is involved in a large-scale vegetable cultivation on the banks of the fish enclosures and on usual farmlands.

He gets around 3,000 kg of tomato, 500 kg of

bitter melon and 30 maunds of papaya per week during the ongoing vegetable season.

"My annual sale now stands at around Tk 2 crore. Excluding the expenditure, I can make a profit of around Tk 50 lakh per year," said Shibu, also a councillor of Kalia municipality, while talking to this correspondent a few days ago.

"After losing my father in 1971, I started selling banana at Kalia Ghat in Narail. Then I was an 11-year-old boy," he said, recalling the painful days.

One day, Shibu met pulse trader Nityananda, who offered him a work at his shop for Tk 300 per month. Shibu agreed and worked there for seven years.

During this time, he studied up to Class VIII. In 1978, he started pulse trading with the capital of Tk 16,000.

As his capital grew, he took lease of 10 acres of land and started cultivating lobster in 1998.

And he continued expanding business by making enclosures for fish cultivation, setting up rice mills and purchasing croplands.

In 2016, he founded a combined agricultural

farm on 226 acres of land that he leased for 20 years with Tk 37 lakh.

By now the farm has extended to 267 acres of land.

Around 90 people work daily at the farm during the peak season of winter vegetables while some 20 workers do the job there during off season, said Alok Roy, a worker there.

The vegetables grown at Shibu's farm are free from chemicals and so, those have a good demand, said Monsur Ali, a vegetable trader at Rugganj Bazar of Narail.

People from different areas come to see the farm.

Shibu said he lives a happy life with his mother, wife, three sons and daughter.

Talking to this correspondent, Chinmoy Roy, deputy director of the Department of Agricultural Extension in Narail, said Shibu Pada has set a laudable example of success in agriculture, which can inspire especially the jobless youths to take such initiatives.

Kalia upazila's fisheries officer Rajib Roy and agriculture officer Subir Kumar Biswas also appreciated Shibu's 'model farming'.

JASHORE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIV 20 dept heads quit to protest attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Chairmen of 20 departments of Jashore Science and Technology University (JSTU) on Saturday resigned from their administrative posts, protesting the attack on University Teachers Association President Prof Iqbal Kabir Zahid by some unruly men of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on January 9.

Finding the attackers unpunished at the 53rd Regent Board meeting on February 19, they decided to resign from their respective administrative post, Teachers Association General Secretary Nazmul Hassan said.

University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Anwar Hossain said he did not receive the en masse resignation letter as according to the rules resignation has to be submitted individually.

Those who resigned from their posts are Prof Iqbal Kabir Zahid of microbiology department, Dr Mohammad Nazmul Hasan of management, Amzad Hossain of electrical and electronics engineering, Saibur Rahman Mollah of environmental science and technology, Sumon Chandra Mohant of chemistry, Mehdi Hassan of marketing, Abdullah Al Mamun of English, Kamal Hossain of accounting, Dr Wasikur Rahman of chemical engineering, Anisur Rahman of fisheries and marine bioscience, Dr ASM Mujahidul Haque of industrial and production engineering, Dr Biplob Kumar Biswas of agro product processing technology, Dr Syed Mohammad Ghalib of computer science and engineering, Saiful Islam of mathematics, Jaifilul Islam of physical education and sports science, Dr Tanveer Hasan of textile engineering, Dr Omar Faruque of nutrition science, Jahangir Alam of finance and banking and Sheikh Mizanur Rahman of genetic engineering and bio-technology department.

On January 9, unruly BCL men attacked Prof Zahid and torn out anti-ragging posters when the latter protested ragging of some newcomers by the BCL activists at the university campus.

BLACKSMITH MURDER Accused held after 4 months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police finally unearthed the motive behind the murder of blacksmith Habib and arrested the alleged killer on Saturday, four months after the incident at Bumka village in Sadar upazila.

The arrestee, Ershad Hossain, 35, son of Nurjama Mia of the village, is a blacksmith and cousin of the victim.

Following Ershad's confession, police recovered the hammer, used as the weapon of murder, from a cropland about a quarter kilometre from the killing spot, said Mozammel Haque, inspector of Sadar Police Station.

After recording Ershad's confessional statement under Section 164, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Mehedy Hasan Mandal sent him to jail.

Quoting the arrestee, Mozammel said, "Habib and Ershad supplied iron-made items like choppers, knives, axes, sickles, spades and hammers to different areas. Aggrieved over Habib's success in business and setback in his own, Ershad killed Habib on October 26 last year.

Woman killed for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A woman was killed allegedly by her husband for dowry at Haria Deara village in Jhikorgachha upazila of Jashore on Saturday night.

The deceased was Hira Khatun, 20, daughter of Mominur Rahman of Sharif Rajpur village in Chowgachha upazila.

The victim's father said Golam Rasul, 30, son of Abdus Samad of Haria Deara village, often tortured his daughter for dowry after three years of their marriage.

Six months ago, Mominur gave his son-in-law Tk 30,000 for business purpose. On Saturday night, Golam Rasul again asked Hira to bring Tk 50,000 from her father.

During an altercation over the issue, Golam Rasul strangled Hira.

The reason behind the death will be known after getting the autopsy report, said Tobarak Ali, sub-inspector of Jhikorgachha Police Station.

Man held for 'raping daughter-in-law'

Case filing delayed by one week amid threat by accused

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

A man was arrested on Saturday in connection with a case for raping his daughter-in-law in Shajahanpur upazila about a week ago.

Following a complaint lodged by the 28-year-old victim, members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-12) raided the residence of the accused around 4:50pm and detained him, Company Commander of Rab-12 Major Morshed said.

, adding that they later handed him over to Shajahanpur Police Station the same evening.

The victim, also mother of a girl, filed a case under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act around 9:00pm the same night, Officer in Charge (OC) of the police station Zia Latiful Islam said.

According to the case statement, the 50-year-old accused entered the victim's room on the night of February 16 and raped her in absence of her husband.

He also threatened the housewife with dire consequences and told her not to disclose the matter to others, which delayed the process of filing of the rape case, read the case statement.

Meanwhile, police produced the arrestee before a Bogura court yesterday afternoon and the court sent him to jail, the OC said, adding that the victim was taken to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital for medical test.

Two fined for cutting hills

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A mobile court fined two persons on charge of cutting hills in Barlekha upazila under the district yesterday.

Lokman Hakim, 45, a tractor driver, was fined Tk 50,000 in Krishnagar area while Nuruddin, 32, was fined Tk 500 in Gangarjal area.

The mobile court led by Executive Magistrate Sharif Uddin awarded the punishment.

The two were later released after realising the fine, said the magistrate, also assistant commissioner (Land) of the upazila.

Husband's cruelty lands her in hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A woman, brutally tortured allegedly by her dowry-greedy husband, groans in pain at Dimla Upazila Health Complex.

The victim is Anju Begum, 36, wife of Rahizuddin of Uttar Gayabari village. In 16 years of her married life, she gave birth to three daughters.

After their marriage, Rahizuddin and his mother often tortured Anju for dowry, said the victim's mother Arjina Khatun, adding that Rahizuddin is a marketing representative of a local seed company.

Aggrieved over Arjina's giving birth to baby girls one after another, Rahizuddin and his mother often tortured her, said the victim.

"My husband and his family members

blamed me for giving birth to baby girls. Recently, he decided to marry again and asked me to bring Tk 2 lakh from my poor father," said Anju at the hospital.

On Tuesday morning, Rahizuddin and his mother beat Anju mercilessly with firewood and iron rod following an altercation over the issue, she said. Seriously injured Anju was later rushed to the health complex.

Several injury marks were found in different parts of her body and she was traumatised due to the beating, said Sarwar Alam, upazila health and family planning officer.

The victim's father filed a complaint with Dimla Police Station, accusing Rahizuddin on Friday.

Officer-in-Charge of the police station Mofizuddin Sheikh said they are investing the matter.



Beaten allegedly by her dowry-greedy husband and mother-in-law, Anju Begum with her one-year-old child at Dimla Upazila Health Complex in Nilphamari. PHOTO: STAR

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2 kids drown in pond

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Two four-year-old boys drowned in a pond at Fulmalirchala village in Chatail upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased, Safi, son of Abdul Halim, and Rafi, son of Habibur Rahman of the village, were cousins. They were students of a local madrasa.

Quoting family members, Enamul Haque Chowdhury, officer-in-charge (Investigation) of Chatail Police Station, said the two accidentally fell into the pond on their way to home from the madrasa. Later, locals recovered the bodies from the pond, said the OC.

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