



A portion of the under construction main gate of Lathitila Government Primary School in Moulvibazar's Juri upazila collapsed yesterday due to alleged use of low quality bricks and substandard materials. *Inset*, a closer view of the damaged portion.

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CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL GATE

Use of low quality materials sparks protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Local people in Juri upazila yesterday staged a demonstration and brought out a rally, protesting use of substandard materials in construction of the main gate of Lathitila Government Primary School.

A large chunk of plaster of the under construction school gate collapsed while its construction was going on yesterday.

Protesting use of low quality materials by the contractor concern, local residents held a demonstration, bringing allegation of corruption against the callous contractor and also demolished the plaster of the main gate.

Locals alleged that the incident occurred as low-grade bricks and substandard materials were used in the construction.

They also demanded exemplary punishment of the contractor concerned.

Earlier, the protesters brought out a rally that paraded the main roads of the upazila headquarters before ending at Lathitila Bazar.

According to the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) Tk 30 lakh was allocated for building boundary walls and main gates of two schools.

One of the school managing committee members Sirajul Islam said local construction firm Mahim Construction got the work order of the construction.

Although construction of the main gate of Lathitila Government Primary School started about three months ago, there was allegation of corruption from the beginning.

Khurshed Alam of Lathitila village said if the school remained open yesterday students might have suffered fatal injuries.

One of the construction labourers, seeking anonymity, said they used low quality bricks and substandard materials after getting instruction from Noman Ahmed, owner of Mahim Construction.

Despite repeated attempts, this correspondent could not reach Noman for his comment.

Joy of Eid remains elusive to paddy growers

Despite good yield, farmers are passing days amid worry ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitr as the market prices of the major crop remain below the production cost

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Unable to sell paddy above its production cost, its growers in five upazilas of Lalmonirhat are now puzzled as to how they will bring joy to their family members during this Eid, to be celebrated in less than a week.

With only a handful lucky farmers allowed to sell their produce to the government, at a minimal profit margin, the remaining majority are stuck without any earning despite a bumper harvest.

These farmers were counting on profit made from this harvest this time of the year to cover for the Eid expenses. But the unsold paddy has now left them without any cash,

even for their day-to-day expenses.

While some of them, in dire need of cash, are selling their produce for any price they are offered, many others are holding on to their harvest with the hope for better offers in coming days.

A number of the rice farmers, who do not have any other source of income, hoped that the government would urgently arrange financial support for them until they are able to sell the paddy at a profitable rate.

Farmer Montu Miah of Sarpukur Mandaltari village in Aditmari upazila reaped a harvest of 102 maunds (each maund equivalent to about 37 kilogram) paddy from seven bighas of land this season.

He said, "There'll be no joy of Eid in my family if I'm unable to profit from my paddy. To buy Eid clothes for my two daughters and a son, I'll need to sell at least 25 maunds of paddy at current rate."

"We won't be able to buy new clothes or even afford special meal for the Eid. So, this Eid will not bring any joy to us," said Nazrul Islam, another farmer in Bhadaï village of the same upazila.

Akkel Ali of Mahendranagar village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila said out of total 168 maunds of paddy he harvested this season from 12 bighas of land, he had to sell 30 maunds for Tk 13,200 (Tk 440 per maund) to cover for Eid expenses of his four children and wife.



Two farmers process Boro paddy at Sarpukur Mandalpara village in Lalmonirhat's Aditmari upazila. Despite good yield, the growers are far from being happy ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitr, as the market prices of the major crop are too scanty to even recover the production cost.

PHOTO: S DILIP ROY



A woman, riding a motorbike with her husband on Dhaka-Tangail highway, makes a gesture of happiness as the road that usually sees long tailbacks remained virtually free yesterday morning, giving them the opportunity of a hassle-free travel to go the village for celebrating the Eid-ul-Fitr with near and dear ones. The photo was taken from Rasulpur in Tangail.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

4 robber suspects held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police in a drive detained four suspected robbers from Ataikula Police Station area early yesterday.

The arrestees are Rezaul Karim, Liton Mia, Mohammad Akash and Samrat Hossain.

They all hail from different villages in Santhia upazila of the district.

During the drive, the law enforcers also seized a private car and sharp weapons from their possession.

Pabna Superintendent of Police (SP) Rafikul Islam at a press briefing yesterday said Ataikula police first arrested Akash with a private car around 2:00am and later detained the other three members of the gang from different areas under the police station.

The arrestees are active members of an inter-district robbers' gang and also accused in a number of cases filed with different police stations, the SP said.

Two schoolboys murdered

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Bodies of two abducted schoolboys were recovered from Indurkani in Pirojpur and Sharsha upazila of Jashore yesterday.

Our Pirojpur Correspondent reports: Police recovered the body of an abducted schoolboy from Indurkani Police Station in Pirojpur.

The victim, Salahuddin, 13, son of Siddikur Rahman of Umedpur village in the upazila, was a Class VII student.

Nazmunnahar, elder sister of the deceased, said recently their father built a new house at Umedpur village beside Pirojpur-Parerhat-Indurkani road and decided to get into there after the Eid. And so, they sold their old house.

On the night of Shab-e-Qadr on Saturday, Salahuddin went to say prayers at a nearby mosque but did not return.

The next day, a caller demanded Tk 5 lakh for the boy's release.

His father immediately informed the police who with the help of mobile tracking caught eight teenagers and an elderly man from the same village.

Police recovered the body from Umedpur

canal in the upazila yesterday noon.

"The kidnappers killed Salahuddin after making him take sleeping pills. Police arrested nine people including mastermind Shohan, 19," Mollah Azad Hossain, superintendent of police (SP) in Pirojpur, said in a press conference yesterday.

Our Benapole Correspondent reports: Police recovered the body of a madrasa student at Goga Gazipara village in Sharsha upazila of Jashore yesterday morning.

The deceased, Shah Poran, 12, son of Md Sahjahan Ali in Kagojpukur village of the upazila, had gone missing the day before.

Police and madrasa sources said Hafezur Rahman, a teacher of Goga Gazipara Hafizia Madrasa, went out with the student Shah Poran on Sunday but they were not found in the area anymore.

Informed by union parishad Chairman Abdur Rashid, police recovered the body of Shah Poran from the teacher's bedroom.

"We suspect that Hafezur Rahman strangled the student to death and kept the body under his bed. We are trying to arrest the alleged killer," said Md Mosiur Rahman, officer in charge of Sharsha Police Station.

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Drug trader gets life term

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A court in Patuakhali yesterday awarded life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) to a drug peddler in a drug case.

Special Judge Md Shahid Ullah delivered the judgment yesterday in absence of the accused Md Sahin Ahmed, 35, son of Sultan Ahmed of Hazikhal village under Patuakhali Sadar upazila.

The convict was also fined Tk 20,000, in default to serve more six months in jail.

Earlier Shahin went into hiding after getting bail from the court, said advocate KBM Ariful Haq Tito, the state lawyer.

According to the prosecution, a Rab team arrested Shahin with 25 bottles of Phesidyl from Lohalia Kheya ghat in the town on June 13 in 2016. Later, Anwar Hossain, deputy assistant director of Patuakhali camp of Rab-8, filed a case with Patuakhali Police Station in his regard.

After investigating, Sub Inspector Md Humayun Kabir submitted charge sheet before the court on July 18 the same year.