



Hardly aware of the harmful effects, a farmer sprays pesticide at a crop field of Satitola village in Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha.

PHOTO: KM REZAUL HOQUE

Overduse of pesticides raises health risks

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Farmers often use pesticide in more than the prescribed doses to get crops and vegetables free from insects and diseases.

In the way, the residues of the pesticides quickly spread in the air and soil, which are ultimately transferred to human bodies and create health risks as well as environment pollution.

Even the farmers engage in spraying pesticides in the croplands do not care about their safety and its harmful effects on human the body.

They are often seen spraying pesticide without wearing any apron, safety mask and shoes, which would trigger a serious health risk to them.

Agriculturists opined that the poisonous residues of pesticide remain alive under the topsoil of the croplands for years and never dissipate which are eventually washed away by the rain water and effects water resources and other crops.

Frequent use of pesticide in cropland and vegetable fields more than the stipulated dose contaminated the produces, which eventually makes the

consumers suffer from various problems, said the experts.

Vegetable grower Rafiqul Islam said he cultivated brinjal on 20 decimals of land and sprayed pesticides more frequently for an insect-free production.

"I used pesticide on my brinjal plants soon after it got matured and subsequently used it twice a week till plucking it," Rafiqul said.

Like Rafiqul, a number of farmers in the area echoed the same.

Deputy Director of the Department of Agricultural Extension in Gaibandha SM Ferdous said overduse of pesticides is undoubtedly harmful for human body as well as nature and environment.

He said they suggest farmers to adopt modern techniques other than using pesticide.

Gaibandha Civil Surgeon Dr ABM Abu Hanif said poisonous residues of pesticide badly effects human bodies that might lead to fatal diseases like cancer and other physical disorders.

Moreover, farmers engaged in spraying pesticides, without taking any safety measures, are more vulnerable to health risk due to inhaling its poisonous residues.

Male villagers flee as case filed against 2000 unnamed people

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The male residents of Ruhitonsree village in Habiganj's Lakhai upazila are passing days amid fear of arrest as police filed a case against 2,000 unnamed locals on charge of assaulting the police during Friday's clash that left one killed and 20 others injured.

"A large number of male villagers left the area by launch in fear of arrest," said Mosabbir Miah, a resident of Ruhitonsree village.

"We are in fear of arrest as the accused are unnamed," said Moinul Islam, another local.

Sub-inspector (SI) Shafiqur Rahman on Saturday night filed the case against 2,000 people on charge of assaulting police.

Meanwhile, police on Friday night detained 33 people for interrogation and raided several places in the area on Saturday. Emran Hossain, officer in charge (OC) of Lakhai Police Station, said, "Shafiqur filed the case as cops were injured in the clash. Drives are on to arrest the attackers."

"There is nothing to be afraid of as only the guilty people will face action after investigation. Now the situation in the area is calm. Still no case was filed in the killings issue from victim family," he said.

Several women of Ruhitonsree village said their husbands have fled in fear of arrest as the police raided the area several times.

Seeking anonymity, a woman said, "Some Awami League men said my husband's name will not be included in the list of the accused if we give them money."

Zahirul Islam, 35, son of Samad Mia, was killed and 20 others, including a police constable, were injured in a clash between two rival groups over a land dispute at Ruhitonsree village in Habiganj's Lakhai upazila on Friday night.

On information, police rushed to the spot and fired 18 rubber bullets and 13 teargas shells to bring the situation under control, said the OC.

Moneylender strangled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A moneylender was strangled at Dakkhin Jaromnadi village in Sundarganj upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Nikhil Chandra Barman, 25, son of Khetra Mohan Barman of the village. He was a money lender by profession.

Police and family sources said Nikhil Chandra went out of house after receiving a phone call and did not return home till midnight.

Informed by locals, police recovered the body from a bamboo cluster in the area early in the morning. His throat was tied with shirt.

The body was sent to Gaibandha Sadar Hospital for autopsy, said SM Abdus Sobhan, officer-in-charge of Sundarganj Police Station.

The OC suspects that miscreants killed Nikhil and dumped the body in the area.

The mobile set of the victim was rescued from the spot, said the police official, adding that none was arrested in this connection as of filing of this report around 8:00pm yesterday.

6 tourists beaten by bus staffers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

At least six tourists were beaten allegedly by the staffers of a bus in Alipur area on Patuakhali-Kuakata road on Saturday night.

The injured took treatment at 20-bed Kuakata Hospital. They hailed from Dhaka's Mirpur area.

The victims include Ratan Khan, Nur Alam, Sumon, Mainuddin and Shafiqul Islam.

Injured tourist Ratan said they all the friends came to Amtali from Dhaka by a launch and then boarded a Kuakata-bound bus.

"When the bus reached Sheikh Kamal Bridge, its helper and supervisor took Tk 50 as fare from us each and then forcibly pushed us off the bus saying that its engine became out of order," said Ratan.

"The duo then got us on another Kuakata-bound bus named 'Mayer Doa' saying that their fare has already been paid," said Ratan.

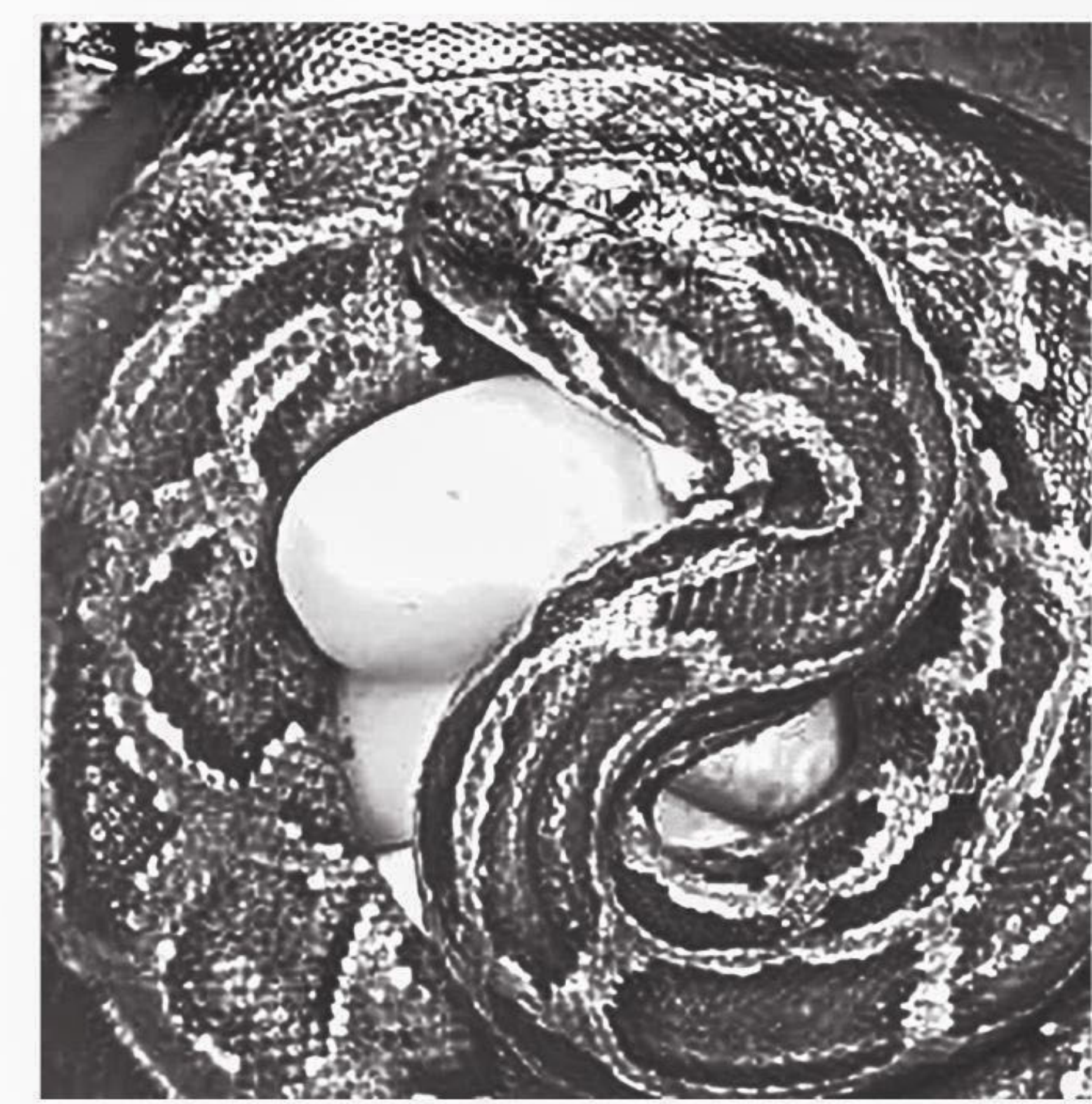
"But when the bus was crossing Sheikh Russel Bridge, its supervisor asked us to pay fare but we refused to give it," he said.

At the time, the helper, driver and supervisor swooped on them and beat them with sticks, said Ratan.

Md Saidul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Mohipur Police Station, said being informed, Nasir, owner of the bus, and its driver Shahin were called to the police station.

The bus owner bore the treatment cost of the injured tourists and said the driver will be discharged, added the OC.

The staffers of the bus later apologised to the victims, said the police official, adding that no case was filed till filing of this report around 8:00pm yesterday.



This python hatches 35 eggs after laying those at the mini zoo of Bangladesh Bonya Prani Seba Foundation in Sreemangal upazila of Moulvibazar yesterday morning. The mother python and her male partner have been residing there since they were brought from Dinarpur village in Nabiganj upazila of Habiganj 22 years ago, said Swapan Deb Sajal, director of the foundation.

PHOTO: COLLECTED



Two teams of players, one comprising men having one wife each, and the other having two wives each, vie for winning in a kabaddi game held at Amla in Mirpur upazila of Kushtia on Friday.

PHOTO: STAR

A different Eid entertainmen in remote Kushtia village

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

A Kabadi match held between two teams, comprising five male players each, has made a day blissful for the people of Mirpur upazila as those having one wife were in a team and those having two wives in another team.

The charity match was held at Amla Sugarcane field in the upazila on Friday.

This interesting match that first came to the minds of Lutfar Rahman and Hasmat Ali of the area on the Eid

day. Of them, Lutfar has two wives and Hasmat one wife.

For the first time, the duo organised the match which was witnessed by around 500 spectators. Of the two teams, one was led by Lutfar while another by Hasmat.

Lutfar's team won the match.

Lutfar fell in trouble over arranging players, but finally he got six people who showed their interest in participating in the game, said Hasmat.

People, who especially have two wives, did not agree to take part in the match first, said Lutfar.

On the other hand, Hasmat could easily arrange 10 players for the match, he said.

They mainly organised such match to entertain people, said Hasmat.

Mahbub Ali Khan, a shopkeeper of Amla bazar, said it was a very interesting match.

The two organisers expressed their desire to arrange such a match on a larger scale next time.

Kid drowns in river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A child drowned in the Chandona river at Paikkandi village in Rajbari's Baliakandi upazila on Saturday.

The victim was Rahul Shikder, 7, son of Sohid Shikdar of the village. Rahul was a student of Class 1 at a local school.

Sohid said Rahul along with two other children went to take bath in the river around 9:00am and drowned.

Later, locals rescued the boy from the river and sent him to the upazila health complex, where on-duty doctor declared him dead.

Madaripur man electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A man was electrocuted at Mostafapur in Madaripur Sadar upazila on Saturday.

The deceased was Emran Hawladar, 30, son of late Md Hafej Hawladar of Mostafapur area.

"Emran, an electric lineman, was injured seriously after coming in contact with a live electric wire while working at Mostafapur. He was rushed to Madaripur General Hospital where on-duty doctor declared him death," said Md Kamrul Hasan, officer-in-charge of Madaripur Sadar Police Station.



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Invitation for Tenders

| | | | | |
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| 1 | Ministry/Division | Ministry of Finance/Bank and Financial Institutions Division. | | |
| 2 | Procuring entity name | Bangladesh Krishi Bank. | | |
| 3 | Procuring entity district | Divisional Office, Mymensingh. | | |
| 4 | Invitation for | Supply and Installation of Petrol Generator for several Branches of BKB under Mymensingh Division. | | |
| 5 | Invitation Ref. No. | BKB/DO(Mym)/Admin-1 (17)/2018-2019/ | | |
| 6 | Date | 03.06.2019 | | |
| KEY INFORMATION | | | | |
| 7 | Procurement method | Open Tendering Method (OTM). | | |
| FUNDING INFORMATION | | | | |
| 8 | Budget and source of funds | Bangladesh Krishi Bank's Own Fund. | | |
| PARTICULAR INFORMATION | | | | |
| 9 | Tender Package No. | 02/2018-2019 | | |
| 10 | Tender package name | Supply and Installation of Petrol Generator for several Branches of BKB under Mymensingh Division. | | |
| 11 | Tender publication date | 09.06.2019 | | |
| 12 | Tender last selling date | 20.06.2019 upto 03.00pm. | | |
| 13 | Tender closing date and time | Date | Time | |
| 14 | Tender opening date and time | 23.06.2019 | 2:00pm. | |
| 15 | Name & address of the office(s) | Address: | | |
| | - Selling tender document (principal) | BKB, Divisional Office, Mymensingh. | | |
| | - Receiving tender document | BKB, Divisional Office, Mymensingh. | | |
| | - Opening tender document | BKB, Divisional Office, Mymensingh. | | |
| INFORMATION FOR TENDERER | | | | |
| 16 | Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer | i. The tenderer must have a minimum of 07 (seven) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. The tenderer should have a minimum of 05 (five) years of specific experience in the supply of similar goods and related services. The minimum supply of similar goods under a single contract in the last 02 (two) years to any Govt./Semi-Govt./Autonomous Body/Commercial Bank should be minimum Tk. 20,00,000/- (twenty lac) only and minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility should be Tk. 30,00,000/- (thirty lac) only. ii. The tenderer should have the following documents: VAT registration certificate, Updated Income Tax certificate, valid trade license, bank solvency certificate and all other qualification will be applicable as specified in TDS. | | |
| 17 | Brief description of goods or works | Supply and Installation of 15 (fifteen) Nos. 2.00 KVA and 03 (three) Nos. of 2.30 KVA Petrol Generator for several Branches of BKB under Mymensingh Division. | | |
| 18 | Brief description of related services | Supply and Installation of Petrol Generator under a single lot. | | |
| 19 | Price of tender document (Tk) | Tk. 1000/- (one thousand) only. | | |
| 20 | Lot No. | Identification of lot | Location | Tender security amount (Tk.) |
| | 01 | Supply and Installation of 15 (fifteen) Nos. 2.00 KVA and 03 (three) Nos. of 2.30 KVA Petrol Generator and other related items with necessary services. | 18 (eighteen) Branches under Mymensingh Division. | BDT 40,000/- (forty thousand only) |
| 21 | Name of official inviting tender | Eng. AKM Ferdous Alam. | | |
| 22 | Designation of official inviting tender | General Manager (CC). | | |
| 23 | Address of official inviting tender | BKB, Divisional Office, 27/KA, KC Roy Road, Kachijhulee, Mymensingh. | | |
| 24 | Contact details of official inviting tender | 091-64205 | 091-64231 | e-mail: gmmymensingh@krishibank.org.bd |
| 25 | Special instructions | i. The procuring entity reserves all the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or to reduce the scope of the requirements for concerned procurement without assigning any reason whatever. ii. All condition should be implemented as per PPR-2008 and next amendment for tender. iii. Tender will be opened in presence of the tenderer/representative (if any). iv. The tender notice will also be found in BKB's website. | | |

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