

BARIND REGION

Farmers moving away from profession due to low crop prices: experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Experts at a conference in Rajshahi yesterday suggested speedy mechanisation and commercialisation of agriculture to ensure fair prices of agricultural products in Barind region, one of the country's crop producing areas, where they observed a trend of decreasing number of agriculture-dependent people due to low prices of crops.

The observations came at the inaugural session of a two-day conference at Rajshahi district Shilpakala Academy. Barind Multipurpose Development Authority organised it.

Addressing the conference as chief guest, Agriculture Minister Dr Mohammad Abdur Razzaque said mechanisation and commercialisation of agriculture is one of the top priorities of the

government, to help farmers reduce cost of production and ensure value of their crops.

"Wait for some time and we will make agriculture profitable," he said adding that the prime minister has directed the agriculture ministry to use Tk 3,000 crore, the surplus amount of subsidy money for agriculture, for buying agricultural inputs.

Presenting the keynote paper, eminent hydrologist Prof Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan said the number of agriculture-dependent people went down from 45 percent of total population in 2013-14 to 41 percent in 2018-19, suggesting farmers are leaving their profession.

In a multimedia presentation, he showed the region's drought situation has deteriorated in last 15 years due to decreased rainfall, increasing temperature and other factors.

NBR SERVER UPDATE

Goods delivery halted for 20 hrs at Ctg port

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Delivery of goods from the Chattogram Port remained suspended for 20 hours until yesterday afternoon as a server update of National Board of Revenue (NBR) was underway.

According to sources, more than 1,000 consignments of imported goods were stuck for 20 hours in Chattogram Port, as there was no notice issued regarding the NBR server update.

Ahsan Habib Sumon, system analyst of Chattogram Custom House, said the server update of an automated system for countrywide import-export data storage started at the main station in Singapore at 5pm on Friday and it was completed at 12:30pm yesterday.

The delivery of goods started soon after the update was completed, he added.

Altaf Hossain Bacchu, general secretary of Clearing and Forwarding Agents' Association said, "Usually NBR and customs office issue a notice when they do server updates, but they didn't this time, which caused a lot of problems."



Water clogged on Akhtaruzzaman Flyover fall through its ceiling as the pipes meant for removing rainwater got damaged. The authorities concerned are so far indifferent to the situation. The photo was taken in Chattogram city's GEC area yesterday.

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Students of Barishal Nursing College demonstrated in front of the institution yesterday.

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Nursing students boycott class, exams in two districts

STAR REPORT

Nursing college students boycotted classes, examinations and clinical practice in two districts yesterday, to press home a four-point demand, including transformation of their four-year BSc-in-nursing programme to a distinct one.

The other demands are introduction of BCS cadre service for nursing graduates, increase in monthly internship allowances to Tk 20,000 from Tk 6,000 and stipend Tk 5,000 from Tk 2000, and creation of clinical practice nurse post at all nursing colleges.

Our Sylhet correspondent reports, students of Sylhet Nursing College staged a sit-in on the campus.

The programme, organised by the college's Students Welfare Organisation, continued till 1pm from 10am.

Anik Deb, its president, said they will keep demonstrating until the demands are met.

Our Barisal correspondent adds, students of Barisal Nursing College staged a rally on its campus.

Under the banner of Bangladesh Basic Graduate Student Nurses Association, around 300 students of the college boycotted their classes and demonstrated for two hours starting at 11am.

6 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Six people were killed and four injured in road accidents in five districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

Two people were killed and three others were injured as two trucks collided on Dhaka-Sirajganj highway in Nalka of Kamarkhand upazila of Sirajganj.

The victims' identities could not be known immediately, said Shahid Alam, officer-in-charge of Gangabandhu Bridge West Zone Police Station.

A truck hit a rickshaw-van from behind on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Ashulia. Rickshaw-puller Nayan Sheikh, 28, was declared dead at a local hospital, said Sazzadur Rahman, SI of Ashulia Police Station, adding that the trucker fled the scene with the vehicle.

A man was killed and another injured as a truck overturned while crossing a bridge in Bottola area of Patuakhali's Dumki.

The vehicle, carrying an excavator, skidded off Patuakhali-Baufal road, said Dumki Police Station OC Md Moniruzzaman.

Operator of the excavator Saifuddin, 32, died on the spot.

Injured Aman Ullah, 25, helper of the trucker, was admitted to Dumki Upazila Health Complex.

A truck hit college teacher Jahanara Khatun, 38, on Khulna-Satkhira highway in Patkelghata area, killing her instantly.

Khejmat Ali, 35, a mechanical engineer of a private firm, was killed as a truck hit a microbus carrying him on Thakurgaon-Dhaka highway in Khocharbari of Thakurgaon sadar upazila.

Sharp rise in crime

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Club, he further said incidents of rape, robbery and plundering are growing, and people have no security of their lives due to deteriorating law and order.

BNP's Dhaka south city unit arranged the programme demanding release of its Chairperson Khaleda Zia and another leader Habibun Nabi Khan Sohel.

Abdul Gafur's death anniversary

CITY DESK

The 41st death anniversary of Abdul Gafur, former director (finance and revenue) of BTCL, will be observed today, says a press release.

On the occasion, special prayers will be offered at Moghbazar BTCL colony mosque.



Conference held at IUB

CITY DESK

A conference titled "Quadrangulated Quandary" was held at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) in Dhaka on Thursday.

The Global Studies and Governance (GSG) Program of the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS) at IUB organised it, says a press release.

Prof Milan Pagon, vice chancellor (acting), delivered welcome address.

Dr Mashur Rahman, economic affairs adviser to the prime minister; A Matin Chowdhury, chairman, board of trustees, IUB; and Dr Imtiaz A Hussain, dean (acting) of SLASS, were present, among others.

Dr Niaz Zaman, advisor, department of English and modern languages, IUB, also spoke at the event.

Muktijuddho Moncho

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step down from the post [of AL general secretary]. You have lost the moral right to be in that post," he added.

"Soon after we protested Obaidul Quader's speech through a press conference, he at another press conference denied saying so, and claimed it to be propaganda. But in video footage broadcast on different TV channels, he was seen saying it," said Prof AKM Jamal Uddin, convener of the platform.

Speaking at a press conference on June 30 about AL's member recruitment campaign, Obaidul Quader said there is no rationale in considering if anyone's family member was involved in war crimes when recruiting members.

On July 4, while exchanging views with the newly-elected executive committee members of Bangladesh Secretariat Reporters Forum (BSRF), Quader, however, reverted from his earlier stance, and said no family member of war criminals and anti-liberation forces will be inducted into Awami League.

Judges, lawyers

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Justice Muhammad Imman Ali in his speech said changing the legal infrastructure of arbitration process is possible, adding, "It is also possible to resolve disputes without going to court, and it is applicable for both local and international cases."

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Good Neighbors Bangladesh

Vacancy Announcement

Good Neighbors is an international humanitarian and development non-governmental organization with membership in General Consultative Status in the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC). Good Neighbors Bangladesh, established in 1996, is operating 14 Community Development Projects (CDP) and 3 Projects with Specific Program (PSP) in 11 districts for child protection, education, health, women empowerment, income generating activities, DRR, and ICT education project. Winner of MDG 2 award in 2007.

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