



Malta brings smile to growers in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Malta growers in Rangamati district are happy with good yield and fair price of the delicious juicy fruit this year. The hill district sees gradual rise in Malta cultivation as the fruit grown there is very tasty and usually of large size. Each fruit weighs around 250 grams and one kg of it is now selling for Tk 80 to Tk 100 in local markets. Ananta Chakma made a Malta orchard at his home yard in Chowdhury Chara village under Naniarchar upazila of Rangamati. Visiting the spot a few days ago, this correspondent saw Ananta and his wife Madhumita taking care to Malta trees at their orchard. Tree branches were seen bowing down with the weight of hanging ripe Malta. "In 2014, I made an orchard on 2.5 acres of land where I planted 300 Malta, 200 guava and 200 orange trees," said Ananta Chakma. "For the first time, I started selling fruit from my 100 Malta trees in 2016. I sold the fruit worth over Tk 50 thousand from my orchard. The earning continued to rise in next two years. This year the fruit is selling well and I think I will get over Tk 1 lakh," he said.

Hemo Kumar Chakma from Bodhipur village under Rangamati Sadar upazila also gained success in Malta cultivation. Seeing their success, several others have become interested in cultivating Malta at different villages. Sugata Chakma, 40, a fruit trader, said he usually collects Malta from Rangamati and sells it in Chattogram and Dhaka. "Our customers show great interest for seasonal fruits from hill areas as we always try to sell pure organic fruits. Fruits grown in hill areas are often of high quality," he added. Officials at the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Rangamati said they introduced cultivation of Bari-1 variety of Malta under a pilot project in Chattogram Hill Tracts in 2014. Later farming of Bari-2 Malta started in the hill region. Both saw success. Last year, the DAE distributed about 30,000 Malta plants among the farmers in Rangamati, officials said. Paban Kumar Chakma, deputy director of Rangamati DAE, said this year Malta has grown on 210 hectares of land in the district and the production target is 1890 tonnes. The fruit sees good yield amid favourable weather this season, he added.

Ananta Chakma at his Malta orchard in Chowdhury Chara village under Naniarchar upazila of Rangamati.

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Drug peddler jailed for 10 yrs in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A court here yesterday sentenced a drug peddler to 10 years' imprisonment. The convict is Md Rubel, 30, of Natunbazar area in Patuakhali town. He was tried in absentia. Special Sessions Judge Abu Naser Md Jahangir Alam also fined him Tk 10,000. In default, he is to suffer another 10 months in jail. According to the prosecution, a team of Rab-8 arrested Rubel with 35 Yaba tablets from the area on April 6 in 2016 and handed him over to police. A Rab member then filed a case with Sadar Police Station in this regard. Rubel was later released on bail and went into hiding. Shusen, Sub Inspector of the police station, submitted a charge sheet against Rubel on May 4 the same year. After examining witnesses and evidences, the judge found Rubel guilty and pronounced the verdict.

Hanging bodies of woman, youth found in Saltha and Bhanga upazilas in Faridpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Police recovered hanging bodies of an elderly woman and a youth in Saltha and Bhanga upazilas in Faridpur yesterday. The deceased in Saltha was Nurjahan Begum, 65, wife of Kanchan Mia of Nowpara village. "Nurjahan quarrelled with her husband over a family issue on Wednesday evening. After taking supper, they went to sleep but locals found Nurjahan's hanging body beside their house on Thursday morning," Muhammad Ali Jinnah, officer-in-charge of Saltha Police Station, quoted locals as saying. On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Faridpur Medical College Hospital for autopsy, he said, adding that an unnatural death case was filed with Saltha Police Station. Police recovered hanging body of a youth from Mohesdi Boromuckurni village under Bhanga upazila around 2:00pm yesterday. The deceased was Shahin Sheikh, 25, son of Hafiz Sheikh of the village. According to locals, Shahin was addicted to gambling and he borrowed money from his friends. As he could not return the money, he was suffering from depression, they said. "On information, police recovered the body that was hanging from a mango tree beside their house and sent it to Faridpur Medical College Hospital for autopsy," said Kazi Saidur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Bhanga Police Station. An unnatural death case was filed with the police station, he added.

Kids attend classes in abandoned bldg for 8 years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Children are attending classes in an abandoned primary school building of Nagarkanda upazila in the district for eight years amid risk of accident, thanks to the authorities' negligence to the matter. Biva Hawlader, headmaster of Hiyaboldi Government Primary School, said the school was established in 1985 and the building was built in 1994. The upazila primary education department declared the building abandoned in 2011, she said. "We have another building nearby. Built in 2003-2004 fiscal year, it comprises two classrooms and a teachers' room," said the headmaster. They were compelled to use a room of that abandoned building as the two classrooms are not sufficient to accommodate 162 students, added Biva. During a recent visit to the school building, this correspondent found that plaster of most part of the roof has already fallen, exposing rusty iron rods. Cracks have also developed in the roof. Yunus Mia, an assistant teacher of the school, said plaster fell off the ceiling three months ago. However, none sustained injuries in the accident as all the students were out of the room at that time. They take classes amid risk of



Children attend class in the abandoned primary school building of Faridpur's Nagarkanda upazila. The photo was taken recently.

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accident every day, said Yunus. Jobaida Akter, a student of Class III, said "We have been afraid to attend classes in the damaged room." Sonali Aktar, classmate of Jobaida, said their classes are often suspended due to bad weather. Miraz Matubbar, a guardian, said "I live in fear after sending my daughter to the risky school building." Upazila Education Officer Tamzumnaahar said immediate steps will be taken to build new building there.

'Rapist' snatched from victim's family in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Family members of an alleged rapist beat the victim's family members and snatched away the accused from them in Rangpur's Taraganj upazila on Tuesday. The 15-year-old girl was raped on Monday. The father of the girl filed a case with Taraganj Police Station against six people including alleged rapist Ariful Islam, 22, son of Azizur Rahman of Paikpara village in the upazila.

The victim's family members said Ariful used to stalk the girl for the last one year. On Monday night, the girl came out of her room to wash her hands at tube-well at their courtyard. At the time, Ariful caught her and raped the girl. Hearing screams, family members and villagers rushed to the spot and caught Ariful red handed. Hafizur Rahman, a member of Harialkuthi union parishad, then advised the victim's father to file a case. All of a sudden, family members of Ariful Islam carried out an attack and left the spot snatching the alleged rapist. The father blamed one Zabedul Islam, Ayub Ali and Azizul Islam for the attack. On Tuesday night, the girl's father filed the case, said Mominul Islam, sub-inspector (SI) of the police station. A medical test of the girl was conducted at Rangpur Medical College Hospital yesterday, said the SI. They were raiding different areas to arrest the accused, said Zinnat Ali, officer-in-charge of the police station.



Women manually spin thread from cotton to weave cloths at Arja Bon Bihar in Khagrachhari hill town yesterday as Kathin Chibar Daan, the traditional Buddhist festival marking gift of clothes made through toiling, is going on in Chattogram Hill Tracts region.

PHOTO: SAIKAT DEWAN

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Invitation for Tenders

No. BSMRMU/Procurement-356/07/19/2813 Date: 24 October 2019

Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.
Procuring entity name	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University (BSMRMU).
Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
Tender Invitation for	Procurement of Oceanography & Hydrography Lab Instrument.
Invitation Reference No.	BSMRMU Open Tender No. 07/2019-2020
Date	24 October 2019

KEY INFORMATION
 Procurement method: Open Tender Method (National).

FUNDING INFORMATION
 Budget and source of funds: Government of Bangladesh.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

Tender last selling date and time	11 November 2019, 12:00 Noon.
Tender submission date and time	12 November 2019, 12:00 Noon.
Tender opening date and time	12 November 2019, 12:15pm.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

Eligibility of tenderer: 1. The tenderer should have a valid trade licence, updated VAT and tax certificate, up-to-date bank solvency and other document as per tender document.

Brief description of goods: Details description is available with tender document.

Lot No.	Identification of lot	Qty	Location	Tender security money	Completion time
1	Multiparameter & others	As per TD	BSMRMU	Tk 1,25,000.00	90 days from the signature of contract
2	Laptop & others			Tk 7,000.00	30 days from the signature of contract
3	Autoanalyzer			Tk 2,20,000.00	90 days from the signature of contract
4	Oceanographic Equipments			Tk 35,000.00	90 days from the signature of contract

Tender document price: Tk 1000/00 for each lot (non-refundable) in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of "BSMRMU General Fund."

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

Name, designation of official inviting	Registrar, BSMR Maritime University, Bangladesh.
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