

# Virus attack on bean leaves worries farmers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Bean leaves attacked by virus have dashed the hopes of thousands of farmers in Juri upazila of the district.

As the vegetable farming became profitable in the area, bean was cultivated on 61 hectares of land this year, which was 57 hectares last year, said Jasim Uddin, agriculture officer in Juri.

Islam Uddin, a farmer of Bashirpur village, said he collected 8 to 12 kg of bean from his field every day last year.

But his bean leaves have turned yellowish due to attack of Mosaic virus this year and the trees are slowly dying now, said Islam.

The leaves attacked by the virus have worried many farmers in the upazila, he said.

Another affected farmer Sharif Mia of the village said the yield was good last year but this year, most of the bean plants have died due to the virus attack.

Although some trees have been covered with flowers, those are also dying due to attack of the virus, said Sharif.

Growers said they have incurred loss in the vegetable cultivation this year as production cost became high due to increased labour cost and prices of day labourers, fertilizer and pesticide on the rise while bean trees are dying during harvesting time.

Some farmers blamed the weather change for the severity of the virus attack while experts said farmers' excessive use of pesticides might have caused insects to grow resistance to the chemicals.



Bean leaves have turned yellowish due to attack of virus at a field in Moulvibazar's Juri upazila.

Pankaj Kanti Biswas, deputy assistant agriculture officer of the upazila agriculture office, advised the farmers to use pesticides regularly to prevent the disease.

Kazi Lutful Bari, deputy director of Department of Agriculture Extension in Moulvibazar, said the farmers can also use Potash fertilizer to prevent the disease.

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# Neglected and cheated, elderly couple cry for right from son

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Virtually abandoned and cheated allegedly by the only living son and his wife, an elderly ailing couple are passing days amid sufferings.

Rabeya Begum, 55, mother of the son, submitted a complaint to the upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) Kalapara over the matter on Wednesday.

Rabeya and her husband Md Eunus Gazi, 65, of Mithaganj village under Kalapara upazila, had two sons and two daughters.

"After sudden death of the elder son and a daughter a few years ago, my husband became sick and eventually paralysed. He has remained bed-ridden for the last three years," Rabeya said in her complaint to the UNO.

"With the money from selling my father's property, I built a semi-pucca building for my son Mamun Gazi and gave him a motorbike, which he uses to carry passengers for rental. But as he and his wife neglected us regarding food and treatment, we took shelter at our daughter's house three years back.

"Twenty days ago Mamun took his father to his house in the name of arranging treatment. Then Mamun took him to Kalapara upazila land office and made him hand over an acre of land to him.

"I came to see my husband at Mamun's house but I had to eat at a neighbour's house as Mamun and his wife Khadija didn't give me any food. I returned to my daughter's house seven days later," Rabeya said.

The UNO on Thursday called Mamun at his office where the latter promised to take care of his parents but Mamun didn't even

take back his mother to his house.

Rabeya's daughter Farida Begum said, "My brother took my father from my house 20 days ago and forcibly took an acre of land from him. But he isn't doing anything for our parents."

Ismail Gazi, younger brother of Eunus Gazi, and Kazi Hemayet Uddin, chairman of local union parishad (UP), supported Farida's statement.

"We tried to solve the issue on several occasions but Mamun and his wife didn't listen," the UP chairman said.



Mamun Gazi claimed that his father willingly gave the land and he arranged his father's treatment by a village doctor.

He, however, remained silent when asked about his mother.

Mamun's wife Khadija Begum said, "I never misbehaved with Mamun's parents."

Kalapara UNO Md Munibur Rahman said, "After getting complaint from Rabeya Begum, I called her son Mamun. In presence of the local UP chairman, he promised taking care of his parents and arranging their treatment. I also asked Mamun to return the land to his father. Otherwise, lawful step will be taken."

## AWFUL ROAD

# Commuters suffer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A major portion of 26-km-long road stretching from Betbunga Bazar to Kawkhali upazila lies in awful state for three years, causing immense sufferings to commuters of six villages in the upazila.

Especially school kids are the worst sufferers due to bad condition of the road.

Despite repeated pleas, the authorities are yet to take any steps to repair the road, said local people.

The villages include Betbunga Bazar, Mohajon Para, Kala Kaji, Chowdhury Para and Pochu Para.

About 14-km-long portion of the road was damaged badly due to heavy downpour three years ago and since then it has become almost unfit for traffic movement, said locals.

The road has numerous potholes and during monsoon season becomes too muddy, they said.

In 2004-05 fiscal year, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) built the brick road funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB).

During a recent visit, this correspondent found CNG-run auto-rickshaw and motorcycle plying the damaged road amid risk of accident.

Ushila Marma, a student of Betbunga



A CNG-run auto-rickshaw plies the damaged road amid risk of accident in Rangamati's Rawzan upazila. PHOTO: STAR

High School, said every day he uses the road to go to school.

When it rains, the road becomes dangerously slippery, said the student, adding that sometimes they slipped off the road.

Khoichabai Talukder, chairman of Betbunga Union Parishad (UP), said he has already informed the authorities concerned about the matter.

Contacted, Paritosh Chandra Roy, executive engineer of LGED in Kawkhali upazila, said they wrote to the higher authorities to renovate the road but to no respond yet.

## Housewife killed for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A woman has been killed allegedly by her husband for dowry at Parbispur village in Narail's Kalia upazila.

The deceased was Tamanna Khatun, 20, daughter of Akter Mollah of Khorria village.

Quoting the victim's family members, police said Shipon Sheikh, son of Rubel Sheikh of the village, used to torture Tamanna for dowry since their marriage three years ago.

On Friday midnight, the couple locked in an altercation over the issue.

At one stage of altercation, Shipon beat Tamanna mercilessly, leaving her seriously injured.

Later, neighbours rescued the victim and sent her to a local hospital, where doctors declared her dead.

## WAR OF LIBERATION '71

# Gaibandha celebrates freedom anniversary

Patuakhali residents observe theirs today

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A colourful procession was brought out yesterday in Gaibandha town on the occasion of freeing the town from the occupation of Pakistan forces on the day in 1971.

Former company commander of freedom fighters Mahub Elahi Ranju (Bir Protik) led the procession that paraded through main streets of the town, reports our correspondent in Gaibandha.

Commemorating the day as well as the supreme sacrifices made by countless freedom fighters, a discussion was also organised in the town's Swadhinata Prangan area. The programme was presided over by Mahub Elahi Ranju (Bir Protik), while Gaibandha Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abdul Matin was the chief guest.

Speakers said the Pakistani occupiers turned the town, then headquarters of Gaibandha sub-division, into a killing ground.

Prior to December 6 afternoon, when the allied forces including the freedom fighters marched towards the town from Bangladesh's western border with India accompanied by heavy artillery gunfire, roads and bridges around the area were destroyed by freedom fighters.

Then the Indian Air Force in a barrage of air assaults sunk almost all vessels of the enemy docked around Teestamukh jetty on the Jamuna river, forcing the occupiers to abandon their positions and retreat towards the capital.

Finally, on the morning of December 7, when the freedom fighters led by commander Mahub (Bir Protik), followed by the allied forces, entered the besieged town, thousands of locals rejoiced and welcomed them, the speakers said, adding that a huge public reception was later organised at the then the sub-divisional office ground, now renamed as Swadhinata Prangan.

Among others, Syed Shamsul Alam Hiru, president of Awami League's Gaibandha district unit; Abu Bakar Siddique, general secretary of the same unit of AL; Shah Masud Jahangir



Liberation War memorial in Patuakhali town.

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Kabir Milon, Gaibandha municipality mayor; Wasiker Md Iqbal Maju, former deputy commander of the freedom fighters; Shah Shariful Islam Bablu, president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal's Gaibandha district unit; Farhad Abdullah Harun, vice president of the district unit of AL; and Mozammel Huq Mandol, joint general secretary of the same unit; attended the discussion.

PATUAKHALI FREE DAY TODAY  
Valiant freedom fighters freed Patuakhali from Pakistani occupation forces on this day in 1971.

Various organisations chalked out daylong programmes to observe the day, our correspondent in Patuakhali reports.

On April 26, a month after the independence of the country was declared, the Pakistan forces with the help of 'peace committee' members killed scores of people, tortured women and looted several hundred

houses in the district headquarters.

Setting up a camp at Patuakhali Women's College, freedom fighters under the leadership of Nurul Huda, commander of the freedom fighter's Patuakhali sub-sector, put up resistance against the occupiers. They engaged in a number of battles with the enemy across the district.

Abdul Awal, the then DC of Patuakhali, was killed by the occupation forces for distributing firearms from district police lines to freedom fighters.

On November 18, the occupation forces retreated after a daylong fierce battle with freedom fighters at Panpotti village.

Later, in the last week of the month, when the liberation forces entered Patuakhali town, the Pakistani forces withdrew from Patuakhali and fled to Dhaka on a ship. Finally, the freedom fighters declared Patuakhali district liberated on December 8.



Opened in September 2018, Sheikh Hasina Teesta Bridge at Kakina-Mahipur ghat can be used only by small and light vehicles as the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has set a barrier, right, at the entrance to prevent movement of heavy vehicles there, following orders from the higher authorities. The district's LGED officials said they sent a letter to the higher authorities a few days ago seeking permission to allow movement of heavy vehicles as the newly constructed second bridge over the Teesta river and the approach roads on both sides are quite fit for the purpose.



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## BOGURA DISTRICT AL COUNCIL

# Mojibar president, Ragebul general secretary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Mojibar Rahman Moju was declared president of Awami League's Bogura district unit yesterday while Ragebul Ahsan Ripu was declared general secretary of the unit yesterday.

The name of the two were declared as the party formed a new committee for the district at its triennial council on the premises of Altafunnessa playground in Bogura town.

The last council of the party's district unit was held on December 10, 2014.

However, while Awami League Presidium Member Mohammed Nasim was announcing the new committee, a number of local AL leaders and activists were chanting slogans against the committee. They also damaged about 100 chairs.


Mojibar secured the top post of Bogura AL in the council yesterday after freedom

fighter Momtaj Uddin, leader of the unit for the last 23 years, passed away on February 17 this year.

The council was also attended by local and central AL leaders including Jahangir Kabir Nanak, joint general secretary of AL; Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury, organisational secretary of AL and also state minister for shipping; and Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton.

There were a total of seven contenders for the president post while five for the general secretary post, said several Bogura district AL leaders and activists who attended the council yesterday.

Mokbul Hossain, former acting president of AL's Bogura district unit, said, "We all agreed when our central leaders declared the names of the new president and general secretary."



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