

Growers remain busy packing brinjal in Math Shoildubi area of Faridpur's Sadarpur upazila.

Fair prices delight aubergine growers

Bumper yield and fair prices have brought smile to brinjal farmers at different villages in Sadarpur upazila of the district.

According to the district office of Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), 486 hectares of land in the upazila have been brought under brinjal cultivation this year. BP hybrids, Iret and Sinduri are cultivated here.

During a recent visit to Shoildubi, Math Shoildubi, Abuler Mor and Badhano Ghat areas in the upazila, this correspondent found growers passing busy time to harvest brinjal at their fields.

A good number of wholesalers from different parts of the country have come to buy brinjal form the farmers in the upazila.

Hariz Mollah, a farmer of Shoildubi area, said brinjal cultivation is more profitable than other corps in the area. The soil of this region is suitable for brinjal cultivation.

Another grower Shahed Ali of Math Shoildubi village said "I have cultivated brinjal on one bigha of land spending Tk 25,000 this year. I have already sold 30 maunds of brinjal and per maund was sold at Tk 1,400. I hope I will get more 70

maunds, if the weather is good. Wholesaler Abdul Salam Matabbar of Abuler Mor area said "There is high demand for this brinjal at different kitchen markets across the country. We send five to ten trucks of brinjal to different districts including Dhaka every day."

Habibur Rahman, a wholesaler of Dhaka, said they bought brinjal at Tk 1,400 per maund from the growers in the upazila.

They earned a profit of Tk 200 to Tk 250 per maund by selling the vegetable at different markets in Dhaka, he said.

Faridpur DAE Deputy Director (DD) Kartik Chandra Chakraborty said the soil and weather in the upazila is suitable for brinjal cultivation.

They arranged training and conducted campaigns for brinjal farmers in the upazila as cultivation of brinjal is profitable, said the DD.

Mass grave of 250 FFs lies in utter neglect

Preservation of the spot on Akhaura 'no-man's land' requires processes involving neighbouring India

MASUK HRIDOY, Brahmanbaria

A mass graveyard of 250 martyrs of the Liberation War at Bangladesh-Tripura border is now covered with jungle, making it hardly distinguishable from surroundings.

The spot, 10 yards inside 'no-man's land' at Ramnagar village under Tripura state of India along Senarbadi village of Brahmanbaria's Akhaura upazila, is the eternal resting place of around 250 freedom fighters who borrowed martyrdom while fighting with the Pakistan occupation army.

Different socio-cultural organizations pay tribute to the heroic sons of the soil there every year but the government is yet to take any initiative to mark the place, even after 48 years of independence.

During the Liberation War, critically injured freedom fighters of Montala, Akhaura, Kasba, Comilla, Bilonia and other border areas were given treatment at GB Hospital of Tripura, said sources of Akhaura upazila Muktijoddha

Of them, those who died were sent to Ramnagar village of Agartala. Bangladeshi

people brought the bodies and buried them at the graveyard of Senarbadi village of Akhaura.

Once dead people from border areas of the two neighbouring countries were buried at the

But later no other bodies were buried there as a token of respect to the martyred freedom

Hossain Molla, an inhabitant of Senarbadi village, said he took part in burial of at least 50 martyred freedom fighters there. "The bodies were brought here on rickshaw-

vans. In those turbulent period, many bodies were buried after wrapping with only a lungi. Sometimes three or four bodies were buried in Bodies of at least 250 martyred freedom fighters were buried there during the Liberation

War, said Md Ismail, who as a defecting member of the then East Pakistan Rifles, took part in the "Identity of most of the freedom fighters buried here could not be known. During

burial one day, a youth identified the body of

'footballer Aziz', who had died after being hit by

a mortar shell of the enemy," said local freedom fighter Abdur Rahman.

Visiting the spot yesterday, this correspondent saw that the mass grave to the west of a pond near the zero line remains covered with a jungle of bushes and trees.

Md Harun-ur-Rashid, former commander of Brahmanbaria Muktijoddha Sangsad, expressed sorrow that the authorities concerned of the government have not taken any step to preserve the grave of martyrs.

Contacted, Md Jahangir, Akhaura company commander of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), said, "BGB is ready to cooperate if the local administration takes step to preserve the memory of the martyrs."

Akhaura Upazila Nirbahi Officer Tahmina Akter Reina, who recently joined the office, said she held a meeting with local freedom fighters and BGB officials regarding the matter yesterday.

"Necessary steps will be taken to preserve the mass grave of freedom fighters. However, the matter involves support from the authorities concerned of both Bangladesh and India as the spot is in the border area," she said.



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Present condition of the mass grave of 250 martyred freedom fighters near 'no-man's land' along Senarbadi village of Brahmanbaria's Akhaura upazila.

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Woman dies from 'wrong treatment'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A 35-year-old woman died allegedly due to for wrong treatment at a private clinic in Dinajpur town yesterday. Victim's family members alleged that, the deceased, Beauty Ara, wife of Abdul Mannan of Uttar Bangshipur

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village in Sadar upazila, died at HK Mother Care Hospital, hours after she had a caesarean operation yesterday

Deceased's elder sister Fatema Begum said Beauty, who was admitted to the private clinic early yesterday, gave birth to a baby boy through a caesarean operation around Beauty's condition started deteriorating soon after she

was given an injection around 11:30am and she died around 12:30pm, Fatema alleged. Hearing the death news, victim's family members and

relatives went on a rampage at the hospital compound. Being informed, police went to the spot and brought the situation under control. Dr Hazrat Ali, owner of the clinic, declined to make any

comments in this regard. Contacted, Dinajpur Civil Surgeon Abdul Kuddus said the hospital has been running its operation without renewing its license.



Hundreds of vehicles on Dhaka-Tangail highway remain stuck in a long tailback for the last two days due to road-widening work at Elenga.

Long tailback at Elenga

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Passengers have been suffering a lot as hundreds of vehicles on Dhaka-Tangail highway remained stuck in a long tailback for the last two days due to road-widening work at Elenga, some 13 kilometers away from the east end of the Bangabandhu Multipurpose Bridge in Tangail.

The vehicles have remained stuck in a 10km tailback stretching from Rabna bypass in Tangail Sadar upazila to Analiabari area in Kalihati upazila since Friday morning and it continued as of filing of this report around 7:30pm yesterday.

Traffic Inspector Shahidur Rahman in the area said the road work at Elenga Bus Stand has left one lane shut. Besides, huge pressure of vehicles on the road due to the weekly holydays was another reason behind the traffic congestion.

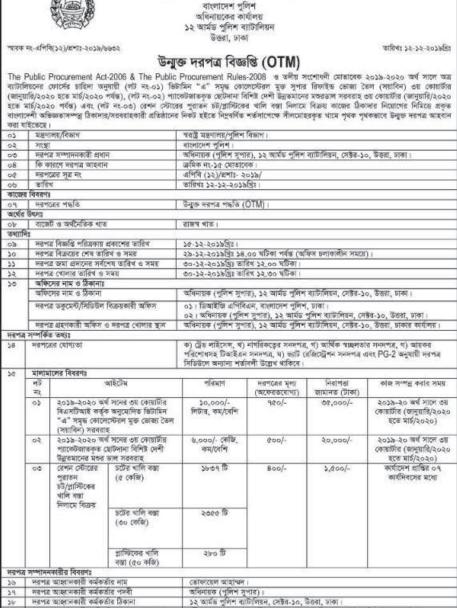
Saidur Rahman, driver of a passenger bus, said it usually took 10 minutes to cross the area but now it is taking at least one to two hours to pass the area. Ashraful Islam, passenger of a Pabna-

bound bus, said apart from the traffic jam, huge amount of dust on the road increased their sufferings. Amimul Ehsan, executive engineer of Roads and Highways Department in Tangail, said the two-lane extension work

is going on and it will need 20 more days to complete the work. No traffic jam will remain in Elenga after completion of the road work, he said.

Rafiqul Islam, traffic inspector (administration) in Tangail, said the traffic congestion turns acute at night due to movement of a large number of trucks.

However, they were trying their best to ease the traffic congestion, he added.



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