

Farmers all smiles over fair prices of coriander leaves

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Farmers in the district are all smiles as they are earning handsome amount of money from coriander cultivation.

This year, the growers are getting fair prices for the coriander leaves compared to last year's prices like in 2019, per kg of coriander leaves was sold at Tk 8 to Tk 10, which is being sold at Tk 35 to Tk 40 in the local markets this year.

Afzal Hossain, a farmer from Jamutari village in Saptibari union of Aditmari upazila, said he has already earned Tk 20,000 from selling coriander leaves on one bigha of land. He can sell coriander leaves for Tk 3-4 thousand more.

"This year the coriander field was destroyed twice due to floods and heavy rains. I got the yield by sowing seeds for the third time," he said.

Afzal's wife Jamila Begum said they had to work hard to get the yield. They spent Tk 3,000 for the cultivation.

Dinesh Chandra Barman, another grower from Mogholhat village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, said farmers are earning



A farmer couple pluck coriander leaves from a land at Jamurtari village in Lalmonirhat's Aditmari upazila.

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a good amount of money from selling coriander leaves, but the coriander fields were damaged several times.

"All kinds of vegetables have been severely damaged due to floods and heavy rains this year. The cost of vegetable production has doubled since last year," he said.

Farmer Nazer Ali of Bhatibari village in Sadar upazila said he used to cultivate coriander leaves on 60 decimals of land but he got the yield from 20 decimals of land. The coriander leaves on 40 decimals

of the land have been completely damaged due to heavy rains.

However, they are earning good amount of money from the cultivation as the market price of coriander leaves is high, he said.

Hamidul Islam, a resident of Sahebpara area in Lalmonirhat town, said that they were not buying much coriander leaves now as its price is high.

Meher Ali, a vegetable seller at Goshala Bazar in Lalmonirhat town, said they were buying coriander leaves from farmers at high rate and selling them to buyers

at high prices.

Although the price of coriander leaves is high, its demand has not decreased, he said.

Shamim Ashraf, deputy director (DD) of Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Lalmonirhat, said coriander leaves on about 1,800 bighas of land in the district have been damaged due to heavy rains and floods this year.

The farmers are earning satisfactory money from selling the coriander leaves due to its high demand among the consumers, said the DD.

Malta cultivation sees success in Majapara of Nilphamari

The sandy land brought fortune to many growers as it is suitable for malta cultivation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Once people of Majapara in Sadar upazila used to cultivate tobacco because of sandy land but now the locality has attained new identity as 'green malta producing village' amid the pandemic as the villagers cultivate the tasty fruit containing vitamin C that help boost immunity against Covid-19.

The sandy land has brought fortune to them as they found that it is suitable for malta cultivation where water does not stand during monsoon, said Abdus Salam, pioneer of malta cultivation in the village.

He added that sub-assistant agriculture officer of Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Nilphamari Anarul Islam motivated youths to cultivate the fruit as it is more profitable than tobacco.

In 2017, Salam first cultivated 65 malta saplings on one bigha of land as the officer supplied him BARI Malta-1 variety from his office free of cost and also gave him technical support.

"A year after plantation, I collected 25 kg of malta from each tree and sold per kg at Tk 100. Thus, I earned Tk 1.5 lakh. It is very profitable," he said.

Seeing Salam's success, educated youth Moniruzaman Razu in 2018 created a malta orchard on five bigha of land.

At present, there are 35 orchards in the area, said local resident Dr Atiar Rahman, adding that Majapara is now widely known as green malta producing village.

At the beginning of March when coronavirus spread in the country, distant traders stopped buying. Razu then created a Facebook page for advertisement of his orchard's green maltas containing vitamin C that help to boost immunity and fight Covid-19 as well.

"Elite consumers from Dhaka and other

big cities started giving orders over online. I sold the fruits at higher rate. I benefitted financially from selling the maltas," said Razu.

Following him, many other growers in the area adopted same marketing policy as Razu earned good profit from selling the fruit.

Orchard owner Mahfuzar Rahman said many buyers even booked their orchards



A farmer at his malta orchard in Majapara village of Nilphamari Sadar upazila.

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in advance before harvesting of the fruit in October-November.

Deputy Director of DAE in Nilphamari Obaidur Rahman Mondol said Majapara malta producing village proves that the district has bright prospect for malta production and accordingly, they have taken up programme to create at least a malta orchard in each union of Sadar upazila.



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FRAUD CASE

Ex-AL leader arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

Police early yesterday arrested a former leader of Jubo League, youth wing of ruling Awami League (AL), from Dhaka in connection with separate cases filed for fraudulence.

The arrestee, Khalil Ullah Azad Milton, 45, son of Mohammad Habibullah of Hossainpur village in Khansama upazila, was former joint cultural affair secretary of district unit Jubo League.

Police said the arrestee allegedly took away Tk 7 lakh from two people, assuring them of giving lease of local sand quarry (Balu Mahal).

Officer in Charge of Khansama Police Station Kamal Hossain said, acting on a tip-off, they raided Mohammadpur area in the capital and arrested Milton.

In a bid to stop illegal sand lifting from the Jamuna river, a mobile court during separate drives yesterday and on Wednesday destroys at least 13 such dredgers in Tangail's Bhupur upazila.

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7	Invitation Ref. No.	14.33.0000.752.07.008.20-95
8	Date	19/11/2020 AD.
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	OTM (International).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	BTCL's own fund.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	None.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code	
13	Project/programme name	
14	Tender package No.	Single Package.
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Internet Protocol Version 4 (IPv4) Addresses for BTCL Data and Internet Network.
16	Tender publication date	19/11/2020 AD.
17	Tender last selling date	05/01/2021 AD up to 05:00pm.
18	Tender closing date and time	06/01/2021 AD @ 12:00pm.
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20	Name & address of the office(s)	
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Arrest trader Anisur's killers, demand protesters

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Local traders brought out a protest procession and formed a human chain at Laohati Bazar in Delduar upazila yesterday, protesting the brutal killing of trader Anisur Rahman.

Speakers at the human chain programme condemned the killing of Anisur and demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the killers.

Among others, valiant freedom fighter Khandakar Karim, Laohati Bazar Traders' Association leaders Habibur Rahman, Abdul Based, Hasmot Ali, Shipon Khan and Mansur Rahman spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, Anisur, 50, owner of a private clinic, went out of his Laohati house on Monday afternoon and remained missing since then. His mobile phone was also found switched-off.

The following afternoon, locals spotted Anisur's throat-slit body wrapped in a sack at adjacent Pachuria village and informed the police, who recovered it and sent it to the hospital for autopsies.

Youth killed over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A youth was killed by his rivals allegedly over a land dispute in Narsingdi Sadar upazila on Wednesday night.

The deceased, Russell Mridha, 34, was son of Hanif Mridha of Baghabo area in the upazila.

Victim's brother Tarek Mridha said there had been a feud between his family and one of their neighbours Belayet for nearly 15 years over the ownership of a disputed land.

As a sequel to the conflict, Belayet's men waylaid Russell near UMC Jute Mills area while he was returning home around 10:00pm and stabbed him indiscriminately with sharp weapons, leaving him severely injured.

Hearing cry for help, local people rescued Russell and took him to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital, where the doctors declared him dead, OC of Sadar Model Police Station Biplob Kumar Dutta said.



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