



A farmer tends to early variety of brinjal saplings in his field at Baniary village in Pirojpur's Nazirpur upazila.

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Floods, rains dash early winter vegetable growers' hopes

Price hike of vegetables worries residents in Pirojpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Prices of vegetables remain high in the local markets of the district as local growers cannot cultivate early varieties of winter vegetables timely this year due to bad weather. Because of continuous heavy rains and floods during the peak season, cultivation of early winter vegetables has been delayed in Pirojpur, said farmers, adding that they were also badly affected by the bad weather. The growers in the district cultivate early winter vegetables with the hope of getting good prices but heavy rains have dashed their hopes this year as they cannot cultivate the vegetables during the

peak season due to bad weather. Farmer Mohammad Shamim of Baniary village in Nazirpur upazila said growers in the area cultivate early vegetables inside the bed of fish enclosures during the peak season as other fields remain under water then. They grow early varieties of vegetables including cauliflower, bean, brinjal, tomato and different varieties of leafy vegetables there, he said, adding that but this year, they cannot grow them in time after trying several times due to bad weather. "At the beginning of August, we plant vegetable saplings and get production at the end of

September," said another farmer of the village Projesh Mondal, adding that but this time they do not get any yield. "I planted vegetable saplings and seeds for over three times. But rainwater and floods have damaged it," said grower Fazar Ali Khan of the area. Meanwhile, the price hike of the winter vegetables has worried consumers in the district as locally grown vegetable is not available in the markets. Local vegetable traders said the vegetables they sell in the market come from different areas of Khulna division. Prices of winter vegetables are

high due to the crisis of vegetable supply in the market, said trader Ujjal Chandra from Pirojpur town, adding that the lowest price of each kilogram of vegetable is Tk 40. The price of each kilogram of brinjal is Tk 65, bean Tk 100 and each piece of bottle gourd is over Tk 50 while each bundle leafy vegetable is sold for Tk 25. About the matter, Bijan Krishna Hawlader, sub-assistant agriculture officer of Nazirpur upazila agriculture office, said this year farmers cannot produce vegetables in time due to bad weather. Winter vegetables will be available in the markets at the end of the current month, he said.

ATTACK ON ICHHACHHARA PUNJEE

Separate land commission urged for plain land indigenous communities

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At least ten non-government organizations, campaigning for land and human rights of marginalised population, called on the government to protect indigenous communities living in Ichhachhara Punjee of Kulaura upazila. They made the call on Saturday while visiting Ichhachhara Punjee (village) where indigenous communities came under attack on November 9 over possession of a betel leaf garden belonging to an indigenous family at Katabari Paan Jum (betel leaf garden). In order to promptly settle land disputes of indigenous communities living on plain land across the country, the organisations also urged the government to take immediate steps for creating a separate land commission for plain land indigenous communities. The members of the rights organisations also met with Moulvibazar deputy commissioner (DC) and Kulaura upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) on Sunday. Association for Land Reform and development (ALRD) representative and Programme Officer (Law) AKM Bulbul Ahmed said the land commission for plain land indigenous communities should be comprised of members of the communities and there should be a law that bans the transfer of land from indigenous people to non-indigenous people. The perpetrators of the attack on Ichhachhara Punjee have to be brought to book without any further delay and views exchange dialogues



Father Joseph Gomes OMI, coordinator of Indigenous Environment Movement of Bapa in Sylhet division, speaks to a team of representatives from various rights organisations during their visit to Ichhachhara village of Moulvibazar's Kulaura upazila.

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the law, he added. Ripon Banai, student and youth secretary of central committee of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, demanded that a national policy for all indigenous communities and a separate ministry for the indigenous people on plain land be made. Manusher Jonno Foundation Senior Program Manager Evelina Chakma, Coordinator of Indigenous Environment Movement of Bapa in Sylhet division Father Joseph Gomes OMI, KUBRAJ General Secretary Flora Babbly Talang, Nizera Kori central activist Mizanur Rahman, Bapa Habiganj unit General Secretary Tafazzal Soheli, Bapa organiser in Moulvibazar ASM Saleh, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association's Sylhet unit activist Al Amin Sarder, Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust's Sylhet district Programme Officer Satyajit Kumar Das and Dr Ali Ahsan Chowdhury also spoke, among others, at Ichhachhara Punjee. Evelina Chakma said, "I witnessed the problem faced by the indigenous people after visiting the spot." The administration needs to make sure that these issues are handled properly and

the media needs to cover the issues with due importance, she added. Moulvibazar DC Mir Nahid Ahsan said the representatives of the rights organisations praised the steps taken by the administration over the attack on indigenous communities at Ichhachhara Punjee. He also said the issue was discussed at the district's law and order meeting and a case was already filed over the attack and vandalism at the village. On the night of November 9, several hours after Kulaura upazila administration in a raid evicted illegal occupants from a betel leaf garden belonging to an indigenous family at Katabari Paan Jum, a church was ransacked and at least one person sustained injury during an attack on Ichhachhara Khasi village. Around 50 to 60 men armed with local weapons, led by Rafiq Ali, who had been evicted from the garden several hours earlier, first vandalised a grocery store owned by one Lal Mia around 7:00pm and they later ransacked the nearby church too, locals said, adding that when the attackers started to throw stones at houses up on the hills, at least one person was hurt while running to safety.

Good initiative, yet ineffective

FROM PAGE 1 Even, Anna Begum, a member of Jhanpa UP of Manirampur upazila in Jashore, was allegedly beaten with the sandal of the head of her committee in August last year, when she asked for an Eid bonus. She was expelled from the committee. Contacted, the committee head, UP chairperson Shamsul Haque Montu defied the allegation, saying the woman was of "immoral character and she used to be involved in sex work earlier."

MONITORING NEEDED According to the latest report of Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK), at least 975 rapes, 208 gang rapes, and 43 murders after rape occurred across the country in the first nine months of this year.

Despite being armed with various laws, the fight against gender-based violence still remains an uphill challenge. The NNPCs have a major role to play in this regard at the grassroots level, experts said.

They stressed monitoring NNPC activities in order to make these more functional and accountable.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, said there has to be a strict monitoring mechanism so that these committees can be held accountable for their activities.

She referred to how in the Eklashpur gang rape and other incidents of violence against women, the media and rights bodies played an active role in helping survivors get access to remedies.

"But is it possible in every case? The system must be working and every committee must be held accountable for their actions."

A project of ASK has been providing gender awareness and sensitivity training to NNPC members and advocating for lawful mediation in the five most violence-prone districts, since 2017.

Khaleda Khanom, team leader of the project, ASTHA: Strengthening Access to Multi-Sectoral Public Services for GBV Survivors in Bangladesh, said most of these committees were inactive before the rights body started working with them.

"The members of the committees didn't know about their roles. We found most of the people went to the UP chairman and members to report the violent incidents, and they would do both lawful and unlawful mediation in rape or severe injury cases," she said.

"In rape incidents, they would also never maintain confidentiality, which affects the survivors. In the case of severe domestic violence incidents, they would often try to mitigate the issue by sending the victims back to their husbands, without ensuring fruitful measures, so that these incidents aren't repeated."

Contacted, Dr Abul Hossain, project director of the multi-sectoral programme on violence against women at the women and children affairs ministry, said they don't usually review the activities after publishing the gazette.

"However, we often tell the DCs to monitor it. The minister and secretaries also urge them to reactivate their activities," he said.

"We just formed the committees, but the UP chairpersons are guided by the local government department. They [LGD] can play an active role here."

The actions, or lack thereof, of the Eklashpur NNPC in Begumganj of Noakhali is a prime example. The committee remained non-functional before the horrific September 2 gang rape and torture of a woman in Joykrishnapur village of Eklashpur union, video footage of which went viral on social media in the first week of October, triggering a firestorm of protest. The victim did not go to the committee as she knew nothing about it in the absence of its activities. She rather went to UP member Moazzem Hossain days after the incident, seeking his help to get justice but to no avail. "I went into hiding after the incident, and I was not being able to walk after the severe torture and beating. Still, one of my sisters and I managed to go to his house and narrated the torture I endured," she told The Daily Star recently. "But he did not believe me, rather he told me that those boys were not that bad and that I might have done something wrong."

The head of Eklashpur NNPC and UP Chairman Khalilur Rahman couldn't be reached as he is currently sick. Moazzem has been in jail since his arrest on October 6. Md Shihab Uddin, member secretary of the committee, said they first sat in October after the incident. He admitted that the committee had, until then, been inactive. Begumganj UNO Shamsun Nahar, however, claimed all six of the UP committees in the upazila, including Eklashpur, hold such meetings and send their agendas regularly. Asked how she got the agendas when no meetings were held in Eklashpur, for instance, the UNO said there were no separate meetings on incidents of violence against women and of child marriage. "When the six UPs hold joint meetings, these issues are raised there."

The death of 14-year-old Numahar of Kauljani union in Tangail due to marital rape on October 25 revealed that the Kauljani NNPC had no visible activities to stop child marriage.

Bellal Hossain, member secretary of the committee, said they weren't informed about the early marriage of Numahar. He said the committee hadn't held any meeting or awareness programme this year or maintained a record relating to child marriages.

There have been multiple instances where rape survivors and victims of gender-based violence did not receive any remedy from these committees.

রাঙ্গামাটি বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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রাঙ্গামাটি বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের নিম্নবর্ণিত পদসমূহে শিক্ষক, কর্মকর্তা ও কর্মচারী নিয়োগ করা হবে। এ লক্ষ্যে জনস্বার্থে বাংলাদেশের নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে শুধুমাত্র অনলাইনে (Online) এর মাধ্যমে আবেদন আহবান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

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জিডি-১৮৭৭

রাঙ্গামাটি বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়