



The majestic mansion of the Pailgaon Chowdhurys, in Jagannathpur upazila of Sunamganj, has been lying in ruins for decades without a custodian.

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# Majestic Pailgaon zamindar house to be protected by govt

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, Sylhet

The government is taking steps to protect the centuries-old mansion of the Pailgaon Chowdhurys -- once a notable zamindar family in the region, in present day Jagannathpur upazila of Sunamganj.

On January 21, the Ministry of Cultural Affairs declared the aesthetic building, which has been in ruins for decades, a 'Protected Archaeological Site' under the 'Antiquities (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976'.

The ministry made the move acting on a proposal of the Department of Archaeology for protecting the decaying heritage site, situated in the village of Pailgaon. A gazette notification in this regard will be published soon.

Dr Md Ataur Rahman, regional director of the archaeology department, said, after successfully bringing the Laurer Garh of Sunamganj under protection of the department, the protection of the Pailgaon zamindar house will be another important achievement towards preserving archaeological heritage sites in the greater Sylhet region.

The Pailgaon zamindar mansion is located on the northern side of the Kalni river, on nearly 5.5 acres of land. Though there were several other structures including a temple

in the compound, the remains of the main building is still standing there.

According to "Shrihatter Itibritto (Uttarangsho)", authored in 1917 by veteran historian Achyut Charan Choudhury, and various other historians, the Chowdhury family has a long history in the region with the earliest known member of the family being Kanailal Dhar.

About 10 to 12 generations later, Umananda Dhar alias Binod Roy became the family's first member who was awarded the title 'Chowdhury' by then Mughal ruler Muhammad Shah.

In his line of succession, several generations later, four brothers -- Durlav Ram, Ramjiban, Hulash Ram and Jogjiban -- expanded the Chowdhury zamindari by leasing four estates in 1786 under the 'Dash Shala Bandobasto'.

Fame and fortune of the zamindari peaked under Jogjiban Chowdhury's grandson Brajanath Chowdhury, who was a lawyer and an honorary magistrate. He had two sons -- Rosomoy and Sukhamoy.

Sukhamoy Chowdhury was a first class magistrate for 40 years since 1886. Many awards and titles -- including the 'Queen Victoria Jubilee Award', in 1897, and the 'Roy Bahadur' title, in 1915 -- were conferred on him during his lifetime.

From 1916 till 1926, he was chairman of Sylhet municipality. In

1919, he established Brajanath High School in Pailgaon and in 1930, he established Rosomoy Memorial High School in Sylhet town.

Rosomoy's son Brajendra Narayan Chowdhury was the last zamindar of the family until 1950, when the 'State Acquisition and Tenancy Act, 1950 (East Bengal Act)' dissolved zamindari system.

During the anti-British movement in the subcontinent, Brajendra acted as a leader of the movement to end the British rule. He was president of the Indian Congress Party in Sylhet and between 1936 and 1940, he served as an elected member of the state and central legislative councils.

After the 'partition' in 1947, unlike other zamindars, Brajendra decided to stay in the then East Pakistan. After falling gravely ill, he left for Kolkata in 1962 to be with his family. He died in Kolkata in 1972.

On January 25 last year, Brajendra's grandchildren -- Dr Aparna Basu, Bhaswati Chakraborty, Mitali Chowdhury and Pratap Narayan Chowdhury -- who live in different cities in India, came to Pailgaon Brajanath High School to celebrate founding centenary of the school.

Following their visits to the school and their ancestral home, they urged the government to protect and restore the heritage building that has a history of around three centuries.

# Rangamati jujube growers all smile

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Jujube is a small fruit, locally known as boroi. Growers of the fruit in the district are now happy at getting bumper production and much higher prices.

There are different varieties of jujube including Bau, apple Kul, Narkel Kul, Ball Sundori and Kashmiri Kul. All varieties are cultivated in the district.

According to size and quality, one kg of jujube is being sold at Tk 120 to Tk 150 in the local markets, growers said.

During a recent visit to many places, this correspondent saw that the growers remained busy harvesting jujube at their orchards.

Farmer Sushanta Tanchangya, 32, said he cultivated Apple Kul, Bal Sundori and local deshi on his three acres of land five years ago.

"I am interested in farming jujube as I have been getting fair prices from selling the fruit for the last few years" he said, adding that this year, he has already sold the fruit at Tk one lakh.

Hemo Kumar Chakma, 40, a jujube orchard owner in Sadar upazila, said he is very happy at getting bumper much higher prices.

"In 2015, I cultivated jujube on 30 decimals of land. Some of the fruit started to come from 2016. I hope this year, I will get Tk 1.5 lakh. I spent Tk 30,000 for the cultivation. Last year, I got Tk 1 lakh from selling the fruit," said Hemo Chakma.

Another jujube grower Guri Mila Chakma, 55, of Sapchhari village in Rangamati Sadar upazila, said she prepared two orchards on 10 bighas of land.

"I have already sold jujube at Tk

50,000 and I am hoping to get Tk 80,000 more from selling the rest of the fruit in my orchard. I spent Tk 23,000 on production," Guri added.

Fruit trader Sonamoni Chakma, 35, of Banorupa bazar in Rangamati town, said there is huge demand of jujube among the customers.

"We collect jujube from the orchard and sell it in the market of the town.

Growers in the hill district are now cultivating different varieties of jujube like Bau Kul, apple Kul, Narkel Kul, Ball Sundori and Kashmiri Kul.

We are earning good profit due to high demand. We are also sending jujubes to Dhaka and other parts of the country" he added.

Krishno Prasad Mallik, deputy director (DD) of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Rangamati, said this year, 760 hectares of land in the district have been brought under jujube cultivation with the production target of 7,600 tonnes.

Day by day farmers have been interested in growing jujube as it brings good profit to them, said the DD.



A jujube grower works at her orchard in Bodhipur area of Rangamati.

PHOTO: STAR

# Man injured in BSF firing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A Bangladeshi national sustained bullet injuries as Indian Border Security Force (BSF) opened fire on him near Ratnai border in Baliadangi upazila yesterday morning.

Bullet-hit Tariqul Islam, 40, son of late Jobed Ali of Dogachi Madhupur village in the upazila, was admitted to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital with severe injuries on the head and different parts of his body.

Victim's family members alleged that BSF troops from Sonamoti Camp opened fired on Tariqul while he was looking after his watermelon field, about 50 yards from the border fence, leaving him severely injured.

Officer in Charge of Baliadangi Police Station Hasibul Islam Proshan said they came to know about the incident after Tariqul's admission at the hospital. Resident Medical Officer at Sadar Hospital Dr Rakibul Alam said Tariqul was admitted around 10:30am, but after taking primary treatment he fled from the hospital due to unknown reason.

# Man kills wife over family feud

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A woman was killed by her husband allegedly over family feud in Barguna's Amtali upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Rabeya Begum, 35, was daughter of Abdul Aziz Mollah of Chandra area in the upazila. Meanwhile, police arrested slain Rabeya's husband Oli Ullah, 40, for his alleged involvement in the murder.

Quoting locals, police said Oli, son of Sattar Mia of Gulshakhali area, and his wife Rabeya has been living in Ward No 1 under Amtali municipality area for 10 years.

The couple locked in a quarrel over different family issues yesterday morning.

At one stage, Oli beat Rabeya mercilessly with an iron rod, leaving her dead on the spot.



Truckers block the Rangpur-Kurigram road, keeping vehicles haphazardly, in Babu Kha area in Rangpur City for nearly three hours yesterday, demanding an end to alleged extortion and harassment by police.

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